



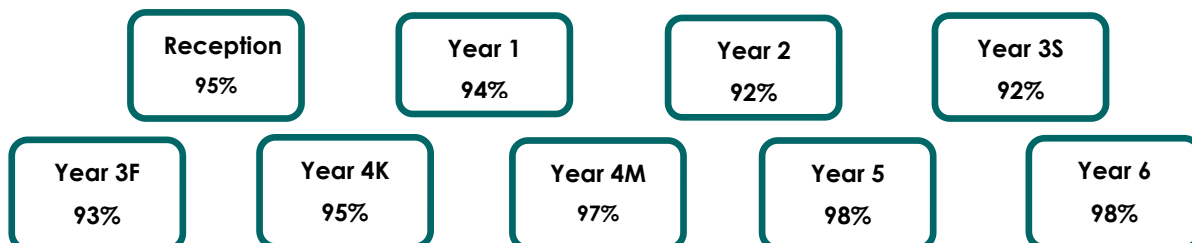
Summer 1 Primley Wood Primary School Newsletter

Good attendance and punctuality equals success!

This half term's whole School attendance: 95% Our attendance target for the year is 97%

Year to date is: 95%

Please help your child to achieve success by ensuring that they come to school every day.



Upcoming Key Dates Green events – parents are welcome

24 th May	Break up for half term
10 th June	Back to school
10 th June	Phonics screening check for Year 1 pupils (all week) Phonics screening for any Year 2 children who did not pass last year
11 th June	DEAR sessions for Years 1 and 2 (3pm)
13 th June	Year 2 visit to Eureka
13 th June	Year 4 Class Museum (3pm)
14 th June	European Football Championship launch – each class to dress up representing a European country of their choice, there will be an exciting whole school carousel so that classes are exposed to learning about different European countries.
17 th June	DEAR sessions for Nursery and Reception (3pm)
18 th June	DEAR sessions for Years 3 and 4 (3pm)
20 th June	DEAR sessions for Years 5 and 6 (3pm)
24 th June	Year 2 SATs
28 th June	Primley's Got Talent – Class Auditions (two children from each class will take part in our final Primley's Got Talent show)
5 th July	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day – 9:00 KS2 Sports Day – 1:00

8th - 10th July	Year 5 Nell Bank Residential
15th July	Great Primley Wood Bake-Off competition launch
16th July	Children meet their new teacher.
17th July	Great Primley Wood Bake-Off – Parents to bring in entries with children (to be sold at Summer Fayre) Summer Fayre 3:30-4:30
19th July	Year 6 Pizza Party
19th July	Primley's Got Talent – Talent Show – Parents to attend by invite only (those that have been selected for final) – 9:00
22nd July	Year 6 performance to parents –9:00
23rd July	Year 6 performance to parents – 2:00
23rd July	School reports go out
24th July	Year 6 farewell assembly and graduation
24th July	Class Summer Parties – Non-uniform Day
24th July	Break up for Summer

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fabulous half term that has gone in a flash! Our Year 6 pupils completed their SATs tests; we are so proud of them for their effort, resilience and perseverance. We look forward to the exciting things that we have planned for them in their final half term at Primley Wood.

We are very proud of the sense of community that we are building at Primley Wood. It has been wonderful to see so many parents in school with our phonics workshop, DEAR sessions, Class Museums and Careers Fayre. Personal development is also something that we are very proud of at Primley Wood. We are exposing children to a variety of exciting events every half term as well as ensuring that we have a rich and vibrant curriculum in place. I am looking forward to next half term whereby we have a jam-packed half term with our talent show, sports awards, European championship launch and many more events. Please refer to the key dates to ensure you know what is happening and when.

A highlight this half term has been our careers events. It was a joy to see children dressed up in their aspirational career and discussing different careers. It was a pleasure for me to bring my inspirational person into school - my old teacher from 20 years ago! We have also had a visit from an MP, a scientist, a project manager, a paramedic and many more! A huge thank you to all of the parents who made this a memorable experience for our pupils. Another highlight was Global Awareness Week whereby children discussed many of the global issues and enjoyed taking part in our walk to school week. Thank you to Mrs Kelly and Alwoodley 2030 for supporting us with this.

This half term we also welcomed Mr Philips, our Deputy Head teacher and Mrs Webb, a new member of the office team. Following your feedback, this half term we introduced a new homework system. This supports children with maths, reading and the wider curriculum. It has been wonderful to see Roman shields, Viking long ships, posters and leaflets being created as part of homework. Thank you for your positive feedback on the new homework.

