

Weekly Update



Friday 13th October 2023

I haven't said this to you in a while, but your children are brilliant! Since September we have been delivering a new maths programme of study. It is quite different to the way in which we have taught maths before. This evidence-based programme relies on a lot of talk about maths and truly masters the key concepts within Maths. Yesterday, we had a visit from our link to Ark Mastery Maths and she was very impressed with how articulate our pupils are, how they use the appropriate vocabulary and are not afraid of a challenge. I'll say it again- your children are amazing and have made this head teacher a little bit proud. Thank you to the teaching team who have once again embraced a new strategy, invested in it whole heartedly and allow the pupils of Arrow Valley to exceed all expectations.

Now maths is a funny thing. The maths I teach today is very different to the maths I learnt at school (although it was all slate and chalk then) If you would like to find out a bit more about the maths teaching in school, please follow this link to see what we are up to this Autumn term. [Arrow Valley First School CRST - Arrow Valley Maths](#)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This week the pupils have enjoyed, at a pupil's request, discovering about famous Mathematicians. Please remember on Friday 20th we will be showing Racism the Red card and pupils may wear their red clothing in support.



AWARDS

	Star of the week	Valued Valley Values
Mice	Henos	Bella
Squirrels	Isabella	James
Hedgehogs	Jessica	Logan
Badgers	Elodie	Annalise
Mallards	Leo	Noah
Hérons	Caitlyn	Rowan

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 93.68% bring our total for this year to 93.14% (still below national but we are catching up).

Mice	Squirrels	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Mallards	Hérons
84.4%	91.99%	86.36%	99.23%	95.45%	98.8%

TERM DATES

Events

Parent evenings Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October (appointments will be with you early next week)

Harvest assemblies for Y1-4 9am 25th and 26th October

Gorcott Trip

Hedgehogs – Tuesday 17th October

Squirrels – Monday 23rd October

Badgers – Tuesday 24th October

Mallards – Tuesday 7th November

Hérons – Tuesday 14th November

Please click on the link to see the term dates for this and next academic year.

[Arrow Valley First School CRST - School Dates](#)

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday!



Join us on **Wednesday 25th October** for our Open Evening!



We will be offering tours of our school between **6PM** and **7:30PM**



Alternatively, you can call and book a tour on: **01527 528111**



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www.arrowvalleyfirstschool.co.uk

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