

Widmer End Community Combined School & Pre-School Newsletter

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Dear Widmer End families,

With just a week and a half to go before we break up for the summer, there is still so much happening and so much to look forward to!

We had our incredible Reception children take centre stage last week. Their courage, confidence and brilliance never fail to amaze us, and it is always such a special occasion for children, families and staff alike. Seeing how much they have grown since they first walked through our doors last September is a wonderful reminder of just how much learning, resilience and joy can be achieved in a single year. We are so proud of them.

Our Year 5 children have also enjoyed an unforgettable few days away on their residential trip to Woodrow. From outdoor adventures to evenings spent with friends, the children embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork, creating memories that will stay with them for years to come. Residential visits are such an important part of growing in confidence and independence, and it was wonderful to hear so many stories of children challenging themselves and supporting one another. A huge thank you goes to Miss Weston, Mrs Saha, Mrs Bravington and Mrs Ross-Wood, who generously gave up their time to make this fantastic experience possible. We are incredibly grateful for their dedication and care.

I was delighted to take ten of our Year 2 pupils, alongside children from Cedar Park, to Holmer Green Senior School for a fantastic morning of smartphone-free workshops. The children enjoyed a range of engaging activities that encouraged creativity, teamwork and communication without the distraction of technology. They also heard from Papaya, the charity that has worked closely with us throughout the year to educate our children about the potential harmful effects of having smartphones at too young an age. The workshops provided a brilliant opportunity to reinforce these important messages in a fun, practical and memorable way.

We have also been busy welcoming the newest members of our school community. It was lovely to meet so many of our new families at our New Starters' Morning, where we shared information about school life and helped prepare everyone for an exciting September. Alongside this, Reception has been hosting Stay and Play sessions, giving our new children the opportunity to begin building friendships and confidence in their new surroundings. Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed visiting their new secondary schools this week, taking those exciting first steps towards the next chapter of their education. Meanwhile, children across the rest of the school met their new teachers during Transition Day. We hope they all came home buzzing with excitement and full of stories about the year ahead!

We are incredibly proud to share that we have achieved our Rights Respecting School Silver Award. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment of both our staff and pupils to ensuring children's rights are understood, respected and embedded throughout our school community. This award has involved a tremendous amount of hard work, dedication and collaboration over many months. A very special thank you goes to Ms Atkins, whose passion, leadership and tireless efforts have been instrumental in helping us achieve this important milestone. We are so grateful for everything she has done to make this possible.

Congratulations also to Mrs Saha, who was recently named the winner of the Buckinghamshire Schools Volunteer Award for her outstanding commitment to sharing Indian dance with our children. We are incredibly proud of this well-deserved achievement - see below to read more!

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Although the finish line is now in sight, our calendar is still packed with exciting events. We are all looking forward to our Year 6 production, which promises to be a wonderful showcase of the children's talents, followed by the ever-emotional Leavers' Assembly as we celebrate everything our oldest pupils have achieved during their time with us.

Finally, we would like to say a heartfelt farewell to Sam, our wonderful Midday Supervisor, who is leaving us after an incredible 18 years at Widmer End. Sam has been a familiar and friendly face to generations of children, always greeting them with warmth, kindness and a smile. We are enormously grateful for her dedication and the care she has shown to our school community over the years. While we are very sad to see her go, we wish her every happiness and success in the next chapter of her journey.

Let's make the most of these final days together before a well-earned summer break!

Mrs Hillier

Thank you to Colin from Grange Farm, for donating so much wood to our forest school provision!

On Friday the 17th July, Our Year 6s will feature in the Bucks Free Press' leaver's supplement. Keep an eye out for our lovely bunch!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th July

- Year 6 Leavers' Performance (doors open at 5:30pm)

Tuesday 14th July

- Year 3 Trip to the London Science Museum
- Bastille Day - KS2 French Workshops

Wednesday 15th July

- CofE Church Assembly

Thursday 16th July

- Breck Foundation Workshops Years 5 & 6

Friday 17th July

- Pre-School End Of Year Celebration & Picnic

Monday 20th July

- Practice Evacuation to Cedar Park School
- Indian Dance Assembly 9am - Parents Welcome
- Rocksteady Concert - Parents & Whole School - 2:30pm

