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KEY DIARY DATES

14.2.25	Last day of Spring Term 1
24.2.25	Children return for Spring Term 2
26.3.25	Y5 & Y6 The Oaks Residential Trip
4.4.25	Last day of Spring Term 2
23.4.25	Children return for Summer Term 1
18.6.25	Reception Pupil Vision Screening

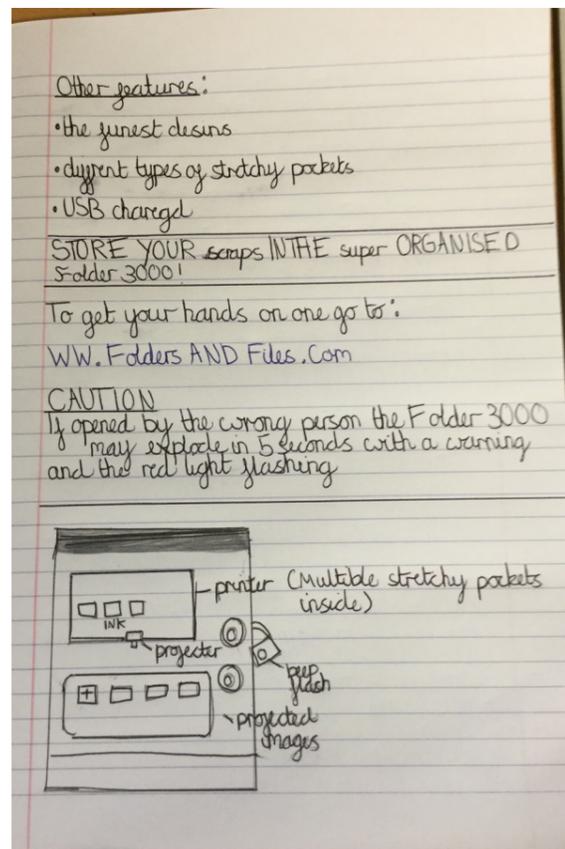
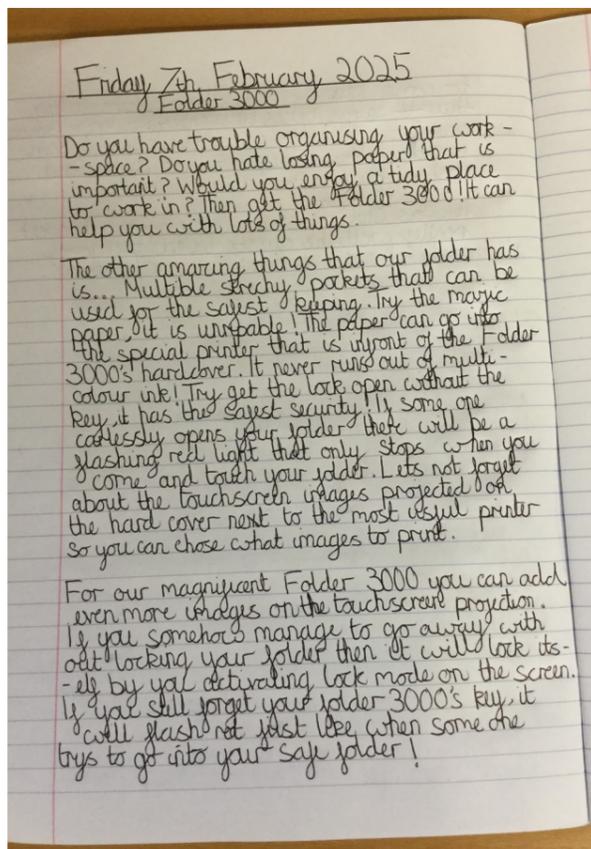
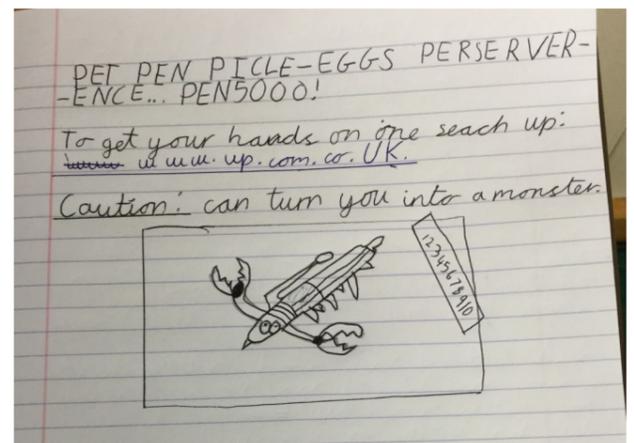
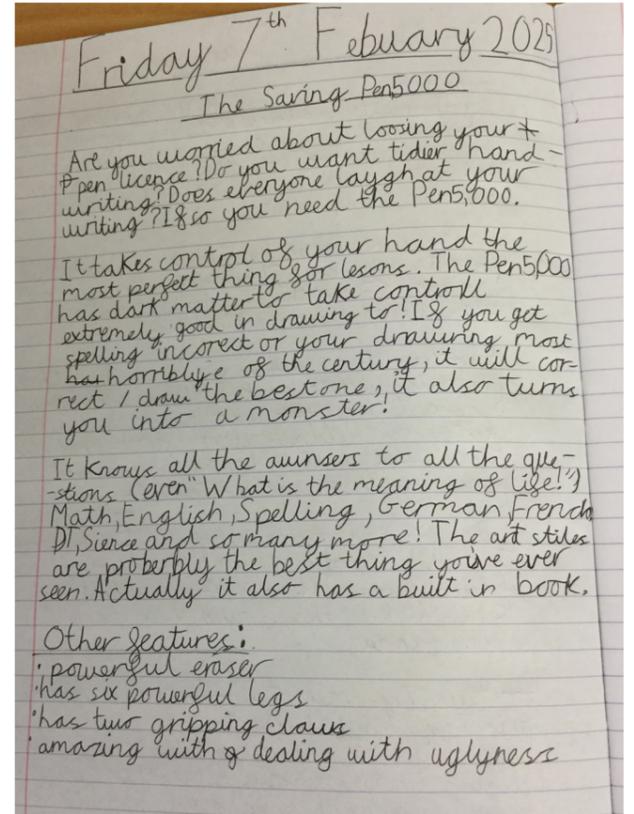
YEAR 4 PERSUASIVE WRITING



