



# Ocean wave

## December 2022

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### Message from the Executive Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are incredibly proud of the curriculum we have developed here at Ocean over the last 4 years and the impact this is having on our children's learning and the experiences they have above and beyond the national curriculum is tremendous.

Aspirations Academies Trust have devised the [Lighthouse Performance](#) Criteria to ensure each academy is providing a high quality education for all pupils that is relevant to the needs of the 21st century. Such is the rigour behind the Lighthouse Performance Indicators, they include but go above and beyond, the Ofsted inspection criteria.

The 10 Lighthouse Performance Indicators are: Pupils attainment & progress, Behaviour & attitudes of pupils, Curriculum coverage & innovation, Pupil & staff wellness, Staff development, Employability & skills development, The Aspirations Framework & student leadership, Innovation & creativity, Working with & supporting other academies, Leadership & management.



I am pleased and proud to announce that we are the first academy in the Trust to achieve any of the standards and we have been awarded the [Curriculum Standard](#) this month! There was a rigorous process to undertake and the work that we do has been validated through a monitoring visit by Steve and Paula Kenning

(Managing Directors of the Aspirations Academies Trust) and Andria Singlehurst (Aspirations Standards). You will see the logo on our letters and a plaque is being delivered on Friday - we will proudly display this. We will also be supporting other academies to develop their curriculum in line with the outstanding curriculum offer we have here at Ocean. Well done everyone, our children really do have the best possible learning experience here at Ocean Academy! Click on the [link](#) to read all about our award!

The Christmas Fayre was a hit - a huge thank you to the CPTA for all their efforts. It really was a lovely event to attend. Santa was very realistic and so I had to have a sneaky photo!

Have a fantastic winter break and keep safe. We look forward to seeing you all on the 4th January 2023.

Best wishes

*J. Quarrie*

Mrs J Quarrie  
Executive Principal



## Inclement weather

### **School opening and closure procedures in the event of snow**

At Ocean Academy we have a robust process in place in the event of very inclement weather and this is a good time to remind students and their parents of the procedures for informing you about a possible school closure.



We are very keen that the school should remain open as we do not want to disrupt learning wherever possible. School will close if:

- It is dangerous for staff/children to get to/from school or it is dangerous at school
- A majority of staff are unable to get to school
- Roads are unsafe

Procedures that will be used to keep parents and students informed:

- By far the best way to keep yourself up to date is check the Ocean Academy website. Our website is updated regularly. It will not only say if the school is closed but, on days where there is any doubt, will confirm that the school is open if this is the case. The advantage of the school website is that specific staff can update it, even when they cannot get to school themselves. Information will be posted onto the website by 7.30am
- We will send a text and email by Teachers 2 Parents informing you if the school is closed
- Wave 105 will broadcast a list of any schools that are closed; taken directly from 'Dorset for You' to ensure accuracy
- If parents or students phone the school, we will try to answer the phone but the website and Teachers 2 Parents is the most reliable method as staff may not have been able to get to school
- If during the school day, the weather causes us to make a decision to close the school early, our website will have up to date information. You will be sent a text/email as soon as the decision has been made
- The Aspirations South Coast District CEO will be informed to ensure all decisions are in the best interests of all staff and students

It is essential during these winter months that children have their coats at school please, so children can wrap up before they go outside at break and lunchtime.

## Year 3 Updates

This term, we have consolidated our learning on simple and multi-clauses sentences and have been working hard to use a variety of sentence types within our descriptive writing. We thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Twits* by Roald Dahl which we used to inspire our independent writing where we wrote gruesome descriptions of Mr Twit.

In science, we enjoyed using magnets in class to identify if objects were magnetic and applied this knowledge to investigate how to test the strength of different magnets. The children are now confident in naming the metals which are magnetic and understand that not all metals are magnetic.

The highlight of this term was being able to sing our Christmas carols to parents, we thoroughly enjoyed performing and being in our Christmas jumpers.

The Year 3 team would like to thank you for your support throughout the autumn term and wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a fantastic new year!



