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## *Bonjour & Welcome Back – A Magnifique Start to Our Final Half Term*

Dear Families,

Welcome back to our final half term of this academic year... *but where on earth has that gone?!* It only feels like yesterday we were welcoming everyone in September, and here we are heading into the final stretch - what a year it has been!

This week, our school has been bursting with *joie de vivre* as we celebrated **French Day** in true style. From delicious croissants to colourful artwork, from café role-play to singing in French, every class has embraced the theme with enthusiasm and creativity.

We are incredibly proud of all the children for the way they have engaged, collaborated and immersed themselves in learning about the French language and culture. In this week's newsletter, we are delighted to showcase just a flavour of the fantastic learning that has taken place across the school.

As ever, thank you for your continued support. Our door is always open!

*Mrs Berry*



## Pre-School: Singing, Tasting & Exploring France!

Our youngest learners had a delightful introduction to French culture, enjoying a day full of sensory experiences and fun.

They:

- ✓ Listened to lively **French music**
- ✓ Sang the classic “**Frère Jacques**”
- ✓ Created bright and colourful **French flags**
- ✓ Sampled their very first **croissants**

A wonderful start to language learning—*magnifique*, Pre-School!



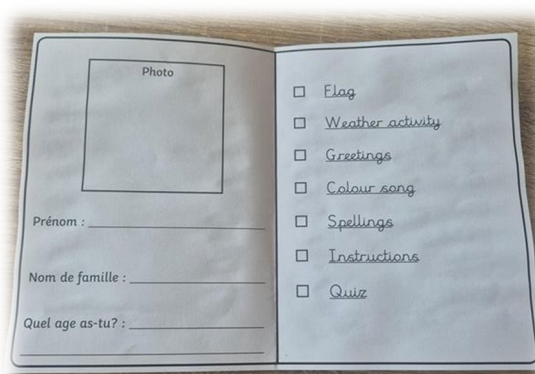
## Year 3: Passport to Paris Adventures!

Year 3 truly travelled the French way, starting their day by creating their very own **passports**, which they used as a checklist of activities throughout the day.

Their learning journey included:

- ✓ Designing colourful French flags
- ✓ Learning how to talk about the **weather**
- ✓ Performing an energetic **French colour song** to Year 2
- ✓ Practising **greetings** and even supporting Year 2 with theirs
- ✓ Recapping how to **give instructions**
- ✓ Creating French “**All About Me**” profiles

They rounded off their day with a fun and competitive **quiz**—*très bien*, Year 3!



## Year 6: Masterpieces & Monuments!

Year 6 showcased their artistic talents by stepping into the world of famous French artist **Claude Monet**, recreating beautiful pieces inspired by his work.

They also:

Designed striking **Eiffel Tower silhouette artwork**, capturing one of France's most iconic landmarks.

After such hard work, they thoroughly enjoyed a well-earned treat—**croissants for all!**





## Year 2: Croissants, Conversations & Culture!

Year 2 had a wonderfully immersive French experience, spending the day learning all about France and picking up key French vocabulary. Highlights included:

- Learning and practising **common greetings**
- Joining Year 3 for a brilliant **French meet-and-greet**
- Watching Year 3 perform a **colour song** (and learning along!)
- Taking part in a range of exciting French-themed activities

The day's highlight? **Tasting delicious croissants**—a firm favourite all round!



## Year 5: A Taste of La France!



Year 5 stepped into the world of French cafés, bringing language learning to life through role play.

They:

- Took turns being **customers and waiters**
- Used French to **order food and drinks**
- Learned about famous **French landmarks**
- Enjoyed tasting freshly baked **croissants**
- A fantastic way to build confidence and real-life language skills—*bravo*, Year 5!



## Talking Around the Table

*“When did you show courage this week, even when something felt challenging?”*

You might like to share this over dinner, on the journey to school, or before bedtime. It is a simple question to spark reflection and connection together.






## Reminders & Support



We would like to take this opportunity to share a few important reminders and highlight the support available to all our lovely families.

 We are fortunate to have a wide range of **pre-loved school uniform**, all in **excellent condition**, available in school. This is a great way to support families and reduce waste. Please visit the **school website** for full details on how you can access this.

### **Attendance Reminders**

Attendance remains a **high priority** at our school, as we know how important regular attendance is for children's learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging.

We kindly remind parents and carers that:

- Any child absence must be reported **before the start of the school day**
- This must be done **by telephone**
- Parents and carers must **speak directly to a member of staff**
- Absences **cannot be reported by email**

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain clear and consistent attendance procedures.

### **Safeguarding and Family Support**

The safety and wellbeing of all our children is always at the heart of what we do. You can talk to **any** member of staff in school if you are worried about a child. All members of staff, governors and volunteers have had safeguarding training.

Our school does have special members of staff trained to deal with concerns and worries. They are called Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) and our main one is Mrs Berry. All members of our Pastoral Team, Mrs Westby and Miss Lawless, are also Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Further information about family support, safeguarding and who to contact can also be found on the **school website**.

We are always here to listen and to work in partnership with families to ensure every child feels safe, supported and able to thrive.