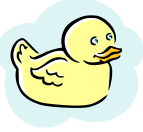


Friday 24th April 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term. It has been lovely to see the children back at school with great energy and lots of stories about their holiday adventures. Although it has been a short first week, the children have all settled back beautifully and have been excited to see their friends again. They have also really enjoyed meeting Miss Zara (who has taken over from Miss Sarah) and getting to know her.

We have started our learning straight away by revisiting some of our phonics sounds, practising short CVC words and reviewing counting of numbers 1-10 in maths. Everyone enjoyed listening to and acting out the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We also planted our own bean seeds, which we will be growing in our garden and watching as they begin to grow.

We have begun our handwriting practice with our first curly caterpillar letter, c.

For our Artist of the Week, the children created beautiful flower artwork inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe.

We also had our first Holland Park Forest School session, where the children had a great time exploring, learning and enjoying the outdoor environment. Thank you to Lyra's mother who came to help this week. For next week, please could children wear long trousers and trainers/wellies, bring a snack and drink in a small backpack and arrive by 9.15 am.

**Next week:** Jack and the Beanstalk

**Literacy:** We will continue exploring Jack and the Beanstalk through storytelling, retelling the story and learning new vocabulary from the book.

We will also continue with our differentiated phonics sessions to support each child's individual stage of learning. Individual Tapestry updates will give you a clearer picture of your child's current focus. Our main phonics work will be on sound blending and segmenting words into sounds.

**Handwriting:** We will be practising the curly caterpillar letter, o.

**Maths:** Comparing sizes, including length, height and weight.

**Understanding of the World:** We will continue our Forest School in Holland Park every Thursday, exploring the natural environment through a leaf hunt and making leaf prints.

**Arts and Crafts:** A range of Jack and the Beanstalk themed art activities.

**Snack:** Raisins & rice cakes, apples, peppers and cucumbers, broccoli, satsumas.

**Notices:**

The Fire Brigade are planning to visit us at Avondale on Monday morning next week, unless they get an emergency call. The children will have the opportunity to look round a fire engine and use the hoses.

We're looking forward to the Cake Sale on Wednesday at Avondale. Please bring cakes into school on Tuesday or Wednesday morning and they will be available to buy on Wednesday at 9.00 am, 12.30 pm and 3.00 pm. Payment can only be made in cash.

We hope you'll be able to join us for this term's Parent Breakfast on Friday 1st May at 8.15 - 8.45 am at Avondale.

The list for parent readers is now available - the days and times will be the same as last term: Monday or Friday at 9.15 am or 12.00 noon.

Please could we kindly remind you that toys should be kept at home or left at the door with parents as we don't want to upset the children if they get lost or borrowed.

Please return book bags and school bags with a change of clothes, if you haven't already.

If children have a snack or breakfast on their way to school, please could we ask that they finish it before they come into school.

We are unable to apply **sunscreen** at school so please could you put some on your child before they come to school.

The children have a chance to talk about their Weekend News on a Wednesday - please could you upload any photos or a write-up to Tapestry by first thing on Wednesday morning as there won't be another opportunity during the week.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Eby and Miss Zara