

## Stars of the week

Stars of the Week for last week were:



<b>Marley Carr</b>	<b>Freya Hodder</b>
<b>David Silva</b>	<b>Megan Lake</b>
<b>Jake Field</b>	<b>Alan Salamon</b>
<b>Rhylee Whiteman</b>	<b>Ricardo Ferreira</b>
<b>Freddie Royal</b>	<b>Izzy Hersey-Green</b>
<b>Kinga Rogalska</b>	<b>Luke Maxwell Clarke</b>
<b>Kieron Ford</b>	<b>Jakub Dras</b>
<b>Vinnie Burton</b>	<b>Lauren Gathercole</b>

## Teampoints

Last week's results were:

**1st: Blue**  
2nd: Yellow  
3rd: Red  
4th: Green



Congratulations to **Blue** team for being this week's winners. Yellow are still in the lead for this term.

## Strike Action

Members of the National Union of Teachers are holding a one day strike on Wednesday. You will have received a letter about this last week. Please note that children in Magpies, Swallows, Robins, Herons and Miss Prentice's Wrens should not come to school on Wednesday as their classes are closed.

## Keeping up to date

We now use ParentMail as our main method of communication when we don't need a response from parents. The newsletter is only sent home via ParentMail, although a copy is always of the school website to refer to. If you are not on ParentMail you could be missing out on letters. If you are registered, please make sure that your details are up to date. If you change your email address or phone number, you need to log on to your ParentMail account and change those details. School staff cannot do this.

## Attendance results

Wrens 1:	96.6%	<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>WINNER</b>
Wrens 2:	95.8%	<i>Good</i>	
Magpies:	88.4%	<i>Inadequate</i>	
Swallows:	89.6 %	<i>Inadequate</i>	
Robins:	95.9%	<i>Good</i>	
Skylarks:	94.3%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>	
Herons:	94.8%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>	
Kestrels:	92.6%	<i>Inadequate</i>	

**Last week's attendance:** **93.2%**  
*Inadequate*

**Attendance since September:** **93.6%**  
*Inadequate*

## Mother of the Year

Tesco in Brandon are organising a Mother of the Year award with a prize of a night away at the Elveden Inn. To enter, children just need to write, in no more than 200 words, why their mother is the best. Application forms are available from the office.

## Cross Country

On Thursday 27th March, we are holding a cross country race for Marie Curie Cancer Care and your child will have already come home with information and an envelope. Please donate as much or as little as you can afford. Every penny makes a difference.

## Illness

As you know, attendance is an issue that all schools have so I would like to clarify the arrangements if children are unwell. For most childhood coughs and colds we are happy to have children in school. We have had a number of instances when parent have kept their child at home “to be on the safe side”. There is no need to do this. If your child is feeling under the weather we encourage you to send them in and if they are unwell at school we will contact you if necessary. Below you will find information on some of the more frequent illnesses and the recommended time to be kept away from school.

<u>Illness</u>	<u>Recommended period to be kept away from school</u>
Conjunctivitis	<b>None</b> once treatment has commenced
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	<b>48 hours</b> from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. However, if the vomiting was caused by a cough and is not deemed to be a bug then the 48 hour rule does not apply.
Tonsillitis	<b>None.</b> Children should still attend school.
Headlice	<b>None.</b> Treatment is recommended only when live lice have been seen.
Flu	Until recovered.
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment.
Chickenpox	<b>Five days</b> from the onset of rash.
Slapped cheek	<b>None.</b> Children should still attend school.
Warts and/or verrucae	<b>None.</b> Children can still take part in PE/swimming.
Threadworms	<b>None.</b> Children should still attend school.

School attendance is currently under 94%, which is classed as “Inadequate”. We have been aiming to meet the government target of 95%, but that has now been increased to 96%.

**Please make sure that your child is in school unless there is a valid medical reason for them being off. Having a cough or cold, being tired or having a headache/tummy ache are not reasons to miss school. For most children, a dose of calpol will have them ready in a short time.**

**90% attendance is the same as half a day a week off school. That is a lot of lost learning time!**

## Easter Egg-stravaganza

Once again, it is time for our annual Easter Egg-stravaganza, when we ask the children to decorate an egg/eggs. Some children even build small ‘homes’ for their decorated eggs. This year there is no theme, so your children can be as creative as they like.

All children who take part will get a crème egg as a reward and the winners from each class get their very own Easter egg. Entries should be brought to school on the morning of Wednesday 2nd April and taken to the school hall.