Wednesday 22nd July

- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9am - Parents Welcome
- 1:30pm School Finishes for Summer Holidays - Widmer Cricket Club Open After School

Thursday 23rd July

- ADD+Venture Club Begins

Tuesday 1st September

- Main School Closed - INSET

Wednesday 2nd September

- Main School Closed - INSET
- Pre-School New Starters Stay & Play 12:45-1:30pm

Thursday 3rd September

- School Opens 8:30am

Wednesday 9th September

- Rocksteady Showcase Assembly

Thursday 10th September

- Year 6 Swimming Lessons Begin

Friday 11th September

- PTA Happy Bags Collection

Wednesday 16th September

- Individual & Sibling Photographs

Friday 25th September

- Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum

Monday 28th September

- Drama4All Workshops Years P-3

Friday 2nd October

- PTA Hot Dog Day - Volunteers Needed! Contact PTA@widmerend.bucks.sch.uk or speak to your class rep

Friday 9th October

- World Mental Health Day

Friday 16th October

- PTA Halloween Disco - Volunteers Needed!



Awards Last Week (None This Week!)

Shining Star



Merit Awards



Year R - Grace, Phoenix, Sameera & Ismail
 Year 1 - Mabel, Oliver, Eddie & Daniel
 Year 2 - Sophie, Florrie, The Whole Class
 Year 3 - Albert, Malakai, Rose & Pallav
 Year 4 - Luna & Pixie
 Year 5 - Oliver, The Whole Class
 Year 6 - The Whole Class, Finley & Naira

Congratulations and thank you for being excellent role models to your peers!

House Winners



This week's winners of extra play time were Water!
 They will receive this when the weather cools down.

Staff Recognition

Celebrating our pupils' achievements is at the heart of what we do, and we are always proud to see their efforts recognised through our reward systems and Merit Certificates. These moments help to build confidence and inspire them to keep striving for their best.

We also know that behind every success are dedicated staff who go above and beyond each day. We would love to invite you, our families, to help us shine a light on those individuals who make a real difference. Whether it's a kind gesture, extra support, or unwavering commitment, these contributions mean so much to our school community.

Our staff recognition portal remains open, so if someone has made a positive impact on your child's experience, please take a moment to share your appreciation using the link [HERE](#). You are very welcome to submit more than one nomination.

THANK YOU!

Attendance

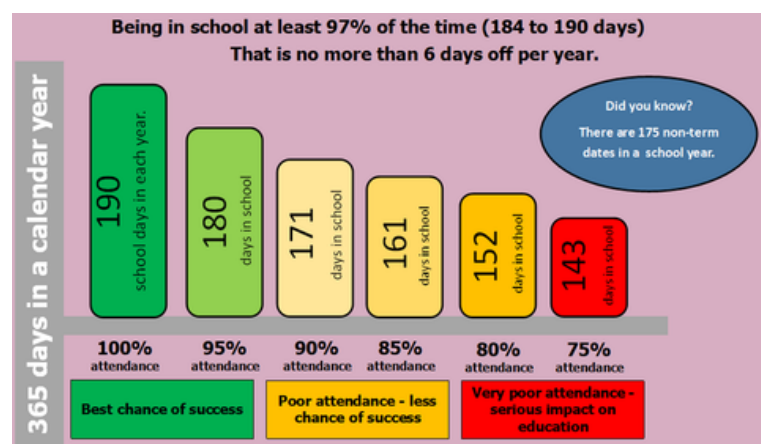
School average this academic year

95.8%

The last fortnight:

Reception - 96.7% - 3 Late Marks!
 Year 1 - 98.3% - 1 Late Mark!
 Year 2 - 95.89% - 5 Late Marks!
 Year 3 - 90.63% - 3 Late Marks!
 Year 4 - 96.21% - 1 Late Mark!
 Year 5 - 96.97% - 1 Late Mark!
 Year 6 - 91.38% - 4 Late Marks!

As you are aware at the end of every half term & term we are obliged by the Department of Education to share your child/rens attendance with you via standard letters. If your child's attendance falls below 95% (expected level) or is at 90% or below (Persistent Absentee) you will receive an additional letter that will highlight a specific concern according to the Department of Education's guidelines. Please know that, as a school, we are here to support you with your child's attendance so please do contact us if we can assist you in any way. We do understand children become ill or may have barriers that affect their attendance. However, if we have significant concerns as a school surrounding your child's attendance, we will contact you directly at any point within the term.



