

Our Big Question for this term is:  
**“Why follow when you can lead?”**



### Police news

We are excited to announce that this week, a group of 8 children from across the school have started the Mini Police Cadet Programme, in partnership with Kent Police. Over the next 9 weeks, these students will take part in weekly one-hour sessions during school hours. During the programme, they will receive a Mini Police Cadet uniform, which includes a baseball cap, high-visibility tabard, and an A4 envelope folder.

The programme covers a wide range of topics including how to contact the police and emergency services, basic first aid, understanding low-level crimes and anti-social behaviour, online safety (including social media), as well as drills and learning about respect. The children will also engage in a Social Action project within the school community.

By participating, the Mini Police Cadets will become positive role models for their peers and the wider school community.



On Wednesday, our School Council visited the Houses of Parliament for an exciting tour and workshop. The children had the opportunity to explore the Lords Chamber and learn about the different parts of Parliament, including its structure and functions.

During the workshop, the children took part in a fun activity where they had to guess the contents of several mystery bags and figure out what the items might be used for.

They also had a Q&A session with our local MP, Polly Billington. The children asked insightful questions, including topics about the importance of education, why Polly became an MP, and her thoughts on improving the Winter Gardens. Polly shared her passion for art and discussed the importance of subjects like education and the arts in Parliament.

Our School Council and Art Leaders will be writing to Polly to invite her to visit our school and to raise the topic of art as part of a debate in the Houses of Parliament. The children were praised for their excellent behaviour throughout the day, both during the train journey and while touring Parliament. Well done to all members of the School Council!