



March 2026

FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Only one you

Dear Families,

We have had an action packed, super-exciting spring term at Fishbourne which seems to have whizzed by incredibly quickly. The children have had so many wonderful opportunities on offer to them during this time, all designed to make their learning in the classroom irresistible and to bring it to life!



SHARK (Y2) class have visited Queen Elizabeth Country Park to learn about Minibeasts and habitats. They welcomed the Rainbow theatre to learn about the Great Fire of London and Poppy's mum, a nurse, came into support the children's learning about people who help us. In their CREW sessions they are making the world a better place by setting up a toy donation to a local trust-potentially the hospital.



CHEETAH (Y4) class have made the world a better place by creating leaflets to support other people with their emotional wellbeing and reflected on their dreams for the local area and world. They are excited to be going off to see the BFG this week with children from across the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership.



PUFFERS (Y1) have been learning about their local community which involved them heading out to walk around Fishbourne and even included a treasure hunt in Tescos! They have made the world a better place during their PSHCE learning experience when they learned about keeping themselves healthy, thinking especially about germs. They created posters that they put up and shared these with younger siblings and families!



SEAHORSES (EYFS) went off to visit Fishbourne Pre-School to share with them their knowledge about how to brush their teeth and why it is so important. Mrs Smith came to visit in her traditional Chinese dress to teach them all about Chinese New Year. They welcomed families to Stay and Play AND made the world a better place by taking part in the RSPB Bird Watch, making bird feeders to take home and put in their own gardens.



HIPPOS (Y6) class learned First Aid with St John's Ambulance, making pocket first aid guides for their families. They have visited Fort Nelson as part of their learning about WW2. They've been to the Harbour Conervancy to learn how to persuade and debate. They have been guests at a Poetry Slam, Bishop Luffa's performance

of Little Shop Of Horrors AND participated in Dance House through which they celebrated the joy of dance and spread a ripple of positivity!



CHAMELEONS (Y3) made the world a better place by welcoming children from Lavant and Rumboldswyke to our BFG experience day! Their warmth and friendliness left everyone smiling and this opportunity gave them a chance to get to know some of the other Y3/4 children across the partnership before going to the theatre together later this week!

CROCS (Y5) have been to the Southdown Planetarium as part of their Earth and Space learning experience. They have also been part of the Tongue Tied Poetry learning experience which they were hooked into by going along to the Poetry Slam. They have taken part in a video call with Jo Bradshaw, a Seven Summits climber, who spoke to the children, as part of a learning experience all about mountains, inspiring them through her achievements. As part of their work on making the world a better place, the children are fundraising for the Edmund Hillary Foundation. They are working in teams to either skip or continuously bounce a tennis ball on a racket in a relay format. The aim is to keep moving for as long as possible while raising money for this worthwhile cause.



Habits of Character

At Fishbourne CE Primary we believe that character development is equally as important as producing high-quality work and mastering knowledge and skills. As part of our important work on CREW we have been developing a set of character attributes that will enable our little fish to become ethical people, effective learners and know their place in making

the world a better place to be.

Since September, we have been developing a set of character attributes that we feel are contextually appropriate for the children at Fishbourne School. We have worked with all staff, groups of older children, governors and as a leadership team to arrive at a set of character attributes that enable them to flourish:

Curiosity - A strong desire to know or learn something.

Integrity - The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.

Hope - An expectation and anticipation that rests in what we believe.

Empathy - The ability to emotionally understand what other people feel, see things from their point of view, and imagine yourself in their place.

Reflection - The active analysis of past experiences, thoughts and actions to deepen understanding and improve future performance

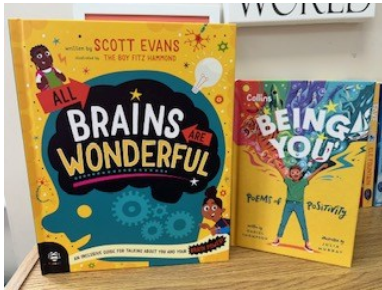
Collaboration - The action of working with someone to produce something.

Ambition - A drive to do or achieve something.

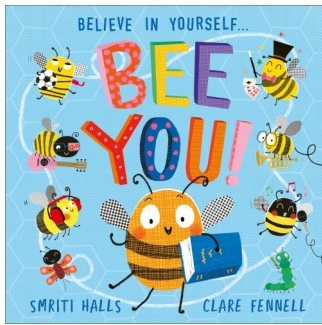
Now we are ready to start to explore each of these attributes further – ensuring we share an understanding of what they mean and reflecting on what these attributes would look like in our children AND staff at key milestones during their time at Fishbourne.

