

# The St Faithian

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## Carrotty Wood Residential for Year 4 - Mr Andrews

I believe it was Wordsworth who said "Let Nature be your teacher." - Year 4 took on this advice wholeheartedly this week. Our residential, a two night stay at the tranquil Carrotty Wood, was a fun filled, non-stop, teamwork, smiles and laughs-a-thon!

Residential trips at St Faith's are planned to help the children become more self-confident and there are clear progressions for each yearly trip. It begins in Year 3 when the children take part in a camp out at the school. Then in Year 4 they go away for two nights to work on team-building exercises. Once in Year 5, they have a week's break in England in which the children are challenged to take themselves outside of their comfort zone. Finally, with all this experience behind them, they are ready for the crème de la crème - the Year 6 Chateau De Warsy water sports adventure French trip.

But back to Year 4's week. It began on Monday morning with 27 bright eyed and bushy tailed children all brimming with enthusiasm and excitement. After an hour's coach journey, we arrived at our home for the next couple of days - Hornbeam House, Carrotty Wood, Tonbridge. It quickly became known as HQ. After settling in, (beds made) the first activity was the low ropes. On the wettest day of the trip, in the drizzle we descended - dressed in our oldest clothes and ready to get dirty!

As the days drew to a close, we headed back to St Faith's all exhausted but high on life. It was a truly outstanding trip. The children were a credit to their parents and a joy to be away with. It is trips like this that make you

realise just how important residential visits are to our children's development and it was pleasing to have every child in year group on the trip. Thank you to the Year 4 parents for sending the children with everything they needed, to Mrs Mellin, Mrs Fidock and Mrs Bonner for their hard work and dedication. But, most all thank you to the children for making the experience so much fun!



For more stories and photos take a look at our blog on the website and read tales of their adventures such as late night swims, water polo, water tag and bananagrams.

And we thank you too Mr Andrews!



## Friends of St Faith's

It is with great excitement that we can announce that the Easter Disco will take place on Friday 23 March!

The Nursery and Lower School Disco will be from 2pm to 3pm and the Upper School Disco from 3pm to 4pm.

The Easter Bunny will be making an appearance to deliver treats to all!

This event is fully funded by the Friends. Children are invited to bring an outfit to change into and some spending money for glow items priced at 50p.

Another exciting event is our annual Wine and Wisdom on Friday 27 April. Tickets will be on sale from Monday priced at £8.50 (to include a delicious two course meal) Start organising your team and look out for the letter coming next week with full details and table reservation form.



Thank you as ever for your amazing support which enables us to provide these extra treats for the wonderful children here at St Faith's Prep. Have a great weekend

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## Head's Corner

Thursday typified a busy school day, with Year 2 visiting the Whitstable Lifeboat Station and Herne Bay Watch Station (where Mr Clark works in his spare time), some pupils in Year 3 and 4 on an Able Writers Day in Hoath. Year 6 visiting a Shakespeare Production of Twelfth Night at Sir Roger Manwood's, U9 A and B netball teams, out at St Lawrence and two Twilight concerts in Kerruish Hall.

A true reflection of just what talent and adventure we experience at St Faith's and how wonderful our learning experiences are.



### Sport Report

Another very busy week of sport fixtures, with close scores, convincing wins and a loss. The U11 Boys had an excellent run in the Hammond Cup tournament and played in the semi-finals which was a fantastic achievement. Later in the week, together with the U11 Girls, they played in another Premier League Tournament at the University of Kent, from which heavy rain showers did not deter them. There were Away matches in both Hockey and Netball. If you checked our Facebook page we reported some very good wins in Netball vs Kent College. Today brings a Hockey Match against St Edmunds, away. We wish them good luck. Read a full report on these exciting matches on our website [www.stfaithsprep.com](http://www.stfaithsprep.com)



### Assembly Year 3



3F taught the rest of the school an important message in their assembly this week. They posed the questions- why was Jesus so special and who is your neighbour? They acted out the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 and did a great job considering there were only 12 of them! Through a retelling of the story of The Good Samaritan, the children explained how being a 'good neighbour' meant showing empathy towards all people, not just those that you love or love you. They shared who they see as modern day Samaritans- doctors, the fire brigade, blood donors, the RNLI and Coastguard amongst many others. The assembly was finished off with the question 'Can you be a good Samaritan?' with the hope that everyone in our St Faith's community would be inspired to go away from the assembly and do something good for someone else.