I would also like to take this opportunity to send a message to Mrs Gina Done (our Nursery Manager) on the behalf of all parents, pupils and staff - we are all thinking of you and look forward to welcoming you back at Primley Wood soon.

Have a wonderful holiday everyone and hopefully the sun will shine!

Mrs Kaur
Head Teacher of Primley Wood Primary School

Read all about us...

Nursery

This half-term in Nursery we have been learning all about plants! We have planted sunflowers, carrots and strawberries and we are waiting patiently for them to grow. We have been watering the plants and enjoying looking for worms in the damp soil! We have lots of new spades and rakes to use in our garden and we are getting really good at putting on our wellies by ourselves.

We have lots of new toys and furniture in our Nursery and we are learning how to look after them. We have to remember to tidy the toys away properly and some of us have mastered this already.

In Phonics we have read lots of stories about plants and growing, as well as singing lots of nursery rhymes, such as *Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary*. We are all getting more confident joining in on the carpet and answering questions about our stories and rhymes.

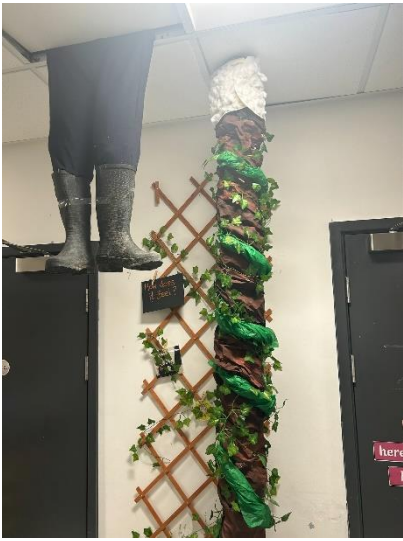
In Maths we have been doing lots of counting and we explored some 2D shapes. We can recognise circles, squares, rectangles and triangles and some children counted all the way to 59!

We have been doing Funky Fingers twice a day to make our fingers strong and ready for writing. Our activities have included popping bubble wrap, threading pasta onto pipe cleaners and singing 'Tommy Thumb' to practise moving each of our five fingers.

In provision we have been painting, drawing and making collages of plants, flowers and other living things. Our weekly visits to the woods have been super fun and we particularly enjoy running up and down the big hill!



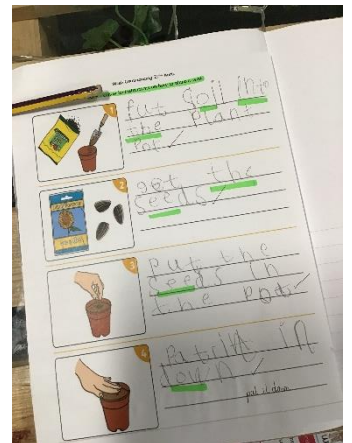
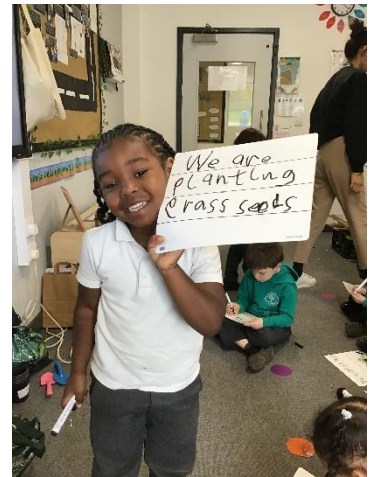
Reception



It's been another fun filled half term in Reception; we have been focused on 'Powerful Plants' where lots of us have developed a love for gardening and growing our own plants. To kick start the topic off we discovered a large beanstalk growing in our classroom with some peculiar feet dangling from above! Where did it come from? Where did it lead to? How did it get there!? We certainly had lots of questions! All of which became clear when we read the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' The children then decided to plant their own magic beans to see what would grow. We wrote instructions on how to plant seeds and researched how to keep them alive! In the forest we were also on the lookout for plants and trees; we discovered the different features of an oak, holly and silver birch tree and had a go at labelling them using our phonic knowledge.

