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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we break for half term today, I want to take a moment to thank everyone for a fantastic few weeks at school. The children have been engaged in so many exciting activities, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and learning in action. I helped cover Class Jupiter, Mars, Moon, Sun and Earth in the last two weeks. Great to see the pupils learning and sharing. I have also enjoyed the Y6 homework club. Most of the pupils use the quiet time to complete their tasks but some ask for help with things like long division or fractions - always a pleasure to help them.

We marked Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, helping children understand the importance of staying safe online—a vital message in today's digital world - see curriculum for more.

Well done to Class Comet. A super class assembly (sorry to have missed it) - you all clearly enjoyed learning about WWII. Thanks for sharing your learning yesterday.

A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA (FFG) for organising the Valentine's Discos, which were a big hit and a wonderful way to round off the half-term. A message was sent yesterday about the volunteer role for members of FFG - they work very hard and give up many hours to set up and run events for our children that also raise valuable funds for the pupils at school. Please respect deadlines and ticketing arrangements.

Congratulations to our Gold Award winners for this term - listed in the curriculum section. They received their certificates in assembly today.

Well done to all the children who took part in today's Poetry Slam. We will include photos in the next newsletter.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable break, whether you are traveling, spending time with family, or simply relaxing. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for more learning, on **Monday, 24th February 2025**

Take care,

Mr Burden.

Headteacher Award

7th February 2025

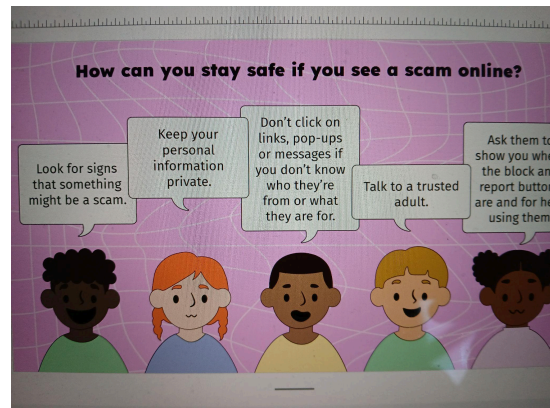
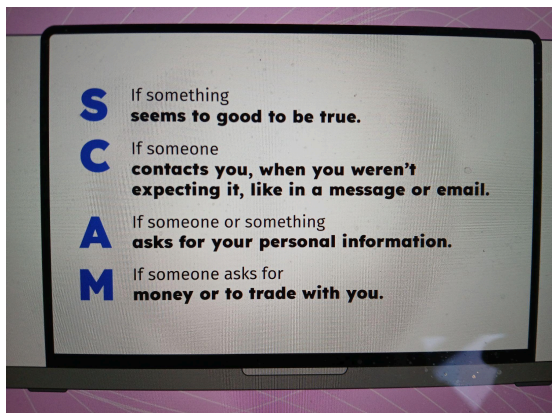


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Curriculum

For Safer Internet Day, the focus was on 'Scams' and Mr Burden shared his own personal experience with a car rental firm in Italy while on holiday! Please also reassure your children that spaghetti does not grow on trees! The children answered questions and listened very well.

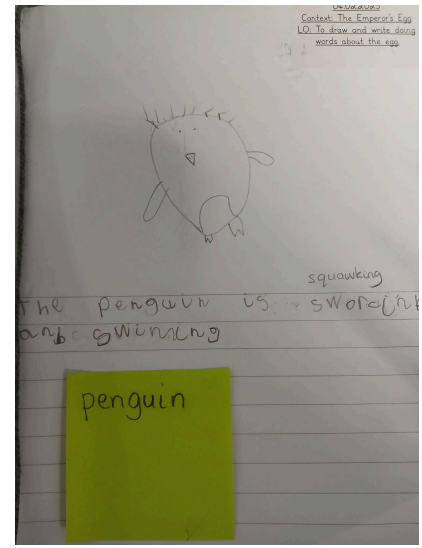
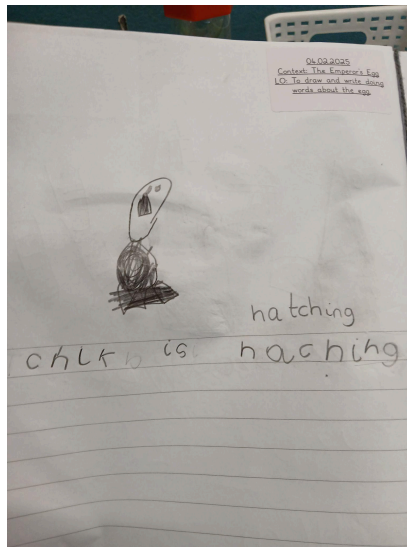
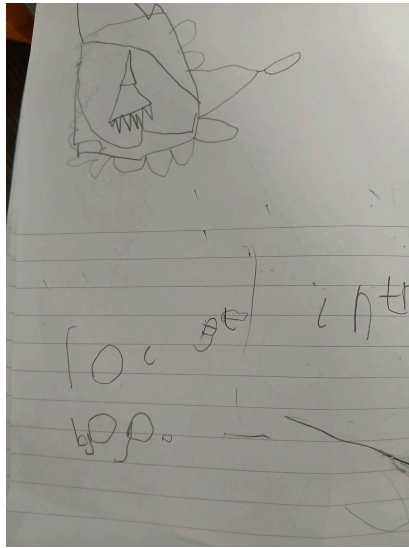


Year 6 children have finished their unit on light and made periscopes to test some concepts. They worked very well in groups of twos and threes.



