



## Newsletter - Friday 9th May 2025

What a fantastic week it's been! We've absolutely loved welcoming so many parents into school.. The turnout for Pippin Class's Stay and Play sessions has been amazing! It's a wonderful chance to see how your children engage with others in the school setting, and it also helps us get to know them even better.

A huge heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our VE Day afternoon tea—it was a lovely celebration.

Mrs Clark

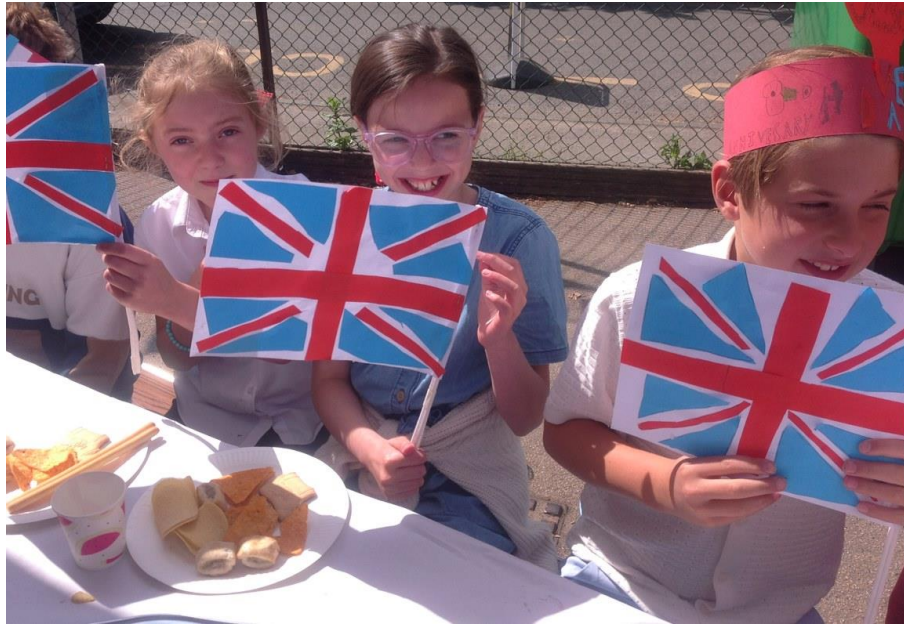














## Worship



This week we took part in the Great Big Live Assembly for VE Day. We learnt all about giving thanks to the people who served our country during WW2 as well as looking at the war in Ukraine and speaking to people who are still impacted by war.

## Our School Values in Action



Our school values are **love, peace** and **joy**.

At Laddingford, love means to be kind and inclusive, showing care and understanding to everyone.

At Laddingford, peace means to be respectful, calm, confident and responsible.

At Laddingford, joy means to be a team-player, have fun, to be resilient and achieve excellence in all we do.

Each week, we plan to celebrate children who are noticed putting our values into action. If you spot your child putting a 'value in action' at home, please take a photo and send this along with a brief caption to [office@Laddingford.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@Laddingford.kent.sch.uk) with the subject line 'Values in Action' and your child may have a starring role on our newsletter.

Congratulations to Zara for achieving love for her superb tidying this week.

Congratulations to Xander who achieved joy for showing such resilience and perseverance with his writing.

Congratulation to Carter who achieved love for always being compassionate to his peers.

Congratulations to Hudson who achieved joy for completing all of his work this week.

