



Headteacher's Blog

12TH MAY 2025

Round up of last week...

Thank you to everyone who contributed photos, pictures and written accounts of loved ones who played a part in Victory in Europe and beyond. Mrs Smith, Mrs Murdy and I loved looking at and reading these as we put the display together. It was then a real honour to see the children sharing stories of family and friends with such pride in our Friday assemblies.

I've shared a few pictures on page two. The contributions to our display are so special that I want everyone to have the chance to see them. The boards will be in front of the Jubilee Garden by the main yard each morning next week so please do come along and see them.

Thanks to all from Chestnut Class who came along and shared lunch with us on Wednesday. The children loved being able to dine with you all.

Sycamore Class assembly was an equally wonderful occasion. I was sorry to miss it but heard from Mrs Murdy that it was jam packed full of historical learning about the English Civil War. Mrs Murdy was really impressed with the deep understanding of such a complicated part of our national story and particularly enjoyed all of the court room drama!

As part of their work in conjunction with Alnwick Gardens, Maple class had a lovely time on Wednesday working with staff and students from Duchess High School, learning the techniques of tie-dye, wet felting and flower pressing. They then used their fabric samples to create bookmarks with designs based in nature, which will be displayed at the Alnwick Gardens. On Friday afternoon next week, Maple will be taking a wander down to the Gardens to see their work on show. If you are visiting the Gardens at the weekend, you will be able to see it too!

What's on this week...

With lots more sunshine forecast for next week please be sure that children come to school with a sun hat, water bottle and sun cream. It's best if suncream is applied before children arrive at school so that it doesn't need to be reapplied until lunchtime.

It's SATs week for our amazing and hard working Y6s. We know that this cohort of wonderful young people will give their best in the coming days through their English and Maths papers and we feel very proud of each and every one of them for their commitment to learning throughout Year 6. Each day will begin with a shared breakfast and plenty of encouragement. Mrs Murdy and Miss Back have one final message for their Y6 friends - get an early night, a good sleep and there'll be a warm welcome and a lovely breakfast waiting for you in school!

The offer of free tickets from our friends at Alnwick Playhouse is always too good an opportunity to pass up on and so KS1 will be heading to see The Elmer Experience on Friday afternoon next week. If you have not already completed the Google form to give consent, please do this asap. Thanks!

Whole school attendance last week:

96%

Let's keep it up!

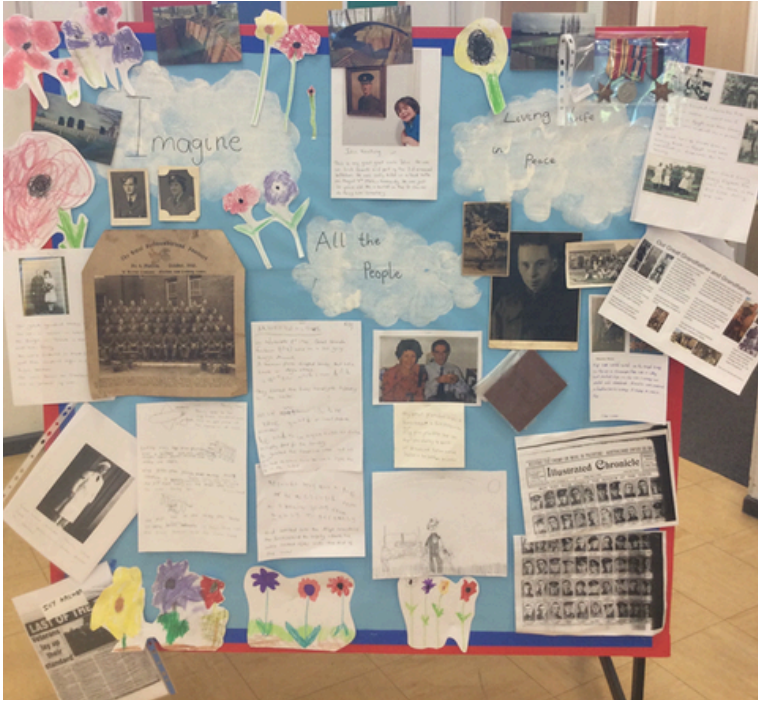


A huge well done to...

*Lilly Hutchins, Hugh Peberdy, Ruby Robson, Oliver Chadwick,
Hannah Wilson, Eli Purvis, Beatrix Patten, Franklin Stevens,
Karina Krzeminska, Bea Quilliam, Evelyn Baker, Katie Jones
and Theo Thomas*

We are very proud of you all!

Marking 80 years since Victory in Europe...



Celebrating sporting achievement

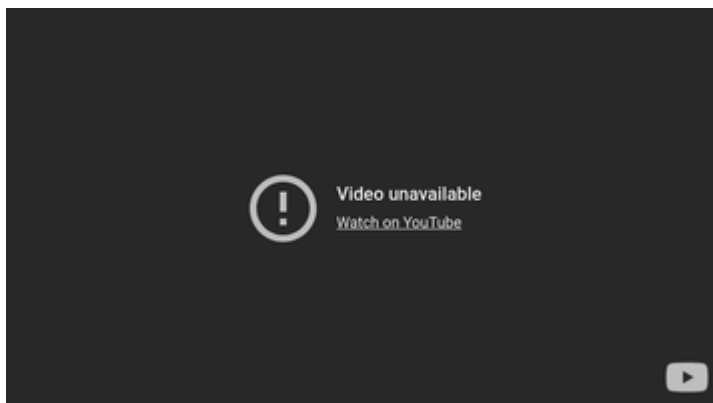
A huge well done to Shona from Y6 who was awarded player's player of the season at her recent rugby awards. Great to see Shona getting recognition from her team mates after a super season of rugby.



We regularly tell our children that we all make mistakes. Well, I made one in the school newsletter that went out last week. My huge apologies to Fleur whose name I missed off the Gold Certificate winners list. The important thing about making a mistake is putting it right... Well done Fleur on your Spring term Gold Certificate.



Have a listen to this



Mrs Barrass and I thoroughly enjoyed the VE Day concert performed by Alnwick Playhouse Concert Band on Thursday evening. It was great to see Marisa and Felicity there too, representing Girl Guides. The whole audience got behind a WW2 sing along, this was one of the favourite...