

Message from Miss Budden

We have come to the end of another incredibly busy term at Springdale, which has been jammed packed full of events, exciting opportunities and lots of sunshine too. We have celebrated World Book Day, watched a fabulous Brass Band demonstration, enjoyed listening to a brilliant concert by Rock Steady and some budding Springdale musicians. Year Three took a trip to Pizza Express and became chefs for the morning. Year Two walked to Broadstone High Street and asked our community a range of questions. Year One visited the Library, Reception travelled through a Science Dome and found themselves back in time to the Prehistoric Period and met lots of dinosaurs. Year Four took part in a Solar Workshop, learning how to look after our environment. All these events continue to enrich our curriculum and enable the children to experience new opportunities and possibilities, opening new interests that they may wish to pursue further.

Some of our children have also been representing the school through various activities. Our School Councillors took our Local MP, Vicky Slade on a tour of the school. The children asked her a range of questions to help them understand her role and responsibilities to the community. Vicky Slade also asked the children their opinion on how we can improve our community. My most favourite suggestion from our children was that they wanted people to be kind to each other. The children were able to see our British Values in action and identify similarities to our school values. Some of our Year Four children have also taken part in a netball tournament activity, working with other children from different schools. As always, the behaviour of our children was impeccable.

It was great to see so many of you last Tuesday and Thursday evening for our parent consultation evenings. I always really enjoy walking around school listening in to the conversations that are happening and hearing how well all the children are doing. The progress that the children have made in their learning is excellent, and the targets set by the teachers will no doubt ensure that this progress will continue. It was great to see so many proud faces around school again. We look forward to hosting more opportunities for you to come into school to see how well your child is doing.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday 22nd April for what will be another busy term.



Sending you my very best wishes

Miss Budden.

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Fond farewells.....

This week, we will be wishing Mrs Gardner all the very best as she begins her maternity leave. We all cannot wait to meet new little baby Gardner. Make sure that you have a good rest over the Easter holidays, Mrs Gardner.

Glorious greetings.....

In the last week of this term, we welcomed Miss Matthews to our Springdale family. Miss Matthews will be working in Falcons class. She has thoroughly enjoyed her first week at Springdale, getting to know our lovely children. She is excited to be joining our Springdale family.

Year 1 Great Fire of London Day

Year 1 had an amazing day learning all about The Great Fire of London. The children explored lots of different ways to help their history learning to stick. We learnt all about the key people in the Great Fire of London, including Thomas Farriner, Samuel Pepys and King Charles II – he linked to our learning about The Stuarts too! We used lots of creative tasks to help us to remember. What a great day!



Year 2 Trip to Broadstone

Year 2 embarked on an exciting field trip to Broadstone High Street, a valuable excursion designed to solidify their understanding of rural and urban settlements. This hands-on experience allowed the children to actively participate in fieldwork activities, bringing their classroom learning to life. They engaged in a person survey, gathering data on why people were visiting the High Street, a car survey, observing traffic volume, and a shop survey, noting the types of businesses. These practical exercises provided a tangible connection to the concepts of settlement geography.

The day proved to be a resounding success, with the children thoroughly enjoying their time exploring Broadstone High Street. The fieldwork activities not only reinforced their understanding of settlements but also fostered teamwork and observational skills. By directly interacting with their surroundings and collecting real-world data, the students gained a deeper appreciation for the characteristics that differentiate rural and urban environments. The trip left a lasting impression, effectively bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application.



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Year 3 Pizza Express

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Pizza Express. This was to conclude our DT unit on Cooking and Preparing Food. The children were treated to the genuine 'Pizza Express' pizza making experience. First, everyone had to put on their chef hats and aprons and then were taught how to make the pizza base. The children then spread the tomato sauce and sprinkled a few handfuls of mozzarella cheese. Finally, they were given oregano to sprinkle for the final touch. The pizzas amazingly only took 5 minutes to cook. The children really enjoyed themselves and the best part...eating the pizza! Thank you to the parents who helped on the trip. We look forward to seeing the children's own pizza creations.