Every Minute Counts!

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day **3 days lost!**
 10 Minutes late each day **6.5 days lost!**
 15 Minutes late each day **10 days lost!**
 20 Minutes late each day **13 days lost!**
 30 Minutes late each day **19 days lost!**

**Be at the
 classroom on
 time and ready
 to learn!**



Samurai Kickboxing Sessions

Our brilliant Samurai Kickboxing tutor Zain, took classes R-5 for some fun intro sessions this week. Lots of children don't know what kickboxing is or whether they'd enjoy it!

Each class had fun warm-up drills, then kickboxing drills, punching and kicking away. They all had so much fun.

Samurai host breakfast club here on Tuesdays, 7:45-8:45am in our school hall. All who currently attend absolutely love the classes, some of them also attend the out-of-school classes.

You can find out more about Samurai and sign your child up to a free trial [HERE](#).



Year 4 Charity Fundraiser



Spearheaded by Eliza, some of our thoughtful Year 4 girls helped her sell drinks on Thursday, to raise money for Wrexham Park Hospital Mother & Baby Unit.

They sold; lemonade, pink lemonade, apple & orange juice and cherries/berried & orange squash. The pink lemonade was the most popular!

Eliza says, "Wexham Park Hospital is very important to most mums and babies here and the £70 we raised is going to sick mums and babies. I'd like to do it again some day".

What amazing charity work, Eliza. Thank you to Abbie, Minal, Lizzy and Alice who helped serve the crowds at the sale.

Reception Share Their Learning

Reception Class were absolutely amazing in their sharing assembly last Friday and made us so proud. They showcased their learning across the year and did it all with a smile on their faces, speaking their lines and singing their songs with pride. We can't believe it is this time of year already - well done Reception!





Spotlight On SEND!

Emotion regulation: e-leaflet (CAMHS)

Emotion Regulation is the ability to manage our emotions; also known as emotional self-regulation. Regulating emotions is a skill, and all children need support to develop their skills.

This really useful leaflet (attached to newsletter email) from CAMHS of North Lincolnshire provides lots of strategies for offering co-regulation and understanding more about emotion regulation in children and young people.

Mrs Ross-Wood

Please contact Mrs Ross-Wood for any SEND related enquiries. SEND@widmerend.bucks.sch.uk

SEND Support Phone Line

We are open everyday between 10am and 4pm and until 6pm on Tuesdays. The line is for parents, professionals and anyone with enquiries about SEND in Buckinghamshire.

Please note that the support line is open between 10am and 2pm during school holidays and is closed on Bank Holidays.

01296 382135

Right of the Month

July's 'Right of the Month' is Article 31: I have the right to relax, play, and join in a wide range of cultural, artistic, and other recreational activities. With the summer holidays coming up, there are lots of opportunities for our children to enjoy this right, making the most of the (hopefully) great weather and plentiful sunshine. We have some exciting sporting events to inspire children this month too - the World Cup, Wimbledon and Tour de France among them. 30th July is International Day of Friendship - encouraging children to relax and play with their friends!



Year 4 Forest School



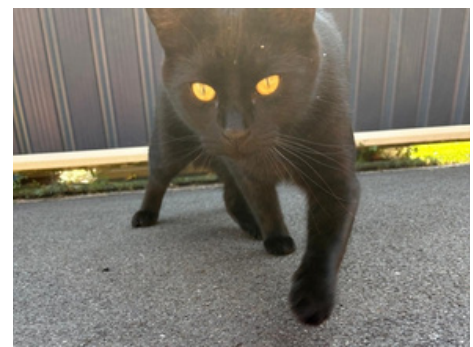
Year 5 Go On Trial

Year 5 recently transformed their classroom into a courtroom to put The Highwayman on trial! The children took on a variety of important roles, including a defence team, a prosecution team, character witnesses, and a jury. Idris did an excellent job as the Judge, ensuring the court proceedings ran smoothly and fairly, while Oliver portrayed the accused, the Highwayman. Both the defence and prosecution teams presented thoughtful arguments, using evidence from the poem to support their cases, and the character witnesses added further depth to the trial. After carefully considering all of the evidence, the jury deliberated before reaching their verdict. By a vote of 8 to 5, the Highwayman was found guilty of the charges against him! It was a fantastic way for the children to develop their speaking, listening, reasoning, and teamwork skills while bringing their learning to life.

