

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrated Families' Week and children learnt about the different family structures in our modern society. We celebrate Families' Week every year in order to create a sense of belonging and have an opportunity to hear everyone's story. The focus of the week was to show the children that as long as the family environment is a loving one it does not matter how it is structured. A huge thank you to our wonderful community for attending the grandparent afternoon tea and 'significant females' for joining classroom learning sessions.

Our Year 6 pupils will undertake their important Key Stage 2 tests starting on the 13th May. Parents of Year 6 children can help during this week by making sure that children get a good sleep and that they get to school in good time. We are offering all Year 6 children a breakfast so that they can meet with their friends and relax before the tests start. They have worked hard to be ready and this is an opportunity to show all that they have learned during their primary education. Good luck and do your best Year 6! In the week before half term we also take the opportunity to undertake termly assessments 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 in July.

As the weather warms up children take off their jumpers and they sometimes get lost or left behind. 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. Our schools continue to look very smart and we very much want our children to feel a sense of pride. Please ensure that they are wearing the correct uniform including black shoes and by wearing trousers not jogging bottoms. We also expect children to bring a PE kit of a white t shirt and green shorts.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien - Headteacher | Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher

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Reminders

Reading Books & Diaries

Please ensure reading books and diaries are brought to school daily.



Scooters & Bikes

Help us keep the entrance ways to our school clear by storing scooters securely in the racks provided.



Animal Workshop

Nursery enjoyed interacting with a variety of animals during their Zoolab workshop this week. They met a range of animals, from insects and mammals, to amphibians. They were even brave enough to hold and pet them! They learned all about their habitats and how to take care of them.



Mini Beasts

Year 2 went on a mini beast hunt in the playground for their Science topic 'Living Things & Their Habitats'. They completed a tally chart to see how many insects they could find. They noticed that some insects live in cool, dark and damp conditions, whereas some prefer to live on trees.



Clay Sculpting

Year 3 enjoyed practising their clay modelling techniques this week. They applied their previous Art and DT skills to pinch, pull and smooth the clay. Next week, they will start sculpting their canopic jars just like the ancient Egyptians!





PGL

Year 5 have had a fun filled three days at PGL. Pupils enjoyed the great outdoors and sunshine with activities such as abseiling, water rafting and zip lining! They demonstrated excellent team building and problem solving skills. To unwind in the evening, they toasted marshmallows on a campfire and even enjoyed a disco!



Pen Licence

It has been a busy Friday for Mr O'Brien receiving visits from many children ready for their pen licence. Those children that can demonstrate excellent presentation are awarded with a pen licence and brand-new handwriting pen! Have you got your pen licence yet?



Key Dates

SUMMER TERM 1 (2024)

May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 6th May

Grandparent Tea Party (2)
Tuesday 9th May 2024 at 2pm

KS2 SATs Week
w/b Monday 13th May

Science & Technology Day
Wednesday 22nd May 2024

Science Fayre
Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 3:30pm

Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexible Space at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home. EYFS Workshops are held separately. Please see the dates below.

Date	Focus
Friday 10th May	<u>Humanities</u> : How can I encourage my child to ask questions about the world around them?
Friday 17th May	<u>MFL</u> : How can I use recall strategies to support language learning? (KS1)
Friday 24th May	<u>Eco-team</u> : How can I encourage my child to care for the environment?
Date	EYFS Workshop
Thursday 9th May	<u>SALT</u> : Using technology to support language development

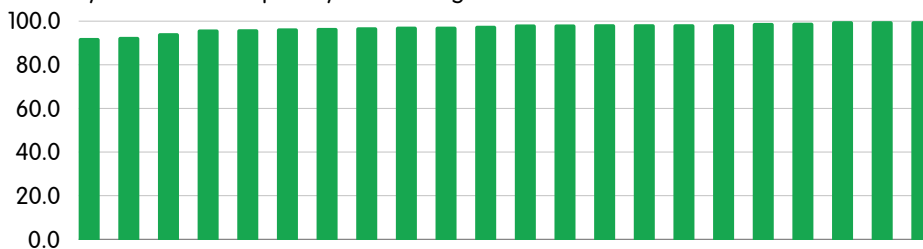
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 97.5%.

Well done to Reception Apple class, Year 3 Walnut class and Year 5 Elder class, last week's winners with 100% attendance.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



Term End and Start

The first half of the summer term ends on Friday 24th May 2024, and Summer 2 starts at 8:55am on Monday 3rd June 2024. Please scan the QR code to view our [2024 - 2025 term dates](#).



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