

# Foundation News

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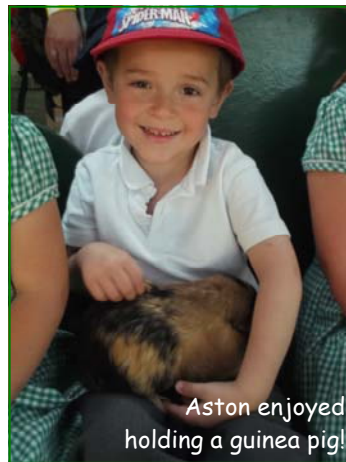
## Elsewhere in School...

- Our Key Stage 2 production of *Bugsy Malone* was a huge success, with over 400 people watching the show.
- We secured our best ever results in the Year 1 Phonics Tests, with 82% of children working at and beyond the required level.
- Our Year 4 tennis team and Year 6 Cricket squad represented Stevenage at County Finals.
- Year 1 had a brilliant Rio day, imagining what it would be like to visit this year's Olympics.
- Our whole school was involved in an action-packed Sports Week, including our three Sports Days.
- Our Year 6 lacrosse team collected silver medals after finishing second in this year's Stevenage Festival.
- Our Year 4/5/6 athletics squad secured team silver and a host of individual medals at the Stevenage Festival.

## What we've been doing this term...

### Visiting Willows Farm

Nursery had a great trip to the farm. We enjoyed feeding the animals, watching the sheepdog herd the ducks, stroke guinea pigs and a very bumpy tractor ride! We have picked a few of our favourite moments from this half term to share with you.



Aston enjoyed holding a guinea pig!



Emily fed the goats really carefully



Summer and Reece held the furry guinea pigs



Kelsey and Hunni try to milk the cow



We had a brilliant day out at the farm

## In the Garden

This half-term we have continued our topic about growing and minibeasts.

We have enjoyed watching our seedlings grow and change, and were very lucky to have some caterpillars to look after. We enjoyed watching them grow, make their cocoons and then emerge as beautiful butterflies!

On this page you can see a few of Nursery's favourite moments from the last few weeks, and on the opposite page you can see a few of Reception's highlights.



Lewis created a super spiral shape



Aleena brushed the snail tank



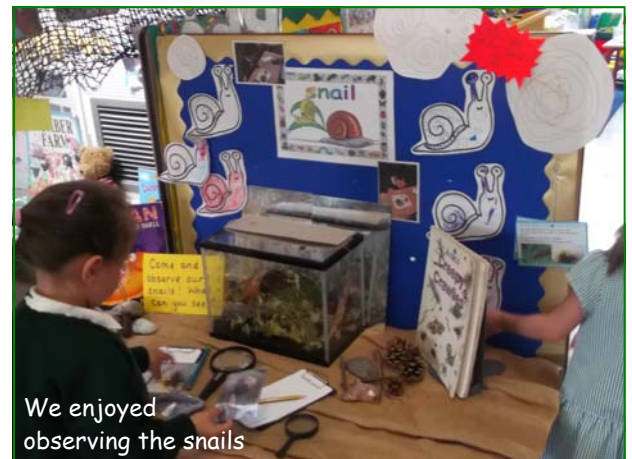
We made a large class spider web after reading *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle



Dylan enjoyed holding a snail



Kelsey fed the snails lettuce smoothie



We enjoyed observing the snails



In pairs we created our own versions of Henri Matisse's *The Snail*



Ruby holding one of our butterflies



Elin releasing a butterfly



Matilda holding a butterfly



Jake and Amber trying to pick up a butterfly



Releasing the butterflies

## Star Moments

Here is a small selection of our Star Moments. We really value the Stars and the comments that you contribute, which help us to encourage each other to talk about and value things we do at home.

### Matilda

Matilda can now write whole sentences independently.

### Jacob Wells

Jacob is becoming more confident when writing.

*Remember you can fill in and return a star at anytime.*

## Diary Dates

### 5th September

Start of Autumn  
Term

### 24th-28th October

Half-term

### 31st October

Inset day - school  
closed

### 21st December

End of term

### 5th January 2017

Start of Spring  
Term

### 13th-17th February

Half-term

### 10th March

Inset day - school  
closed

### 21st December

End of term

### 19th April

Start of Summer  
Term

### 1st May

May Bank Holiday -  
school closed

### 8th-12th May

Year 6 SATs Test  
Week

### 29th May - 2nd June

Half-term

### 21st July

End of term

## Reception Go Wild!

Reception had a fantastic day out at Shepreth Wildlife Park, learning about mini-beasts, handling some strange creatures and getting close to lots of animals we had never seen before. Hopefully you can see how much fun we had in the pictures below!



Frankie holding  
a stick insect



We were fascinated  
by the capybaras!



Ronnie and Sienna  
pretended to be pandas



We carefully  
watched the  
meerkats



Feeding time for  
the racoons!



Ladybirds  
looked at the  
llamas



We enjoyed our  
minibeasts talk