# College Road Chronicle

Value of the month: Hope

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## Message from Mrs Francis

Welcome back to the Summer Term! There is always so much going on over the next two term with much to look forward to. Already, we have been very busy with trips, sporting events and visitors.

Last week, a team of Key Stage 2 children attended a very-exciting cheerleading festival, taking part in lots of different cheer activities with children from other schools. It was really good that they mixed up the children from all the schools who attended, so new friendships were formed and connections made – especially for the children who will be moving to Secondary School soon. The children who took part, particularly enjoyed learning a routine which they performed at the end of the session altogether. Well done to our pupils for representing College Road so beautifully!

Sticking with a sporting them, this week, children from Year 2 and Year 5 took part in an athletics event at Brickfields. This involved short and long-distance running events, throwing and catching – all of which the children excelled at. We are very proud of all the children who took part for giving it their all. Thank you to Mr King for taking children to a range of sporting events over the year.

Year 5 had a whale of a time at The Box this week with a visit to learn more about Antarctic explorers. They had a fascinating personal tour of the museum along with a workshop about Scott's Antarctic expedition that set out from Plymouth. Having the chance to see real-life artefacts from the expedition really brought it to life for the children. What a great learning experience!

Puffins have had a wonderful trip to Poole Farm this week – a new experience for us and it was well worth it. Our little Puffins took part in a great range of hands-on messy activities including bog-art using clay from the stream and natural items they found around the farm, feeding the chickens and ducks, learning about the purposes of raising animals on a farm, planting sunflower seeds and writing about it all. It was a magical day for the children that really brought their topic of 'Chirping and Quacking' to life.

Have a lovely long weekend! Best wishes, Mrs Francis 😊

## Trim Trail Open!

As you may have seen, our lovely new Trim Trail is now open, after nearly 3 years of fund-raising and planning. We are so grateful to the PTA and North Yard Community Trust for providing a huge chunk of the funding – we couldn't have managed without your kind support.

The children have had the chance to have a go on the new equipment and are loving it.

Please can we ask for your help before and after school, and ensure that the children (including younger siblings) are not using the trim trail at these times. Thank you for your support with this.



## St Luke's Lighthouse

St Luke's have asked us to come up with a name for our lighthouse, so after much pondering and discussions with children and staff, our Lighthouse is called 'Everyone is Welcome', linking beautifully to our ethos at College Road. 😊

## Screen-Free Challenge

Your child should have brought home their Screen-Free Bingo Challenge sheet, as explained in an email that you should have received on Thursday. The aim of the Screen-Free Week is to encourage everyone (children and adults) to reduce their screen time a bit – every little helps. I look forward to hearing how the children are getting on in assembly next week. I will be joining in the challenge too, so let me know how you get on if you decide to participate to encourage your child to form new habits. 😊

## Important Dates for your Diary

**4th May** – Bank Holiday
**5th – 8th May** – Screen-Free Week Challenge
**5th May** – Clubs start
**11th May** – Year 6 SATs Week (National tests for Y6)
**18th – 22nd May** – Ocean Arts Week
**22nd May** – Last day of Term 5
**Tuesday 2nd June** – First day of Term 6
**2nd – 12th June** – Year 4 Multiplication Checks
**2nd – 19th June** – Year 5 swimming every day
**8th June** – Active Travel Breakfast and Dr Bike!
**8th – 12th June** – Year 1 Phonics Checks
**8th – 12th June** – Sports Week
**10th June** – Sports Day
**22nd June** – Whole Class Photos
**1st & 2nd July** - Y6 universal transition days

## Class Attendance Week Ending 24.04.26

Kittiwakes – 98.21%
Guillemots –97.77%
Shearwaters –97.41%
Little Egrets –96.15%
Oystercatchers- 94.2%
Sandpipers –89.66%

## Week Ending 01.05.26

Kittiwakes – 98.93%
Guillemots –100%
Shearwaters –98.62%
Little Egrets –98.46%
Oystercatchers-98.21%
Sandpipers –87.93%

## Star Books



**W/C 27.04.26**

Puffins –
Y1- Florence
Y2 – Isabella C
Y3 - Violet
Y4 – Grayson
Y5 - Sebastian
Y6 - Selin

## Values Ambassadors

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors! Each week, 2 children per class are chosen because of the great values they have displayed all week.

