



# FLORA NEWS



HAVE A LOVELY WEEKEND

FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2026

## HEAD'S BLOG

This year's school residential trip to Nethercott House in Devon has been booked for Monday 23rd – Friday 27th November 2026

Availability is limited to 39 places. Only children from the current Years 4 & 5 are eligible for these sought after places, which will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis. Places are available to book via School Money for all current Year 4 & 5 pupils. If all places are booked, a waiting list will be opened for remaining children wishing to secure a place, should any then become available.

The Nethercott experience is a wonderful opportunity for children, particularly those living in the city. Flora Gardens have been visiting Nethercott for over 20 years. Each journey has been hugely successful and highly beneficial to all the children who attend.

The full cost of a child visiting Nethercott for a week is around £700. **However, the school will be covering a significant portion of this cost and is asking parents to contribute £220 per child. We believe this is a valuable experience for all children and want to make it as accessible as possible. The £220 contribution includes travel, meals, accommodation and teaching from Nethercott staff, offering excellent value for a five-day residential.**

We will also be fundraising to help cover the cost of the coach.

A non-refundable deposit of £50 is required for those wishing to secure a place. All payments are to be made through School Money. Please note that the total payment must be completed by Friday 13th November 2026. All payments are non-refundable.

If you have any questions or concerns about what a week at Nethercott involves please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Carter  
School Journey Leader

## POLLING DAY REMINDER

This is a reminder that our school is being used as a polling station on Thursday 7th May. As a result, the school will be closed to all pupils on that day. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. The school will reopen as normal on Friday 8th May.

## Y2 VISIT A MOSQUE



Year 2 had a fantastic time visiting the Mosque this week as they have been learning about religious places of worship in RE.

# HEADS HOT CHOCOLATE



This fortnight, four boys from KS2 had the treat of enjoying hot chocolate with Mrs. Asserati. Mohammed Y particularly loved the leftover chocolate eggs from Easter.



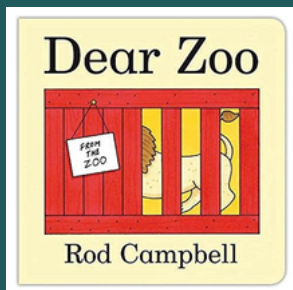
# VALUE AWARD WINNERS



A huge congratulations to all the Value Award winners this fortnight! We are immensely proud of your achievements.



# BOOK OF THE FORTNIGHT



Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell  
Children love lifting the flaps and guessing which animal will come next in this playful and interactive story.



The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd  
A heart-warming and imaginative tale about friendship and growing unusual friends and you can find read-along versions on YouTube.

# ATTENDANCE

Our whole-school attendance this week was:

**92.76%**

## •• Why Attendance Matters:

Coming to school every day helps us learn new things, build friendships, and take part in fun activities. Even missing a little bit of school can make it harder to keep up so thank you to everyone working hard to be here on time each morning.

## ★ Attendance Tips:

Get school bags and uniforms ready the night before  
Try to go to bed early so you feel rested  
If you're ever worried about coming to school, talk to a teacher—we're here to help!

Let's see if we can beat our score next week.  
Keep up the amazing effort!

**Please report any absences or report any appointments to [attendance@fgschool.uk](mailto:attendance@fgschool.uk)**

# CHICK, CHICK, CHICKENS



It has been a wonderful experience to have the chicks in school, allowing us to observe their hatching and growth over the past two weeks. The children have absolutely loved having them.

# KS2 FLORA MARATHON



A tremendous achievement for everyone in Key Stage 2, as they successfully completed a mini marathon of 2 miles!

