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Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the greatest joys of being in school each day is seeing the excitement and enthusiasm for learning across all year groups. This week has been no exception, with children fully immersed in hands-on experiences, rich discussions, and creative exploration.

In Triscombe Class, there has been a real buzz as the children used drills, hammers, and nails to complete the construction of their birdhouses. Their confidence in handling tools safely and their sense of achievement in seeing their projects come to life has been fantastic to witness. Over in Alfoxton Class, the children have been delving into Viking history with incredible enthusiasm, thinking and acting like true historians as they research and piece together the past. Their curiosity and questioning have been a real highlight.

Beacon Class has been just as engaged in their learning, exploring Sikh Gurdwaras with real interest. Our recent research on the Golden Temple sparked fascinating discussions, and it's been wonderful to see the children making meaningful connections between what they're learning and the wider world. Meanwhile, in Pre-School, I loved seeing the youngest members of our school community carefully making patterns in tuff trays filled with rice, experimenting with shapes, textures, and creativity.

Moments like these remind us of the joy that learning brings. It's not just about facts and skills—it's about curiosity, problem-solving, and the thrill of discovering something new. Long may it continue!
Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

Warm Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'G Tucker'.

Gary Tucker
Headteacher

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Beacon

Beacon class have been working very hard this week on understanding how to be persuasive. They have been applying this skill in their writing and are super convincing: apologies if they practice their new-found skills on you! Our Maths in Year 6 has moved onto fractions and they are working very hard with their reasoning and problem solving and simplifying fractions.

The highlight of my week has been the dance session! The children paired or grouped up and completed and performed some excellently choreographed dance routines using the skills that they have acquired this half term. I am sure they would love to show you.



Alfoxton

We've been putting our historian hats on this week to discover more about Vikings and Saxons. We wanted to discover who was more successful. We researched images, maps, news reports and information texts and discovered that although Vikings were very strong, powerful warriors, Saxons gained control of England in the end. Some Vikings settled in Britain and some places still have names influenced by them! We also found out about Ethelred (the unready king) and how he had to flee to Normandy because he upset the Vikings! Oops.

In Maths we are focussing on subtraction (using the column method) which we are really good at! We can even solve missing digit problems. In English we are beginning to write our own stories, influenced by Arthur and the Golden Rope.



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Triscombe

What a fun week it's been! We've been celebrating Chinese New Year with lots of exciting activities. The children have been very busy. In expressive arts and design the children have created gorgeous blossom tree paintings and made lovely Chinese lanterns. Our classroom even became a Chinese restaurant for a while, with everyone role-playing and serving delicious pretend food. We've also been getting to grips with numbers in Chinese.

In history and English, they have been exploring the amazing life of Mary Anning. They've been comparing their lives to hers and thinking about all the incredible things she achieved. They've even written biographies about her, which are brilliant! It's been so inspiring learning about such a pioneering woman.

All in all, it's been a fantastic week of learning and fun!



Preschool

This week we have continued learning about dinosaurs. We learned all about the Triceratops, learning some fun facts, like they have 800 teeth and that they were almost the size of a train carriage! The children used mathematical skills to count and weigh the ingredients to make biscuits. They used dinosaurs to make footprints by pushing them into the dough before baking.

The children practised their pen control skills, enjoyed breaking dinosaurs out of ice by using spray bottles, pipettes and hammers and played with some very large dinosaurs in the tough tray. We have all enjoyed doing our dinosaur yoga and learning how to 'roar like a baby dinosaur'.

We have also been making the most of the rain-free weather and had a walk every afternoon.



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Important Dates

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February:

Half Term

Friday 14th March:

Inset Day

Monday 7th April-Friday 18th April:

Easter Holidays

Monday 21st April:

Bank Holiday

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