**Week Ending 24.03.26**

Puffins - Ewan & Maisie
Kittiwakes – Johan & Maisie
Guillemots – Morgan & Tsega
Shearwaters – Sami & Raffy
Little Egrets – Olivia & Cohen
Oystercatchers – Sarina & Sienna
Sandpipers –Mannox & Violet

**Week Ending 01.05.26**

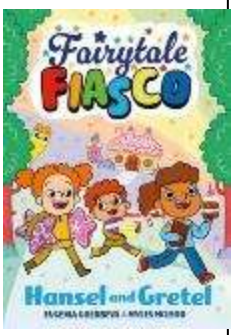
Puffins – Tommy & Mariella
Kittiwakes – Rishi & Lyla
Guillemots – Wynter & Elliot
Shearwaters – Wyatt & Loki
Little Egrets – Mia & Rory
Oystercatchers - Thea & Henry
Sandpipers – Peleki & Aoife

## SEN and Family Matters

The Family Hub at Morice Town is a wonderful source of advice and support for all families. Here are links to their website https://www.larkfamilyhubs.co.uk/ You can self-refer for support or we can help you complete a referral. Also, if you would like advice about anything to do with SEN, there is a new phoneline you can call: 01752 307049, or you can contact PIAS https://www.plymouthias.org.uk/ who can provide advice.

## Book Club Key Stage 1

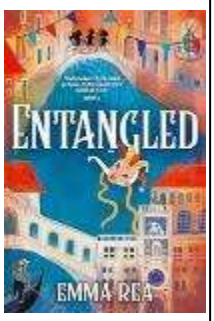
As Cleo enjoys her chosen bedtime book, *Hansel and Gretel*, she confidently declares that she would never be fooled by an evil witch, no matter how good her cottage tasted. Cleo is thrilled when she is magically transported into the book and is determined to help the lost siblings get home safely. However, as they venture deeper into the cold, dark forest, the three children become increasingly tired and hungry.
They can't believe their luck when they stumble across a quaint little house made from gingerbread, chocolate cake and cheese scones. Despite Cleo's misgivings, they each have a nibble – after all, what harm could it possibly do? The owner of the cottage, kindly Aunt Waffle, admits that she *is* a witch, but a good one, so the children have nothing to fear – but can she really be trusted?




Here is a link to buy the book on Amazon: https://amzn.eu/d/0qpIvN29

## Book Club Key Stage 2

When an anxious Thomas accompanies his sister on her art trip to Venice, he's determined not to leave her side. In fact, he's felt that way since she lost her sight a year ago, throwing family life into disarray. Despite being notoriously clumsy, Thomas feels it's his duty to take care of his big sister, describing every detail of their surroundings to her and always ensuring she's safe. So, when Tia is mysteriously taken from their hotel, Thomas embarks on a dangerous night-time mission to rescue her. Why are girls being kidnapped? And can he trust the police? What follows is a high-stakes romp through Venice, featuring rising water levels, ancient palaces, masked carnival balls and shadowy canals. Thomas' research into brain structure (in his effort to understand his 'tangled' mind) results in light-hearted internal exchanges with the teams of neurons in charge of his various actions and emotions.




You can buy it from Amazon here: https://amzn.eu/d/0abadfIR

## Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

### Week Ending 24.03.26

Puffins – Albie
Kittiwakes – Florence
Guillemots – Rigby
Shearwaters – Aubrey
Little Egrets – Cohen
Oystercatchers – Finley
Sandpipers – Aoife-Belle

### Week Ending 01.05.26

Puffins – Luna
Kittiwakes – Cobie
Guillemots – Morgan
Shearwaters – Dexter
Little Egrets – Bonnie H
Oystercatchers – Kian
Sandpipers – Selin

A group of Year 6 girls took part in a cheerleading festival at The Life Centre.








Year 5 enjoyed a trip to The Box









Year 3 have been printing using paint in Art



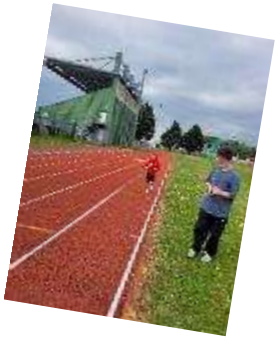







Some children from year 2 and year 5 took part in an athletics event at Brickfields.








# Puffins had a fantastic day out at Poole Farm















