



2025-26



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Beats, Rhythm and Big Smiles

Today our school was filled with music and energy as all classes took part in an exciting beatbox and drumming workshop.



Every class in the school had the opportunity to join in, learning how to use their voices and to create rhythms, beats and songs together.

Beatbox (cont'd)

The children absolutely loved singing and drumming as a group, listening carefully to one another and working as a team to build powerful rhythms.

The workshop leader was extremely impressed, commenting on how incredibly responsive the children were and how well they stayed in tune with the rhythm. *'It was truly remarkable to see just how quickly they picked up new ideas and sounds.'* He was also struck by the children's creativity and the joy they showed throughout the sessions.



Beatbox (cont'd)



Beatbox (cont'd)



'I loved the different weird sounds.'

'I felt free and able to try it!'

'He gave me the confidence to join in with others.'

'It was fun. It would be great to do it again or something similar.'

'What a chill vibe!'

(Year 4 pupils)

Beatbox (cont'd)



A huge well done to all of our pupils for embracing the experience so enthusiastically and showing such fantastic musical talent. Also, a **big thank you to our PTA** for funding this wonderful experience and making the day possible—what a great start to the new year!

New Year Concert

In Key Stage assemblies this week, children learned about the famous annual New Year's Concert from Vienna, Austria, which is broadcast to millions of people around the world each year.

We explored how the concert celebrates music, culture and the rich history of Austrian composers, with a special focus on the Strauss family. Pupils were fascinated to learn that the concert is not only classical but also great fun, with audiences traditionally joining in by clapping along to well-known pieces.



Thanks also **Otto** and **Jai** (Year 4) who also confidently shared interesting facts about the concert in their assembly.

New Year Concert



A special well done goes to **Finley (Year 6)** and **Deone (Year 1)**, who confidently conducted their respective key stages as everyone clapped along to the famous *Radetzky March*.



'I was so happy I was a conductor in-front of everyone. It was good to take part.' (Deone)

'It was great to have the responsibility of a real role! My friends congratulated me.' (Finley)



Pupil Voice Champions

A huge thank you to all of the children who applied to be Pupil Voice Champions. It is exciting to be able to announce that we have five

Pupil Voice Leaders:

Christopher

Felicity

Mithulan

Minnie P

Grace M



Infant celebrations

In the Infant assembly this week, we enjoyed celebrating our children's achievements together. Certificates were presented to pupils for their hard work and positive attitudes, and the winning cup was proudly awarded to the Arundel House captain for earning the most house points this week.



WELL DONE!

Infant celebrations

A special well done also goes to Cherry and Apple classes in Early Years, who received special awards for returning to school after the Christmas break with such fantastic attitudes and enthusiasm for learning.



WELL DONE!

Great Manners

It was a wonderful way to start the new term by celebrating the positive behaviour we see every day at our school. This week, we were delighted to award special certificates to Xanthe and Isabelle (Year 2) recognising the excellent manners, politeness and kindness they consistently show to others.

We are very proud of them and the caring attitudes they bring to our school community.



"I like helping my friends if they are stuck with their work. It makes them feel happy."

"If my friends are sad, I like to tell them funny things to cheer them up."

"We would like everyone in school to be safe and kind. We need to look after everyone, including any new children to the school."

Hanlye Lane Road Closure

We have been notified by WSCC that Hanlye Lane is going to be closed for traffic improvements during the period 26th January to 20th February. We understand that for safety reasons this will be a full road closure throughout due to the number of blind bends and narrowness of the road.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are currently recruiting for another Teaching Assistant—please see the school website for full details.

Diary Dates

Thursday, 22 January

Friday, 13 February

Monday, 16–Friday, 20 February

Monday, 23 February

Friday, 27 March

Young Voices Choir to the O2

INSET Day

Half-term break

INSET Day

Last day of Easter term

Payment reminders: Y6 ongoing instalments for residential trip