



Bishop William Ward C of E Primary School Newsletter

Happy, respectful, lifelong learners

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Dear Parents/Carers

It was a joy to accompany our Foundation and Year 2 children on their trip to Colchester Zoo on Tuesday. The Year 2 children had a focus on the African animals and Foundation had a special session learning all about penguins! The children had a great time and learned lots of new information about the animals. The staff at the Zoo were very complimentary about the children's enthusiasm for learning and good behaviour. Thank you to the parents who came along to help with the trip.



The Foundation Stage children have had a busy week! After the excitement of the zoo on Tuesday, they ventured out again yesterday and went to visit the folk at Great Horkesley Manor. They spent some time working alongside the residents before finishing with a sing-a-long! They plan to go back soon.



Calendar Corner

February

15th School Council Movie Night
15th Last day of term
25th Back to school
27th Abbeygate Wind Band Concert for Key Stage 2, 2pm
27th - 28th Y4 trip to Flatford Mill

March

5th Y5 trip to Colchester Synagogue
8th World Book Day (at BWW!)
19th Fun for Families, 5 - 6.30pm
22nd Mothers' Day Gift Room - Friends of BWW
26th Music Festival, choir

April

4th Whole school photograph
5th Easter Egg Hunt after school - Friends of BWW
5th Last day of term
23rd Back to school
25th-26th Life Bus

Children in the Gold Book this week:

Foundation: Ellie

Year 1: Poppy

Year 2: Archie B

Year 3: Bella

Year 4: Karthik

Year 5: Eve

Year 6: Tia



VISIBLE LEARNING

Thank you to all those who came along to the Visible Learning session for parents – with over 40 people there, it was one of our best attended parent sessions ever! If you weren't able to make it, try to find someone who did and they can pass on the key messages.

Year 5 spent some time on Wednesday afternoon learning how to stay safe when crossing the road. This is a really important session for the children at a time when they are starting to be given more independence.



Finally some feedback from the Maths sessions last week. Thank you for coming along and for the returned feedback forms – our area to work on is the provision of better seating for adults; we will consider how to do this more appropriately in future sessions.

'Thank you for the opportunity to see how a school lesson is running and how my child fits into it.'

'It was valuable to see how the children were responsive in answering questions.'

'I noticed how well the children listened'

'It was good to see the language and methodology being used at school so we can replicate this at home.'

'I really enjoyed seeing how well my child has settled in.'

'Bar modelling was a great way to visualise fractions.'

I look forward to seeing the entries coming in for the Friends of BWW craft competition – a form came home with the children this evening.

Mr Bull