Y4 Netball

This week, some Year 4 pupils were invited to take part in a Y3/4 Netball Festival at Lytchett Minster School. After participating in some warmup drills, the team played against a variety of local schools demonstrating teamwork and passion. Having never played as a team before, they performed fantastically and were able to win all of their matches! Well done to the team!



Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

The school hall buzzed with anticipation as Peter from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra took centre stage, bringing with him the gleaming allure of brass instruments. Children's eyes widened as he introduced the trumpet, trombone, and tuba, demonstrating their unique sounds and explaining how each instrument created its resonant tones. Peter's engaging presentation brought classical music to life, with a lively rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In" that had toes tapping. He then surprised and delighted the audience with a brass-infused version of the modern hit "Havana," showcasing the versatility and vibrant energy of these instruments.

The assembly sparked a wave of enthusiasm, leaving many children eager to explore the world of brass. For those inspired to learn, details were provided regarding Saturday morning lessons held at Lytchett Minster School. These lessons offered a fantastic opportunity for aspiring musicians to begin their brass journey, guided by experienced instructors. The provided information encouraged children to pursue their newfound passion and discover the joy of creating music themselves.



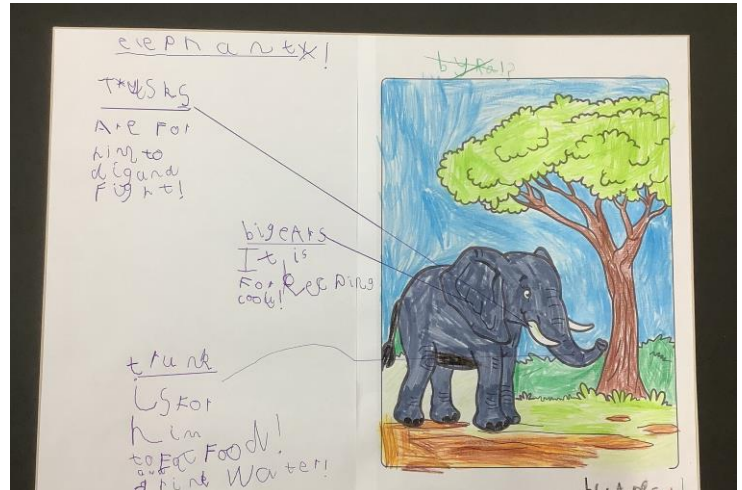
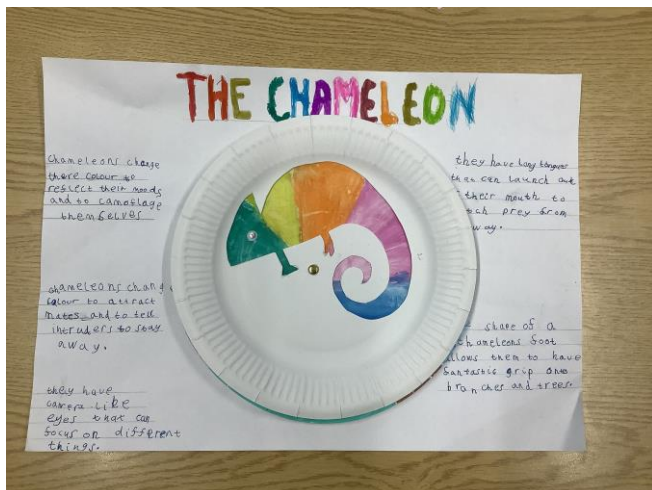
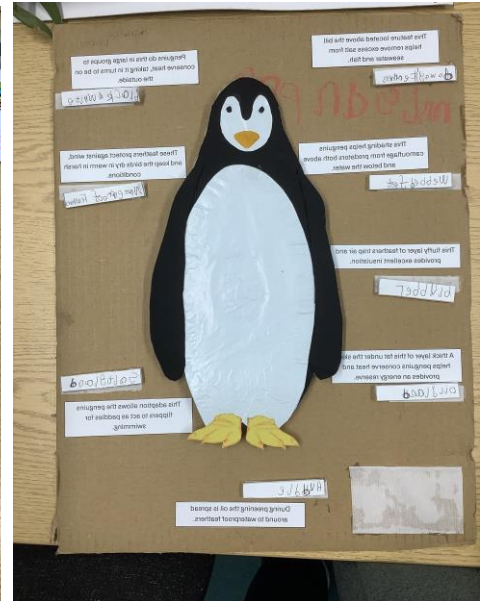
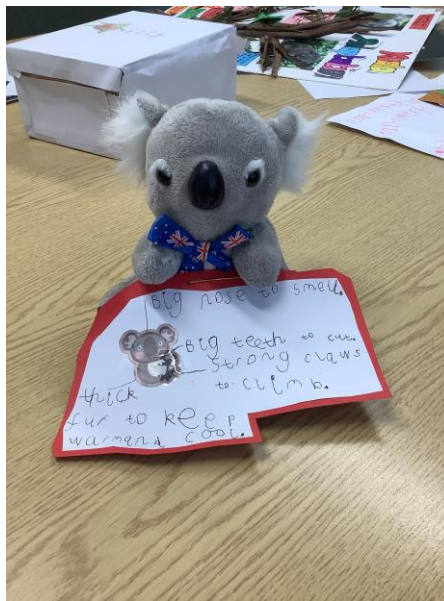
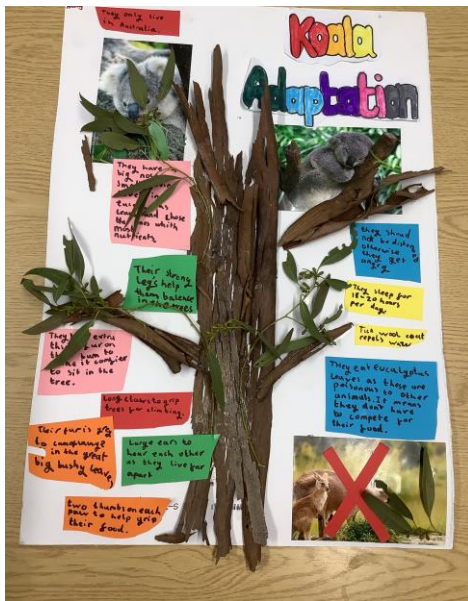