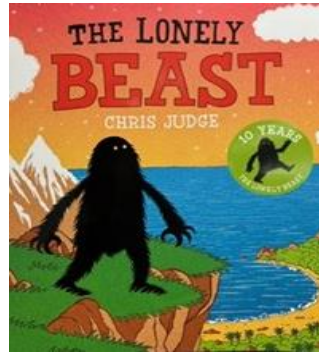
In Maths we have been measuring sunflowers and ordering them by height. We also discovered that sunflowers contain hundreds of seeds so that they can be planted year after year. In Science we have been dissecting different fruits to see where their seeds are located; we also did some food tasting, lots of us tried rhubarb for the first time after hearing about it in the book 'Oliver's Vegetables!'

It's been a wonderful half term full of successes, the recent Phonic assessments were outstanding and show how far the children have come since September with their reading and writing. We can't believe there's only one half term left! Well done Reception!

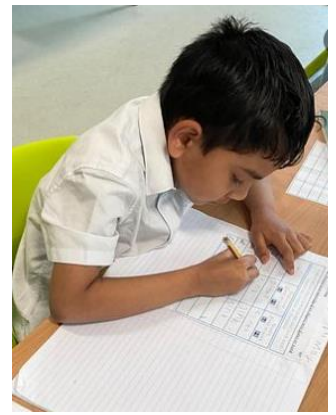


Year 1

The children in Year 1 this term have been reading the story *The Lonely Beast* by Chris Judge. Our final piece of writing has been a retell of the story where the children wrote about all the things the beast got up to on his journey to find some beast friends. We have really enjoyed this story and have created some fantastic writing to support this that has used a range of vocabulary.



In Science we have become scientists exploring a range of everyday materials and their properties. We have looked at glass, metal, wood, plastic, fabric and stone to see which material is hard, soft, rough, smooth and so on. Our exploration ended in a scientific experiment testing which material floats, and which sinks. We made a prediction for each material and were able to complete a hands on experiment to test if our predictions were correct.





History has been a highlight for us this term, as we have delved into the world of famous explorers. We studied some famous explorers from the past and present, looking at their achievements. We made comparisons to exploration then and now, describing which aspects have changed and which have stayed the same after hundreds of years. Our lessons led to a fantastic educational visit to the Leeds City Museum where we were on the hunt for the famous Toby the Tiger! We had a wonderful time on our visit and it was great to get some time in a new place to explore.

Year 2

It has been a very busy half term in Year 2. The children have been learning about ‘The Hodgeheg,’ by Dick King-Smith and they are currently waiting for a reply to their letter to Leeds City Council about providing more hedgehog-friendly road crossings! To celebrate this topic, Spike the Hedgehog came to visit with some top tips about road safety for children.

A real highlight has been the Science topic about Health and Exercise with the children learning what different foods do for our bodies and how to keep healthy through exercise and hygiene. They made fruit skewers as a new type of snack and have planned, made and eaten, healthy wraps. I am so proud of their enthusiasm for this topic and hope that it continues to impact positively on their lives as they make healthy choices.

We are all looking forward to learning more about the body and how amazing it is, at Eureka on the class trip after the holidays.

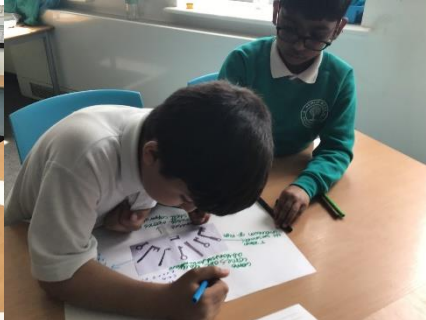


Year 3 Falcons

Falcons have had a fun-packed half-term. In science, we have been using our observational skills to explore the parts of flowering plants which are involved in reproduction and the transportation of water and minerals. We've completed some practical lessons in maths on how to find fractions of amounts and have also been looking at telling the time and using money.



History has been a real highlight for Falcons this term. We especially loved exploring artefacts to make inferences about life in Roman times, learning about what made the Roman army so successful and looking at the changes that the Romans brought to Britain. Falcons used their problem-solving and engineering skills to complete an aqueduct building challenge. We loved creating our very own Roman shields and collaborating with Sparrowhawks for our lesson on the Roman army.



In English, Falcons have created some wonderful comic strips and alternate endings for a myth. Everyone has worked so hard.

Well done Falcons!