## The Year 3 Team

### Year 4 Updates

We cannot believe that we are at the end of the Autumn term already! Year 4 have continued to work so hard and use a growth mindset when faced with any challenge.

This half term, the children have thoroughly enjoyed their electricity topic, especially when they applied their learning to real life to create their own buzzer game. In creative, the children used their problem solving skills to create their own computer code to program a micro:bit.

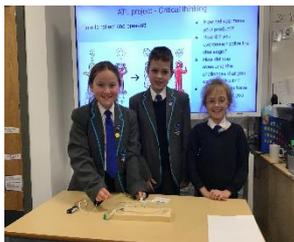
In English, we have been learning about adjectives and the children are growing in confidence to use a thesaurus to expand their vocabulary choices. More recently, the children wrote their own adventure stories based on 'The Lost Thing', which they enjoyed sharing with each other.

In maths, we have been learning to multiply three one-digit numbers together and identify factors of a number, whilst also revising previous learning through daily arithmetic sessions. The children are continuing to make great progress in learning their times tables. Please keep practising these with your child at home - it is such an important skill and is used frequently in our maths learning. *TTRockstars* is an excellent resource that can be used at home to do this.

This week the children also enjoyed performing carols with Year 3.

What a fantastic term, Year 4! We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### Year 4 team



### Year 5 Updates

It has been another brilliant term for year 5 and we have been delighted to see the children going from strength to strength!

Following our work throughout the half term on expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and speech punctuation, the children have completed their independent writes – based around the book 'Cosmic' which we have continued to thoroughly enjoy! – and it has been great to see how they have worked hard to apply all the skills they have been learning.

Maths has seen us make some great progress on developing our multiplication skills, as well as our ability to apply them to problem questions, and then we have moved on to consider area and perimeter, including looking at how to use the skills with some more complicated shapes made out of multiple rectangles!

The children have enjoyed our science topic, developing some great understanding of different types of forces. We also spent time exploring pulleys, levers and gears and designing some inventive Rube Goldberg-style contraptions which could utilise them! We enjoyed our afternoon with the Fire Safety Officer who kindly came in and gave us the opportunity to become fire investigators for the afternoon! We have also had the first of what will be several sessions with Poole Museum, working on a project with them which will see the children take an active role in the exciting redevelopment taking place there!

All in all, this has been a really great first term of the year for the children, and we have been really impressed with all their achievements so far. Thank you too for all your support throughout. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break, and look forward to seeing you all again in 2023!



## Year 5 Team

## Year 6 Updates

As the Autumn term draws to a close, Year 6 can look back on all the hard work and new knowledge that they have taken on board. At the back of Barracudas' classroom, in huge, blue letters, it reads, 'DREAM BIG... WORK HARD!'. Pupils are showing us more and more that they understand that they are in charge of their own learning and regardless of their current ability, given the right attitude, they will make progress. Looking ahead, our learning skill throughout the first part of the Spring term is 'Independence', a skill that will serve pupils well in secondary school and throughout life.

Pupils have made good progress towards the SATs exams. We have a hard-working year group and they are making good progress. I often remind children of the importance of regular times table practice and reading daily; the benefits of both extend far beyond maths and English lessons. Please continue to encourage your child to read and practise their tables at home daily!

Our trip to St. Mary's Church was successful; pupils remained safe and respectful whilst learning about Christian beliefs. We learned about the structure of the building, how churches are laid out in the shape of a cross before exploring the role of Mary in the Christmas story. The pastor, Eden, discussed the Christmas story, helping pupils to embed their understanding of what they have been learning in school. The Year 6 team would like to thank you for your support throughout the autumn term and wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year!

## Year 6 Team



## School Office reminders

Mrs Burry and Mrs Fudge wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year! We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4 January 2023!



## National Online Safety



Please see a handy poster from the National Online Safety team particularly if new electronic gadgetry is purchased.

