



School Vision

“Jesus is the light of the world ... we are gems that reflect his light as we learn.”
The Christian Bible talks of God seeing humans as his jewels in the making (Malachi 3:16-17).

This Term's School Value

Perseverance

This Term's British Value

Liberty

Maps Day

Ruby Class: Ruby Class enjoyed creating Journey Sticks for 'Maps Day'. They walked through the school grounds collecting items that interested them and attached them to their Journey Sticks in the order in which they found them. When they returned to the classroom, the children enjoyed using their sticks to tell others about their journey and then used them to create a map of our school grounds.

Emerald Class: For maps day, Emerald Class learnt what aerial view meant. They then created their own maps of the classroom from an aerial view. They needed to think carefully about how big each thing was so it was in proportion. Some people even created a key to show what different things were.

For the second part of the afternoon, the children looked at destinations around school and predicted how many steps it would take to get to and from them. They then measured them and recorded their findings.

Sapphire Class: In Sapphire Class we looked at a map of the counties of England and the United Kingdom. We started by looking at the county we live in and then the neighbouring ones. After that we researched a county and located it on a map.

Then we created a fact file. This included: the location of the county using geographical language; what the county is famous for; its population and any famous landmarks within it.

Diamond Class: In Year 5 and 6, we built on the learning we had already completed about maps this term. We investigated what other types of Maps there are and what else they can be used for. We began by exploring topographical maps from around the world. We then spent some time learning that there are maps which show you different rock formations across the UK, maps that show different dialects and also nautical maps.

We then took our learning outside and used compasses to create our own orienteering courses for others to complete. We used compass directions, and grid references to complete them.

Diary Dates

- 7.12.23 Diamond Class Victorian Day
- 12.12.23 Christmas lunch & Christmas jumper day
- 13.12.23 Flu vaccinations
- 14.12.23 Ruby & Emerald Class Nativity 2pm
- 15.12.23 Pantomime in school—letter to follow
- 19.12.23 Non-uniform day—Christmas Song charities
- 20.12.23 Christmas Service at church 8:50am
- 20.12.23 Rocksteady Concert 2:30pm
- 20.12.24 Last day of term
- 3.1.24 PD Day
- 4.1.24 Return to school
- 15.1.24 Diamond Class Maths Café 2pm
- 22.1.24 Ruby Class Maths café 2pm
- 29.1.24 Emerald Class Maths café 2pm

Class Attendance

Class attendance to date:

Ruby Class: 94.02%

Emerald Class: 94.96%

Sapphire Class: 96.02%

Diamond Class: 95.49%

Support—Internet and Wellbeing

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/advice-parents-what-do-if-your-child-sees-something-upsetting-online>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/>

<https://weheartcbt.com/>



Information and Reminders

Ofsted—thank you for all of your support and kind messages to the staff team during our recent Ofsted visit, we are hoping to receive the final report either just before or just after Christmas when I will be able to share the outcome and report with you all.

Coats, hats, gloves and scarves—as we are currently experiencing a particularly cold spell please can you ensure that your child has items to wrap them up warm with as we always try to go outside at breaktimes. Please can these also all be named.

Parent View Questionnaire Link

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

If you have a concern for a child's safety or wellbeing, please contact Customer First (24hr service): Tel: 0808 800 4005

In school please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Jackson. The named Governor for Safeguarding is the Chair of Governors Mrs Deborah Bennett. E-safety lead Mrs L Beckett De Banks. If you require information about online safety you can access current advice at this address: <https://parentinfo.org/>