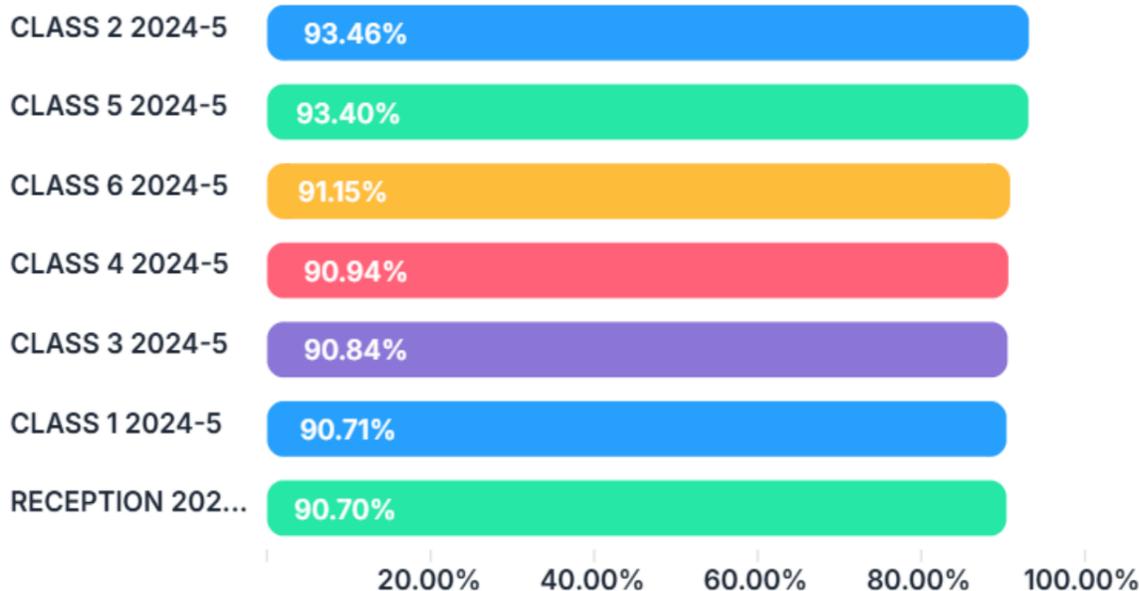
Year 4 pupils have been creating their own adverts for imaginative products as part of their persuasive writing unit in English.

