

# Faithian Flyer

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## The importance of Phonics

“The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

“Reading is the foundation of all learning, and it’s fun!”

Two very famous quotes, one from Dr Seuss and one from our very own Mr Groves, that sum up perfectly the approach to reading taken here at St Faith’s.

From Nursery the children take part in a range of fun phonic activities which encourage the children to think about the sounds in the world around them, and begin to link letters to the sounds they make. This is developed and expanded upon as they enter Reception and continues right through their learning experience in Key Stage 1.

At St Faith’s, we use a synthetic phonics scheme called Floppy’s featuring the well-known characters Biff, Chip and Kipper. We are sure you know them well! Phonics is a daily activity in all lower school classrooms where the children deepen their phonic knowledge but also enrich their vocabulary and language comprehension.

Did you know all classes at St Faith’s have a dedicated reading time slot every day? In this time, we complete many activities including individual reading, shared reading and the building of comprehension skills. We love nothing more than to share a story with our teachers. Currently in Year 3 we are reading Tom’s Sausage Lion by Michael Morpurgo and Bill’s New Frock by Anne Fine. Year 5 children are enjoying The Elephant Thief by Jane Kerr based on a true story of an elephant’s journey from Edinburgh to Manchester in the 1800s.

Bringing books to life with costumes on World Book Day was a perfect way to show our enthusiasm and enjoyment of the books we read.



## Friends of St Faith’s

Exciting news: we have the date for the Wine and Wisdom! Please save the 29th of April, and come along to beat Mr Groves; it could be an easy win!

The wonderful Mrs Latham and Mrs Bourne are currently working hard on the questions; apparently they won’t take bribes for the answers—I have tried! An email was sent yesterday about this event.

Once you’ve all enjoyed the Easter holidays we will start planning the Summer Fair. We’re really excited to catch up with you all to hear your ideas of what we can do to make this a great event for everyone. It’s going to be so much fun to finally hold a Summer Fair again after such a long time.

Please remember you could have a chance to win the Friends lotto. It’s simple to join, visit the PTA tab on the School webpage and follow the link to the online form to fill in your details. Good luck!



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## Head’s Corner

We have had two visiting Heads this week and I have been so proud of the way the children have interacted with them.

Across the year groups, our children sell themselves so well with their confident and happy approach to the school day and this is clearly apparent in their conversations, which are mature and entertaining.

At lunch, one of our Year 1 pupils confronted the Head of Kent College and asked him who he was and what was he doing at St Faith’s - wonderful!



## Music Report



Congratulations to those children in our Choir who turned up, bright and early, for the Thanet Festival on Saturday morning. We finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the 5 choirs who took part and the children sang extremely well, representing our school brilliantly. Everyone can listen to the recordings, which are in the new 'Choir' channel of the whole-school team. Thank you to the children, but also to all those wonderful adults who helped you get there! Three house points for all the children who took part!

This week ended with our House Music competition. Following a closely-fought contest, Beech were declared the winners. Thank you very much to Miss Evans-Snell for adjudicating.

Congratulations to Brayden and Emerson on your performances in this morning's assembly. This week's music star was Martha for her all-round contribution to school music.

Have a good weekend, everyone. Mr Ainsworth

## Sport Report

Last Friday, the U11 Boys and Girls played their Football matches in the Dover and Deal Leagues. The Boys are currently top of the league, winning their first 2 games against Cartwright and Kelsey and Sibertswold Primary Schools. This time they were up against Eastry Primary and took a commanding 4-0 lead early in the first half. Eastry improved and managed to get a goal back but our boys remained in control to win 4-1. The Girls had a close contest with a few chances at either end. However, Eastry managed to scramble over the line the only goal in the game to make the final score 0-1.



Players of the match went to Sofia C and Sami U-R.



