



## Pupil star of the week

LL: AM Everlyn for always singing and her brilliant number work

LL: PM Wali for being enthusiastic in PE and joining in..

CC: AM- Tomas- For growing in confidence and becoming a confident communicator

CC: PM- Kewell- For developing his independence skills

BB: Declan for his lovely writing this week and his growing confidence.

SS 1: Mikael - For working hard at everything this week even when it was challenging knowing that trying your best is always enough. Well done!

SS 1/2: Lily-Mae - for settling into the routines of Swans class after only a few weeks. She is a confident communicator and always speaks audibly in class.

DD 2: Ayesha W- For trying extremely hard this week especially in her maths which she found very tricky! But towards the end she was a knowledgeable expert and was supporting other children in her class.

BB 3/4: Blossom for always showing she cares, trying her best to support her partner with their work and for offering her time at playtime and lunch time to do jobs in the classroom. She has been so helpful. Thanks Blossom and well done!

WW 3/4: Teleah S- for being an absolute super star. Teleah is always helping out myself and her classmates.

SS 3/4 : Riley Whitaker-Duffy - for being himself, helpful, thoughtful and caring.

OO 5 : Faye Dobie - for her determination towards her writing this week and also the hard work she is putting in during Mr Tolson's reciprocal reading sessions.

SS 5: Nevaeh Hodson for her determination and eagerness to tackle every activity in school. She always does it with a big smile on her face and it's great to see the love she has for her learning, Have a great holiday!

LL 6: Denley - for consistently making the right behaviour choices, and being productive with all of his learning. Denley particularly impressed with his determination and expertise in solving Maths problems. Well done!

MM 6: Farhan - For always being himself and allowing his personality to shine out. He has worked incredibly hard to improve his reading and has moved 3 book banding levels this term. Excellent work Farhan!





## **What we've done this week**

**Lively Ladybirds:** This week we have talked about Easter and celebrations. We have made cards for our families and played some matching egg games.

**Brilliant Butterflies:** We have been innovating the story of The Little Green Dinosaur this week, changing the characters to fit with our Into the wild theme. We have also learnt the Easter story and acted this out in different ways.

**Swooping Starlings:** We have worked hard on our portraits of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale who we have been learning about and produced some amazing pictures using coloured pencils and watercolours. We have also used iMovie to record our knowledge of these influential women.

**Successful Swans:** This week we have really enjoyed putting our final outcome together to display in the art gallery - we have made great progress with creating portraits.

**Daring Ducklings:** Our portraits of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale have been a personal highlight! Children have really excelled themselves by using their artistic skills of creating their own skin tone. They will look fabulous on the display!

**Blissful Badgers:** This week, we have produced some amazing newspaper reports and have been learning to de-bug computer algorithms that have gone wrong.

**Wondrous Whales:** We have been learning all about how mountains are formed and the different types of mountains. In English we have been writing our newspaper reports all about Pompeii.

**Stupendous Squirrels:** We have tackled our DT project and made good progress to completing our horse and chariots. We have had some thoughtful discussions when using money in Maths.

**Omniscient Otters:** This week has been a very busy one for the Otters! We have had Tagtiv8 sessions with the newspaper, a visitor in to tell us all about Saltaire and Titus Salt, art work, computing and more! They have done an amazing job and are ready for a well deserved break!

**Leaping Lions:** The cooperation and collaboration in Lions this week has been a joy to watch. In Computing, children were always ready to help their friends with their coding, and this helpful behaviour was also evident in our fractions learning in Maths. The use of figurative language and vocabulary in their Dracula stories have also astounded me!

**Magnificent Monkeys:** This week we have completed our imitation writing of conquering the monster story - Dracula and have finished reading room 13. We have been programming code in ict to make character sprites move.



### Head Teacher's comment

Well we made it to the Easter holidays! Thank you for all your support and since we returned to full school.

I have a number of highlights since last week:

1. We had the BBC come to visit on Friday and they loved their time with us- they both said we had a wonderful school.
2. It was great to see Maria from the Saltaire heritage group visit school- the children loved it and had such an amazing experience.
3. Seeing the Year 3 and 4 Forest School groups enjoying life and they could tell me what 3 things you need to make a fire with.
4. I loved seeing our Year 1 and 2 pupils art work-they had such a wonderful time and learnt lots of new skills
5. Seeing our Nursery pupils enjoying learning outside- I loved seeing those faces!
6. I loved watching our Otters make it into the Telegraph and Argus and Yorkshire Post for their work on physical activity- very proud of all the Otter team :)

It has certainly been a very busy week and we are preparing for our art gallery finale where all the pupils can see the work the whole school has produced- it looks incredible.

As we have been looking at the build up to Easter and how Lent is such an important time of year it reminded me that forgiveness is such an important part of life. We are all human, we can all make mistakes but it is how we learn from them that matters.

I would like to wish each and every one of you a very happy Easter- look after each other see you on the 12th April when we reopen for our summer term.

Take care

Mr Tolson





**Important notices**

1. School closes for Easter on Friday 26th March and opens again on Monday 12th April.
2. Each year group will have a holiday menu of work that will keep them busy over the holidays
3. I have noticed that particularly at the end of the day we are starting to get crowds of people- please make sure you use appropriate social distancing measures and keep your distance.

**Attendance:**

We will be reviewing attendance over the break and looking at how to improve this. Our attendance letters will be coming out straight after Easter.

**Food support**

Over half term if you need food support please contact:

Link with St James Church (Food only) contact: Harry Gwinnet on 07946272589  
email: [harry@james4u.org](mailto:harry@james4u.org)

St James, St Matthews and Allerton Beckfoot Primaries link with Rootedin (Easter Activities only): Josiah Sulc on 07525941290, email: [kate@rootedin.org](mailto:kate@rootedin.org)

**Photos from this week**