## Attendance and Punctuality



**Our attendance expectation is 96%**

**Attendance week beginning Tuesday 6th May**

Pippin = 886.4%

Russet = 92.1%

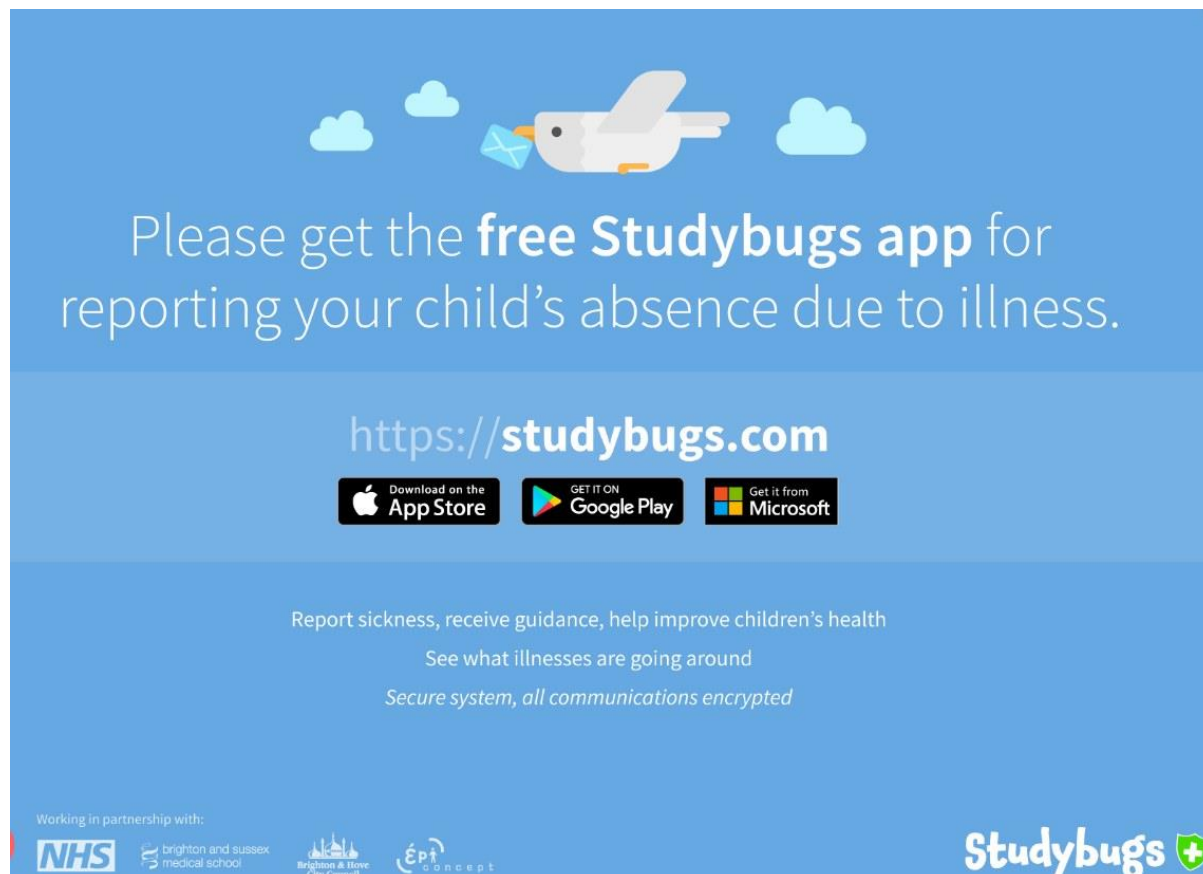
Jazz = 83.3%

Bramley = 88%

Whole School = 87.6%

Please remember, if you are concerned that your child may not be well enough for school, please check the following website: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health-conditions/when-to-worry/when-to-worry-when-your-child-is-ill/)

## Studybugs



The banner features a blue background with a white bird-like character holding a blue envelope, flying between two light blue clouds. Below the illustration, the text reads: 'Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.' The website URL 'https://studybugs.com' is displayed in white. Three app store logos are shown: 'Download on the App Store', 'GET IT ON Google Play', and 'Get it from Microsoft'. Below these, three lines of text describe the app's benefits: 'Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health', 'See what illnesses are going around', and 'Secure system, all communications encrypted'. At the bottom left, it says 'Working in partnership with:' followed by logos for NHS, Brighton and Sussex medical school, Brighton & Hove City Council, and Epi concept. The Studybugs logo with a green shield icon is at the bottom right.

We're pleased to announce that Laddingford St Mary's is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

### **Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs.**

1. It helps us know sooner if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health. (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

## Over and Above



Don't forget, if your child participates in extra curricular activities and wishes to share their successes, please send these into school so they can be featured in our newsletter.

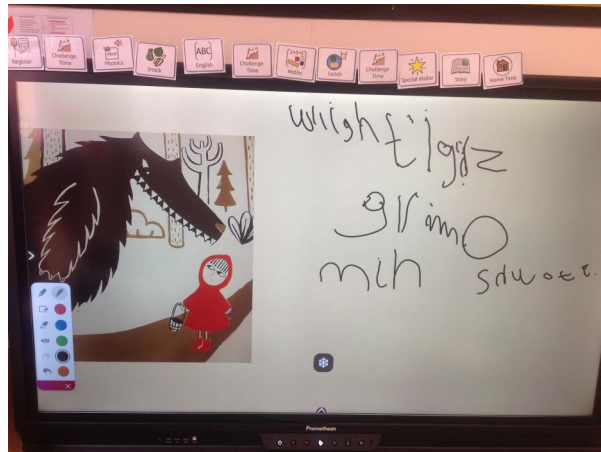
## Spotlight on Pippin Class!



This week in Pippin Class, we have been learning through the theme of fairytales, with a focus on *Little Red Riding Hood*. The children showed excellent creativity and problem-

solving as they designed and built their own castles using a range of materials, thinking carefully about structure and detail. They also produced detailed drawings of castles, which supported their fine motor development and early writing skills. In our literacy work, we explored the character of the Wolf, discussing his actions and carefully describing his plan using full sentences and thoughtful vocabulary.





