Dear Families,

Happy New Year to you all. It has been a wonderful start to the term. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed their launch days into new topics, with lots of excitement across the school. Year 1 were particularly enthusiastic, arriving dressed as people who help others. We certainly had many police officers keeping us all safe.

I was incredibly impressed with Reception during our assembly on Monday. They were mature, settled, and confident, a fantastic achievement so early in the term. Well done Reception.

On Wednesday we welcomed prospective parents to our school and were proud to share all that makes our community so special. Visitors commented especially on how focused our pupils were in their learning, which was lovely to hear.

Our value for this term is Creativity. Creativity is about thinking in different ways and using critical thinking to complete tasks and deepen learning. Please look out for creativity stickers being awarded to pupils who demonstrate this value.

It has been a cold start to the year, so please continue to ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat, along with a scarf, hat and gloves during this colder weather.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Ferla and the PWP Team

Upcoming Events 🗓️

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12th Phonics Year 1&2 Rockstar Timetables – Year 4 Interventions – Year 6	**13th** Phonics Year 1&2 Rockstar Timetables - Year 4 Interventions – Year 6	**14th** Phonics Year 1&2 Rockstar Timetables – Year 4 Interventions – Year 6	**15th** Phonics – Reception Rockstar Timetables – Year 4 Interventions – Year 6	**16th** Phonics– Reception Rockstar Timetables – Year 4 Interventions – Year 6 Year 2 Trip – Tower of London

ELSIE 🐾

Elsie is happy to be back but not enjoying this weather....here she is keeping cosy in Mrs Ferla's office.

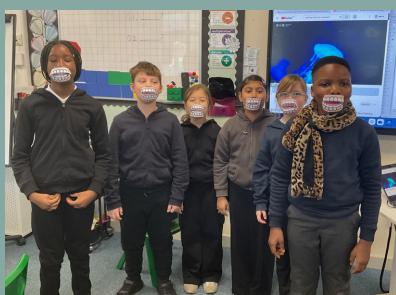### ATTENDANCE

Current Attendance– 94.6%

Nursery AM – 94.8%
Lime – 94.8%
Poplar –92.1%
Bay – 93.7%
H/Chestnut – 90.4%
Bamboo – 95.9%
Box – 95.2%
Ash – 94.3%

Nursery PM – 80%
Cypress – 88.3%
Acacia – 93.9%
Palm – 92.6%
Holly – 94.4%
Myrtle – 97.2%
Eucalyptus – 88.9%
Willow – 93.7%
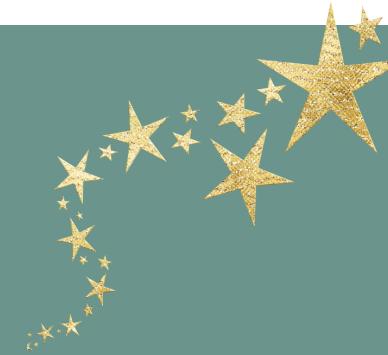
Green=met the minimum attendance rate

LAUNCH DAY

Pride   Creativity   Kindness   Ambition   Collaboration

We are...

WELL DONE!

Class	Pearsewood Champion
Nursery AM/PM	Amaya/Matias
Lime	Aris
Poplar	Arshan
H/Chestnut	Seandan
Bay	Daisy
Bamboo	Cody
Box	Elijah
Cypress	Dexter
Ash	Andrew
Acacia	Reber
Palm	John
Holly	Avery
Myrtle	Hunter
Willow	Christopher
Eucalyptus	Clayton

Ready

Safe

Respectful

SCHOOL VALUES

The value this term is Creativity.

EYFS: Reception children explored their creativity by designing their very own story characters using cutting and sticking techniques. They carefully added imaginative details and accessories such as watches, wands, and other special items.

KS1: Year 2 unleashed their creativity on launch day by designing spectacular fire-breathing dragons! Using paint and tissue paper, the children brought their imaginative ideas to life in a burst of colour and texture.

KS2: Year 5 enjoyed a creative space project, designing and making their own space mobiles. The children drew, cut and assembled the planets in order onto a wooden frame, before using their imagination to create original alien life forms inspired by what they learnt about each planet's environment.

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Under 13

13 +

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Ten practical and evidence-informed online safety tips to help adults guide children toward healthier and more informed digital habits.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators
ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY

Children and young people use the internet every day to learn, play, and connect, but the online world is not always safe. For adults, it can be hard to keep up with the risks, including harmful content, cyberbullying and scams. These 10 tips provide clear and practical advice to support safer and healthier digital habits, helping young people to make informed, secure choices when using technology.

1 START EARLY CONVERSATIONS
Begin talking about online behaviour from the moment children start using devices. Use age-appropriate language and revisit topics regularly, making it clear they can speak to you about anything that upsets or confuses them. Keeping these chats open helps build trust, so children are more likely to come to you when needed.

2 PROMOTE SAFER SHARING
Children can overshare without understanding the risks. Remind them that photos, locations, or messages can be copied or shared beyond their intended audience. Explain how even private messages or group chats can be saved and/or misused. Talk about what is appropriate to post, message, and who it's safe to share with.

3 ENCOURAGE DIGITAL BALANCE
Many apps and games are designed to keep users engaged through rewards, likes, or constant updates. These features can make it hard for children to switch off. Talk openly about how these systems work and help children recognise when it's time to take a break. Building in tech-free routines supports a healthier balance and awareness of their screen time.

4 CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR CONCERNS
When children come to you with a concern, respond with interest and care, rather than with alarm. Keeping your reaction measured helps them feel safe and supported. This doesn't mean ignoring serious issues; it means showing that you're there to help. When children trust that they can speak openly, they're more likely to feel supported through unpleasant online experiences, and to ask for help in future.

5 STAY INFORMED AND CURRENT
With emerging technologies like AI moving and changing so quickly, it's important to stay updated on how children are using new platforms, apps and games. Ask them to show you what they use and let them take the lead as you explore together. This opens up valuable conversations and helps you stay ahead of emerging risks and trends.

6 TEACH CRITICAL THINKING
Talk to children about how to recognise unreliable information or scams online. With AI-generated videos, photos, and stories becoming harder to spot, help children question what they see and encourage them to look for evidence, check sources, and ask questions. These skills will help them avoid risks, make smart choices, and develop healthy habits for the future.

7 SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES
Involve children in conversations about device usage so they feel included. Agree on digital rules such as screen-time limits, age-appropriate apps, and no devices in bedrooms overnight. Use parental controls to block or filter harmful content and explain that rules are there to protect and support them, not to spoil their fun.

8 LEAD BY EXAMPLE
Children often copy the behaviour of adults around them. Show them what balanced, respectful, and mindful use of technology looks like, such as avoiding scrolling during family time and speaking kindly in messages. If you expect certain behaviour from them online, make sure your own habits reflect the same standards.

9 EXPLORE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER
Show children how to use privacy tools on apps, games, and websites. Teach them to use strong passwords, block or report others in response to problems, and avoid sharing personal details. Explore settings together so they feel confident and in control, and explain that these features are there to help them stay safe online.

10 KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP
Familiarise yourself with tools and organisations that support online safety. The National College offers online safety guides and webinars which provide tips on staying safe. Websites like Report Harmful Content and CEOP can be used to report when something goes wrong. Show children how to report or block users, and where to go if they feel unsafe. Make sure they know that asking for help is always the right thing to do, and be prepared to support them.

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