



Newsletter 25

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families well. It has been great to see so many children dressed in Red for Comic Relief. Many thanks to everyone for your donations.

**Non-school Uniform Day – next Friday – 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Next week is also a non-school uniform day as we would like children to bring in chocolate or a bottle for the Easter Bingo Tombola. I am very grateful for the huge number of generous donations (for prizes) that we have received for our Easter Bingo Evening from parents, staff, governors and a number of local businesses.

**Spotlight on the Curriculum: Y2 Class Assembly – Ramandan**

On Tuesday the whole school enjoyed learning about Ramadan which is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting (sawm), prayer (salah), reflection, and community. Many thanks to Cedar Class for this excellent assembly and also to Mrs Bradberry and Mrs Swindlehurst for making sure the children were so well prepared.



### Headteachers' Awards

Today, we celebrated: **Ronnie-Rose** and **Rylee** (Acorn Class); **Chelsea** and **Paisley** (Y1); **Joey-Lee** and **Layla-Mai** (Y2); **Freddie** and **Isabelle** (Y3); **Nikol, Rose** and **James** (Y4); **Nema** and **Savannah** (Y5); **Evie, Charlie** and **Ivan** (Y6).


Huge congratulations to these children who have displayed **Respect** during this week and are role-models for us all.

**Community, Aspiration, Kindness** and **Resilience** form our other core Values.

**Spotlight on the Curriculum – Reading Y5 Book Review** This week's book review comes from Year 5. Esmae has chosen to review one of the class books *Varjak Paw* by S.F.Said. Many thanks to Esmae for giving up her time to write this excellent book report complete with illustrations.

# Book Review

**My book cover**



**Book Title**  
Varjak Paw

Author SF Said

Illustrator Paul McArdle

Genre (tick as many as apply to your book)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fiction	<input type="checkbox"/> scary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal story
<input type="checkbox"/> mystery	<input type="checkbox"/> fairy tale	<input type="checkbox"/> biography
<input type="checkbox"/> fantasy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> adventure	<input type="checkbox"/> historical
<input type="checkbox"/> humour	<input type="checkbox"/> sports	
<input type="checkbox"/> other		

**Plot**


Event 1 Varjak needs to go to the city to find a dog.

Event 2 Varjak is caught in a bad storm and find shelter.

Event 3 Varjak is met by two other cats and wants to be friends with them.


**Setting**

The setting in this picture is where varjak goes to the city at night.



Picture of the setting

**Cause and Effect**  
of one of the events in the book




**Character**

Name Varjak Paw

Personality Brave, adventurous, friendly and kind

Physical Appearance He has silver, black fur and dark orange eyes.

How I feel about this character and why I like that he is unique because his family is different to him but they are the same.



Picture of the character

**My Star Rating**

★★★★★

Why I rated the book 5 stars.

I really like the plots and the events.

This book made me feel:

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Today, **Red Team** won the trophy for achieving the most Team Points and they had an extra playtime this afternoon. Very well done.

Team Points Cup				
Date: 15.03.24				
	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue
Y1	1	3	2	4
Y2	3	2	4	1
Y3	2.5	1	4	2.5
Y4	4	1	2	3
Y5	3	2	1	4
Y6	2	4	3	1
	15.5	13	16	15.5



### **Safeguarding – Online Safety**

As part of our commitment to help you keep your child(ren) safe online please look under the Safeguarding tab in our Online Safety section - <https://woodlands.wilts.sch.uk/safeguarding/online-safety/>

Please click here for the latest **Online Safety Newsletter – March 2024** -> [Woodlands Primary School and Oak Tree Nursery](#).

### **Parking around the school site**

Parking around schools is often a contentious issue for local residents and other concerned parents who walk to school and Woodlands is no exception. We have raised this issue regularly and asked for your support. Please park with consideration to our local residents and other pedestrians who are walking their children to school – not blocking drives or parking in a way that endangers the safety of children and their families.

Can parents please be considerate of our neighbours and the local community by not parking across driveways, turning around on residents’ driveways or parking on double yellow lines.

Thank you for your help and co-operation.

## **Woodlands Easter Bingo**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Doors open 6.00pm – eyes down 6.30pm**

For prizes for the winning lines we need donations for the following hampers – please bring what you can of **any category** to your child’s class. There will be a prize for the class who bring the most items (numbers of pupils in class will be taken into account!).

**New toys / New children’s books / Adult and Children’s Stationery  
Gardening items / Men’s and Ladies’ Toiletries / Unused Christmas Gifts  
Chocolates / Car Cleaning Items / New, Factory Sealed DVDs  
Food items – in date until at least end of April 2024**

## Dates for the Diary

<b>Second Session of Running Club</b> <b>Red Nose Day – Thank-you to everyone for your donations.</b> 	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March Today	3.00pm-3.45pm all day
<b>PTA Meeting – Easter Bingo Planning</b> <b>Year 6 Residential – Osmington Bay</b> 	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	2.15pm all day
<b>Non-School Uniform Day – bring in chocolate or a bottle for the Easter Bingo Tombola</b> 	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	all day
<b>Easter Bingo Evening</b> 	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00pm doors open 6.30pm Start
<b>Last day of Term 4</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	3.00pm finish
<b>Easter Holiday</b>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	
<b>First day of Term 5</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	
<b>Y5 Mini Police Session</b> 	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	1.20pm-3.00pm
<b>Final Session of Running Club</b> 	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	3.00pm-3.45pm
<b>Salisbury Schools' Mini Marathon</b>	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30pm-12.30pm
<b>Y5 Mini Police Session</b> 	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	1.20pm-3.00pm

Kind regards,  
*M Kitley*

**Matthew Kitley**  
 Headteacher