## Golden Book Winners



**Congratulations to all the winners!**

<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Sharks</u>	<u>Seahorses</u>	<u>Dolphins</u>
2 December	Sophia/Geo	Bella F/Kyan	Olivia B/Olivia P
<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Penguins</u>	<u>Turtles</u>	<u>Jellyfish</u>
2 December	James/Elise	Troy/Eva	Amy L/Ava
<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Orcas</u>	<u>Seals</u>	
2 December	Donao/Snow	Georgia/Daisie	

<b><u>Year 6</u></b>	<b><u>Barracudas</u></b>	<b><u>Swordfish</u></b>	<b><u>Stingrays</u></b>
2 December	Badrie/Kayla	James M/Andie	Berin/Phoebe

## Sports report

A Year 4 & 5 football team took part in a football tournament at West Moors. The team suffered a couple of injuries in the first match which made it very challenging for the team to compete for the remaining games. Despite this, the children worked very hard in defence and it was great to see some players shine in positions they do not usually play. I'd like to particularly mention Jacob for his excellent tackles and Miller for the amount of ground he covered for the team.

Our Girls' football team has continued to make excellent progress. Every training session they are showing the adults that they are focussed and eager to learn. The hard work being put in continues to show in our results. We beat Heatherlands 2-0 at home and won away to Baden Powell 6-4. We finished the term top of our group with three wins out of three matches. Tilda deserves a special mention for improving her finishing and scoring in both of these games and Sofia for responding perfectly to feedback and getting more assists. We are very proud of the whole squad and look forward to more fixtures coming after Christmas.

A team of children from Year 5 participated in a 'Multi Sport Madness' event run by the School Games Organisation with Parkstone Grammar School student leaders. The children took part in rounders, capture the flag, an obstacle course race and running darts. The children showed great enthusiasm, respect and determination.



### **Booked fixtures for next term so far:**

**Netball team** - 26th January

**Netball team** - 9th February

Thanks for your support – Mr West

## Attendance

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance %</u></b>
Year 3	Dolphins	95.10
	Seahorses	96.71
	Sharks	96.73
Year 4	Penguins	95.41
	Turtles	95.50
	Jellyfish	94.25
Year 5	Orcas	94.02

The whole school attendance is 93.64% We are keen to keep attendance at least 95% so please do keep supporting us positive attendance.

Congratulations Sharks, Seahorses and Swordfish – you top the leaderboard!!



	Seals	92.42
Year 6	Barracudas	92.07
	Stingrays	94.67
	Swordfish	96.76

### CPTA

As we finish the year, we would like to thank the CPTA led by Mrs Bongiovanni and her team for the amazing events she has organised for the children of the school. Year 3 and Year 4 Bakey Mondays have proved very popular. The glow disco 250 children attended and had a wonderful time. The Christmas Fayre on Friday 9 December was a wonderful event supported by staff, parents, children and external suppliers with the theme of a Christmas market. The evening was very special! Your support and hard work has been invaluable – thank you!

Please keep your eye on events for the new year!



### Meet the Student Leaders at Ocean

Pupil voice and leadership is important to us and we are delighted to announce our **Members of Parliament for the coming year. These are role models, wear correct school uniform and make good choices. They are also tasked with thinking about how we can make the school a better place.**

YEAR 3	Hermia, Amiya, Franklyn,
YEAR 4	Nicole, Edie, Layla
YEAR 5	Tommy, Snow
YEAR 6	Tia, Poppy, Ocean

Mrs Brown will be leading the school council this year and we look forward to hearing about the ideas and plans our Members of Parliament devise!

Pupil voice and leadership is important to us and to the children. Leadership skills support our ability to succeed in school and in the workplace and we wholeheartedly support any child who wishes to try to lead in any area available to them. We would like to congratulate the following children for their leadership roles at Ocean Academy this year:

**Anti Bullying Ambassadors**

YEAR 3	Rosie, Elvis, Oliwia, Elena, Nichole
YEAR 4	Holly, Elija, Elsie, Scarlett, Neve, Henry
YEAR 5	Finlay, Mia, River
YEAR 6	Hollie, Harvey, Scarlett, Ella

They are currently in training to support me in making sure that all children have someone to help or talk to about unkind behaviour. They will be able to spot the signs of bullying and will be able to mediate between children who might be feeling unhappy about friendships.