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Science Week

Science Week was a resounding success, with a fantastic array of entries for our "Change and Adapt" competition! Students delved deep into the fascinating world of animal adaptations, showcasing their research skills and creativity. From the icy realms of penguins to the arid habitats of lizards, the lush eucalyptus forests of koalas, and the dense jungles inhabited by tigers, we were astounded by the depth of understanding displayed. With over 60 submissions, the judging panel faced a tough decision, ultimately awarding the prize to a student who demonstrated exceptional insight into the intricate ways animals evolve to survive. The winners received a captivating book on either Darwin's Theory of Evolution or Animals and their Habitats, sparking further curiosity about the natural world.

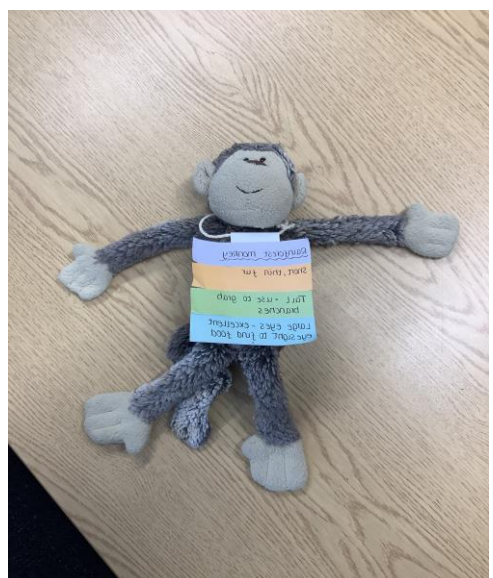
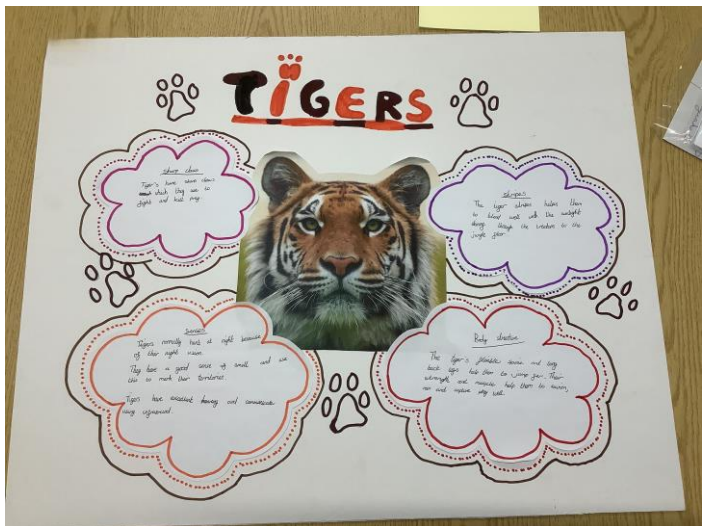
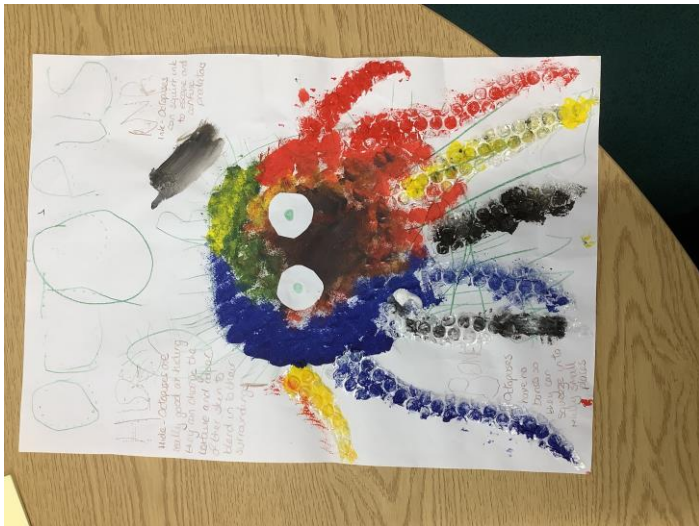
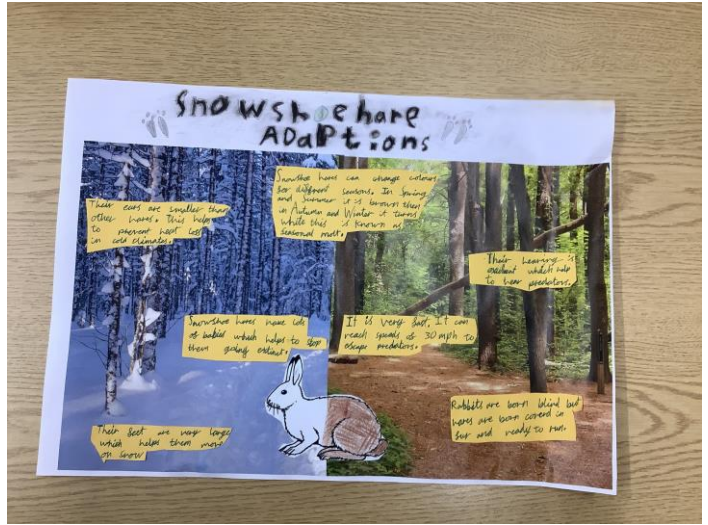
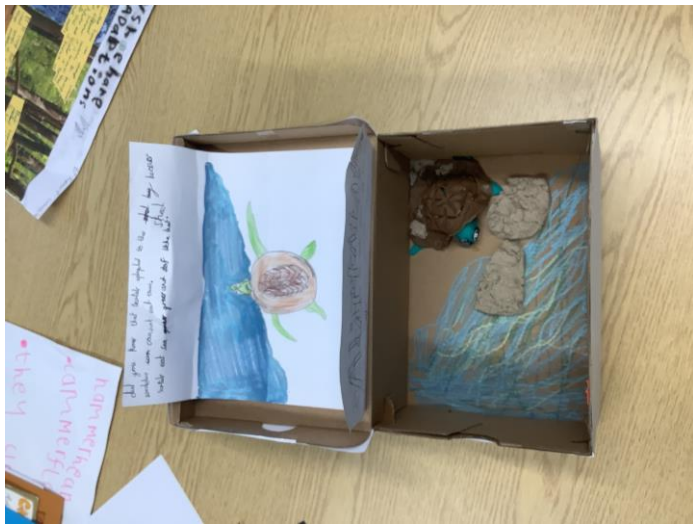
Beyond the animal adaptations, our students also conducted a practical science experiment focused on the disintegration of different paper types in water. This hands-on investigation highlighted the importance of understanding how our everyday actions, such as flushing various materials, can impact our environment. The experiment led to engaging discussions about the need for behavioural changes to promote sustainability and protect our water systems. It served as a powerful reminder that scientific inquiry can lead to real-world solutions, and that even small adjustments in our daily lives can contribute to a healthier planet.





