

Newsletter

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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:

92.15%

Attendance this week:

Reception	95.41
Year 1	91.43
Year 2	91.25
Year 3	81.25
Year 4	85.71
Year 5	93.68
Year 6	88.33
Whole school	90.17

Winning year groups:

Gold – 1 st	Red
Silver – 2 nd	Indigo
Bronze – 3 rd	Orange

Headteacher's note

Demolition work is underway. And guess where Dr Lawson is?

... 9 days to go till end of term!



Well done to our year 6 pupils!
The SATs results are in and we can celebrate that we have scored above national averages for:
Writing, Maths, Science and Combined Reading, Writing and Maths.

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 – 8 July.**

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of persistent absence pupils (below 90% attendance)
2018/2019	95.70	3
2019/2020	92.06	10
2020/2021	95.05	10
2021/2022	92.15	20



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Big questions of the week:

Reception	Year 1	If you had to go on a journey to the moon with two story characters, who would it be and why?
Year 2		The three little pigs are building a new house. What materials would you suggest and why?
Year 3		If you had a time machine, where would you go and why?
Year 4		We best age to be and why?
Year 5		How do you know things exist when you cannot see them – the wind, the soul etc.
Year 6		Does competition make us better?





Value this half-term



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		Madison	Ava	Amelia	Stanley	Florence
Year 1	Year 2	Sienna	Cassidy	Harrison	Phoebe	Brooke
Year 3	Year 4	Archie	John James	Teddy Davis	George	Gabriella
Year 5	Year 6	Riley	Finlay	Charlie	Corey	Freddy G

House Points:

					
		Ants	Badgers	Locusts	Lizards
Reception		146 + 10	152 + 11	145 + 11	141 + 9
Year 1	Year 2	569 + 53	557 + 44	636 + 56	666 + 49
Year 3	Year 4	901 + 111	814 + 53	783 + 44	858 + 55
Year 5	Year 6	672 + 52	706 + 48	651 + 51	609 + 47
TOTAL		2469	2385	2377	2434



Congratulations to Ralph who has earned his pen licence. Well done!



End of Year Letters will go out today from the Headteacher and Chair of Governors. These will explain arrangements for next year and classes and teachers.



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Upcoming events:

Thursday, 14th July at 3.30 – New reception pupils having a teddy bear’s picnic with staff and parents.


Friday, 15th July – reports to go out.

LAST DAY OF TERM:

Please note that on the last day of term, Thursday 21st July, parents will be invited to bring their lunchboxes and join us for a picnic lunch (12.00-13.00) before an EARLY finish time of 1:15pm. You can bring/send a picnic lunch for you and your child(ren), or you can opt to order a picnic bag from the school kitchen – this will need to be ordered in ADVANCE. Further details will be available next week, but there will be no hot option on this day and no option to order a picnic lunch on the day.

What are we planning for Year 6 leavers?

Autograph Books	We will purchase autograph books for the Year 6 pupils.
Leavers Hoodies	Unfortunately due to lack of interest we will not be able to proceed with hoodies
Tuesday 19 July (afternoon)	Year 6 Graduation and “Year 6 Has Talented Leavers” performance (parents of Year 6 pupils will be invited to attend. This will be in the afternoon. TBC).
Wednesday, 20 July Time TBC	Church Service for Year 6 Leavers – afternoon (tentatively at 13:45).
Thursday 21 July	Year 6 shirt signing.
Thursday 21 July	End of year picnic for pupils and parents.

<p>Best Friends of the week</p> <p>These pupils are the class buddies, helping other pupils in class.</p>			
	<p>Reception</p>	<p>Years 1 and 2</p>	
		<p>Unfortunately our 2nd Best Friend was absent on photo day</p> <p>Teddy Do...</p>	
	<p>Years 3 and 4</p>	<p>Years 5 and 6</p>	



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Playtime is fun... we are making bubbles!



