



Spring Term: April 2025

Headteacher's Note

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we look forward to the Easter break, we can look back on an eventful spring term and are excited to share some of the highlights the children have experienced.

As usual, during March, our Year 6 pupils embarked on their week-long residential trip to Dukes Barn, in Beeley, Matlock, where they enjoyed the beautiful surroundings of the grounds of Chatsworth House.

Our KS1 pupils have also enjoyed some exciting trips this term. Year 1 had an amazing day visiting Twycross Zoo and had many tales to tell of their animal adventures!

Our youngest pupils, in Foundation, enjoyed a learning walk around Groby to look for signs of springtime in the local area.



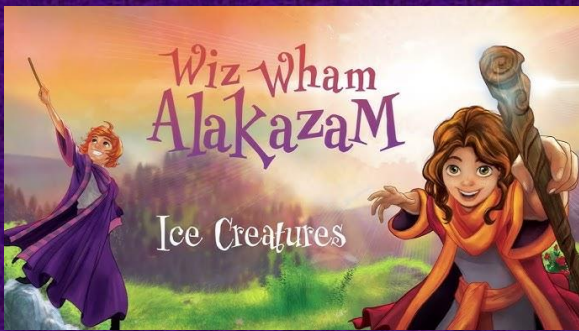
In lower key stage two, our year 3 and 4 pupils have worked hard to bring us their performance of *Wiz-Wham Alakazam!*



Thank you to all our staff who have supported our pupils during out of school trips and extra-curricular activities.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy Easter break.

Andrew Pridmore,
Headteacher



We were treated to an absolutely 'magical' performance by our amazing actors, singers, dancers, gymnasts and spell makers in Year 3 and 4! Their performance of *Wiz Wham Alakazam* was spellbinding from start to finish. Their hours of rehearsing certainly paid off as they told the story of wizards working together to bring back the sunshine.



Foundation

Our Foundation Stage children enjoyed a delightful walk around the village to discover the 'Signs of Spring'. With the weather warming up, we set off on a journey to explore the best of nature as it awakens for the season.



As we walked, the children spotted vibrant daffodils, cheerful crocus and sweet-smelling hyacinths. We admired beautiful blossoms on the trees, with a few. Busy bees buzzing around collecting nectar. The children were fascinated by magnolia buds just beginning to bloom.

A highlight was watching a magpie busily collecting worms for its dinner! During our walk, we had the chance to wave to some of our class parents. It was a wonderful way to celebrate spring and engage with nature.



We were also lucky enough to stop and listen to the beautiful songs of the blackbirds. The children were excited as they shared their observations along the way!

Year 1

Year 1 have had a very busy half term. We really enjoyed our Science topic about mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and fish.



We finished our topic with a trip to Twycross Zoo to see animals from the different animal groups up close. We could identify so many of the animal groups and could explain how we know which group they belong to. We loved seeing the monkeys and the tiger and the sun was shining all day!



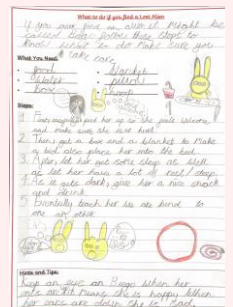
We have also been learning about the different food groups in Design and Technology. We enjoyed tasting some different types of

salad, to give us some ideas for when we designed our own salad.



Year 2

This has been an exciting term for Year 2. In English, the children have enjoyed exploring and using lots of different styles of writing around the book, Beegu. Having considered the features of a diary and also an instruction text, the children have been able to write in the first person to create their own fantastic diaries about Beegu's day on earth and have created an amazing instruction text to inform humans about caring for an alien on Earth.



In DT, the children have been using their engineering skills and have been thinking about stable structures. They initially enjoyed investigating this with different sized marshmallows and toothpicks to work out how to create the tallest but most stable structure. The children then went on to design a house that could be built on a floodplain and created their houses on stilts with access points. They showed fantastic teamwork and resilience skills in these lessons. We think they look amazing!



Year 3

Year 3 have had a wonderfully busy term filled with exciting learning experiences.

In our Science lessons, we've been exploring the fascinating world of *light, mirrors, reflections* and *shadows*. The children particularly enjoyed creating their own shadow puppets and investigating how shadows change. We also explored the effects of the sun by experimenting with UV beads and UV-detecting bracelets!



To round off our light topic, we learned about the brilliant inventor Thomas Edison and some of his marvellous inventions that changed the world.

We thoroughly enjoyed rehearsing and performing our play called *Wiz Wham Alakazam*. It was a great show with fun songs and script!



It's been a half term full of curiosity, creativity, and discovery!

Year 4

Year 4 have had an incredible term, packed with exciting learning! In science, we've been exploring the fascinating world of animals and their habitats, discovering how different creatures adapt to survive in their environments.

Our oracy and listening skills have been a big focus, and we've worked hard to apply them across all areas of the curriculum. In English, we reached the end of our class novel, and the excitement was through the roof—we absolutely loved it!

