



# Essendon

## C of E Primary School

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### Dear Essendon families,

Happy Easter to you all! The Easter break is a time for joy, reflection and family, as we come together to remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the Cross, and to celebrate His resurrection to sit at the right hand of the Father in Heaven. From all of us here at school, we wish you peace, prosperity and happiness during the two-week break. Here is this week's news...

### Hats for Brain Tumours

Thanks to everyone who took part in our



"hats for brain tumour awareness" event.

Don't forget, if you'd like to donate, you can do so directly through the charity's website, here [www.braintumourresearch.org](http://www.braintumourresearch.org).

### Comic Relief Total

The final total for our Comic Relief fundraising page was £305! Massive thanks to everyone who contributed - this is a fantastic achievement!

### Friends of Essendon School Easter Fundraising

We are enormously grateful to the Friends of Essendon School for their Easter fundraising drive. Although they had very little time to prepare, they have done a terrific job of organising the Easter raffle and craft activities, and while the total is not yet in, we understand they have raised over £200 for the school so far. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to their collection!

### Our focus value this term is...

# LOVE GOD

### Bags to School

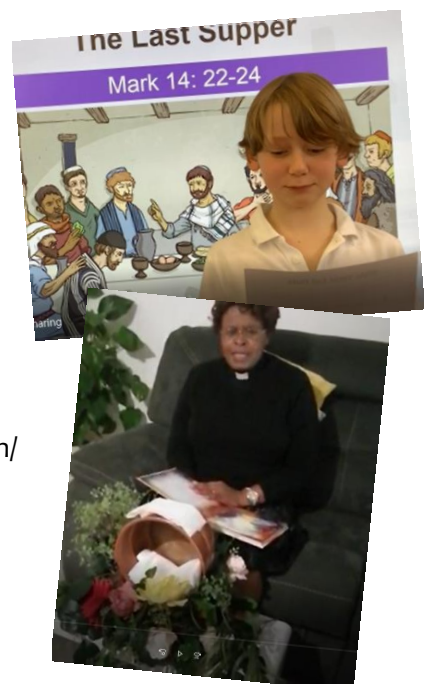
Thanks to everyone who donated clothes to our last Bags to School collection, which raised £50 for the FES. The next collection has been arranged for Friday 14th May.

### INSET day

Don't forget, Monday 12 April is an INSET day, so pupils should return to school on Tuesday 13 Apr.

### Easter Service

On Thursday, we held our online Easter Service. Thanks to Rev. Theresa for her thought-provoking sermon and to the children for their lovely contributions, including prayers, songs and re-tellings of the Easter story. Parents who wish to watch the service can do so online, where the video has been uploaded to our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/essendoncofe](https://www.facebook.com/essendoncofe)



**Happy Easter everyone!**

**With love and Best Wishes,  
Mr Potter**

## Awards

Huge congratulations to those who have achieved the following special awards this week! A big “well done” to Lily Shadbolt in Warrenwood Class, and to Erin Hannah, Daniel Goldsworthy and George Chymkowski from Harefield Class, who have all earned their 50 Team Points Bronze Awards this week.

Secondly, a massive “well done” for earning Headteacher’s awards this week goes to Shannon Draper for her fantastic application in maths lessons, to Elsie Tilley for her superb Mother’s Day writing, to Albert Rogers for living our school values by showing great support to a friend in the class, and to Charlie Jenner and Amelia Szendzielorz for their brilliant performance poetry Work.

Well done to you all!



## Governor view

This week marked one year since we first went into Lockdown and on Tuesday there was a national day of reflection. An opportunity to reflect and remember those we’ve lost due to the pandemic but also look forward to a better and brighter future.

It has been a challenging year for everybody, especially schools. Reflecting on the past year we have seen how our school has risen to the challenge of national restrictions and done all they could to ensure our children and staff remain as safe as possible and able to continue to provide the best education they can. Through all this we have seen the resilience of the staff, parents and especially the children. We should also focus on the achievements and how productive we’ve been and the challenges we’ve overcome.

The past year has forced us to do things differently, whether you worked from home, home schooled or saw your friends and family through Zoom. Our governors have continued to monitor the school and hold all meetings virtually. We have been able to share school services virtually and I am looking forward to watching this week’s Easter service on the school Facebook page.

