

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 6 children undertook their Key Stage 2 tests this week. They have shown great resilience, maturity and pride. Well done Year 6, we are proud of you!

In the week before half term we will also undertake teacher assessment of all children in Years 1 to 5 in reading, writing and maths to see the progress that has been made and organise any additional support that might be needed. You will receive an update on this in the termly report that you receive at parents' evening which is due to take place on Thursday 6th July 2023.

Before the half term, a group of children from the federation undertook the first residential trip abroad since the pandemic. A group of 15 children from Orchard, Southwold and Hoxton Garden travelled to our partner school in Tenerife for a few days, funded by the Erasmus Plus programme. As you can see from the photographs on our website and social media pages, they had an amazing time.

As the weather warms up children take off their jumpers and these can sometimes get lost or left behind. Children move around the school for different lessons such as PE and music as well as visiting the hall for assembly and the playground at break times. Whilst we cannot take responsibility for lost uniform, we will always do our best to remind children to pick up their jumpers and to help find lost items. To support us in this, please make sure that all uniform is labelled with both a first name and surname. Please also check the jumper your child brings home to make sure it is theirs and return it if it has the wrong name!

Our school continues to look very smart and we very much want our children to feel a sense of pride. To support this, please ensure that they wear the correct uniform, which includes black shoes and trousers, not jogging bottoms. We also expect children to bring a PE kit of a white t-shirt and green or black shorts.

We have a number of events lined up for the Summer Term including a Sports Day, Summer Fayre and our Federation Music Festival in addition to the end of year celebration assemblies and Year 6 leaver events. Dates will be published just before the half term break and will be available on the playground notice boards and website as well as sent home as a flier.

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Reminder

Our online parent calendar can be accessed via the school website. Please check this for all upcoming dates and events.



Have a thought you want to share? Our parent comment box can be found in the school office.



A Butterfly's Life cycle

The children in EYFS have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and how to take care of different living things. Through discussion, they have learnt a lot of new vocabulary. They have also observed and will be learning about how to care for their resident caterpillars as they grow into butterflies.



Identifying Mass and Capacity

Year 1 have been working on mass and capacity using manipulatives such as cubes to identify the capacity of different containers. Many children found that although some containers were taller, they were not necessarily bigger as the shorter containers were wider. They were able to use terms such as full, empty or equal when comparing containers.



Investigating Electricity

Year 6 have been building on their previous knowledge of electricity to gain a better understanding of the impact of increasing and decreasing the number of components in a circuit. They have also been practicing their data analysis and note-taking skills by recording and inputting their findings in a more formal method.





Coronation Crown Winners

To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, we invited children to make a crown to wear at school. The School Councillors judged and awarded prizes to the 'best crown' winners from each year group. Well done to everyone who participated and well done to the winners!



Litter-Free Local Area

As part of the Great British Spring Clean, a programme run by 'Keep Britain Tidy', The Eco-team and School Council collaborated to help keep local the streets and parks clean. They visited Well Street Common and worked together to collect several bin bags full of litter. Now, our parks are a lot cleaner!



Key Dates

SUMMER TERM (I) 2023

Earth Day:
Thursday 20th April 2023

Families Week:
Monday 24th April - Friday 28th April 2023

Bring a Significant Female to School Day:
Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 8:55am - 9:45am

Grandparent Afternoon Tea (1):
Wednesday 26th April 2023 from 2pm onwards

Grandparent Afternoon Tea (2):
Wednesday 3rd May 2023 from 2pm onwards

Early May Bank Holiday:
Monday 1st May 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

King's Coronation Bank Holiday:
Monday 8th May 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

KS1 SATs:
May 2023

KS2 SATs (Year 6 only):
Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May 2023

Science Fayre:
Wednesday 24th May 2023

Science & Technology Day:
Thursday 25th May 2023

INSET DAY:
Friday 26th May 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

May Half Term Break:
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the [Flexi Space at 9:15am on a Friday morning](#). These are an opportunity to meet with other parents as well as learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

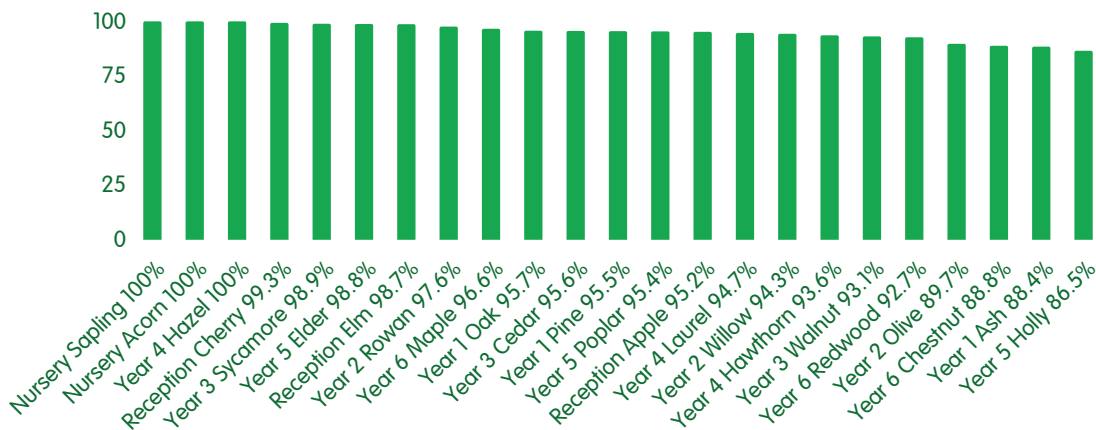
Date	Focus
Friday 19th May	Art : What artistic skills does my child develop in school?

Attendance

Children have only 190 school days in a year so coming to school every day makes a real difference!

The whole school attendance for the last week was **94.7%**.

Well done to Nursery Sapling, Nursery Acorn and Year 4 Hazel class, the weekly winners with 100%.



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