Miss Weston

School Cat!

We have a purrrfect little visitor in and around school. This friendly feline is delighting the children and staff, allowing us plenty of cuddles.



Look to our social media pages for more photos as we find them!

If your child is allergic to cats, please ensure you email the school office and we will endeavour to keep our furry friend away from them.



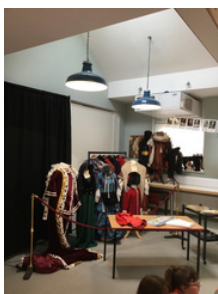
Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle

Year 2 had a fantastic time on Monday visiting Windsor Castle. Lots of the children were really excited to see such a magnificent building with so many interesting artefacts to see and learn about.

We toured the staterooms and marvelled at all the grand armour, furniture, portraits and belongings of many past Kings and Queens. The team provided us with a great teaching session all about being part of a royal home. Poppy even got the chance to talk to the King himself, on the telephone! This was backed up later by the children noticing that the flag had changed from the Union flag to the Royal Standard while we were having lunch; it was very exciting to know the King was in the Castle!

Even though it was a very hot and busy day, the children made us all proud and behaved beautifully with respect and insightful questions. Well done, Year 2 - what a great day.

Mrs Atkinson



Amazon Wishlist

Please remember, we still have many things on our [Amazon Wishlist](#) and would be grateful for your donations. We keep adding items as they are needed.

Thank you!



Pre-School Updates

How can this be the last message that I am writing for the newsletter this school year already? We have done so many things in Pre-School and learnt so much over the last year; the weeks and months have flown by.

Over the last 2 weeks, we have been talking about fairy tales. We have listened to so many stories and talked about lots of characters.

This week, the children played a guessing game. Some items were laid out on a tray and the children were asked to see if they could work out which fairy tale story each item came from. Can you guess from the picture which story these items come from?

The children have also created their own fairy tale character. Using a variety of materials, they designed a fairy tale character. We had some gingerbread men, little pigs, Ariel, and many more. I'm sure you will agree these look fantastic.

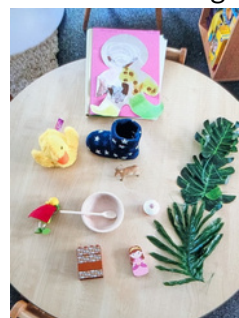
We are looking forward to our end of year celebration where we will share a picnic together and maybe a few songs. We hope you will be able to join us with your child.

So all that is left for me to do, is to wish you a lovely summer break, making so many family memories with your children.

We wish the children who are going into Reception all the best for their coming year and look forward to welcoming back some of our children into Pre-School for some more adventures over the next academic year.

Have a lovely summer and we will see you all back in September.

Deborah & Tamsin





Staff Shout Out!

Celebrating Success: Mrs Saha Wins Volunteer of the Year

We are absolutely delighted to share the wonderful news that our very own Mrs Saha has been awarded Volunteer of the Year at the Buckinghamshire School Awards 2026. This prestigious award recognises Mrs Saha's exceptional dedication and commitment to enriching our school community through Indian Dance. She consistently goes above and beyond, generously giving her own time (including weekends) to provide our children with additional opportunities to learn, rehearse and perform.

Thanks to her passion, enthusiasm and expertise, our pupils have not only developed their dancing skills but have also gained confidence, teamwork and a deeper appreciation for cultural diversity. Her efforts have created memorable experiences for the children and have brought our school community together through vibrant and inspiring performances.

The awards evening was a fantastic celebration of education across Buckinghamshire, highlighting the incredible work happening in schools throughout the county. We are incredibly proud that Mrs Saha's contributions have been recognised at such a high level.

Please join us in congratulating Mrs Saha on this well-deserved achievement and thanking her for the positive impact she continues to have on our children and our school.



PTA Summer Fair Update

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our school fair on Saturday 27th June such a success!

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Despite the heatwave (and a few logistical challenges along the way!), it all came together brilliantly thanks to the amazing support from our school community.