**Librarians:**

YEAR 3	Grace, Bella, Amelia, Bridget, Brody
YEAR 4	Eva, Sienna, Bella Deputy: Yasmina, Nour, Imogen, Hattie, Macy, Ava
YEAR 5	Georgia, Miley Deputy: Alexis, Milly, Summer
YEAR 6	Diana, Izzy, Bella, Tia, Lana Deputy: Izzy, Annaliese

In September, the children interested in becoming a librarian had to write a letter explaining why they wanted to do the job and why they thought they would be good at it. There was so much interest and it was a difficult job to choose the team, however the successful applicants all had two things in common: a love of reading and a talent for organising! The year 3 librarians take charge of their class library sessions and return and issue books to their classmates.

They are also particularly helpful in the mornings when book band books need to be changed. In addition to running their class library sessions, the year 4, 5 and 6 librarians give up one morning break time per week to help put the returned books back on the shelves and generally keep the library tidy. They also take an interest in the library displays and select books to put in the spotlight according to the theme.

Two of our year 6 librarians, Bella and Izzy, have also started a lunchtime book club which is proving to be extremely popular. Being a librarian encompasses all of Ocean Academy's six learning skills and the librarians work hard in their teams to demonstrate these. Their commitment and enthusiasm is much appreciated!

**Sports Leaders:**

YEAR 3	Eva, Kamy, Karina
YEAR 4	Archie, Rocco, Sophie
YEAR 5	Freya, Sadie
YEAR 6	Dominic, Trey, Sam

The nominated class sports leaders are doing an Aspirations Leadership Award Level 1 this year. By doing this course, over the year, children will develop their leadership skills. They will learn what makes an effective leader. They will plan, lead and officiate sessions at playtimes and in PE lessons. The final assessment will involve the children researching and producing a presentation about a successful sporting leader. Mr West will support the children through the process and looks forward to working with them.

**Digital Leaders:**

YEAR 6	Athena, Kyden, Loviise, Filip, Samuel, Annaliese, Charlie, Oliver
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**Eco Warriors:**

YEAR 6	Ocean, Oliver, Annaliese, Freddie, Lana, Zayan, Florence, Charlie, Phoebe, Marley, Evelyn, Isabelle, Amelia, Willow, Kyden
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**Maths Champions:**

YEAR 4 AND YEAR 5	Alice, Henry, Ana, Rose, Bella, Elsie, Mason, Milly, Elija, Macy
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*Congratulations to all students who are leading and inspiring others!*

**Student Leadership through the Aspirations Award Scheme**

**Green Award**

This term, the green team has been researching 'Green Heroes'. These have included famous people, such as Greta Thunberg, and local businesses, such as Lush and Bare Necessities, who have made a positive impact on our environment. The team has also carried out a survey of Ocean Academy to find out more about the following areas: plants and animals, energy, water, food, travel and traffic. They will now work together to create three action points to begin in the Spring term which will help to make positive environmental changes at Ocean Academy.