From technological folders for organising work to pens that can turn into monster pets, they have come up with some amazing ideas.

Their task was to produce an advert to persuade the reader to buy their amazing new products, considering the problems it would solve and how their lives would be enhanced by purchasing it!



PUPIL ATTENDANCE TRACKING



As referenced in last week's newsletter, school attendance is proven to have a detrimental impact upon pupil progress and attainment. Not only through missed learning, but also through access to support the school and external agencies can provide.

30% of pupils in our school have attendance levels the Department for Education would classify as 'Persistently Absent' - which equates to missing more than 10% of their school entitlement.

To address this, we are going to introduce a little friendly competition through our class league table! Overall attendance improved by 0.06% last week, but we can do better! This marginal improvement has seen Year 2 take over Year 5 as the highest attending year group this academic year.

Lets see if we can all drive these attendance levels up and find out who will be top next week!



MEET THE SCHOOL TRUSTEES

We are keen to ensure parents and cares are kept up to date with developments and introduce you to all of the school's Trustee members. This week is the turn of Foundation Trustee, **Justin Gold**

'I joined the All-Saints board in October 2023 as a Catholic trustee and was elected chair of the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee in autumn term 2024. Prior to this, I had no experience in being a governor or in the education sector, but decided I would like to do something for the community, so I volunteered when the chance arose.

I work as an IT specialist for a healthcare provider and have worked in the technology sector for over 20 years. have a degree in History and have also previously lived and worked in France, Germany, Tiwan and Colombia.

I have two sons, who both attend All Saints. In my free time I love to spend time with my family as well as running, reading, watching movies and playing video games!

LOCAL OPTICIAN SUPPORTS SCHOOL



Vik Measuria,
Clinical Optometrist

We are hugely grateful to Vik Measuria, Clinical Optometrist at Harrison Coley Opticians, who kindly came into school to speak with staff about the significance of visual challenges children may experience and how they can impact upon their academic, social, emotional and behavioural development. Vik also provided an insight into the most common conditions children may experience and signs to look out for if children are experiencing difficulties. Keep facts shares were as follows:

High Prevalence: "Up to 20% of students experience visual stress, while myopia and binocular vision issues are also on the rise in children."

Misdiagnosed Symptoms: "Vision issues can appear as attention problems or learning difficulties, often mistaken for other conditions."

Teacher's Role: "By spotting early signs and supporting students with simple strategies, teachers can help ensure these children stay on track."

Academic Impact: "Undiagnosed vision issues can lead to poor performance, lower confidence, and missed learning opportunities."

Long -Term Effects: "Unaddressed visual problems can worsen over time, affecting future education and career prospects."

Increased Behavioural Issues: "Vision-related frustration often manifests as behavioural challenges, leading to mislabelling and potentially inappropriate interventions."

If you have concerns regarding your child's vision, do seek free professional advice from your local opticians.



