

MONT A L'ABBE SCHOOL

Spring Term 2 Newsletter

Tuesday 31st March 2026



HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

We are at the end of a short but very busy and joyful half term and it is lovely to share some of the wonderful learning, celebrations, and experiences that have taken place across Primary, Secondary, and L'Étaçq.

In our CLL lessons, our younger learners at Primary had an exciting time diving into the colourful and mischievous world of *Aliens Love Underpants*. The story sparked plenty of laughter and inspired brilliant communication activities, storytelling, and hands-on sensory learning. Learners loved exploring the aliens and the patterned underpants, making a wonderful washing line of pants hanging in our entrance foyer! Our learners at Secondary and L'Étaçq took on Roald Dahl's classic *Fantastic Mr Fox*. This much-loved story encouraged rich discussion, character exploration, drama, and creative writing under the learning focus of 'what happened'. Learners particularly enjoyed exploring the habitats characters from the book would live in and this led to imaginative art pieces.

World Book Day was a fantastic celebration across the school! Learners and staff enjoyed dressing up, sharing stories, exploring sensory book-themed activities, activity carousels and celebrating the joy of reading. From aliens to superheroes and farmers to enormous crocodiles, the school was filled with colour, creativity, and imagination.

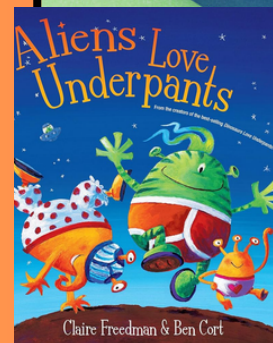
Our first Eco Schools Day centred around the theme of biodiversity, with a special spotlight on birds and bees at Secondary and L'Étaçq. It was a thoughtful, hands-on day that helped deepen understanding of nature and sustainability. Thank you to Mrs Luke for organising visitors from Jersey Bee Keepers association and Ornithology Societe to bring our learning to life. Our next Eco Day is Monday 20th April.

Tech Week was a huge hit! Classes made incredible use of our immersive suite, stepping into virtual worlds that enhanced learning across subjects. Learners explored interactive environments, responded to sensory digital cues, and had great fun experimenting with technology in new and engaging ways.

We have ended this Spring term with a brilliant Easter Disco, full of dancing and music. Learners and staff had fun together, showing off their best moves!

A huge thank you to all learners, families, and staff for making this half term such a positive and energetic one. We hope you enjoy a restful and happy Easter holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for more learning and fun next term.

Tricia Moloney





Turtle Class

This term we have immersed ourselves in the topic of Space, and Wow! The Learners have absolutely loved it (and so have Turtles team!). We have enjoyed the book Aliens love Underpants, loving the sensory aspects of the story as well as learning lots of Makaton. In continuous provision the learners have explored new areas like role play and water play. We have seen some amazing parallel and cooperative play, where Turtles have been enjoying time with their peers and interacting beautifully. We continue to work on communication, with the use of low and high tech GRIDs, coreboards and the use of Makaton. Some of us are starting to grasp the idea of blending and segmenting letter sounds to begin our early reading journey. Bucket time has been a huge success with the move to stage 3, learners are starting to understand the idea of taking turns. A brilliant Term Turtles, Well done! Have a lovely Easter, from Ms. Cesca & the Turtle Team!



Dolphin Class

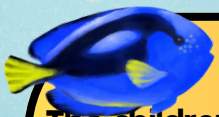
We have been making the most of the sunshine this term in Dolphin Class, developing our bus skills and community skills visiting different parks, exploring different equipment and learning how to interact and share space and resources with others 🙌. Have a lovely Easter break Dolphins!



Octopus Class

We've had a fabulous half term in Octopus Class! The children have really enjoyed our space-themed learning and have been very engaged, especially through sensory play and hands on activities. It's also been lovely to enjoy the sunshine, with some great park trips and lots of outdoor play together. Happy Easter Octopus class!