This time last year everything was closed including churches. At St Mary’s, Essendon, we couldn’t have our usual Easter service, so we decided to create an Easter garden outside by the porch. The community came and added flowers, pebbles, rainbows and even some porcelain ducks! Although we are now able to go inside the church building, we’re not yet back to normal and once again I will be creating our garden outside. So if you’re passing by St Mary’s church next weekend, please feel free to go and add to the garden.

Over the past year there may be lessons we have learned that we will take with us. The past year may have helped us recognise what we are grateful for in our lives and how to honour this going forward. It has been a rollercoaster of a year and we should be proud of our efforts and how we are getting through it.

**Have a lovely Easter!**

**With love and best wishes**

**Pauline Alleyne**

**Chair of Governors**



**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

On behalf of Multi-Active I would like to give you all an update.

**Multi-Active are so pleased to announce we will be Essendon's Wrap Around Before and After School Club once again from March 8th 2021. The Base After school sports clubs will begin from 13th April 2021!**

Multi-Active are a childcare provider who operate across Beds/Herts/Cambs and Essex working with schools to provide Wrap Around Care and School Holiday Services. For more information about Multi-Active you can visit our website at [www.multi-active.co.uk](http://www.multi-active.co.uk)

**From 8th March 2021 we will be providing:**

**Breakfast Club:** Runs from 7.30-8.45am Mon-Fri, which includes fun games and Breakfast followed by a school walk to the classroom. We have 2 drop off slots 7:30am and 8am.

**After School Care Club:** March 8th – March 26th 2021 from 3.30-6pm Monday - Friday we will offer a 'care club' which includes various daily activities. We have 3 collection slots 4:15pm, 5pm and 6pm Monday - Friday. A Food Menu and Club Rota to see what activity clubs are on each day is displayed on our website.

**From 12th April 2021 - 28th May 2021** we will begin our popular After School Clubs again! Monday – ~~Bootcamp – 3:15-4:15 Outside~~ **Changed to Gymnastics – 3.15-4.15 Inside**

Tuesday – Nerf Targets Club – 3:15-4:15 Inside/Outside

Wednesday – Football Skills Club – 3:15-4:15 Inside/Outside

Thursday – Rounders Club – 3:15-4:15 Outside

Friday – Street Dance Club AND Football Club – 3:15-4:15 Inside/Outside

We will again run our after care club until 6pm for children alongside an afternoon snack.

**Holiday Club:** Multi-Active run camps in the school holidays with various activity days from 7.30am – 6.00 pm for children in the local area! Your closest venues are at Hollybush Primary School in Hertford/ at Ridgeway Academy in Welwyn Garden City/ at Longmeadow Primary in Stevenage. Our next camp is Easter Holiday camp on 29th March 2021!

#### **How to book:**

For Wrap Around Care:

By email: [admin@multi-active.co.uk](mailto:admin@multi-active.co.uk)

By calling our office on Tel:01462 351582 or 07561-416208 (Mon-Fri 8am - 4:30pm).

We use continuous bookings the office will ask you to fill these out to secure your booking.

For Holiday Camps: Online at [www.multi-active.co.uk](http://www.multi-active.co.uk) select the venue you would like and place your booking using our booking system. The next camp is Easter Holiday Camp from 29th March 2021!

We are Ofsted registered and accept Childcare Vouchers and Tax Free Vouchers. For more information please see our website at [www.multi-active.co.uk](http://www.multi-active.co.uk) and select 'Wrap Around Care' and 'After School Clubs' to find out what activities are running in your child's school and to see our regular newsletter to keep you up to date!

*Please note: Parents who already have a continuous booking with us will have their booking automatically applied and they will get an email with dates their child is booked in. If they need to make changes to contact the office. Some parents have a credit notes for sessions that did not go ahead - these will be applied to March and April's bookings before any further payment is taken.*

We look forward to seeing you there! Let's get Multi-Active!

