

Watts in the Gallery?

THIS week, Year 6 enjoyed a visit to Watts Gallery near Guildford as part of an exciting Surrey Arts-funded project. The children explored the gallery and chapel, studying the beautiful clay and ceramic tiles and gathering ideas in an inspiration workbook. In November, artists from Watts Gallery will visit ACE to lead a clay tile workshop, where pupils will create their own tiles on the theme Where We Belong. Their finished work will be exhibited at the gallery during February half-term, providing a fantastic opportunity to showcase their creativity.



Dates for the diary

- 5th October—Year 4 Trip to Science Museum
- 6th October—Harvest Festival Years 4 & 6 at St Matthews Church
- 14th October—Open Event for Reception 2027 3.30pm
- 19th October—**NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**
- 22nd October—Parent/Teacher Consultations 2pm—7.30pm **SCHOOL CLOSING FOR CHILDREN AT 1.30PM**
- 23rd October—**INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 26th October—30th October **HALF TERM HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 2nd November—Children return to school

The Wheels on the Naughty Bus

Year 1 have been learning about the Naughty Bus in English and last week the Naughty Bus went missing from our classrooms. PC Duke sent us an email with photos of the Naughty bus around our local area. We decided to walk to Ashford High Street to look for the Naughty bus. We didn't find him but we noticed lots of interesting features including shapes of buildings, numbers on doors, signs and different types of shops. We then waited for the 290 bus to take us back to school. It was a very exciting adventure.



School Lunch Reminders

JUST a few reminders to bear in mind when requesting school lunch for your child.

All lunches need to be ordered on Tucasi 1 week in advance. Unless you are on free school meals all lunches need to be paid in advance also.

Please use **ONLY** the following codes when ordering:

M—usually the meat choice

V—vegetarian options

J—jacket potato

Please do not use S—if you pick this code your child will get a jacket potato.

Please do not use Y—this indicates a child with allergies.

If you are on free meals please do not order a meal and then send in a packed lunch as this comes with a charge to the school.

Harvest Donations

IF you are able please put an extra tin or packet in your weekly shop. Our Harvest collections will be donated to the Manna Foodbank in Staines. This valuable service helps people when the high cost of living just gets a bit too much!. Please help us to help those who are in need.



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The Foodbank in Staines Serving Spelthorne



National year of Reading 2026 : October Competition (Poetry and our community)

KS1: Years Reception, 1 & 2 Draw a picture of our school. Must include the school name. Lovely and colourful please.

KS2: Years 3—6 Write a poem for our neighbours here at ACE. The poem should be titled – Our neighbours.

Poem could include a thank you for their support in the community, just introducing us as a school or how we can help each other look after our community.

Winners will have their poem and drawing turned into poem postcards which Year 6 house captains will help me to deliver to our school neighbours.

Entries to Mrs Weir by Monday 19th October. Prizes given Wednesday 21st October. The class with the most entries will win a non uniform day!

ACE ACHIEVERS

IF you are a regular reader of ACE's Highlights you will know that we celebrated some swimming achievements last week and this week is no different. Well done Joshua from Leopard Class who gained his level 9 swimming during the Summer and is now working on his level 10. An amazing and vital skill to have—well done Joshua!



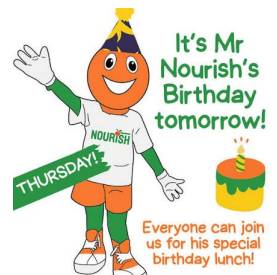
Happy Birthday Mr Nourish

ON Thursday children walked through the golden curtain into the hall for the special birthday lunch for Mr Nourish.

They enjoyed a rather large chicken burger or a tasty vegetable fajita followed by a piece of birthday cake or a special Mr Nourish biscuit.

Who is Mr Nourish and how old is he? Was the question we were asked.

Mr Nourish is pictured on the right—we are not sure of his age but hope he pays us a visit soon so we can find out!



Learning the Value of Perseverance

THIS week in Collective Worship, we focused on the theme of perseverance through the story of Joseph's long journey from Genesis 37, 39-45. Children held up pictures of Joseph's journey to show how he faced many setbacks and challenges throughout his life, including being rejected by his brothers, sold into slavery and imprisoned for something he had not done. Despite these difficulties, Joseph never gave up. He continued to do the right thing, remained faithful to God and kept moving forward with courage and determination.