### Mayday! Mayday! Mayday!

On Thursday curious Year 2 went to see Whitstable Lifeboat Station and Herne Bay's Coastal Watch Station. Since learning about the famous rescue of 9 people by Grace Darling and her father in 1838, Year 2 have become very inquisitive about saving lives at sea. Their first stop was to Whitstable's Lifeboat Station where they were taught how the men and women there have only five minutes to get to the boat and launch it from wherever they were. Craig said that he even had a 'shout' whilst he was in the shower!

Then they went to Herne Bay's Coastal Watch Station and, to their surprise, our very own Mr Clark was there! As a fully qualified Watch Master he is there every Saturday and Sunday to keep watch over his area. The children were kept very busy whilst they learnt about what he does. They read maps, which Krish really enjoyed, spoke on the two-way radio using the phonic code, used binoculars to look out to sea when spotting the ships that were passing, and took the challenge of Mr Clark's assessment in order to gain a certificate of training competence. It truly was a perfect end to our topic about Grace Darling. Year 2 would like to thank Whitstable Lifeboat Station and of course our own amazing Mr Clark who taught us so much about being safe by the sea.



### A typical week in the life of Upper Nursery children.



Upper Nursery children have enjoyed some fun and challenging activities this week helping to improve their physical skills. Gross motor skills were put to the test when they learnt how to jump from the horse and land safely during Mr Burrett's specialist sports session in the gym. Critical thinking and creativity were displayed when, working co-operatively, they built and achieved amazing displays of rockets and towers. Quite rightly they were very proud of their creations as were we.

Mark making abilities are encouraged with the use of white boards and pens, giving children the opportunity to develop pencil control, creativity and letter formation. Nursery staff plan for and provide resources and activities that give the children the opportunity and motivation to practice their fine motor skills. Instruction in simple health and safety measures are shown to the children before they are supported in learning how to use scissors to progress from making small snips in paper to handling the scissors effectively to cut around simple shapes.

Following children's interests, we use threading, peg boards and play-dough which encourage not only their fine motor skills and mathematical thinking but teaches children to take turns and share.



## READING SHELF

The following children completed Reading shelves this week

Leo Alexander, Oscar Farquhar, Esther Kuruville, Bertie Taylor, Macey Jenkins, Toby Strickland, Isabella Reppin, Oliver McMullan, Beatrix Hatton, Ross Sutherland, Alice Blease, Jack Manser, William Lee



## Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What is 'Racecar' backwards?



Last week's answer: A SPONGE

## Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

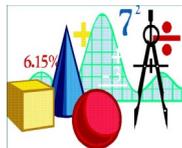
Name the Disney song and the film it comes from

'All the shins of a thousand spotlights'

Last week's answer:

'How far I'll go' from Moana

Charlotte Lee in Year 6 has got through to the second round in the Primary Maths Challenge, she is the first person from St Faith's ever to qualify for the national 'Bonus Round' and she earned a Silver Certificate. Well done Charlotte!



Congratulations to this boy who is Rugby Tot of the week at Canterbury College.



Able Writers Day and Perform For School Workshops all happened during the week, unfortunately, we ran out of space. More on this next week.

## Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	19.03.18
<b>Monday</b>	
Art Club Yr 2-6	YES
Gym Upper Nursery upwards	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Newspaper Club Yr 3-6	YES
Tennis Rec, Yr 1, 5 & 6	YES
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Chess Yr 2-6	YES
Dance Pixies & Fairies Ballet up to Yr 1	YES
Drama Upper School Yr 2-6	YES
French Yr 2,3 & 4	YES
Hockey Yr 4-6 (second half term only)	YES
LAMDA (During school hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Dance Ballet & Jazz Yr 2 upwards	NO
Fencing Yr 2-6 (8.00am - 8.45am)	YES
LAMDA (During School hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Netball Club Yr 4-6	YES
<b>Thursday</b>	
Computers Yr 4-6	NO
Football Yr 4-6 (second half term only)	NO
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis Yrs 2, 3 & 4	NO
<b>Friday</b>	
Dodge Ball Yr 2-6 (first half term only)	
Music (During School hours)	NO