We had an amazing trip to the Attenborough Arboretum in Leicester. We used compasses and trundle wheels to help us to navigate around the pathways and woods. We found a large variety of small insects on our 'bug hunt' and we also did

some pond dipping to search for creatures in the water. The sun shone for us all day and we had a brilliant time



It's been a fantastic term of learning, discussion and discovery!

Year 5

This term, we explored Asia's dynamic landscape, uncovering the power of tectonic plates, volcanoes, and earthquakes! Children discovered how Earth's movements shape landscapes and impact lives. Through case studies and model-making, we explored the causes and effects of these forces, sparking curiosity about how communities adapt to natural disasters and how lucky we are to live in England.

This term in science, we have been exploring the fascinating world of materials through hands-on experiments every week! The children have investigated magnetism and conductivity. Our experiments on dissolving and separating mixtures through filtration and sieving were particularly exciting. We also explored reversible and irreversible changes in materials such as eggs and wood.

It has been a fantastic term!



Year 6

Year 6 pupils embarked on an action-packed residential trip to Dukes Barn in the beautiful Peak District. The visit was filled with excitement, adventure, and plenty of opportunities to challenge themselves in the great outdoors.

From the moment they arrived, the children threw themselves into a range of thrilling activities. Abseiling tested their courage as they descended over and down a giant bridge, while rock climbing pushed them to reach new heights—both literally and figuratively! The adventure continued underground with caving, where groups navigated winding tunnels and through narrow passages as well as learning about the fascinating rock formations hidden beneath the hills.

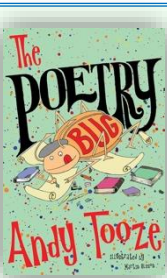
On the water, pupils showed that 'teamwork makes the dream work' as they tackled canoeing, paddling across the waters on the Chesterfield Canal, playing games and even passing through the locks. One of the highlights was stream scrambling, where they waded through rushing water, climbed over slippery rocks and embraced the challenge of sliding down a waterfall into the icy pool below, extremely cold, but tremendous fun!

Throughout the trip, every child showed resilience, determination, and support for their peers. The instructors at Dukes Barn were full of praise for their attitude and it was wonderful to see so many pupils stepping outside of their comfort zones and giving every activity their very best effort.

By the end of the trip, the children returned tired but buzzing with excitement, proud of their achievements and full of fantastic memories. It was a truly unforgettable experience and we are so proud of each and every one of them for their adventurous spirit!



Poetry and World Book Day



This term we were very lucky to receive a special visit from professional author and poet Any Tooze. He delivered an exciting poetry experience to the whole school. Pupils were treated to dynamic and interactive sessions, involving speaking, listening, reading, writing and drama and had the opportunity to ask Andy lots of questions about the inspiration for his poems. The children shared his enthusiasm to write their own poems and some were presented during a special assembly for the whole school.



Our literacy celebrations continued on World Book Day. We had some amazing characters in School. Our pupils were asked to bring a rock to school and decorate it in the theme of their favourite book.



Our creatively designed rocks were then taken home for families, friends and the wider community to enjoy. What a fantastic was for Elizabeth Woodville pupils to share their love of



Hello from the PTA,

What a term it's been! We've had so many exciting events ranging from the Golden Ticket event to celebrate World Book Day, movie night and of course celebrating all the special women in the form of mums, grandma's, nana's, aunts and more!

As part of the Mother's Day weekend celebrations, our PTA volunteers donated some of the beautiful handmade floral gifts to the local LOROS Hospice to help brighten the wards. The nurses who collected the gifts on behalf of the patients said: "We thank all the children and volunteers on behalf of our patients. These incredibly thoughtful gifts will brighten our wards and bring a smile to our patients and they're even more appreciated when some of our patients don't get any visitors so thank you for thinking of them." (Pictured are the nurses that collected the gifts next to the memory garden at the hospice in Glenfield).



We're still busy calculating what we have fundraised after all the fun but we will update you all very soon.

Finally, as we run up to the end of the school year, we have only a couple more events left for you to enjoy and take part in; we will confirm dates and more details soon but just as a reminder we will have:

- Ice lolly Friday - will be back after the Easter holidays when the sun is out in full force.
- Gift event in honour of Father's Day - details to be confirmed.
- The big one - our annual Summer Fair - Friday 27 June - please save the date and join in the fun!

Thank you for all your support throughout the school year so far, we will be sharing more details about how the money we've raised will be spent on the children very soon.

The Elizabeth Woodville PTA

PTA Easter Bingo

It was 'eyes down' on Thursday 10th April as we held a very special Easter Bingo night. Thank you to all the families that joined us for an incredibly fun evening, which included games of traditional bingo as well as 'standing' and 'musical' bingo too! There were prizes galore!

(Including a star prize Easter Bunny and giant golden egg.)

Ben's Kitchen provided a delicious fish and chip supper for everyone to enjoy. We would like to thank our 'eggs-ellent' bingo caller Mr Davis for making it such a fantastic evening!



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Monday 28th April: School Opens

Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday

26th – 30th May: Summer Half term



A very happy Easter from all at EWPS