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Rocksteady Concert

Our Rocksteady concert was a roaring success! Five incredible bands took to the stage, each delivering electrifying performances that had the audience tapping their feet and clicking their fingers. From the powerful energy of Imagine Dragons' "Radioactive" to the iconic drive of "Eye of the Tiger" and the catchy vibes of George Ezra's "Green Green Grass," the musical range was fantastic. The students' enthusiasm and talent shone brightly, making for a truly memorable afternoon. A huge thank you to all the parents who came along to support our budding rockstars!



Rocksteady Concert



School Council News

This half term saw everything colourful and crazy come to Springdale in aid of comic relief. It was lovely to see the whole school come alive in colourful clothes, sparkly hair and wacky trousers. This year we raised an amazing **£346.79** for this worthy cause. The school council would like to say a massive thank you for all that we raised.



With our most recent charity day, Springdale has raised a total of **£1636.78** for charities and good causes so far this school year which is **AMAZING** so thank you so much to our Springdale community for your continued generosity and support.

School Council News

The Julia's House free Great Tail Trail will run from Saturday, April 5 to Sunday, June 1 in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole. The sculptures, each uniquely designed by an artist, will be positioned at key locations, forming a walking trail through some of the area's most popular landmarks.

Schools and local groups will also display 43 Tiny Tail sculptures in Julia's House charity shops and other locations, and this will include our Springdale entry. Our tail will be at the Julia's House shop in Creekmoor.

The trail is aimed at both residents and visitors, offering a unique way to experience the area and with this in mind we want to create a photo wall with photos of you with our tail. If you find our tail, we would like you to take a picture of you with the tail and then email it to the school office for us to create a montage of all our pictures.

Download **The Great Tail Trail** app to explore mer-mazing sculptures. The app is available from the App Store and Google Play and there is also a download link on The Great Tail Trail website at www.greatailtrail.co.uk/app

The app costs £1.99 with proceeds going to support Julia's House. The app is the best guide to the trail:

- Maps and locations. Find out all about the sculptures, artists and sponsors. Track your progress around the trail.
- Unlock fin-tastic rewards (app codes on all the sculptures), Vote for your favourite sculpture and count how many steps you have walked.

Scan here to download the app:



Paper maps will be available from the following venues from 5th April:

Julia's House charity shops:

- Poole (open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm)
- Christchurch (open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm)
- Wallisdown (open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm)
- Westbourne (open Mon-St 9.30am-4.30pm)
- Creekmoor (open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm; Sun 10am-4pm)

BH Live Active centres:

- Littledown (open Mon-Fri 6am-10pm; Sat-Sun 8am-6pm)
- Sir David English (open Mon-Sun 9am-5pm)
- Pelhams (open Mon-Sun 8am-7pm)

Bournemouth Highcliff Marriot Hotel (Mon-Sun 8am-8pm)



Julias House



To coincide with the end of the Julias House Whale Tail trail we would like to include Julias House in our fundraising efforts this year which will hopefully take our total Charity fundraising to over £2000. So, on Friday 6th June we will be holding a non-uniform day, more details will follow closer to the date.