We have been so pleased by the early impact of CREW across the school. Many of the children have spoken passionately in their mid-year reports about the way in which CREW sets them up for the day ahead and how much they value this time in school. Some of our older children have now, very naturally, taken on the leadership of CREW which has been wonderful to see. Our Lighthouse CREW made up of children in Year 6 have started to circle up and check in completely independently of adults and are just starting to have a go at leading their own CREW sessions extremely effectively.





The theme for our fourth block of CREW is **'What kind of YOU would you like to be?'** During these sessions, we will be learning more about our brains and what makes us, us! We have some beautiful books to support our learning and this will give us lots to reflect upon!



We were so thrilled to welcome Smriti Halls to school for her first official visit to Fishbourne Primary as our BRAND NEW Patron of Reading! We were first introduced to Smriti's incredible books with **BEE YOU** - *What kind of person do you want to be? Kind, smart, thoughtful or wise, the possibilities are endless. Follow all of these amazing bees on their busy day, from their hive to school, on good days and bad days, and learn that being yourself is the best you*

that you can be . . . and if you believe in yourself, life can be sweeter than honey.

Smriti Halls is an internationally bestselling, award-winning children's author, published in more than 40 languages worldwide. Her best-loved stories include *Rain Before Rainbows*, the *I'm Sticking With You* series, *The Little Island* and *I Love You Night and Day* (Publisher's Weekly #1 bestseller, Wall Street Journal bestseller). Whether humorous or lyrical, her books are full of hope and heart and are loved by children and adults alike. Smriti is a former Writer in Residence for Booktrust and is a patron for the School Library Association. South Indian by birth, British by nationality and London-loving at heart, she lives and works near Richmond.



A huge THANK YOU to our friends at Crayola for donating a rainbow of felt tip pens for use in all classrooms. The ripple of positivity created as a result of their arrival was more of a tidal wave! How wonderful to be able to provide the children with such lovely resources to support their learning! Look out for Crayola getting involved with our Colour Run coming up in the summer term!

It's always lovely to offer our children opportunities to lead in school and to show them that all ideas are warmly welcomed! This chance to make their school a better place to be is so important and so it was lovely to see the very first meeting of the Only One Book Club a couple of Monday's ago. The idea is very simple—come along and share the book you are reading, chat about books and enjoy spending some time together simply reading and enjoying each other's company!



Huge congratulations to our Y3/4 boys football team who have smashed their tournaments, played together incredibly well and have made it as far as the County Football Finals taking place on 22nd April. We can't wait to see you representing our school and we know you will do us proud!



We have been super-proud of a group of our Y5/6 children who have been competing in the Chichester Corporate Challenge over recent evenings. The challenge is a road running race which attracts hundreds of entries. It's a big, busy and very competitive event but our little fish have really enjoyed representing their school and bumping into friends from other schools over the weeks which has been lovely to see! A huge well done to them all!



IMPORTANT Fishbourne Roman Palace Car Park Update

Further to our newsletter in January 2026, we have been working alongside the Roman Palace to consider how best to support the ongoing use of their carpark to drop off and collect children at the beginning and end of the school day. We have agreed that charging a flat rate of £10 per term (£30 an academic year) to use the car park is reasonable and proportionate. There will also be some other opportunities available to become members at just a very small additional charge. **We will be writing to families with further details about how this will work early in the summer term and the charges will come into effect as of September 2026.**

SAVE THE DATE!

On Saturday 25th April, we will be holding a BIG TIDY UP morning on our school site to ready the school for the summer term. We will have lots of jobs to get stuck into, sausage sandwiches and lots of fun! We would love families to get involved and to come along to help us make our school a better place to be! **Look out for a letter coming out on the first day of the summer term with more details.**



Our next Cuppa and Chat is taking place on the afternoon of Monday 27th April. This is an opportunity for you to come in and chat informally about what's working well in school and explore ways in which you feel we could do even better! We will also be sharing with you more information about CREW and an opportunity to talk further about our Habits of Character which are

currently being developed. You are very warmly welcome to come and join us. We will be in the staffroom from 230pm until the end of the school day.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.
Kindest Regards, Naomi Day and the Fishbourne Staff Team

- Dates for the Summer Term**
- Sat 25th April—Big Tidy Up Morning 830-12
 - Mon 11th May—SATS Week begins
 - Fri 15th May—Colour Run
 - Fri 22nd May - INSET Day
 - Mon 1st June - INSET Day
 - Wed 1st and Thu 2nd July—Learning Review Meetings
 - Wed 8th July—Sports Day (morning)
 - Wed 15th and Thu 16th July— Year 6 Summer Production 6.30pm
 - Mon 20th July—Whole School Forest School Day

INSETS 2026/2027
Tue 1st Sep (school closure), Wed 2nd Sep, Fri 5th Feb,
Mon 22nd Feb, Fri 28th May, Mon 7th June

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