Kind Regards,

Katie Miles, School Operations Manager and The Multi-Active Team





# The BASE

Wrap Around Care @ Essendon Primary  
Powered by Multi-Active



**Join in the Fun at our  
After School Clubs at  
Essendon Primary!**



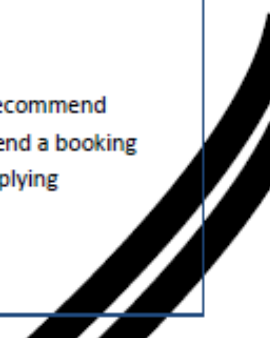
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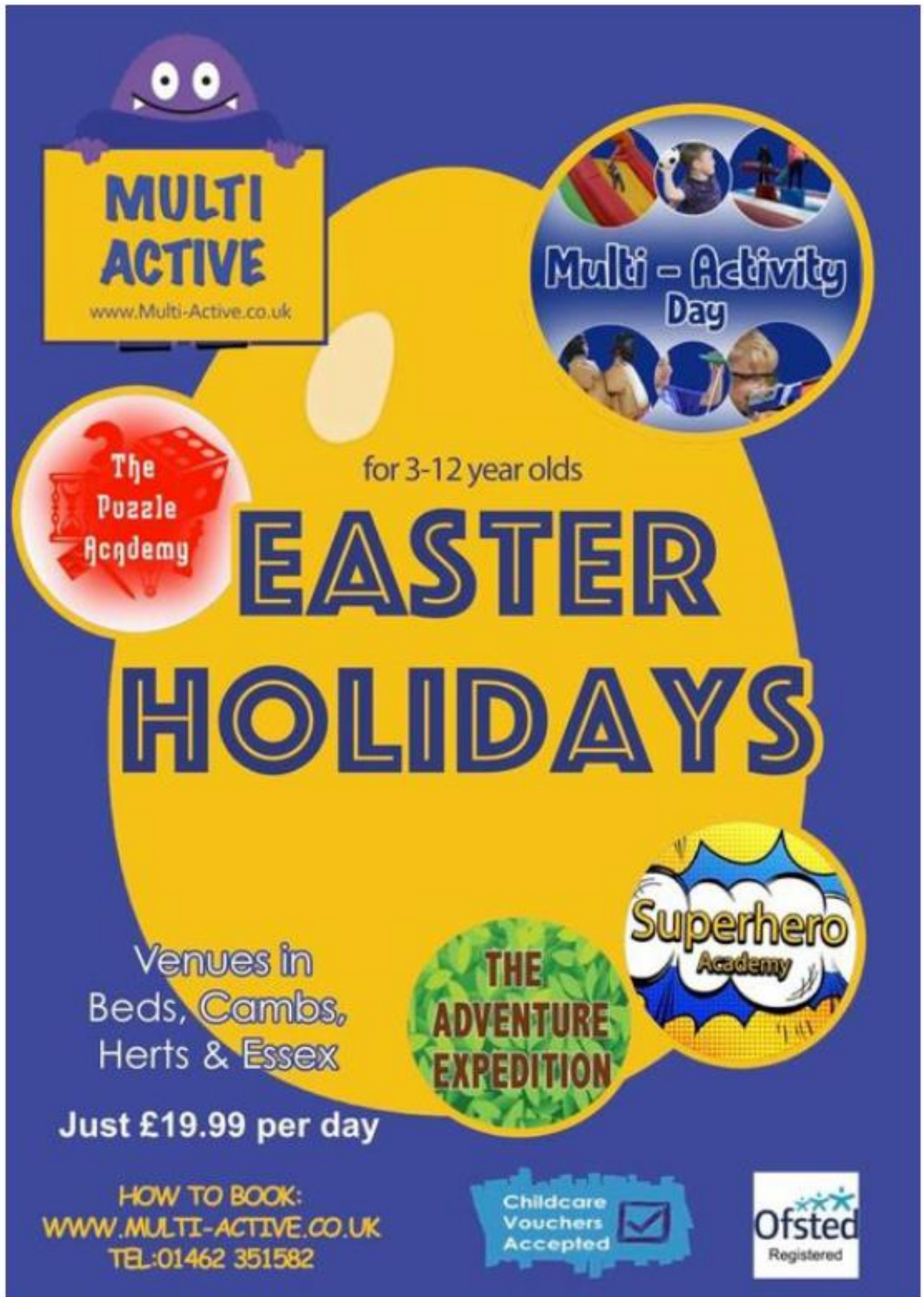
Multi-Active have been running Wrap Around Care services at Essendon Primary since September 2020 and we are excited to let you know about the fun After School Clubs running next term at your school.