## Spotlight on Russet Class!

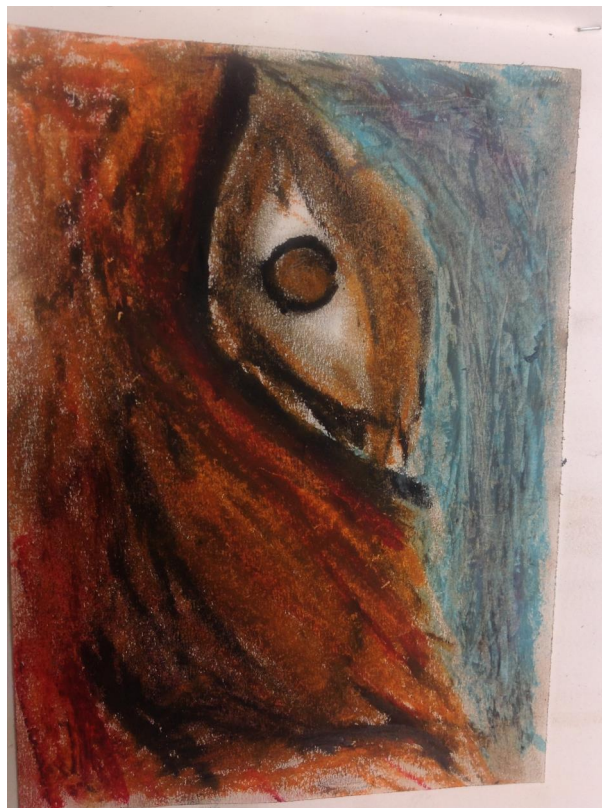


Over the last few weeks, Russet have worked on their perseverance and motor skills with speed stacks, started writing their own persuasive letters and learnt a lot about pictograms and tally charts. We have also continued learning about plants and bulbs in Science this week. This week Russet have been writing letters to the King in our story, persuading him to lift his ban on the dark- there has been lots of amazing writing! We have also started learning about money in Maths and germination in Science. VE Day was celebrated and enjoyed by all. It has been an exciting week.

## Spotlight on Jazz Class!



This week Jazz have continued their art focus on 'the fabric of nature'. They have chosen sections of pictures to draw and thought carefully about the shapes and colours they can see.

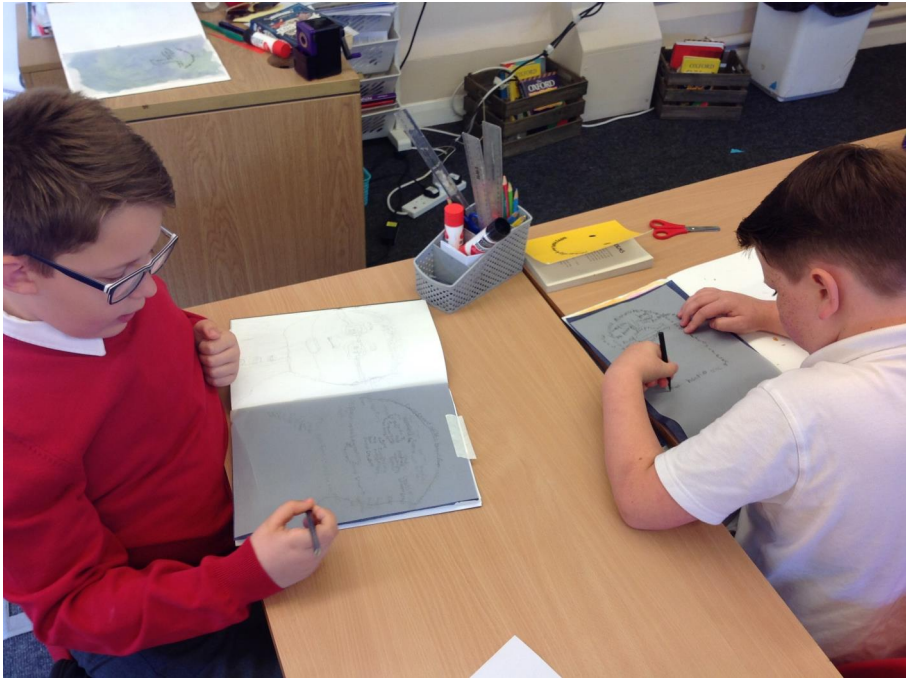




## Spotlight on Bramley Class!



In art we are looking at portrait. The children have created a continuous line drawing which they have turned into a poetry portrait using words and phrases their peers have used to describe them. We then thought about background and developing our drawings into finished prints using a range of techniques.







## Forest School



Pippin Class will be attending forest school in a few weeks - watch this space to hear all about their adventures!





## Diary Dates



### **Week beginning Monday 12th May - Year 6 SATS week**

Mon - Rounders Club

Tues - Summer Sports club - No Rocksteady due to SATS

Wed - Art Club

Thurs - No French Club

Friday - No Choir Club, Russet Class Leeds Castle Trip

## Notices



## Contact Us

To contact your child's class teacher please either speak to them on the gate at the end of the school day or email [office@laddingford.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@laddingford.kent.sch.uk) FAO - class name - child's name. The teacher will then endeavour to get back to you with two working days.

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