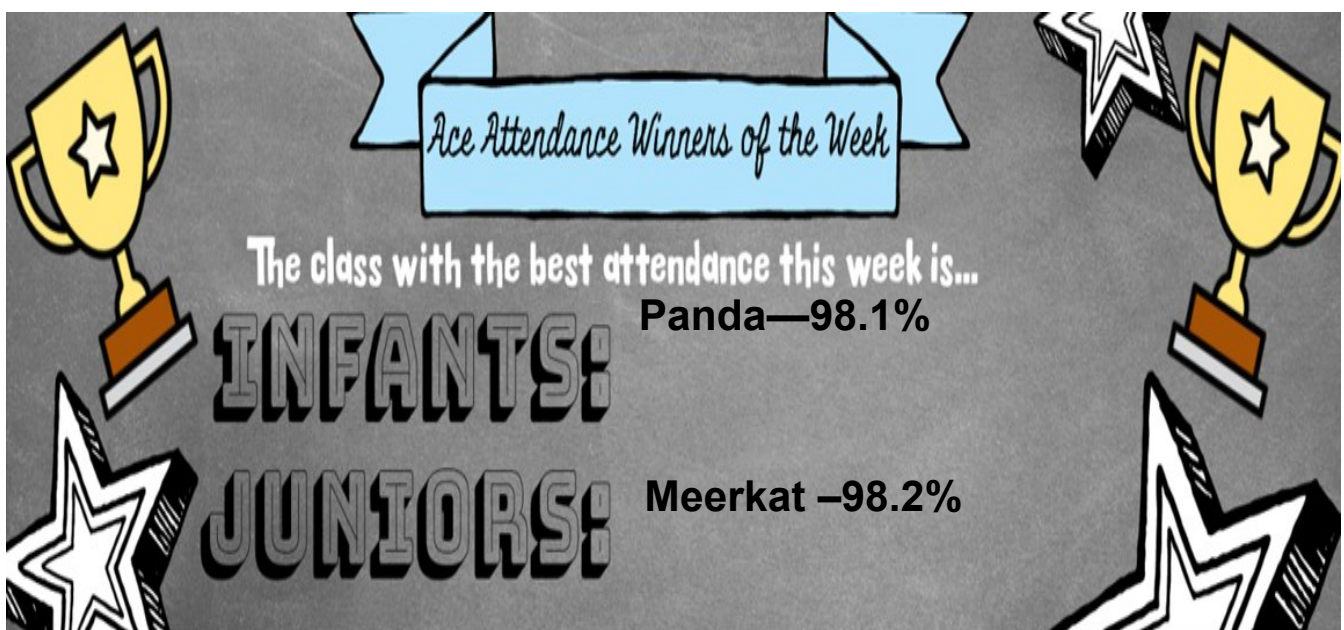


Through discussion and reflection, pupils considered what perseverance means in their own lives. We talked about how learning can be challenging, friendships can sometimes be difficult and mistakes are a normal part of growing up. Like Joseph, we can choose to keep trying when things are difficult, learn from setbacks and show resilience in the face of challenges.

As part of our worship, we also reflected on our school's Christian vision and how perseverance helps us to live it out each day. The children considered how showing courage when learning is difficult, continuing to work hard towards goals and supporting others through challenges enables everyone in our school community to flourish. Joseph's story demonstrated that even when the path ahead is uncertain, perseverance can help us grow, learn and become the people God calls us to be.

Children shared examples of times when they had persevered with their learning, practised a new skill, overcome a challenge or worked hard to improve something they found difficult. They recognised that success often comes not from finding things easy, but from continuing to try when things are hard.

Joseph's story reminds us that perseverance is not about avoiding difficulties; it is about facing them with courage, hope and determination. As a school community, we have been encouraged to keep going when things are challenging, support one another and remember that growth and achievement often come through perseverance.



Our attendance target is 96%

Whole school this week 94.5%

ACE Celebration Stars of the Week

	Name	Reason
Koala	Alba G	Being the best that she can be and helping others in class
	Maya S	For having an 'I can' attitude to her learning
Kangaroo	Layla M	For persevering when starting handwriting this week
	Georgie W	For a fantastic independent picture of who is previous to her after RE this week
Tiger	Johnny A	For trying his hardest in independent writing in English
	Alana E	For fantastic contribution in phonics when blending words
Panda	Ronnie B	For excellent participation in our mastering number session
	Lucia-Rose	For asking thoughtful questions in RE about what we might want to ask God about creation
Zebra	Bobby S	For consistently showing an 'I can' attitude, making a fantastic start to year 2
	Leah S	For her consistent effort to be the best she can be
Giraffe	Cavan R	For a fantastic start to his story in English
	Tommy G	For showing perseverance when composing his story
Lemur	Bella S	For excellent effort writing a re-telling of 'The First Drawing' using noun phrases and fronted adverbials
	Perrie J	For her outstanding effort demonstrating our school rule of being ready to learn
Meerkat	Rahela	For writing an exceedingly descriptive narrative about a stone age adventure
	Joshua LC	For writing an excellent report about fossils in Science
Rhino	Gabriel W	For an excellent piece of non fiction writing
	Chaenna	Super understanding of food chains in Science
Elephant	Daniella P	For her fantastic focus and effort in maths
	Henry M	For his proud presentation and effort in our maths learning
Llama	Rupert C	For fantastic effort while learning to play the Ukelele
	Ella DW	For brilliant effort and focus while shading and sketching to create depth in her art
Buffalo	Abdullah	For his fantastic attitude to learning and his excellent story in English using adverbials
	Alice S	For her excellent effort and attitude in maths this week
Panther	Ronnie WH	For his thoughtful contributions and positive participation in class discussions
	Betsy B	For showing perseverance and determination in her learning always striving to do her best
Leopard	Kwaku	For having a role model 'I can' attitude to his learning as detailed in our school vision
	Thomas S	For demonstrating an excellent understanding of how light changes direction when reflected