



NEWSLETTER Thursday 7th May 2026

Dear Parents,

It's been an eventful couple of weeks! Please read on for our latest news.

OUR NEW HEAD TEACHER

We are delighted to confirm the appointment of our new Head, Mrs Natalie Last, following a rigorous and carefully considered recruitment process. Five highly qualified candidates were shortlisted, reflecting the strength of interest in leading our special school, with the two strongest taken forward to the afternoon interviews, completing a full and demanding interview day. Throughout the process, candidates demonstrated deep commitment, expertise, and a shared passion for inclusive, high-quality education. Whilst last Thursday was a day of mixed emotions for me (I had to be sure I was handing the reins to the right person!) I am confident that Mrs Last is a Landscape fit! She shares our vision, and brings the skill, and warmth needed to lead our special little school forward and continue to serve our pupils, families, and staff with dedication and care.

Natalie has the following to share with you.

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to be writing to you as your newly appointed Headteacher. It is a real privilege to join such a caring community, and I am very much looking forward to getting to know the children, families, staff and wider community over the coming weeks and months.

At the heart of my work as a leader is a strong belief that every child deserves the very best: to be known as an individual, to feel safe and valued, and to be supported to reach their full potential. I am passionate about providing high-quality education that nurtures not only academic success, but also children's confidence, character and well-being.

As a small school, Landscape is uniquely placed to build strong relationships, tailor learning to children's starting points and create a community where everyone feels they belong. I am excited to work alongside the staff team and governors to build on the many strengths of the school and continue to move it forwards.

I am looking forward to meeting you soon and I am truly excited about the journey ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs Natalie Last



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11-14.5.26	KS2 SATS
18.5.26	Y5/6 football @ KEVICCs with Mr Tanner
22.5.26	Class 1 Forest School Day
22.5.26	Break up for half term
COMING UP – ADVANCED NOTICE	
15.6.26	SPORTS DAY WITH MR TANNER a.m. for children only. 1:30 parents invited to join us for our traditional sports day

STAFFING UPDATE

You may have noticed that Mrs Lissaman – Tasha – is expecting. We are all thrilled for her and will be wishing the most joyous of times when she heads off on maternity leave on 1st June.

LANDSCOPE LEARNERS

CLASS 1 What a beautiful and busy day we had at Stover this week. We started our day feeding the ducks; spotting the different types of ducks, swans and coots. This was following by our pond dipping session. After carefully listening to our rangers' instructions, we used the nets and trays to explore what was in the pond. We discovered tadpoles, water-boatmen, mayfly nymphs, water fleas and more. After lunch, we headed into the woods to search for minibeasts and play some games. The children found wood lice, spiders, slugs, centipedes and beetles. We discussed their different features, putting our knowledge to the test in a true and false game. On our way back to the minibus we saw cygnets and ducklings! We were impressed with the wonderful knowledge and vocabulary the children shared today, including - habitat, predator, prey. Well done Class One!



Class 2 have been busy young scientists...We've been learning all about microhabitats and minibeasts, exploring where these tiny creatures live and why. The children went on an exciting minibeast hunt around the school grounds, carefully thinking about the best places to search—under logs, in the soil, and among the leaves. Back in the classroom, we created our very own wormery! We discussed how worms like cool, dark environments and chose the perfect spot to keep it. We're looking forward to observing the worms over time and learning more about how they move through the soil and help our environment.





On Tuesday last week, **Class 3** pupils joined other schools from across our Trust for a fantastic World Cup inspired football tournament. I am proud to say that all of Class 3 showed brilliant teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the whole day. Well done everyone!

What an incredible day **Class 4** had last Wednesday! We explored the rich history of Westminster Abbey, spotting the tombs of past kings and queens and marvelled at the incredible architecture.

This was followed by a tour of the Houses of Parliament. Although we couldn't go into the House of Commons, we were lucky enough to see one of the Committee Rooms. After the tour, everyone took part in a workshop where Caroline Voaden, our MP for South Devon, spoke to us about her role and answered our questions.

Whilst we all ended the day feeling tired, the experience has been absolutely worth it! Huge thanks to Mrs Grant for arranging this adventure!



MAY DAY – Woolston Green Thank you to everyone who supported our May Day event – back on the green! It was a lovely afternoon; the dancing and singing was a great end to our week ~ even with a few unhooked ribbons! Doing this event on the village green really marks our place in the community and it was lovely to see so many of you there. Huge thanks to the band of parents who strimmed and set up the Green for us ~ it really was fab! Finally, I'd like to say a big thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to get the children ready for the big day.



ETHOS, VISION & VALUES – Food for thought
 We were delighted to welcome Sue, who recently visited our link school in Uganda. She brought back letters, photographs, and a range of fascinating artefacts that gave us a real insight into daily life there. We were especially impressed by the craftsmanship and the creative use of natural materials such as banana fibre, which we found truly inspiring.

SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE



What is a digital footprint? Basically it's the trail we all create online whenever we visit a web page, buy something, scroll social media and everything else we do online. It's a really important aspect to understand for lots of reasons such as privacy, reputation, advertising, risks of harm and much more. Internet Matters have a really good explainer article covering what a digital footprint is, what we mean by an active footprint, why it matters and much more.
<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/what-you-need-to-know-about-your-childs-digital-footprint/>

Attendance: (Our school target is 96.8%)	
Whole school	95.0%
Class 1	95.0%
Class 2	95.2%
Class 3	96.2%
Class 4	93.5%
Well done to Class 3!	

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact FRONTDOOR on 0345 155 1071. Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs. Ryder, and the deputy safeguarding officer is Mr. Ansermoz.

FOLS UPDATE

- Bags To School raised £40-thank you!
- FOLS Meeting at School Thursday 14th May 3.30pm – all welcome!
 We would love you to join our informal FOLS termly meeting. Hear about fundraising activities planned, school ideas, and contribute your thoughts. Children can be looked after free of charge in the after school club (forest school) whilst you attend.

- Friday 22nd May: YOU Make The Rules Day! Thank you to Danielle Merchant for organising a rebellious last day of half term! Let's make the teachers shudder... or maybe they will choose to make their own rules, too?!
Kind regards, Becky Drew.

That's all for now, have a lovely weekend!

Jill Ryder.

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Make the RULES Day!

Friday 22nd May

Cash can be match funded so is preferred please, or BACS to the FOLS account

RULES:

- Non school uniform day!
- Have a crazy hair day!
- Bring a treat for break time (no nuts)
- Wear nail varnish / face paint / glitter / temporary tattoos
- Have something other than water in your water bottle (no fizzy / energy drinks)

£1 per rule

All money raised goes to support FOLS