Regal Tang Fish Class

The children have absolutely loved exploring the story *Aliens Love Underpants* and immersing themselves in our exciting space theme. They have enjoyed sequencing the story, describing all the silly underpants, and joining in with lots of fun space-themed activities. Everyone has worked really hard on their Makaton signing and communication this term. It has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence and using their signs during activities and play. We have also enjoyed our regular visits from the therapy dog, as well as taking part in Sensology and music sessions! We hope you all have a lovely, restful Easter break and we look forward to seeing the children after the holidays.



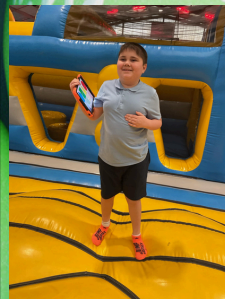
Parrotfish Class

This half term, our learners in Parrotfish Class have enjoyed exploring planets and aliens, inspired by the story *Aliens Love Underpants*. They have shown great enthusiasm and imagination during their learning, engaging in a range of fun and creative activities linked to the theme. In maths, the children have been learning about money through playing shop, as well as developing their counting skills and understanding of shapes. Throughout the spring term, they have been busy learning and making lots of progress, and we are very proud of all they have achieved. Have a great Easter break boys!



Lionfish Class

Lionfish Class have been incredibly busy this term and have continued to work very hard. We have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our new book *Aliens Love Underpants*, which has inspired lots of exciting learning around space, aliens, and patterns. The children have shown great determination in maths, continuing to work towards their personal targets, and have engaged thoughtfully in PHSE lessons focusing on growing and changing. We have also had lots of fun outside the classroom, taking part in a range of activities including horse riding, swimming, a classroom disco, visits to Jump Jersey, and trips to the art centre. It has been wonderful to see the children trying new experiences, building confidence, and strengthening their friendships across the class.





Clownfish Class

We have really enjoyed our space topic and sensory storytelling this half term.

We have done lots of exploration of space through art, bucket time, messy play and using the omni floor. We have enjoyed singing and signing along to our space songs during circle time and counting down from 5 to make our rockets 'blast off!' Have a lovely Easter break Clownfish!

Mandarinfish Class

Mandarin class have had a great spring term!

We have all really enjoyed our Space topic, especially our 'Aliens Love Underpants' story.

We have enjoyed playing maths games together, exploring concepts like 'big & small' and 'up & down' together as a class, improving our joint attention, and turn-taking skills,

through fun and games. We have had a brilliant time at Cycling Without Limits too.

Enjoy your easter break everyone! The

Mandarinfish team



Rainbowfish Class

The whole class, including the staff, have had so much fun learning all about Space this term. We

looked at the different planets in our solar system, we made our own rocket ships and we even completed astronaut training. The Aliens Love Underpants story has made us all laugh, especially when we had some aliens visit us in class. It has been a brilliant term in Rainbowfish class. We hope you all enjoy your Easter holidays and look forward to having the boys back in class for the summer term.





Victory Class

Our learners have loved learning about Fantastic Mr Fox for literacy this term! We have read the story, participated in roleplay, and explored what happened in different parts of the story. The learners also continue to become more independent in communicating using their AAC talkers. We are so proud of their effort this term - well done everyone!



Mary Rose Class
Lovely to have some sun again this half term. We have seen lots of progress with group activities and use of our tech. Keep up the good work and enjoy your Easter break!



Santa Maria Class

Santa Maria has had a wonderful time learning about Fantastic Mr Fox this term. We worked together to create a colourful collage inspired by the story, using lots of teamwork and creativity. We've also been enjoying our Two Rhythms sessions, which have helped us explore music and movement in new ways, and our dance sessions on Tuesdays, where we've been building confidence, coordination, and having great fun! Have a lovely Easter break!



Mayflower Class

This half term Mayflower have enjoyed creating their very own 'Burrow' based on our book of the term, Fantastic Mr Fox. We have identified what we would need in our burrow to keep us safe. Have a lovely Easter break!

Cutty Sark Class

This term has been full of exciting experiences. We celebrated World Book Day and Fantastic Mr Fox has inspired our reading and creativity. We also started our Ocean Narrative Challenge, learning about the sea and the amazing creatures that live there. We've created multimedia art pieces, sent emails to people in the community who can help us and written poetry. We loved making Mother's Day cards and sweet Easter treats for our families. Some of us have discovered a love of netball and that injections aren't as scary as we thought. We continue to grow as a supportive class who enjoy laughing, learning, and togetherness every day. Happy Easter Cutty Sark!