We'd like to say a special thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who gave up their time before, during and after the event. Whether you were setting up, running stalls, helping behind the scenes or clearing away afterwards - we truly couldn't have done it without you. Your time, energy and enthusiasm made the day possible.

A huge thank you also goes to our fantastic sponsors, Tranquil Garden Solutions and Widmer End Funeral Directors, for their generous support.

We are delighted to share that the fair raised just over **£3,000** for the school - an incredible amount that will go towards supporting our children and enhancing their school experience.

Thank you to everyone who came along, supported the stalls, donated prizes and helped make the day such a lovely community event. We're so grateful for everyone's support!

Year 6 & 4 Friendly Netball Match



Our Year 6 and Year 4 netballers took to the court for the last friendly match of this academic year, against Year 5 and 6 boys and girls from Cedar Park.

We fought so well, never giving up; our Year 4s pushed themselves against the older children and Year 6s battled the boys, gaining interceptions galore. POM went to a well-deserved Bella, for her SUPER defending!



Year 6 Residential - A Fantastic Week Away

Our Year 6 children have returned from their residential after an unforgettable week filled with adventure, challenge and fun. From the moment they arrived, they embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and positivity, throwing themselves into a wide range of activities including abseiling, zip lining, raft building, archery, fencing and more.

Despite very warm weather for much of the week, the children showed remarkable resilience and determination. They supported one another brilliantly, whether conquering fears on the 'leap of faith' trapeze, working together on the Jacobs Ladder, or collaborating during team challenges. Their encouragement of one another was a real highlight and a true reflection of our school values in action.

There were plenty of moments of laughter and joy too, particularly during water-based activities and a well-earned swim in the pool, which provided welcome relief from the heat. The week was rounded off with a celebratory disco, giving everyone the chance to relax and enjoy time together.

Throughout the residential, the children were a credit to both their families and the school. They demonstrated independence, responsibility and kindness, all while making lasting memories with their friends. We are incredibly proud of them and hope they will remember this special experience for years to come.

Mrs Oxby, Mrs Bravington & Mrs Weaver



Year 5 Residential Madness



Our recent residential trip to Woodrow was a fantastic success and everyone had a wonderful time! The children were an absolute credit to our school, demonstrating exceptional behaviour throughout the visit. They worked brilliantly as a team, supported and encouraged one another during every challenge, and were a pleasure to take away. The children enthusiastically took part in a range of exciting activities, including archery, bushcraft, high ropes (Jacob's Ladder and crate stacking), and swimming, showing resilience, determination, and plenty of enthusiasm. One of our evening activities was a Murder Mystery, where Cassie, Owen, Miss Weston and Mrs Bravington gave outstanding performances (if I do say so myself) as the murder suspects, keeping everyone entertained from start to finish. We even got to watch a lot of the England game together on the Wednesday. Unfortunately, we were called to the dining hall for the two England goals, but we got a wonderful surprise on our return to watch the rest! We are incredibly proud of all the children for making the trip such a memorable and enjoyable experience. Well done, Year 5.

Miss Weston, Mrs Bravington, Mrs Ross-Wood & Mrs Saha



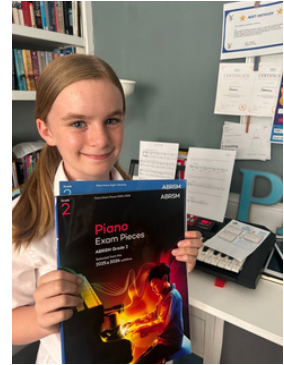
Student Shout Outs!



Jesse plays for HYC (Hazlemere Youth Centre Community Football Club) and has worked very hard all football season, improving his own skills, thus improving his whole team. He was awarded the prestigious Coach's Player Award for his brilliant season. Congratulations, Jesse, you are a fantastic role model to our younger footballers!



A massive congratulations to Oscar who has achieved his black belt degree one in kick boxing - this shows so much dedication and work. Well done - what an achievement!



"I got my medal at my gymnastics competition after doing a vault jump on to a block and a handstand flat-back. On floor, we did a long routine with a forwards roll cartwheel etc. At the end we sat around the mat and they announced the winners of my group."
Cassie



Florence took her Grade 2 piano exam a couple of weeks ago and passed! Big shout-out to her Rise Up Music teacher, Lily.