<p>Hot Weather</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We cannot apply suncream in school so please do ensure you do this prior to coming to school, ideally using a cream designed for all day cover where possible. • All children should bring a water bottle and sun hat to school during spells of hot weather.
<p>Virtual Author – Hana Tooke</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click here to see the Y5/6 virtual author visit from last week: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-bAdj03Big
<p>Voluntary contribution All Students</p>	<p>We have approximately a third of the ‘Summer 2022’ voluntary contributions outstanding.</p> <p>If we are not able to receive sufficient funds, we will not be able to offer these initiatives in future, as we cannot continue to subsidise it.</p> <p>Thank you to all the parents who have already made a £20 voluntary contribution towards all the fun activities this term – the Ducklings, Wonderdome, Kimmy’s Zoo and the Shakespeare Workshops.</p> <p>Pupils have really enjoyed these initiatives and I am sure they have been buzzing at home with what they have experienced. We do understand that many people are under financial strain at the moment, if you are able to make any contribution at all it really would help. Please contact us in confidence.</p>
<p>School Trends Uniform</p>	<p>Please note that the deadline for uniform from School Trends in time for September is 18th July.</p>
<p>National Online Safety</p>	<p>A FREE app to help parents and educators keep children safe online. Get access to the parents’ course hosted by Myleene Klass and browse hundreds of online safety guides.</p> <p>Be #OnlineSafetySavvy. Download the app today for instant information about the latest apps, games, devices & more.</p> <p>Apple: https://apple.co/37gOZDj Android: https://bit.ly/3fJ3cMT</p>
<p>End of term celebrations</p>	<p>In addition to our own end of term picnic there will be a parent organised party taking place after school has finished on Thursday 21st July. Further information and contact details for Kelsey Gumble are available on our website, under the Community News and Flyers section.</p>



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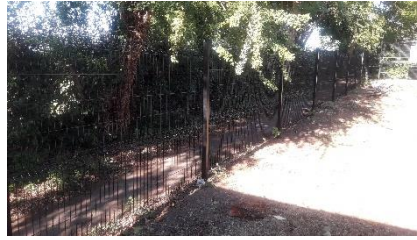


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Sports

We had 4 pupils per class in KS2 representing the school on Thursday at the Athletics Festival. Well done!

Thank you to Mrs Eyo for arranging this and getting the Risk Assessment and consent letters sorted. Thanks to Mrs Spanton who accompanied the pupils as the Paediatrics First Aider on duty.



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Playground development

September will see the upgrade of our playground with two new goalposts, multi-sports playground markings and a new Boat-shaped Adventure Trail to replace the current blue one.



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Blue / Green
Virtual Author

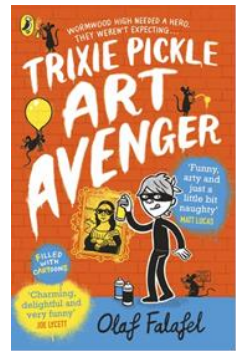
Trixie Pickle Art Avenger by Olaf Falafel

Blue-Green had a virtual author visit on 08.07.22 from Olaf Falafel, who discussed his new and hilarious book: Trixie Pickle Art Avenger.

A laugh-out-loud adventure featuring Trixie Pickle, who uses her artistic skills to bring down bullies at school. Full of brilliant artist fact files, cartoons, and jokes!

A hilarious and highly illustrated adventure for fans of Diary of a Wimpy Kid and Tom Gates featuring Trixie Pickle, who hates bullies and takes them down using art. Trixie loves art and hates bullies - and so decides to become an Art Avenger, righting wrongs at her school through art. She uses Picasso, Pollock and Ofili to teach bullies a lesson, get out of lessons and help those in need, like an arty Robin Hood.

Highly illustrated throughout by Olaf Falafel, winner of the FUNNIEST JOKE at the Edinburgh Fringe. Full of fact files of hilarious and irreverent details about real artists, Trixie Pickle is perfect for fans of Wimpy Kid, Konnie Huq, Sam Copeland and Liz Pichon.



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