SS Vega Class

David enjoyed his visit to the zoo with his friend Harry. They both enjoyed the sun, the animals, and a delicious flapjack.

Lucas walked very calmly and completed a walk from Les Salines to L'Étacq, and then returned back.

Jaiden visited Freelance, where the salesman explained and showed the different features of an electric car to him.

Kaci continues with her cooking lessons. She made a tomato ragu, which apparently tasted amazing!



Ellen MacArthur Class

We've had another fantastic half term in Ellen MacArthur Class! Highlights have included creating marvellous medicine potions on World Book Day, cooking delicious pizzas, and enjoying trips out in the community. Everyone continues to work incredibly hard in their daily phonics, maths, and CLL lessons, and we couldn't be prouder of all they have achieved.



L'ETACQ



Vasco Da Gama Class

This half term we have been working alongside Skills Jersey to deliver life skills and give students a taste of some of the industries that they might gain employment with upon leaving school. These included; visits to Pet Cabin, the Grand Hotel and Bramble Farm. Sarah and Kate from Skills Jersey also came into school to work with the students to further explain about different industries. Bramble Farm was a clear hit with most of our students and we are looking forward to doing more work with them next term.



DATES for the DIARY

Monday 20th April - Back to school

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 7th May - INSET (no school)

Friday 8th May - INSET (no school)

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May - Half term week

Friday 26th June - Community Picnic

Thursday 2nd July - Leavers Prom

Monday 6th July - Transition fortnight begins

Friday 17th July - End of term



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PRIMARY CHAMPIONS

Turtles:

Commendation: Sophia Ahier
Friendship Champion: Nate Swara
Learner of the Term: Salvador Rebolo

Dolphin:

Commendation: Bradley Wason
Friendship Champion: Ollie Soley
Learner of the Term: Oliver Fernandes Sousa

Octopus:

Commendation: Kai Mourant
Friendship Champion: Micah Issa
Learner of the Term: Jack Soley

Lionfish:

Commendation: Charlie Bautista
Friendship Champion: Frankie McKay
Learner of the Term: David Dima

Rainbow:

Commendation: Elliot Duffin
Friendship Champion: Zac Bartus
Learner of the Term: Michael Santos

Parrotfish:

Commendation: Leo Norman
Friendship Champion: Asher Wilkinson
Learner of the Term: Santi Teixeira

Mandarin:

Commendation: Isaac Cash
Friendship Champion: Jessica Dawson Butel
Learner of the Term: Oliver Landor

Clownfish:

Commendation: Aria Samson
Friendship Champion: Gabriel Rowe
Learner of the Term: Megan Gavey

Regaltangfish:

Commendation: Wade Heys
Friendship Champion: Filipe Rosmanhinho
Learner of the Term: Georgia Legg

SECONDARY CHAMPIONS

Victory:

Commendation: Dale Curtis
Friendship Champion: Lio Charre Phillips
Learner of the Term: Samuel Gaspar Ferro

Mary Rose:

Commendation: Nina Sharma
Friendship Champion: Isaac Clynes
Learner of the Term: Hayden Littlejohn

Santa Maria:

Commendation: Erin Harvey Lenaghan
Friendship Champion: George Sharples
Learner of the Term: Isla Callec Coyle

Cutty Sark:

Commendation: Oscar Bailey Hughes
Friendship Champion: Ausrene Uwosomah
Learner of the Term: Lillie Edwards

Mayflower:

Commendation: Santiago Caldeira
Friendship Champion: Harry De Gruchy Wilson
Learner of the Term: Duncan Berenguer

SS Vega:

Commendation: Jaiden Carre
Friendship Champion: David Da Silva
Learner of the Term: Kaci McCauley

L'ETACQ CHAMPIONS

Vasco Da Gama:

Commendation: Jack Steel
Friendship Champion: Rafael De Freitas
Learner of the Term: Rodrigo Pereira

Ellen MacArthur:

Commendation: Isabella Mendes
Friendship Champion: Tom Smith
Learner of the Term: Rowan Flambard



Well done to all our learners for their super efforts!