

# Great Oaks Weekly

Friday 6th March 2026



## Animal English Week

English Week was a great success across the school. Pupils took part in creative, animal-themed reading activities and sensory learning. Classes explored different texts and enjoyed a fun photobooth experience. There were many fantastic examples of learning and creativity shared across pathways and sites. We all dressed up for World Book Day - photos will be shared in next week's newsletter.



Wind in the Willows Illustrations by 3IG



Learners enjoyed messy farm play while building symbol vocabulary

## Student Newspaper



The first edition of the *Great Oaks Gazette* has been published, created by student reporters Kane and Xavier, sharing news, ideas, and pupil voice from across the school.

# Luca's Got Talent!

Luca (3IG) shared some brilliant drawings inspired by *The Masked Singer*. He can draw many of the characters from memory, showing impressive creativity, detail, and enthusiasm for the show.



♥♥ YOU'RE INVITED! ♥♥

● SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING ●

🌱 Let's Grow Our Community Together 🌱

Join us for a relaxed coffee morning to share your ideas about how our school can strengthen links within the community.

- 💬 Your voice matters
- 💡 Your ideas count
- 🍌 Get involved and make a difference
- ☕ Tea, coffee & light refreshments provided
- 📅 Date: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- 🕒 Time: 10am – 11am
- 📍 The Children's Hub, Civic Centre, Southampton.
- 🌱 Working together for our children
- ♥ Stronger school. Stronger community




## South Site News

By our regular columnist **Mike Bull**



Staff and students enjoyed an inspirational talk from a street pastor - aka Pathways 1 Manager Tracey Quitak. Tracey told 4ES about her voluntary role for the church helping homeless and vulnerable people (top picture). 4ES teacher Emma said: "Students were fascinated to discover what Tracey does and said it made them feel calm, secure and proud. She's a superstar."

Students have been preparing a vegetable patch and getting ready for spring flower sales as part of the college's Graze and Grow Enterprise scheme.

Budding performers from most classes made their own costumes for Wednesday's Masked Singer show with Eventique (picture below).



What shape is a dead parrot?

A poly-gon!  
(From the mystery joker)



**HAHA  
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## Support

Some pupils may be worried about events in the Middle East after seeing news or social media. Please contact the Welfare Team if support is needed. Remind pupils they are safe in the UK and can speak to a trusted adult.



## MAXimum Attendance



Attendance this week has continued to be Strong. Attendance for the whole school was 90.7%. Let's keep pushing higher as the term continues.



Well done to the 277 Students who achieved pawfect attendance this week and to the following classes who have achieved over 96% Attendance and receive their first certificate: C16, 4GO, 3GB, 3LB, 3JJ, 3KW, 3ES, 4JH, 3JD 3IG, 4BP

There are just 15 days left of Spring 2- let's keep the momentum and "crack the attendance" challenge!