Year 3 Sparrowhawks

Wow! We cannot believe how fast this half term has gone; the children have had such an immersive half term. In English, they have designed their own comic strip based on the Greek myth of Arachne and Athena. After publishing, we collaborated with Falcon's class and presented our comics to each other. We received lots of useful feedback and gave each other lots of praise. Some of us even read them out at the front. It was great to show off our fantastic hard work to each other.



In Art, we used flowers to create some fantastic observational drawings. Then, in Science, we used the flowers to identify the pistil (female) parts of a flower including the 'sticky stigma', style and ovary and identified the stamen (male) parts of a flower – the anther and filament. We were able to describe what each part's role is in the process of reproduction. We loved dissecting these flowers and using the magnifying glasses to take a closer look at all these parts!

The children have absolutely loved learning about the Ancient Romans, particularly designing and constructing their very own shields and daggers. After learning about the regimented Roman battle formations (such as the testudo and the wedge) we practised all these drills and then had a battle with Falcons! Relating to topic, we had a fantastic trip to our local library at Moor Allerton. Here, we participated in a practical activity where we read topic books on the Ancient Romans then constructed and created our own Zines. They were fantastic. Before we left we had a vote and chose our next 5 books to take back to read in class. Joke books are a big hit at the moment! In Maths, we used our money skills to open up our own stationary shop and find our customers' change. We have also been working really hard at learning how to tell the time! Well done Sparrowhawks – a well deserved break is needed!



Year 4 Kestrels

We have thoroughly enjoyed this half term in the Year 4 Kestrels class! The students have worked incredibly hard and are making fantastic progress towards transitioning to Year 5. In Design and Technology, we had a blast making delicious biscuits, exploring our creativity and learning some essential baking skills. Our history lessons have taken us on an exciting journey into the world of the Vikings, where we've uncovered fascinating facts about their way of life. PE has been particularly thrilling, as we were fortunate to have TwoTouch Rugby join us to teach athletics, enhancing our physical abilities and teamwork.

The highlight of this term will undoubtedly be our wet but wild two-night residential trip to Nell Bank. Despite the weather, Year 4 have embraced the adventure with admirable enthusiasm! We will learn so much from the experience and build lasting memories. It's been a fantastic term filled with learning, fun, and personal growth. We are incredibly proud of the Year 4 Kestrels and eagerly anticipate all the wonderful achievements the next term will bring!

Year 4 Merlins

This half term has been a fantastic journey for the Year 4 Merlins! We've thoroughly enjoyed our time together, and our students have worked incredibly hard, making significant progress as they transition to Year 5. In Design and Technology, we had a blast making delicious biscuits, exploring different recipes and honing our baking skills. Our history lessons have taken us back in time to the fascinating world of the Vikings, where we've learned about their adventurous lives and impressive voyages. Physical Education has been an absolute highlight, thanks to the fantastic team at Two Touch Rugby who introduced us to the exciting world of athletics. Their expert coaching has not only improved our physical abilities but also fostered teamwork and perseverance.

It's been a term filled with learning, creativity, and fun, and we couldn't be prouder of the Merlins' achievements. We look forward to continuing this momentum into the next half term!



Year 5 Tawny Owls

What an incredible start to the summer for Year 5. We have done some incredible learning and the children have produced some fantastic work.

In English, we have been reading 'Cosmic' an adventure story about a boy who is trapped in Outer Space and this has informed our writing this half-term; we have written a summary and a biography – many of the children choosing to write about Neil Armstrong, first man on the moon. Our Maths has covered shape, position and direction and the children have worked hard on learning lots of different areas within these topics.

Year 5 have learnt all about Ancient Maya in history and I have been really impressed with the work they have produced, showing how well they can work together to be historians, finding out information and presenting it in wonderful ways. The children have also been fantastic scientists and while learning about forces in science, they created parachutes out of different materials to investigate the impact on air resistance.



It has been wonderful to see the children trying really hard in all other areas too; they have shown off their athleticism in P.E. and their budgeting abilities in P.S.H.E. They have also enjoyed all of the wonderful activities happening in school at Primley Wood, including global awareness week and a visit from a local MP to celebrate careers day, inspiring the children to take an interest in politics and the environment.

Year 6 Redkites

In Year 6 English writing, students have been exploring suspense writing, delving into the intriguing character of Alma. Through this genre, they have been honing their skills in creating tension, building up to climactic moments, and leaving readers on the edge of their seats. By crafting narratives centred around Alma, students have been encouraged to experiment with descriptive language, pacing, and plot development, resulting in captivating and spine-tingling tales that showcase their best writing.