Free Healthy Relationship courses for parents

All relationships have their ups and downs, but if parents are regularly arguing in front of their children, it can have negative and lasting consequences. Help is available for parents who want to communicate in a healthier way. Family Hubs are running courses to support parents who would like to improve the relationship with their partner or ex-partner. Courses bookable directly via the QR code.

2025 workshop booking form



ONLINE: Improve the communication with your partner to support your children (Arguing Better). Online Via Teams
Tuesday 4 February and Tuesday 11 February, 6.30pm to 7.30pm

FACE TO FACE: Improve the communication with your partner to support your children (Arguing Better).
Cambourne Soul, Back Ln, Cambourne CB23 6FZ
Monday 10 February, 1pm to 2.30pm

FACE TO FACE: Improve the communication with your ex-partner to support your children (Getting it Right for Children). Cambourne Soul, Back Ln, Cambourne CB23 6FZ
Monday 10 February, 6.30pm to 8pm

FACE TO FACE: Improve the communication with your ex-partner to support your children (Getting it Right for Children). Huntingdon Youth Child and Family Centre PE29 7AF
Wednesday 12 February, 10am to 12noon

ONLINE: Improve the communication with your ex-partner to support your children (Getting it Right for Children). Online Via Teams
Wednesday 26 February and Wednesday 5 March, 6.30pm to 7.30pm

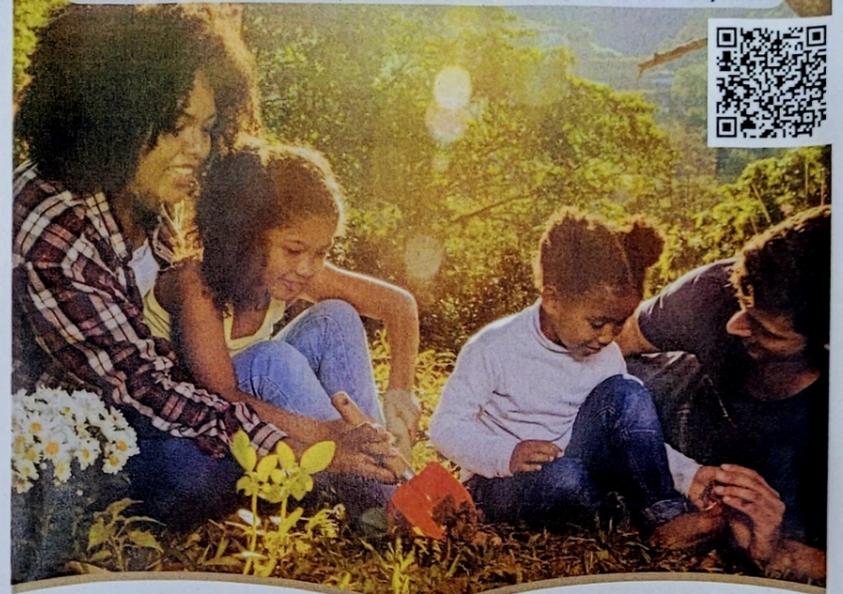
Although the Arguing Better course is most beneficial when attending as a couple, there's no requirement to both attend.

**Please note these courses are not suitable if there has been any historic or current domestic abuse. If this is your situation and you would like help on where to find domestic abuse support, please contact rplead@cambridgeshire.gov.uk **



Talking Together in Cambridgeshire's Festival of Stories

Wednesday, 19 February 2025 to Wednesday, 26 February 2025



Discover how you can make a big difference to your child's development at the Festival of Stories www.bit.ly/Festivalofstories

Festival of Stories with Ellie Sandall

Friday 21st February, 2-3pm at March Library

Join Ellie Sandall for an interactive story time session based on 'The Quickest Bedtime Ever' story by author Louise Fitzgerald & Kate Hindley.

This interactive storytelling session uses props, rhymes & a craft activity to help children get ready to tell the story. Please bring a pillow and teddy from home.

Suitable for children aged 3-5yrs.
Prebooking at the library counter is essential



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