



## Weekly Bulletin 12th May 2026

### [Headteacher's message](#)

#### **Classroom Update**

Last week, senior leaders visited a wide range of lessons and were delighted to see students focused on teacher explanations, asking thoughtful and appropriate questions, and demonstrating genuine curiosity in their learning. This was particularly evident in **Key Stage 3 Geography**, where students marked the **100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough**, celebrating his life and contribution to understanding our world.

Since the start of the summer term, all teachers have been building in time for **deliberate practice** within lessons. These are focused periods where students write, practise, and demonstrate what they know, understand, and can do in relation to a topic. This approach

is helping students to secure key knowledge and skills and provides excellent preparation for our **end-of-year summer assessments after half term.**

Sparx Maths Superstars!

A celebratory graphic for Sparx Maths Superstars. It features a blue background with a yellow crown at the top center, surrounded by colorful confetti and streamers. A red banner across the middle contains the text 'SPARX MATHS SUPERSTARS' in white. Below the banner, 'APRIL-MAY' is written in large yellow letters. At the bottom, a table lists the names and XP scores of the top performers.

| Name           | XP   |
|----------------|------|
| Martha K       | 3235 |
| Evie W         | 2436 |
| Jack H         | 2242 |
| Thomas LN      | 2225 |
| George C       | 2169 |
| Carrie-Ellen J | 2110 |
| Kaya M         | 2083 |
| James M        | 2022 |
| Byron T        | 1970 |
| Imogen F       | 1951 |
| Lauren R       | 1917 |
| Dexter M       | 1908 |
| Quinn M        | 1896 |
| Jenson T       | 1885 |

Congratulations to our top Sparx Maths Superstars for Summer Term so far...

Keep up the excellent work!

## Sparx Updates

- Your child's maths homework now has a flashcards feature. This supports your child with practicing the important facts from the topics in their homework, as well as recalling and practicing previously seen facts.
- Revision for your child's Summer Term Assessments is now live on Sparx Maths. Your child can access this by clicking 'Revision' when they log in.

### Supporting Your Child with Homework

Your involvement can make a big difference! Here are some simple ways to help:

- Check Homework Regularly - Encourage your child to log in and complete their Sparx homework each week. It is always released on a **Wednesday** and due the following **Wednesday**. Homework is personalised, so every student gets tasks suited to their learning needs.
- Create a Positive Routine - Set aside a quiet time and space for homework. Consistency helps students stay on track. We also offer homework club in school.
- Celebrate Effort - Sparx rewards persistence. Praise your child for completing tasks - even if they find some questions challenging.
- Encourage your child to try first before offering any help - this helps ensure that their homework is tailored to them.
- Stay Connected - If your child is struggling, remind them to use the support features within Sparx and to speak to their teacher.

You can also check progress through the parent dashboard.

We believe Sparx Maths will make homework more meaningful and enjoyable for students, and we appreciate your support in making this a success!

## Key Dates



- 11th May - GCSE exams begin (Year 11)
- 22nd May - Year 11 Leavers Picnic
- 22nd May - End of Summer 1 term (3:30pm)
- 1st June - Summer 2 term starts & GCSE exams continue
- 1st June Y7/8 exam window opens
- 4th June Y10 exam window opens
- 8th June Y9 exam window opens
- 10th June Y7 & 8 to Big Bang show
- 11th June Y8 Parents Evening