Next term we have a great range of clubs from Nerf Target Club working on our accuracy and tactical play to Bootcamp with fitness-based games and exercises open to children from Reception to Year 6. Please note that due to Covid-19 rules for wrap around care settings we can only offer 15 places per club to ensure we comply with our Covid-19 guidelines (Full details of how we keep children safe and our Covid-19 procedures to keep children safe can be found on our website). If you would like your child to attend a club, please go online to our website to book online or call our office on the number below. We accept childcare vouchers and tax-free credits. More information about our other services such as our Breakfast Club and extended hours care club up to 6pm at The Base can be found on our website.

Book online <a href="http://www.multi-active.co.uk">www.multi-active.co.uk</a> OR phone 01462 351582					
<b>School/Location</b>	Essendon Primary	<b>Dates</b>	Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 - Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	<b>Cost (£)</b>	£2 per session when booking 7 week block sessions <i>The School will cover 50% of the usual club fee. (usually £4)</i>
<b>Duration</b>	1 Hour	<b>Time</b>	3:15pm - 4:15 pm	<b>Age</b>	Years Reception to Year 6
<b>Club Details</b>	<p>Monday – <del>Bootcamp</del> 3:15-4:15 Outside <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">CHANGED – now Gymnastics</span></p> <p>Tuesday – Nerf Targets Club – 3:15-4:15</p> <p>Wednesday – Football Skills Club – 3:15-4:15 Outside</p> <p>Thursday – Rounders Club – 3:15-4:15 Outside</p> <p>Friday – Street Dance Club – 3:15-4:15 <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">ADDED – also football</span></p>				
<b>Booking info</b>	<p>To Book online please go to <a href="http://www.multi-active.co.uk">www.multi-active.co.uk</a> and click on After School Clubs and select Essendon The Base After School Clubs.</p> <p>You can also book by Telephone by calling 01462 351582</p> <p>Please note that places on this course are limited to 15 children per day. We recommend booking early to guarantee your child's place. Once booked Multi-Active will send a booking confirmation to your email address. For more information on how we are complying with Covid rules to keep children and staff safe please visit our website.</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you there!</p>				

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## Sign up for hot and cold school meals!

Since Herts Catering Ltd began providing our school meals in the Autumn term, we have been delighted by the fantastic quality, generous portions and wide variety of options on offer. The pupils have unanimously expressed their enjoyment of the meals.



I would strongly encourage all parents to read through the information available at [www.hcl.co.uk](http://www.hcl.co.uk) and consider taking up these excellent school meals!

## Term dates 2020-2021

### Autumn Term

Weds 2nd Sep: Inset Day  
Thurs 3 Sep: Term Begins  
Mon 26-Fri 30 Oct: Half Term  
Fri 18 Dec: End of Term

### Spring Term

Mon 4th Jan: Inset Day  
Tues 5 Jan: Term Begins  
Mon 15-Fri 19 Feb: Half Term  
Fri 26 Mar: End of Term

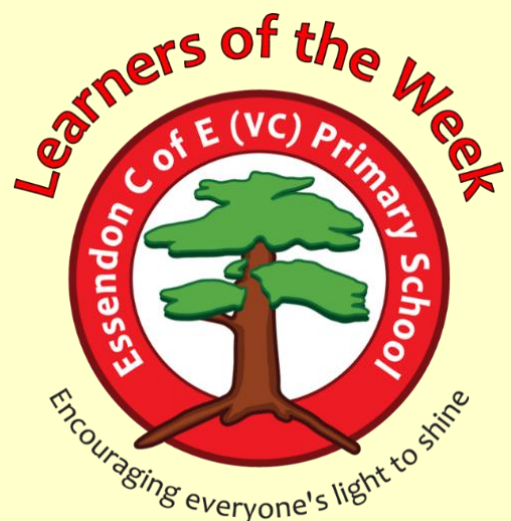
### Summer Term

Mon 12 Apr: Inset Day  
Mon 19 Apr: Parents' Evening (1<sup>st</sup> half – early evening)  
Weds 21 Apr: Parents' Evening (2<sup>nd</sup> half – later evening)  
Tues 13 Apr: Term Begins  
Mon 31 May-Fri 4 Jun: Half Term  
Mon 7 Jun: Inset Day  
Tues 20 Jul: End of Term  
Weds 21 Jul: Inset Day  
Thurs 22 Jul: Occasional Day

