

The Owl – July 2025

50 Things I love about you!

As well as being decorated with a sash and taira as part of my 50th birthday celebrations, I was also so touched to be presented with the most wonderful book of messages from the children which included '50 Things We Love About You.' I will truly treasure what the children thought of!

Here are my '50 Things I Love About You' back!

You never stop impressing me
You try your hardest
You sing Katie Perry 'Roar' whenever you can
You let us know when you are not OK
You love learning
You sing your hearts out
You run your fastest
You make me giggle
You represent the school so well
You get back up when you're down
You love being outside
You celebrate each other
You love mud
You tell each other how well you have done
You cheer everyone on
You say hello to me every day
You open the door for everyone
You take part to win without showing off
You look after the school
You love your teachers
You use your trusted 5
You look after our youngest children
You offer help when it is needed
You see the brighter side of life

You smile
You make visitors welcome
You are proud of our school
You love sharing your learning
You take house points seriously
You dance with me at Christmas
You listen to next steps
You help each other
You enjoy a chat
You have wonderful imaginations
You can't wait for the gate to open
You aim for 100% attendance
You love books
You say thank you
You come for walks with me
You want a healthy mind
You try to be more 'Brown Mouse'
You see the best in everyone

You celebrate differences
You understand
You listen to each other
You are always busy
You care
You make memories
You are happy

You make sure I end my day with a smile on my face!

We wish those moving on and their families all the very best as they start the next steps in their journey. For those returning, we can't wait to see what you achieve next. For those joining us, we can't wait to get to know you!

Have a fabulous summer!

Very best wishes and huge thanks for your support, Mrs Wittich.



Diary Dates

September 2025

1st, 2nd – INSET days school closed to pupils

3rd – First day of term. Gate opens 8.40am, bell at 8.45am. **All pupils must be at school by 8.45am.**

5th - Forest School begins for all children. PE kit / Forest School uniform to be worn to school. (See link below)

<https://reed.herts.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>

5th – First Celebration Assembly 2.45pm, families all welcome at school or via Google Meet

5th – Class letters out to give you more information about the term ahead.

9th – Running club begins

10th - 7.00pm Phonics and early reading workshop all parents of Jackson Class (in person at school).

11th – Story club begins

*Note all clubs run from 3.15 – 4.15pm

Meet the teacher – a chance to meet with your child's teacher to find out more about the term ahead and ask questions having previously received a class information letter. You can either attend in person or via Google Meet:

8th – 2.45pm Meet the teacher meeting – Jackson Class - **Nursery and Reception**. In school / Google Meet

9th – 2.45pm Meet the teacher meeting – Layton Class - **Year Three and Four**. In school / Google Meet

10th - 2.45pm Meet the teacher meeting - Bysouth Class - **Year One and Two**. In school / Google Meet

October 2025

Half term break - 27th October

Community Tea Party

Our now annual community tea party was again a huge success. The children in Layton Class embraced their inner 'Great British Bake Off' vibes and created a tea to be proud of. Our guests from the village were suitably impressed.

They worked brilliantly together and as a result, there were sandwiches, cakes, scones, peppermint and orange creams!

The event also produced wonderful opportunities to learn how to greet and look after guests and make sure the conversation flowed. The children really enjoyed writing and receiving letters both before and after the event. I do hope the children will continue to see the joy of sending and receiving letters in our digital world – a letter through a letter box gives a much greater sense of excitement than the ding of an email in an in-box!

I know our Year 3s are already looking forward to next year's tea.



Another great example of the children striving to exemplify our motto of: **LEARNING TOGETHER, LEARNING FOR LIFE!**

Congratulations

Our whole school community have continued to work towards our values which aim to help the children: 'Learn Together, Learn for Life'. In case you missed it. The announcements at our final Celebration Assembly were as follows:

Sports Cup: **Barn Owls**
House trophy: **Barn Owls**







Year 4 Values Cup: **George** for demonstrating all of our values throughout the year and his time at our school.

100% Attendance: Henry, Edith, Su, Sammie, Edward, Robin

Excellent attendance (98%): Ruby S, Grace, Mia H, Esme, Finn, Scarlett, Elliot, Martha, Isaac PM, Alfie M, Oscar

Very good attendance (97%): Danté, Piotr, Imogen, Pearl, Olivia, Leo, Finlay, Ruby P, Toby

Values Awards:

Aspiration	Resilience	Respect	Independence
Lennox Martha Niyah Finley Max Danté	Stevie Casper Elliot Sammie Su Isabel	George N Evie R Charlie Ben Blake Millie	Wilf Ruby P Lily N Elodie Lacey Grace
			



Well done to all of our award winners. They were all very well deserved. It is always lovely when fellow peers recognise who we a describing before the award is given, demonstrating how well the children support and celebrate each other.

Uniform signed, hoodies on, memories shared, many tears shed (they set me off too, **again**) but they're ready!



First and Final Trip

When our current Year 4s completed their Reception year, we visited Whipsnade Zoo. This month we took them back and had a lovely time!



We packed a lot in and wished we could have stayed longer. Lovely memories to keep.



Camp out

Our biennial camp out for all of our Year 3 and 4 pupils took place earlier this month.

The children had a great time. There was pizza, crisps and sweets galore plus plenty of fun on the bouncy obstacle course which was donated by FoRS. Rounders has been a huge hit this year and so there were plenty of games in between eating.

Huge thanks to Mrs Arnott and Miss Wilson for giving up their Friday night to stay over too. Mrs Arnott also helped the children make fairy castles, while Miss Wilson provided the s'mores on the fire pit. Thanks too to Larry Eeles for providing the tents and working so hard to put them up and take them down in the heat.

I now have two years to recover before the next one!



The Bee Musical



The children all worked so hard on their production and it really showed. The standard of singing and

acting was so high. It is important to remember that our youngest cast members were 3 years old and our oldest just 9. The number of lines learnt was so impressive and they really got into role! Encore!

Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came to support our Houses at Sports Day. Thank you in particular those of you who helped out on activities to make sports day with 3 – 9 year olds run as smoothly as possible!

As ever, the children all tried their hardest and win or lose, they did so with huge smiles on their faces. Well done to Layton Class who helped set up the day and made sure resources were in the right place at the right time.

Lots of fun was had by all and we managed to get some dancing and singing included again too!



We loved the banners, cheers, encouragement and face paints on grown-ups too!

Thank you!