We are thrilled to congratulate our outstanding Year 6 students on their incredible hard work and perseverance! You have all shown immense dedication and determination in completing your SATs, and we couldn't be prouder of your achievements. Each of you has demonstrated not only your academic abilities but also your resilience, focus, and unwavering spirit. These qualities will serve you well as you prepare to embark on the exciting journey to high school.

Transitioning to high school is a significant milestone, and we are now working with our children for this so they are ready to embrace the new challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Remember to carry forward the same enthusiasm and commitment that has brought you this far. Your future is bright, and we believe that you will continue to excel and make us proud in your new schools. You have a chance to show this soon with your high school transition days coming up.

Parents and carers, thank you for your continuous support and encouragement, which have been instrumental in our students' success.

Let's celebrate this fantastic achievement in our final term in school and create some ever lasting memories!

Looming clouds, like faded, silk, black gowns hovering in the blackened charcoal skies; ash grey slush adorned the tarmac grounds, like jewellery hanging on an elegant bare hand. The narrow alleyways pushed through the robust antique shops like a stream pushing through dry land. A black board hung, cornered by the vast, yellowed posters, a sudden rush of glee circulated through her blood, she rushed towards the black-board and furiously scribbled her name on, her chalk-white teeth displaying a gleaming smile.

Her fair pure skin was smothered with her pinched pink cheeks, and a nose, button nose. She spun round finishing her work and suddenly saw another attraction - a doll shop - it struck Alma towards it like a puppeteer stringing along a puppet, the front of the shop grinned at her feeding her innocence generously. And without thinking she began grabbing frenzy against the door, trying her hardest in sheer desperation. Despite her efforts it was like trying to find a needle in a hay stack, impossible.

She clumped up the snow crunching beneath her feet like crumpled, Autumnal leaves, she cast it at the door with pure fury. She began to wander off for the third time, but as she took one square, step, the door creaked like a rocking chair by a crackling fire.

She ran in with a smile spread on her face like the stars laid out on a black sky. She scattered glances across the room, a card-board box taped up and forgotten about. However, interrupting her exploration was yet another doll, propped up on a bicycle, mindlessly cycling into her ankles, she crouched down,

placing it upright next to her auburn shoes. She continued to examine the shelves stools, when, all of a sudden something caught her eye. A hot, grey-tinted and sky blue, much like her own hat, as she continued to take in the doll it soon hit her hard that the doll was her. She found it quite hard to wring her mind around the fact she was a doll, or rather the doll was her?

She mindlessly began reaching at the doll, the other doll desperately trying to cycle away. THUD. Reaching THUD. And as her stout pale fingers brushed the doll's plastic face...

Scarlet and sapphire flashes burst through her fresh youthful, dry eyes, all sense of certainty had shrivelled and crumbled away, like a bridge in ruins, broken and unsteady. She shifted her eyes gradually from left to right, purple rims around them. Slowly reality hit her mercilessly like a lightning bolt eradicating a lone, pine tree. This doll was her cage a lock with no key.

Our Phonics Workshops and live lesson

This week Parents from all year groups (including Nursery) were invited in to learn more about our new Phonics Scheme – Little Wandle. The Parents were given an insight into how we begin our phonics journey in Nursery and how this builds up during the Reception year and into Key Stage 1. Parents were shown how the newly purchased resources are used throughout school to support children gaining “sticky knowledge” and how they learn to use resources such as the “Grow the Code Chart” to support with spelling choices all the way up to Year 6. We finished the session by talking about the importance of gaining fluency and that this means more than reading quickly. It in fact is a combination of 3 important elements; accuracy (not making mistakes), automaticity (recognition of words without sounding out) and prosody (reading with appropriate stress and intonation).

Don't worry if you missed out this time, there will be further phonics events held next academic year, including live sessions and workshops that delve deeper into the different phases. Keep your eye out on Class Dojo and future newsletters for these dates.



Primley's Pre-school Messy Play and play group

Please join us at 9:30-11:00 for messy play with your **toddlers**!

This is a great opportunity for your **toddlers** to get to know Primley Wood Primary School. Please spread the word in Alwoodley and amongst your family and friends.

If you have any unwanted pre-school toys that are in good condition- please bring these along - Donations are gratefully welcomed.

