

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely break, despite the unpredictable weather. We have many events and activities planned for the coming half term including celebration assemblies, sports day, and the Summer Fayre. We will keep you up to date with news and events through our fortnightly school newsletter, but please also do take a look at our school website which is regularly updated.

Many of you will have read about the continued challenges schools are facing in rising costs and the difficulties of a falling pupil roll in Hackney which affects our school budget. Whilst this makes a difficult job more challenging, as a partnership of three schools we are in a good position to pool resources and share expertise. We remain committed to an enriched and exciting curriculum, alongside making sure that every child succeeds and leaves us ready for secondary school.

The Year 6 secondary transition day will take place on Thursday 4th July this year and provides an opportunity to visit their new settings and meet their new teachers. We will also be undertaking a transition day at the end of the summer term for children in school to visit their new classrooms and meet their new teachers.

Our school Governors held their termly meeting this week. They have agreed the schools budgets and have been discussing standards at each school as well as risks related to national issues and evaluating the 5 year plan for the Federation. If you would like to find out more about our governors, you can visit our website to see their profiles and read the latest newsletter.

As the weather starts to warm up please remember our school uniform policy does not allow children to wear sandals to school. This is to protect their feet in busy playgrounds and whilst moving around the building. We ask all children to wear black school shoes.

Thank you for your on-going support.

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

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### Reminders

#### PE Kits

Check the year group newsletter for PE days and ensure children have their PE kit with them.



#### Bikes and Scooters

Please make sure bikes and scooters are stored safely and carefully in the designated areas



### Baking Bread

This week in EYFS, pupils have been reading the story 'The Little Red Hen'. The children chose to help the class teacher to make the bread (unlike the animals from the story), so everyone was able to share the bread once it was finished. The children poured the ingredients, mixed it all together, and watched it bake in the oven.



### Homes Through Time

Year 1 enjoyed visiting the Museum of the Home. They explored how the rooms have changed through times. The children were able to note some key differences, for example the sizes of radios and TVs. Did you know that before vacuum cleaners were invented, they used carpet beaters?



### Kayaking

As part of their post-SATs celebrations, Year 6 pupils engaged in thrilling activities such as kayaking and rock climbing at the Laburnum Boat Club. By conquering their fears of water and heights, they developed vital skills in resilience, teamwork, and courage. The experience was truly exceptional for all the pupils involved.





## Science Day

For Science Day, pupils carried out investigations centered around chemical reactions. Each class had their own experiment, Early Years explored "Magic Moving Milk," while Year 2 looked at "Blobs in a Bottle". The day finished with a showcase at the Science Fayre, where each year group presented their investigations.



## Bike Bus

Orchard pupils enjoyed an invigorating ride around sunny Mile End Park before school. Pupils and parents are welcome to join the bike bus which leaves school at 8:30am every Tuesday. Please enquire at the office for further details or to use the loan bike library.



## Key Dates

**Sports' Day**  
Friday 28th June

**INSET Day (School closed to pupils)**  
Friday 5th July

**Year 4 Celebration Assembly**  
Monday 8th July at 2:30pm

**Year 3 Celebration Assembly**  
Tuesday 9th July at 2:30pm

**Hispanic Day**  
Tuesday 9th July

**Year 2 Celebration Assembly**  
Wednesday 10th July at 2:30pm

**Parents' Evening**  
Thursday 11th July

**Year 5 Celebration Assembly**  
Friday 12th July at 2:30pm

**Year 1 Celebration Assembly**  
Monday 15th July at 2:30pm

**Federation Music Festival**  
Tuesday 16th July

## 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 14th June	<u>Science</u> : How can I encourage enquiry and investigations at home?
Friday 21st June	<u>Transitions</u> : How can I prepare my child for transition to a new class?
Friday 12th July	<u>Summer Holiday Activities</u> : What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Date	EYFS Workshop
Thursday 20th June	<u>Transition to Year 1</u> : How can I prepare my child for Year 1?

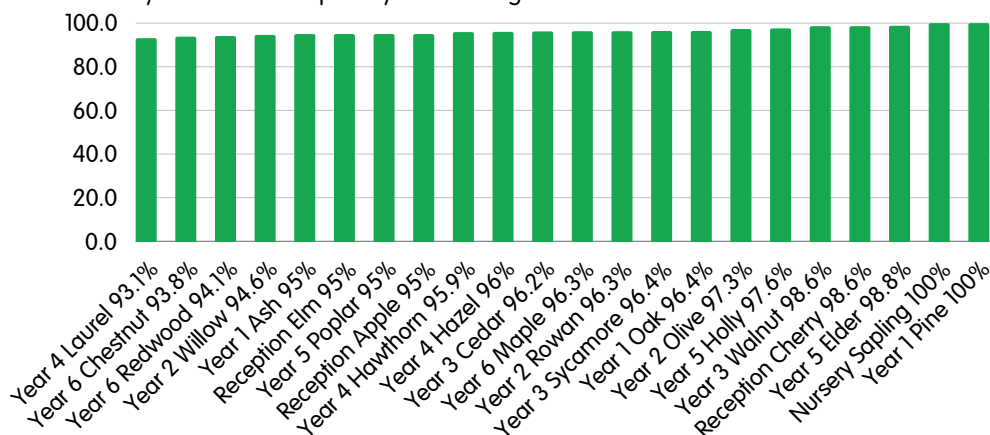
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 96.1%.

Well done to Nursery Sapling class and Year 1 Pine 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 second half of the summer term ends on Wednesday 24th July 2024 at 2pm. Please scan the QR code to view our 2024 - 2025 term dates.



## School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform,



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