Well done, Florence. That takes commitment and dedication to achieve, we are so proud of you!



"I got my trophy because on my football team (Totteridge) I was voted player's player which means the people in my team voted for me because they thought I was the best player on the team. I felt really excited when I won it because it is the biggest trophy I have ever got. Plus I was full of joy that they felt I was their best player."
Thomas



Gorgeous Bea absolutely smashed her race for life Muddy Run and has hit her target of £150! What a fantastic achievement from one of our younger pupils. Well done, Bea.

Another amazing achievement for Aster!

Aster went to her karate presentation on Friday and was nominated and won student of the year for her age group.

Everyone is very proud of you, congratulations Aster!



A huge congratulations to Riley and Shannon from Year 2 on their fantastic gymnastics achievements!

Through their courage to try new skills, curiosity to keep learning, and determination to improve, the girls have worked incredibly hard to build on and enhance their gymnastics abilities. We are delighted to celebrate Riley achieving her Level 1 Award and Shannon achieving her Level 3 Award.

They have shown great respect by listening to their coaches, kindness by encouraging their teammates, trust in themselves and those supporting them, and unity by working together in a positive team environment.

Well done, Riley and Shannon! We are incredibly proud of your hard work and dedication keep up the amazing work!



"I got my award for showing maturity and kindness. I was very excited when I received it as it is my first trophy I have got."

Ayush



A couple of weeks ago, Albert won top goal scorer and Manager's Player for his football team, Holmer Green Under 8's.

Well done, Albert!



Values Round-Up

UNITY, TRUST, COURAGE, CURIOSITY, RESPECT & KINDNESS

Throughout this year, our Values assemblies have given children the opportunity to explore each of our six school values through the lives of inspirational people from around the world. These assemblies have encouraged children to reflect on how our values can be lived out in everyday life, both in school and beyond.

We began the year with **Unity**, learning about **Emma Watson** and how she has used her voice to promote equality and work alongside others to make a positive difference. We also learnt about **Nina Simone**, whose music and activism encouraged people to appreciate others regardless of their differences and promoted acceptance, peace and equality. Together, these inspirational figures helped children understand how unity is strengthened when we value and include everyone.

We explored **Trust** through the lives of **Queen Elizabeth I** and heart surgeon **Devi Shetty**. Children learnt how Queen Elizabeth I earned the trust of her people through strong leadership, honesty and reliability, helping to ensure a long and successful reign. They also discovered how patients place great trust in surgeons like Devi Shetty, whose compassion and dedication to improving healthcare have transformed the lives of so many people. These assemblies encouraged children to think about how they can build trust by being honest, dependable and keeping their promises.

Our learning about **Courage** was inspired by **Sky Brown** and **Frida Kahlo**. Children learnt how Sky's determination to pursue her dream of becoming an Olympic skateboarder saw her overcome serious injuries with resilience and tenacity, teaching us the importance of never giving up. They also discovered how Frida Kahlo courageously channelled the pain and challenges she experienced throughout her life into her vibrant artwork, inspiring others through her resilience, independence and strength of character.

During our focus on **Curiosity**, children discovered how **Tim Peake's** determination and love of exploration took him into space, while **Roald Dahl's** imagination and curiosity about the world inspired stories that continue to delight readers of all ages. These assemblies encouraged children to embrace new experiences, ask questions and follow their interests.

Our value of **Respect** was explored through the lives of **Pelé** and **Maya Angelou**. Children learnt how Pelé demonstrated respect through his sportsmanship and humility, while Maya Angelou showed respect for others by using her words to promote equality, dignity and justice.

Finally, we focused on **Kindness**, learning about **Desmond Tutu's** commitment to equality and standing up for what is right, and **Beatrix Potter's** lifelong love of nature and determination to protect the beautiful countryside for future generations.

We are incredibly proud of the way our children have embraced these values throughout the year. They have shown kindness, curiosity, courage, respect, trust and unity in countless ways, making our school a caring, inclusive and inspiring place to learn.

Throughout the year, each assembly was linked to weekly citizenship themes, helping children recognise how our school values can be demonstrated through their actions every day.

Mrs Marshall

