Principal: Mr Sam Done BA (Hons)

Chair of Governors: Ms Annie McMaster

10 October 2025

Hello families,

We have only two more weeks to go of this half term, the time is flying by!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was not as high this week, but we still had some great successes, not least Alex Honnold class who have suddenly all started attending and this week won a Golden Ticket of extra breaktimes chosen by Lena!

So, this week our winning classes for attendance are Nicola Adams class in EYFS and KS1, Alex Honnold class in KS2 and Waterloo Bridge class in Little London Bridge

Year group	Class name	Attendance
Nursery	Friendly Foxes	82.3%
Reception	Resilient Rabbits	96.6%
	Helpful Hedgehogs	97.1%
1	Ellie Simmonds	96%
	Sir David Attenborough	92.4%
2	Wilma Rudolph	93.7%
	Nicola Adams	<mark>97.5%</mark>
3	Neil Armstrong	92.3%
	Delia Derbyshire	94.6%
4	Marley Dias	94.4%
	Muhammad Ali	91.2%
5	Tu You You	96.6%
	Alex Honnold	<mark>98.9%</mark>
6	Evelyn Glennie	95.6%
	Georgia O'Keeffe	96.6%
Little London Bridge	Chelsea Bridge	78.8%
	Lambeth Bridge	93.9%
	Waterloo Bridge	<mark>98.8%</mark>
	Putney Bridge	91.1%

ROCKSTEADY AND MUSIC

You will have seen Mr Gibbon's post on Class Dojo about the Rocksteady band visiting school this week, to advertise their music sessions where children can learn different instruments. A letter will soon be coming out to see if families would be interested and see if this would be affordable. We do not want cost to be a barrier so will be talking to children who are interested.

Soon we will hopefully be able to start **Eukelele teaching** as part of our music curriculum.

CHROMEBOOKS

We are now ready to start loaning some of our chromebooks to any families who have not got devices at home that their child can access. We have currently got a small number of devices on offer which are the olde chromebooks still in service. These are for children to keep at home for the whole year, not to bring to and from school. If you feel you would benefit from a device for your child, please ask at the main office.

YEAR 7 APPLICATIONS

The online applications for Year 7 are closing soon on Leeds City Council website. You should have received a link in an email from the council if your child is in Year 6 now. If not please follow the link here: Apply for a secondary school | Leeds.gov.uk

If you don't have access to the internet or need help applying, we can provide a laptop in school and a mentor to help you.

EXTERNAL VISIT AROUND SEND

At the beginning of this week we had a visit from an external consultant working for our Trust who spent time in Little London Bridge and across the mainstream academy looking at our offer for children with complex needs and our offer for children with SEND in the academy. He was very pleased that we are offering these children excellent support, so we were very pleased to hear this!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>School will be closed</u> to children on Friday 24 October for a staff training day so the children break up for half term holiday on Thursday 23 October at the usual finish time.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Sam Done Kelsey Thackray
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Year group	Class name	STAR AWARD	ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
	Friendly Foxes Naomi		Naomi
Reception	Resilient Rabbits	Summaya	Amak
	Helpful Hedgehogs	Soteria	Nila
1	Ellie Simmonds	Simon H	Mariam A
	Sir David Attenborough	Lani	Muhammed Ali
2	Wilma Rudolph	Mbali	Farrah
	Nicola Adams	Cyrus	Fatemah
3	Neil Armstrong	Azkiyah	Mina
	Delia Derbyshire	Lydia	Jerome
4	Marley Dias	Yonathan	Setayesh
	Muhammad Ali	Bahar	Eloise
5	Tu You You	Huda	Sophia
	Alex Honnold	Ghufayrah	Jonathan
6	Evelyn Glennie	Ruftabel	Nikhil
	Georgia O'Keeffe	Pranav	Kayden