

## A Message From Mrs Knights

School has been full of exciting learning this week: in Reception, the children have loved investigating different bugs and Year 1 and 2 are writing their own poems. The verse speaking finals was a key focus for school this week. I am so proud of everyone who took part, the Mayor of Watford, Peter Taylor, who judged the event, said '...the children are a credit to the school and their families!' Next week I look forward to welcoming you to our 'Open Afternoon' on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2:45pm - 3:15pm. This is an opportunity for parents to look at what the children have been learning in school. I wish you an enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.



Head Teacher's Award

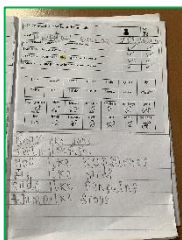
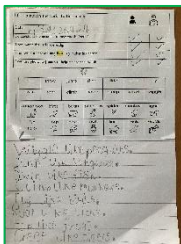
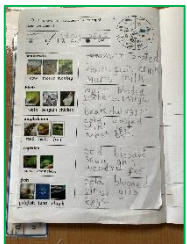
Ezra in Orange for his amazing writing.



**Year 2** We have continued our science topic on plants. We are investigating whether beans can grow without soil. We set up our hydroponics in the classroom, this is the process of growing seeds in water with nutrients but no soil. We will be making observations over the next few weeks. This week, we were also lucky to have a visit from the School Sports Partnership. Mr Harrington taught us different athletic skills.

**Year 1** In Geography, we have been learning about the United Kingdom. We identified, named and labelled on the map the four countries of the United Kingdom. Can you name the four countries of the United Kingdom?

In Science, we described the features of the animals like mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles. We have been looking at the similarities and differences between them.



**Reception** We read the ebook 'The Cautious Caterpillar'. We discussed the life cycle of a caterpillar and how it makes a cocoon before emerging as a butterfly. We watched a time lapse video of how this happens and are also watching our own caterpillars changing.





**St. George's Day**  
Verse Speaking Competition

Well done to all the children that took part in the Verse Speaking Competition. Congratulations to our winning children!

**STARS OF THE WEEK**

Tony
Mayah
Hunter
Maanav
PJ
Theo

**WELL DONE** to all the children who made it onto our 'You Make Us Proud' board.

- Louie**      **Joshua**      **Ava**  
**Indiana**      **Bobby**      **Lucas**

Breakfast Club  
Star of the Week

Hallie

**Open classroom**

Come to our Open Classroom session on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2:45-3:15pm. For our Reception classes, this is an opportunity for parents and family members to come and see what their child is learning and join in with their activities and play. For Years 1 and 2, this is an opportunity for parents and family members to come and look at the learning their child has done over the year so far. Children will be able to share their books and art work.

**READING**  
**AT KINGSWAY**

Each week, our teacher's will award five children within the class an award for their attitude and effort towards our reading practise sessions. You will be notified of their award on Marvellous Me!

You child will also receive smart card stickers for reading at home. In Reception/Year 1, children will be awarded one sticker. In Year 2, if children read three times, they will be awarded two stickers. Keep listening to your child at home, they are making amazing progress with their reading!

**PARKING**

Please respect our neighbours and park considerately when doing the school run.

**Attendance**

Congratulations to **PURPLE** class.

Keep up the amazing work 😊

<b>ORANGE</b>	94.4%	<b>RED</b>	95.9%
<b>PURPLE</b>	97.9%	<b>BLUE</b>	96.9%
<b>GREEN</b>	97.8%	<b>YELLOW</b>	93.0%

**Happy Birthday**

**Joshua**      **Viana**  
**Theo**      **George**  
**Isla**      **Vlad**

# FOLLOW campaign

**The Early Years Service and partners have been working on a speech, language and communication campaign**

**FOLLOW** is a very simple and easy to use set of strategies that parents and carers can use with their little ones to help develop speech, language and communication skills at home.

The **FOLLOW** campaign will give you fun ideas and top tips on using the key strategies through everyday activities such as going for a walk, getting ready to go out and feeding the ducks!

Parents and carers play such an important role in supporting children's language skills and the campaign aims to give you the tools you need to get started! The **FOLLOW** campaign includes a linktree so parents and carers can access information on speech and language development and further activities to support speech, language and communication development all in one place.

For more information, please visit this link:-

<https://linktr.ee/EYFOLLOW>