



EXPLORING THE ROTTEN ROMANS IN CHESTER!

What a fabulous time our Year 3 pupils had this week as they visited the Dewa Roman experience in Chester as part of their latest History topic. It was a real hands on experience, from pounding the cobbled streets of Dewa A.K.A. Chester, while chanting in Latin, to cheering on a duel in the ruins of a Colosseum the children were immersed in what life was like in Roman times. They became archaeologists, discovering buried objects, touched a 2,000 year old wall and got to experience smells from Roman times, as well as games and past times. The dressing up went down a storm too. At Flo Melly, we are Historians!



Bringing STEM alive at Florence Melly!

Year 3 enjoyed a coding masterclass with the LFC Foundation earlier this week, as part of our exciting Science and Computing curriculum offers. Pupils were tasked with creating code to control and direct Spheros (a wheeled robot, similar to a hamster ball, but the size of a tennis ball). The children were enthralled by the technology and thoroughly enjoyed honing their STEM skills whilst encouraging exploration, imagination, and perseverance.



This Week's Book Recommendation...

This week's book recommendation is [Alyssa and the Spell Garden by Alexandra Sheppard](#). Alyssa's summer isn't going to be what she'd hoped for. Mum is busy with work and Dad is at a conference so Alyssa will be spending three weeks staying in London with Great Aunt Jasmine, who she didn't even know existed. On her first day in Jasmine's tea shop, something doesn't feel right, and whispered secrets seem to follow her around. When one too many things defy logic and the laws of physics, Aunt Jasmine decides she has no choice but to tell Alyssa the family story her mother didn't want her to know...and so begins the most magical and unexpected summer of Alyssa's life. Touching on Alyssa's social anxiety and the forthcoming divorce of her parents, and featuring a non-binary child as one of the central characters, this is a truly inclusive tale of magic, community and healing.



Head over to our [Twitter](#) and [Flickr](#) feeds for more updates, news and photos!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

06/05/23
Bank Holiday
Monday

08/05/23
Wellbeing
Wednesday Walk

13/05/23
Year 6 SATs Week

14/05/24
Year 4 Art Exhibition

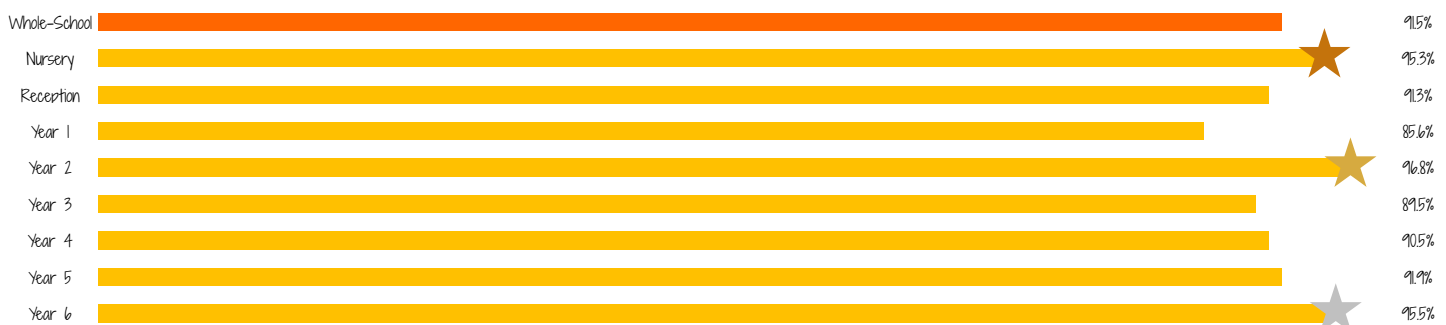
NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL MENU

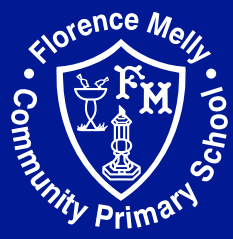


Day	Breakfast	Midday	Afternoon	Evening
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Next week's dinner menu is 'Week 1'. For further details, please click on the menu above.

Attendance Matters at Florence Melly Community Primary School!





FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT/CARER UPDATE

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End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 3rd May 2024

Leaving the Playground at the End of the Day

This is just a little reminder to parents/carers about leaving the school grounds promptly at the end of the school day. Obviously, with the nicer weather, more and more people are staying on the yard. Unfortunately, the facilities in the playground are only available after the school day has finished, to those taking part in supervised school activities, such as after school clubs. There are additional risks and associated insurance considerations for any pupil/anyone on site once the regular school day finishes, so we do require the school grounds cleared as soon as is reasonably possible. Your understanding with regard to this matter is very much appreciated.

Changes in Attendance Monitoring and Our Approach to Late Arrivals

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our updated expectations around attendance. We intend to pursue an enhanced focus on attendance and punctuality and feel that our approach to this needs to reflect, and be brought in line with, other outstanding areas and aspects of our school.

From Tuesday 7th May...

All pupil absences are to be reported to the school office, either by phone call or in person, when arriving with any siblings of a pupil unable to attend school. Please do not message staff via Dojo to report your child's absence.

Our school gates will be closing at 9:00am and after this time, there will be no access into the school or classrooms, other than via the school office. After 9.10am, your child will be marked as late unless formally agreed with a member of our Senior Leadership Team beforehand. We want the children to be in school, on time, every single day. Lateness adds up - minutes turn into hours and days across an academic year. We want our children to be on time, ready to learn and access the amazing lessons, enrichment activities and memorable learning experiences on offer at our school. They start at 9:00am - every day!

We thank you in anticipation of your co-operation and look forward to welcoming your children back on Tuesday.

Our New Approach to Homework

We are now in a position to present to you our new approach to homework. This is something that we have been working on with the support of our parent/carer focus group. You can access our new homework policy here: <https://florencemelly.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Homework-Policy-May-2024.pdf>.

Every Friday, your child's class teacher will send home a vibrant 'home learning' document, packed full of exciting home learning tasks for you to explore; these will be like the remote learning activities offered during the lockdown periods. We hope that you find this approach effective and engaging!

Bank Holiday Monday!

Please do not forget that it is a bank holiday this Monday and that our school is closed. We look forward to welcoming you all back, bright and early on Tuesday morning.



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