

# Newsletter

## Summer Term

### Date: 06.05.22

**An Exceptional Place to Flourish**

Though your beginning was small,  
your future will flourish indeed.  
Job 8:7



Our school attendance target is:

**96%**

**Actual attendance this academic year:**

**92.77%**

Attendance this week:

Reception	96.34%
Year 1	97.32%
Year 2	96.88%
Year 3	85.94%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	97.37%
Year 6	97.92%
Whole school	95.47%

Winning year groups:

Gold – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4
Silver – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6
Bronze – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5

#### Headteacher's note

#### Mental Health Week (9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May)

Mental Health Awareness Week is happening between 9 to 15 May 2022. The official theme is 'loneliness' and, across the week, we encourage you to build meaningful connections with your friends, family, colleagues and communities.

We all experience and talk about mental health differently. But we aren't always listened to. And we aren't always represented.

That's why, this Mental Health Awareness Week, the spoken word is used to show the different ways people talk about their experiences.



<https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/mental-health-awareness-week/>

Attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and schools should communicate clear and consistent expectations about attendance. We are **really concerned** about the attendance figures at school, especially compared with the previous three years for the same period: **1 September – 6 May.**

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of persistent absence pupils (below 90% attendance)
2018/2019	95.32%	3
2019/2020	94.57%	7
2020/2021	94.28%	16
2021/2022	<b>92.77%</b>	<b>16</b>



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### Big questions of the week:

### Value this half-term







Reception	Year 1	I wish I hadn't.....Think of 7 ways to end this sentence.
Year 2		What is important about parents and carers?
Year 3		What do you think are the qualities of a good 'thinker'?
Year 4		Could we have happiness without sadness?
Year 5		If you could choose just one thing to change about the world, what would it be?
Year 6		Why do people commit crimes?

### Achievers of the week

		Reader of the week	Writer of the week	Mathematician of the week	Scientist of the week	Star of the week
Reception		Amelia	Lucas	Ethan	Ava	Acer
Year 1	Year 2	Amelia	Ralph	Daisy	Eva	Joey
Year 3	Year 4	Tilly	George	Teddy Doughty	Diggy	Teddy Davis
Year 5	Year 6	Naomi	Ayla	Jaycee	Freya G	Woody

### House Points:

					
		Ants	Badgers	Locusts	Lizards
Reception		80 + 6	78 + 7	75 + 8	73 + 9
Year 1	Year 2	194 + 43	161 + 39	216 + 51	234 + 37
Year 3	Year 4	390 + 65	367 + 74	363 + 72	367 + 74
Year 5	Year 6	267 + 44	303 + 35	314 + 36	259 + 35
TOTAL		1089	1064	1135	1088

27<sup>th</sup> May

Parents are invited to join us at 14.00 on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, in celebrating the Queen's Jubilee.

Scones with jam and cream will be on sale at £1 and tea/lemonade at 50p.

Please inform the office if you would be able to help us with setting up at 13.30.

Also, inform the office if you would be interested in attending, as we need to plan for the amount of scones.



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**Best Friends of the week**

These pupils are the class buddies, helping other pupils in class.



**Reception**



**Years 1 and 2**



**Years 3 and 4**



**Years 5 and 6**

**Congratulations!**

**Dr Walker's C of E Primary School**

For participating in

**Daily Dance!**

On 28th April 2022

The Daily Mile  
children fit for life

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## KS2 SATs



Our year 6 pupils have worked really hard this academic year and should be proud of all the effort they have put in. Thanks to Mrs Dean for teaching them well. Also a big thank you for the boosters delivered by Mrs Vorster and Mrs Dean.

And how can we forget our parents, who has been so supportive. THANK YOU!

Pupils need to be resting this weekend and come to school Monday ready for the week. They have practiced mock papers, so are used to the format of these tests.



Breakfast will be provided for the year 6 pupils at 8:15 (Monday – Thursday).

We wish them well. You can do it!

SATs don't measure sports  
SATs don't measure art,  
SATs don't measure music,  
Or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty,  
SATs don't know your worth,  
SATs don't see the reasons,  
You were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic,  
How you make others smile,  
SATs don't time how quickly,  
You can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter,  
Or see you've come this far,  
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,  
Of who you really are.