Year 4 residential to Nell Bank

We are very proud of our Year 4 pupils who have shown great resilience, perseverance and teamwork! A little rain did not put them off!



Eco Council Week

Global Awareness Week was fantastic! The whole school took part in activities to raise awareness about significant issues. We also found out about one of Mrs Kaur's inspirational people – Sir David Attenborough.

The whole school took part in a huge playground clear-up and we had fabulous homework entries from across school!

During this week, we teamed up with Alwoodley 2030 to encourage everyone to walk to school. It was fantastic to see so many families make the pledge to walk, scoot, cycle or park & stride their way to Primley Wood. We had some fantastic visitors to raise awareness of this wonderful initiative – including Spike the Hedgehog and Strider the shoe!

This half term, we also saw the introduction of our new Eco council! Hopefully you will spot them around school with their shiny new badges. Next term they will be meeting weekly to discuss and implement ideas on how we can become a greener school.



Class Museums

Our Class Museums were a fantastic opportunity for children to celebrate their wonderful work with parents. From Roman Shield Tortoises to public speaking in Sparrowhawks and some incredible artwork in Falcons as well as some fantastic fundamentals with Maths and Writing books being shared in Reception with parents. We love seeing our children be proud of their hard work they have put in and are excited for the next round of Class Museums to see more of this.



SATs

SATs have been and gone at Primley Wood this half term. But I couldn't let the time pass without commending our children and staff for their commitment, passion and dedication during this period. So many staff volunteered their time to lead Booster Sessions for our children in the weeks that preceded SATs week and ensuring they were in school early to help with SATs Breakfast to ensure our children were here and ready for their assessments. The children themselves are very lucky to have the support of such caring adults but it could not have gone as well as it did without them. Every child in Red Kites did their best during SATs week, despite the additional pressure, they worked hard to practise and revise and I'm sure that everyone will be delighted with the outcomes of their hard work. We have been impressed by our Year 6 pupils' ability to communicate, contribute to class discussions and their determination to work independently to meet their goals! All skills that will serve them so well in life beyond Primley Wood as they prepare for their next step after the summer.

Careers Day Part 1

Careers Day Part 1 was all about the people who inspire us! It was kicked off in style as Mrs. Kaur led an assembly filled full of children, who were dressed as the roles they aspire to in the future. We had police officers, soldiers, teachers, head teachers, doctors and a CEO!



In the assembly, Mrs Kaur told us about one of the teachers that inspired her and we were all lucky enough to meet her.



We were also introduced to Fabian Hamilton who is a Member of Parliament for our local area! Children were fascinated to hear his story including how people close to him inspired him to take up the career that he did. We also heard inspirational tales from some of our teachers. Later the Honourable Mr. Hamilton worked with our Year 5 and 6 children to further talk about politics and follow your dreams!



Later the same day children were so lucky to be able to listen to all of our teachers talk about inspirational people in all areas of the curriculum. It was so nice to see our teachers speak with children from Reception all the way to Year 6 about Marie Curie, Usain Bolt, Rosa Parks and many more! It certainly got our children talking about all the possibilities in their futures and I enjoyed listening to conversations about how our children at Primley Wood might change the world for our next generation!



Careers Day – Part 2

Day 2 of our Summer Term Careers extravaganza was a huge success! In the morning volunteers from our parents and staff came in to run a careers fair in which children from our Year 5 & 6 classes came into the hall to find out more about current roles, routes through education and what skills our children might need on the way to them taking up different careers in the future. I spoke with children afterwards and was thrilled to hear about their understanding of the virtues needed to be a successful Paramedic as well as the necessary skills in Maths, communication and optimism required in both Project Management and Finance! We had a real-life drive-thru from a volunteer who works with Artificial Intelligence to make our roads and environment a safer place to live.



Several parents also kindly came into all classes to discuss their careers. Thank you so much to those parents who offered their support, it was incredibly valuable for our children!



Writing Competition

Wow! What fantastic, creative entries we had! Thank you so much to everyone who participated in Primley Wood's writing competition over the Easter holidays. Your stories were phenomenal and so imaginative. Well done to all winners across school - we hope you enjoy your well-deserved prizes. Never stop writing!



Spreading the magic called kindness...

*Thank you to all of the staff for all of their hard work this half term
and to parents for your support.*

*Thank you to all of our pupils who make it a delight for staff to work
at Primley Wood.*

Have a wonderful holiday everyone!