

# HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

In a normal week there is often one highlight that most children will remember as the stand out event of the week, but we have been blessed with a number of amazing occasions over the last 5 days.

It is hard to start anywhere other than with the arrival of Ursula and her two adorable lambs, who have been in residence on the lawn outside Pre Prep since Monday morning. The children have all had the chance to meet our visitors, with those in Pre Prep helping to feed and care for all three of them throughout the week. We have even had some residents from Badger's Wood and Redlands House care homes come to Town Close to see our Ewe and her lambs, courtesy of our school charity Friend in Deed.

On Monday we had the opportunity to welcome on to site Grandparents and other significant adults related to our Year 3 and 4 children, who all enjoyed sharing a morning with our visiting children's author and illustrator, Elys Dolan. Following Elys' talk, the adults were taken to the Year 3 and 4 classrooms and to the library, to share in activities connected to Elys' books about dinosaurs.

Tuesday saw a visit from author and illustrator James Mayhew, who hosted sessions with each year group across Pre Prep, entrancing the children with his stunning illustrations that brought his stories to life.

Thursday was the crowning glory of book week, with the children arriving in school in an amazing array of costumes, with a substantial number worthy of mention right across the school. There were characters from all genre of books, although Where's Wally? and Harry Potter seemed to be cropping up all over the place. There were parades, dingbats, stories read and shared and much enjoyment shared by the whole community.

Today saw Book Bugs and Dragon Tales join us in the library to sell an array of books, bringing to a close a magical week of storytelling.

Elsewhere we have celebrated International Women's Day, enjoyed the commencement of the House Cross Country races, (Year 5 and 6 were in action yesterday) and watched an impressive swimming gala for our Year 3 and 4 girls.

In all, it has been a fabulous week, with the children visibly enjoying the wide variety of opportunities that have come their way.

With best wishes