So sitting at your table,  
With a pencil and your test,  
Remember SATs aren't who you are,  
Remember **you're the best!**

Monday 9 May 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spelling, Punctuation &amp; Grammar – Paper 1</li> <li>Spelling Punctuation &amp; Grammar – Paper 2</li> </ul>
Tuesday 10 May 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Reading</li> </ul>
Wednesday 11 May 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)</li> <li>Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)</li> </ul>
Thursday 12 May 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)</li> </ul>

## Sports enthusiasts



We are planning sporting events this term!!!

Parents will receive a letter and more information closer to the time of the events, as we will need your help with transportation. The events are local – Ongar area.

29 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mini tennis Yrs 3-6 (09.30-12.00)</li> </ul>
8 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Tee Cricket (KS1) (09.30-12.00)</li> </ul>
15 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer sports day</li> <li>EYFS and KS1 in the morning</li> <li>KS2 in the afternoon</li> <li>Parents will be invited to attend.</li> </ul>
7 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Athletics Festival Yrs 3-6 (09.30-12.00)</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As detailed in last week’s newsletter we are pleased to confirm that the Educational Activities mentioned have now been booked and the dates for these exciting visitors are shown on the following page.</li> <li>• These have been costed at a total of £20 per child and can be paid for now via your School Money account – we ask that this is done by 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022. If you have any difficulty in making the payment please contact us in confidence.</li> <li>• Please also be sure to tick the consent box to allow your child to take part in these wonderful learning opportunities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Playground</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unfortunately one element of the outdoor play equipment has deteriorated and as such has been taped off to ensure our pupil’s safety. Please help us by ensuring your child does not try to play on this, or any other equipment during the afternoon pick up.</li> <li>• We are planning a new adventure trail and are currently looking at designs with the supplier.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lost property</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The lost property bin is overflowing, in particular with black pe uniform, although there are also jumpers and ties. While the weather is fine we will have these laid out in the playground on a Friday for you to look through.</li> <li>• Please do make sure your child’s clothing is labelled as we will always check for a name before putting in lost property.</li> <li>• Anything not claimed by half term will either be donated to charity or our second hand uniform stock.</li> </ul>



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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MAY	25	26 Year 5 Road Safety	27	28	29	30	1
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	<b>MAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>						
	9	10 KS2 SATS	11 KS2 SATS	12 KS2 SATS	13	14	15
	16	17	18 Steve Ball in (assembly)	19 Deputy Lord Lieutenant – Reading story about Queen Elizabeth II	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Church visit	27 Queen's jubilee "street party" picnic	28	29	
Star Snappers		SPORT: Mini tennis Yrs 3-6 (09.30-12.00)			14:00 Parents invited to scones and tea		
30	31	1	2	3	4	5	
		<del>Paul Sturgees</del>					
JUNE	6	7	8 Steve Ball in (assembly)	9	10	11	12
	INSET Incredible Eggs - DELIVERED	Incredible Eggs	Incredible Eggs – HATCHING	Phonics screening Incredible Eggs	Incredible Eggs	Incredible Eggs	Incredible Eggs
	13	14	15 Summer sports day	16	17	18	19
	Incredible Eggs	Incredible Eggs	Incredible Eggs	Incredible Eggs - COLLECTED	Wonderdome planetarium		
	20	21	22 Steve Ball in (assembly)	23 Kimmy's Zoo	24	25	26
27	28	29 Bikeability	30 Bikeability	1 – GOVERNORS' DAY West End in Schools – Shakespeare workshop	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8 Year 6 Lambourne End	9	10	
11	12	13	14	SPORT: Athletics Festival Yrs 3-6 (09.30-12.00)	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 School picnic	22	23	24	
JULY							



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## Reception class

This week in Red Class we have been conducting Science experiments making bubbly potions, you can see lots of lovely sharing and helping in the pictures.



In Maths we have been looking at numbers up to 20.

Everyone has been working very well and we are very proud of them all.



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