## Week Commencing 19 March

### School Ski Trip

#### Monday

9.00am House Treat Day  
1.00pm Yr R Class Music performance  
2.00pm 6J Class Music performance

#### Tuesday

10.30am Easter Service at St Nicholas Church, Ash, led by Yr 2  
2.00pm Yr 3 & 4 House Netball  
2.00pm 5G Class Music performance  
3.00pm 5M Class Music performance

#### Wednesday

9.00am Tiny Toots  
2.00pm 4M Class Music Performance  
2.15pm U11 A & B Netball vs Spring Grove HOME

#### Thursday

4.00pm Parents Evening 1  
Classes 3,4,5 & 6 visit Easter Stations at St Nicholas Church Ash  
Sweets 'n' Treats trading day

2.00pm 5A Class Music performance  
2.15pm U9 A & B Netball vs Spring Grove AWAY  
3.00pm Yr 2 Class Music Performance  
4.00pm Parents Evening 2

#### Friday

2.00pm Red Nose Day, Beauty Salon Trading day  
Friends Easter Disco

*These children are Stars of the week for all their effort in class*

RB	Roxi Booth	For her mature attitude towards school life
RR	Sienna Drury	For independent and collaborative work during Maths this week
1CP	Freddie Heffer	For excellent effort in story writing
1R	Noah McCann	For settling so well into his new school
2E	Oscar Irwin	For increasing confidence and a positive attitude
2L	Krish Bhide	For better handwriting and expressive reading
3B	Oscar Farquhar	For effort in Reading and 100% effort in Maths
3F	Holly Rooke	For being a true asset to 3F
4A	Zara Head	For excellent team work at Carrot Wood
4M	Jack Manser	For super problem solving and great collaboration
5A	Poppy Batchelor	For being quietly conscientious
5G	Freddie Gillespie	For continuing to work hard
5M	Noah van der Stam-Moyo	For an excellent entry in the Reading competition
6J	Frances Punt	Excellent work on WW1 Poetry
6W	Lila McCullin	For excellent all-round effort

**FRIEND OF THE WEEK**

Darcey Powell for giving up her clothes to a friend at Carrot Wood when she did not have any more clean ones

**MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK**

Zarha Horne for the efforts she went to for the Thanet Music Festival



**Times Tables Challenge**

**Mars**

Harry Ford, Tom Mills, Joshua Tucker, Helena Overy, Holly Rooke, Romy Todd

**Jupiter**

Zara Coombs, Rafael Brennan-Ray, Eliot Tucker, Nicholas Fox

**SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK**

Jack Manser

**PLAYERS OF THE MATCH**

Oliver McMullan, Lily Toomey, Zoe Blackmore, Vivien Delo, Eliot Tucker, Caspian Finlay

**STAR AWARDS**

**Bronze (100+)**

Ava Giffin, Harriet Bolton, Alex Wynn, Lucy Harrop, Lottie Southorn

**Silver (200+)**

Bertie Taylor, Albert Ray, Toby Strickland, Isabella Reppin, Jonny Irwin, Scarlett Fletcher, Florence Clarke, Rosie Grinstead, Henrietta Jeer, Chloe Solley, Rosie Hudsmith, Aryan Bhide, Thomas Solley, Mali Nicholls

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD**

Danielle Aron & Isla Urquhart for their hidden measures in Maths

Roxi Booth, Roy Benayahu, Clara Montgomery & Leo Alexander for making their own story books  
 Gurveena Dhaliwal, Willa Bradley, Penny Ford, Henry O'Connor & Jessica Hurst for their independent writing  
 Freddie Heffer, Edward Law, Lily Read, Lucy Harrop for their story writing



**CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL**

Leo Alexander for being the Rugby Tot of the week at Canterbury College Rugby lessons

**BOOK BINGO**  
Anna Woodhead

**INVESTIGATOR OF THE WEEK**  
George Overy



**GOLDEN BALL**

Jude Leberl, Jamie Coombes, Mason McCann



House	House Points
Ash	235
Beech	164
Oak	141
Sycamore	145

**Birthdays**

Nlyah Kennedy, Thomas Solley, Harry Ford, Jamie Montgomery, Freddie McMullan, Willa Plumtre, Anna Mills, Malie Nicholls, Genevieve Jeer,