Our Year 5/6 pupils also had an unforgettable trip to Duxford, where they explored the history of WWII, bringing their learning to life in a truly immersive way.

The Letter Join handwriting scheme of work is very much part of the weekly routines in classes and we can see excellent progress already. Our EYFS children continue to work hard in their writing workshops and it is fabulous to see their emergent writing in class.



Science came to life with the Phizz Factor, inspiring young scientists with hands-on experiments and discoveries. The selected children enjoyed a fabulous experience at The Felsted School.

Well done to all the 22 Gold Award winners for this half term from our 11 classes - we are very proud of you all:

Mercury - Bonnie Blu L and Jaxon F

Pluto - Ava R and Seren E

Venus - Sebastian S and Marnie W

Saturn - Olivia C and Roman F

Jupiter - Harper H and Nathaniel E

Neptune - Rosie O and Jack E

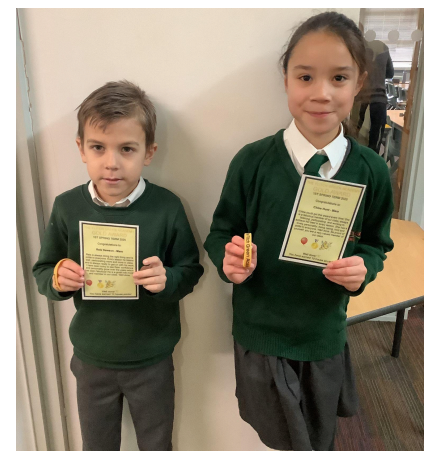
Mars - Reis D and Chloe H

Moon - Freddy B and Beau F

Sun - Benjamin T and Isla S

Comet - Jacob P and Rhea M

Earth - Zayne J and Edie D



School Games

Last Monday, a small group of pupils took part in a Panathlon, showcasing their teamwork and determination in a range of sporting challenges at The Felsted School. They relished working on their hand eye coordination skills.



After half-term we have a girls' football tournament to look forward to.

Attendance

This week the West Essex attendance officer met with school and was pleased with key progress with persistent absence (below 90% attendance) - there were over 50 pupils in this category in November but only 33 in early February. The overall attendance is still below the national average but the gap is small and less than it was at the end of 2023-24. Let's hope for a healthy 2nd spring and summer term.

Class winners for the last two weeks:

Week	Class	% Attendance	98% +
Week 19 3/2/25 - 7/2/25 (5 days)	Venus	99.26	Venus
Week 20 10/2/25 - 14/2/235 (5 days)	Jupiter	98.66	Jupiter and Neptune

Whole school attendance stands at 94.57% (as of 13/2/25)

For the spring term only it stands at 95.14% (as of 13/2/25)

Gate closing after school - members of the after school team are asked to close and lock the gate each day but are finding this difficult as very often parents may still be on the playground either talking to each other or to staff. For better Safeguarding procedures we will close and lock the gate at 15:25. If you are still on site a member of staff will walk you to the office exit. Thanks for your understanding.



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GOOD TIMEKEEPING

What to do the night before:

- Get everything you need for school ready
- Set your alarm allowing plenty of time
- Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school
- Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime
- Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!

Five minutes late per day soon adds up to three days of lost school time

For mental health support for young people visit: www.youngminds.org.uk

Donations for EYFS Needed!

Early Years are on the hunt for any donations towards our educational resources. If you are having a clear out of any toys over half term, we would love the following;

- Magnetic tiles
- Mobilo
- Popoids
- Wooden arches and tunnels
- Kings, queens, princesses and castles
- Pirates, boats and sea creatures
- Bugs and minibeasts
- Superheroes
- Gardening tools and equipment
- Role Play props and decorations (celebrations- Diwali, Christmas, Birthday)
- Sensory toys
- Games and puzzles - Orchard Tree, matching, alphabet and phonics, numbers, time of the day, shapes, seasons,

These can be dropped off in the office or handed to a member of the EYFS team after half term. Thank you for your continued support, The EYFS Team

School Lunches

We have been advised by our catering company, TCS Limited, that the cost per meal will increase to £ after the half term break. This is due to the ever rising cost of supplies and staffing.

The new price will be shown on ParentMail by the end of next week and you will then be able to book lunches for the next half term.

Important Dates for Spring Term

Key dates for the whole academic year can be found on the [website](#).
Please check back regularly, as these dates can be subject to change.

HALF TERM - 17th to 21st February

Pupils return to school - 24th February

Moon Class Assembly - 27th February (9:00)

World Book Day dress up - 6th March

Earth's Parents Evening - 11th & 12th March

Book Fair - 19th to 26th March

Saturn Class Assembly - 25th March (9:00)

Parents Evening - 1st April (15:30 - 19:30)

Parents Evening - 2nd April (15:30 - 17:30)

FFG Cake Sale (Moon & Neptune) - 2nd April (15:15)

Finish for Easter Break - 4th April (13:00)

Community Notices

Please remember to check the 'Community' tab of our website regularly, as we upload community groups and events that we hope you may be interested in.

www.theflitchgreenacademy.co.uk

This week you can find information on:

Fritch United Football Club

Fritch Green Community Hall

POP Essex SEND Clubs and Respite

Rock Steady Music Lessons

Half Term HAF Clubs

UV Dodgeball with Sports Cool

Salad Days Magazine and Kizaround Magazine