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

This year there have already been several devastating outdoor fires in Dorset, including Moors Valley Country Park this week. With the school holidays soon to start, and lovely weather forecasted, we wanted to remind everyone of how to stay safe when enjoying the outdoors. If you see a fire in the outdoors, do not try to tackle the fire:

- **Get to a safe place.**
- **Note the fire location (apps such as What3Words can help if you're not sure).**
- **Call 999.**
- **If there is an adult present, meet the Fire & Rescue Service at the access point, if it is safe to do so.**

Avoid having open fires or using barbecues in the countryside. Disposable barbecues and campfires are actually banned in many parts of Dorset. **#BringAPicnicNotABarbecue**

If you're at the beach, don't set off flares, have campfires or light barbecues as these can easily lead to gorse and foliage on the cliffs catching fire. Extinguish smoking materials properly, and don't throw cigarette ends on the ground or out of car windows. Take your litter home.

Most children do not play with fire, but please keep matches and lighters out of reach and talk to your children about the danger of playing with fire.

For further advice please visit [Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Amber wildfire alert extended](#).

Parent Governor Vacancy

Message from the Governors

We hope you are all enjoying the warmer spring weather and are looking forward to some family time over the Easter holidays.

We'd like to take this opportunity to let parents know we currently have 1 vacancy on the local governing committee for a parent governor. No prior experience is necessary.

If you would like to learn more about the role before applying, please contact the Chair of Governors hocking@springdale.poole.sch.uk. Application forms are available on request. The closing date for applications is Friday 25th April.



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Attendance

Improving sleep hygiene to support attendance

The lead-up to and routine around your child's bedtime is referred to as 'sleep hygiene'. Having good sleep hygiene can help your child to settle to sleep and to stay asleep. There are several things that parent/carers can do to help. Please see the link below for some helpful information. Springdale First School are happy to provide a printed copy of the 'Getting a good nights sleep' (Easy Read), if you would like to share the resource with your child.

[Sleep hygiene in children and young people | Great Ormond Street Hospital](#)



Absence

A reminder that you can report your child's absence via the absence line by texting 07860 054246, via the Parentmail app or by ringing the school on 01202 692700 and choosing option 1. Please ensure you give their name and class.

Term Dates

2024-2025 Academic Year

Summer Term

Tuesday 22nd April to Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Summer Half Term Break: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

Inset Days

Friday 27th June 2025

2025-2026 Academic Year

Autumn Term

Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 19th December 2025

Autumn Half Term Break: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025

Christmas Holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term

Monday 5th January to Friday 27th March 2026

Spring Half Term Break: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Easter Holiday: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026

Summer Term

Monday 13th April to Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Summer Half Term Break: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

Inset Days

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 10th October 2025 * Extra Inset Day*

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 6th March 2026 *Extra Inset Day*

Friday 26th June 2026



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Dates For Your Diary

April

24th Y1 Butterflies rescheduled Parents Evening
29th Y1 Phonics Screening Evening 6pm
30th Y4 Residential Trip PGL

May

14th School Class Photos & Y4 Leavers

June

3rd Y1 Marwell Zoo Trip (details to follow)
4th Y4 Tank Museum Trip (details to follow)
6th Non uniform day (details to follow)
11th Y3 Lulworth Cove Trip (details to follow)
24th Sports Day
27th ***Y4 TRANSFER DAY - ALL Y4 STUDENTS TO ATTEND THEIR MIDDLE SCHOOLS*
& SPRINGDALE INSET DAY YR, Y1, Y2 & Y3 NOT TO ATTEND SCHOOL**

July

1st Sports Day – Backup Day
4th School Transfer Day
8th Y2 Brownsea Island Trip (details to follow)
9th Reports to go home
14th Y4 School Production to school
15th Y4 School Production to parents (details to follow)
17th Y4 Pizza Party

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