## Congratulations to this week's star learners!

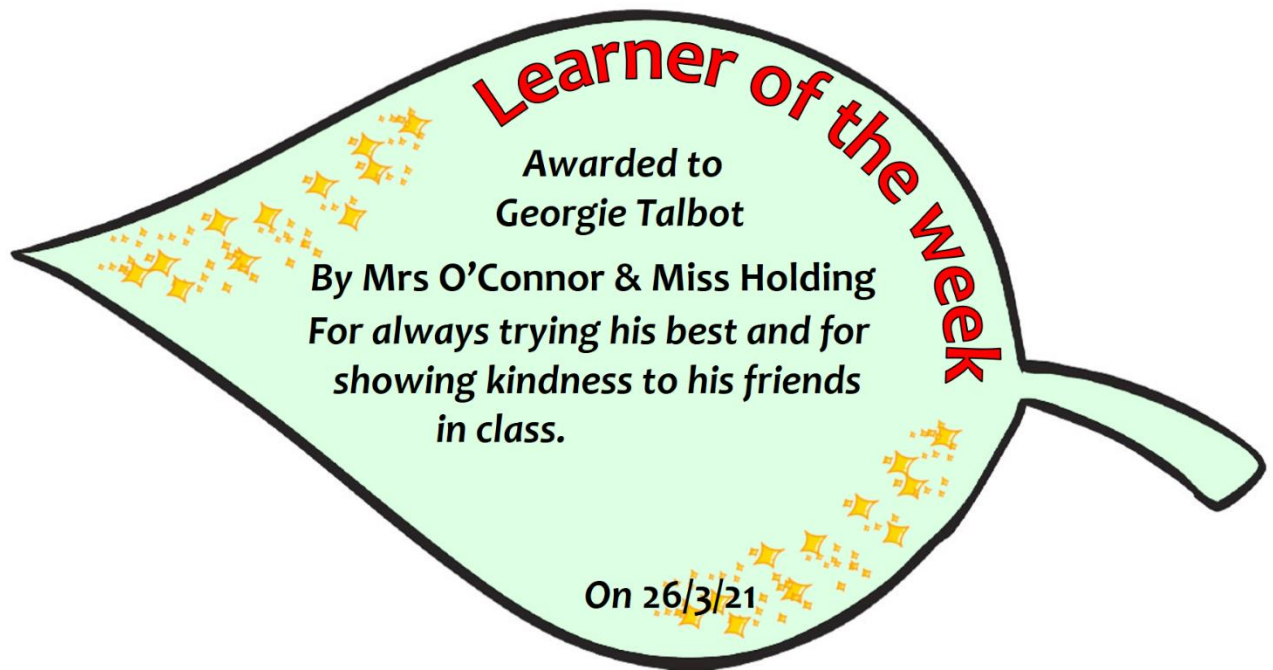
**Pantherswood:**  
Georgie and Leo  
**Homewood:**  
Edward and Alisha  
**Warrenwood:**  
Amber and Joe  
**Harefield:**  
Albert and Jess

**Well done to you all! Your cut-out-and-keep Learner of the Week leaves are below.**





**Pantherswood**



## Homewood





**Warrenwood**

**Learner of the week**  
Awarded to:  
**Amber**  
By: Mrs Morton  
For her excellent contributions and effort during group work in English this week. Well done!

On 26/3/2021

**Learner of the week**  
Awarded to:  
**Joe**  
By: Mr Woodhouse  
For his excellent effort with his Pirate non-chronological text. Well done!

On 26/3/2021

## Harefield

