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Since returning in September we've strived to reinforce our purpose and values across school:

Purpose—**To be the best we can be**. Values— **FIDES**
Focus on family, Insist on excellence, Do good as you go, Embrace Innovation and Seize Success.

Playground developments and markings. To accompany our new building in Nursery you may have noticed the start of an improved playground space. We've dug out the area behind reception, added a street front (with some recognisable shop names), and have the first of many new line markings. We have ambitious long-term plans to expand playgrounds and the equipment within them—watch this space for more changes across the year.

Class assemblies. Thank you to 6MA and 6JD for sharing their current learning around historic Conflicts, and to the families who attended. At points this week I thought Winston Churchill was in the room with us!

Returning to the wider curriculum. Music, Computing, Forest School (KS1) and Swimming (Y5) have all returned to the weekly timetable. Two girls from year four serenaded us with their acoustic guitar rendition of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star this week, and all classrooms now have access to their own bank of Ipads or laptop devices.

Parking safely: Can I once again remind parents of the importance of parking away from school entrances, not over the gates in Suffrage Street, not over driveways in Tiverton Road, and not on the Ron Davies Car Park by our front entrance. We've had two close calls this week with children not being seen by reversing drivers. Thank you.

Healthy lunchtimes, sit at the top table!: To encourage healthy packed lunches and children to choose and eat more of Chef Norman's delicious vegetables, lunchtime staff have started issuing raffle tickets to children making positive lunch choices. We'll draw winning raffles during Monday's celebration assembly and invite those children to sit on an extraordinary table on a Tuesday, to banquet with staff, celebratory decorations and china plates!