The U11 and U9 Girls were also involved with Netball fixtures this week. The U11 Girls had a tournament at Wellesley House. The biggest independent schools in East Kent were all present and the competition was tough. They tried their best but didn't manage to win a game in the group stages which meant they did not qualify for the quarter finals. However, excellent effort was shown from them all. The U9 team played against St Lawrence College at home on Thursday in glorious sunshine. Francesca scored an early goal in the first quarter and Mya scored again in the final quarter to make the score 2-0 to St Faith's.

Players of the match went to Elsie R and Imogen N.

## Upper Nursery News

This week the Nursery children have been practising their cutting skills. Some children are showing a dominant hand whereas others haven't quite decided which hand is preferred. Generally speaking, at this stage the children find snipping around the edge of a piece of paper easier, rather than following a line. Quite often children in Upper Nursery will use scissors in the playdough, it's good practice and really enjoyed by them and this exercise does provide the desired affect. All that practice resulted in some lovely birds to hang on the tree, which we are all very proud of.



## Lower Nursery



Life this week was all about how to brush your teeth, helped by the interactive whiteboard and a favourite toy. They were shown how to brush their teeth effectively and taught about the importance of having a healthy diet.

They also got to enjoy their new play hut, which will provide extra shade in the summer. Already it's a very popular place to be.

## Week Commencing 14 March

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

8.45am Year 5 Science & Engineering Challenge  
(four Year 5 children taking part)

**Wednesday**

8.15am Second hand shop open  
2.00pm U11 netball v Spring Grove HOME

**Thursday**

2.00pm U9 AB Netball v Spring Grove AWAY  
7.00pm Chamber Choir—St Edmund's Gala  
Concert at Canterbury Cathedral

**Friday** Red Nose Day

1.00pm U11 netball tournament at Duke of York  
School AWAY  
3.00pm Year 6 Dragon Den Marshmallow Heads  
Marshmallow stall

**Saturday** Instrumentalists at the Thanet Festival  
10.15am onwards

**Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!**  
**Name the Spring Flower**



Last week's answer: SNOW DROPS

**Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!**  
**What is the missing word in this Disney song**

'Do you wanna build a ....., come on lets go  
and play'

Last week's answer: KING

### CHILDREN'S OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS



Last weekend saw the turn of the Under 12 boys County Development Tournament at Polo Farm. Isaac, representing Canterbury Green team, scooped a well deserved 1st place whilst Samuel, Tim and Hugo, representing Canterbury Lions took 3rd. As an under 10 team in an under 12, age group that was outstanding!

Tilly Howell was awarded her 25m Swim England certificate and badge.

Jennifer Ainsworth was awarded a medal for being 'player of the match' for her defending in her football team, Ramsgate Under 10s.

Aaliyah Levene was awarded Level 1 in her exam from the Royal Academy of Dance

## Clubs & Activities

Week Commencing	14.03.202
<b>Monday</b>	
Gym Un - Yr 1 3.25pm - 4.00pm	YES
Gym Yr 2- 6 4.15pm - 4.55pm	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis R - Yr 1 3.15pm - 4.00pm Yr 2 - 4 4.15pm - 5.00pm	YES
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Chess Yr 3 - 6 4.10pm - 5.10pm	YES
Dance Pixies & Fairies Ballet Upper Nursery to Yr 1 3.45pm - 4.15pm	YES
Ballet Prep Yr 2 - 6 4.15pm - 4.50pm	YES
Jazz & Disco Yr 2 - 6 4.50pm - 5.25pm	YES
Football Yr 1 - 3 4.10pm - 5.00pm	YES
LAMDA (During school hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Ballet Prep Yr 2 - 6 4.15pm - 4.50pm	YES
Jazz & Disco Yr 2 - 6 4.50pm - 5.25pm	YES
Chess Yr 1 & 2 4.10pm - 5.10pm	YES
Computer club Yr 3 - 6 4.10pm - 5.10pm	YES
Cooking Yr 4-6 4.10pm - 5.10pm	YES
Fencing Yr 3 - 6 8.00am - 8.45am	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Yoga & Mindfulness Yr 2 - 6 4.15pm - 5.00pm	YES
<b>Thursday</b>	
Art Yr 3 - 6 4.15 - 5.15pm	YES
Languages Yr 3 - 6 4.15pm - 5.00pm	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Musical Theatre Yr R - 1 3.15pm - 4.00pm	YES
Musical Theatre Yr 2 - 6 4.15pm - 5.00pm	YES
Netball Yr 3 - 6 4.10pm - 5.00pm	YES
Newspaper (Read all about it!) Yr 4 - 6 4.10pm - 5.10pm	YES
<b>Friday</b>	
Football Yr 4 - 6 4.10pm - 5.00pm	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES

### Pupil Power!

This might look like pupil power and a 'take over' of the Headmaster's office but in actual fact it is a weekly senior prefects meeting. All very well-organised with refreshments and seating to die for, this is a sacrosanct hour when the head Boy and Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Girl as well as Ambassador prefects discuss initiatives and general school issues.

Minutes are taken by the prefects and filed for future reference.

This is another regular event that helps to make us an even better school to be part of.



## STAR OF THE WEEK

RB	Rex Page	For always going that extra mile
RR	Nathaniel Thondalana	For all round hard work and focus
1CM	Zachary Powlter	For great listening and super answers in Art
1R	Miles Jaenicke	For fantastic application of phonics work
2H	Emerson Caffyn	For enthusiasm and positivity towards his work
2L	Javier Ungufe-Bailey	For progress across the curriculum
3B	Henry Maclachlan	For excellent fraction work in Maths
3P	Katy Payne	For fabulous spelling
4C	Safiya Dubignon	For her supersonic shooting skills
4R	Eva Wyon	For her wonderful Maths work when revising multiplication and division
5A	Max Rooke	For resilience in English
5M	Amelia McElligott	For thoughtful and sensitive contributions to our RE discussions
6J	Honor Urquhart	For a really mature approach to her learning
6W	Fraser Bunyan	For a brilliant pattern spotting in Maths

### HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Finley McGuirk, Harrison Tomkies, Elias Dubignon, Evie Ball, Elliot South, Toby Laphorn, Symphony Snow for their creative writing



Isabelle Dalgliesh, Miles Jaenicke, Matilda Hill for poetry work  
Sophia Holden for her seascapes work in Art

### BIRTHDAYS

Maximilian Whorwood, Holly Matravers, Molly South, Noah McCann, Jaffraj Singh,



### READING AWARDS

The following children completed Reading shelves this week

Valentina Panteli, Rex Page, Harvey Evans, Poppy Spicer, Sail McCulloch, Evan Urquhart, Toby Laphorn, Javier Ungufe-Bailey

#### Accelerated Reader

#### Target 1

Emerson Caffyn, Gigi Evans, Florrie Brown, Flynn Leberl, Charlie Burch, Aarav Patel, James Payne, Lily Read, Max Rooke, Cassius Tucker-Borges, Penny Ford

#### Target 2

Luna Hulme, Kasen Wells, Sophia Gudge, Kit Dearson, Safiya Van Ritbergen, Brayden Ingram, Francesca Savin

### SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Kishore Chandrasegaran for having an excellent attitude and scoring two fantastic goals during football this week

House	Points
Ash	48
Beech	59
Oak	63
Sycamore	52

### ROCKSTARS TIMES TABLES

#### Accuracy

Ashmitha Palanisamy

#### Effort

Harry Evans

### STAR AWARDS

**BRONZE (100+)**  
Tommy Ridings

**SILVER (200+)**

Mya Wood, Aarav Patel, Evelina Salvatori, Harper Skudder-Acaster, Evie Crocker

### MUSIC STARS OF THE WEEK

Martha Bartlett for her all-round Music capability and effort



### GOLDEN BALLS

Arabella Porter, Joshua Johnson, Flynn Marsh, Kit Dearson, Remi Page