**Anti-Bullying Award**

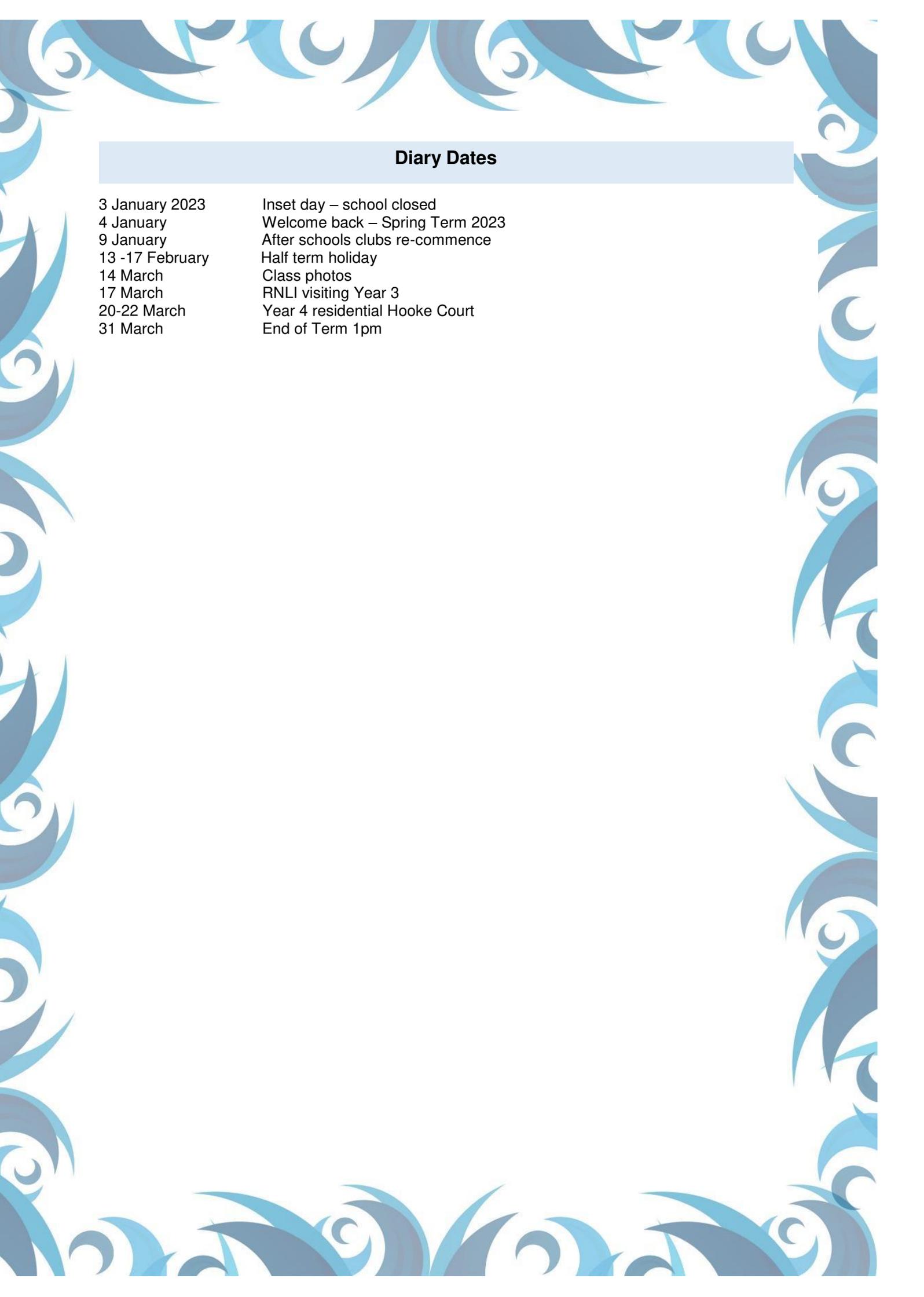
This term, a number of children from across the school have been learning to become anti-bullying ambassadors. Together, the group have discussed the qualities they believe are most important for being an anti-bullying ambassador. More recently, the group has learned what the different types of bullying are, how to spot bullying and who to talk to if they believe bullying is happening in school. They are looking forward to developing their role further in the Spring term.



**Sports Leadership Award**

This team, the sports leaders have spent time together discussing the key qualities of a sports leader when leading and officiating games. The sports leaders have learnt a new game called 'Switch'. The children chose this game because it is fun and energetic. The Year 5 & 6 leaders have helped to coach the Year 3 & 4 leaders when learning this game. The group are now trying to encourage children across the school to come and join in with this game during playtimes. This has already had such a positive impact during play times.





## Diary Dates

3 January 2023	Inset day – school closed
4 January	Welcome back – Spring Term 2023
9 January	After schools clubs re-commence
13 -17 February	Half term holiday
14 March	Class photos
17 March	RNLI visiting Year 3
20-22 March	Year 4 residential Hooke Court
31 March	End of Term 1pm