

Newsletter

Summer Term

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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:

92.78%

Attendance this week:

Reception	92.23
Year 1	92.86
Year 2	98.75
Year 3	88.13
Year 4	88.57
Year 5	94.21
Year 6	98.33
Whole school	93.06

Winning year groups:

Gold – 1 st	Year
Silver – 2 nd	Year
Bronze – 3 rd	Year

Headteacher's note

YEAR 6 SATS

We are so proud of the year 6 pupils for finishing their SATs papers this week. You have done yourselves proud! Well done!

HONESTY

I am also particularly impressed with one of our school pupils, for showing courage and maturity in learning the value of **honesty** and taking responsibility for their actions. This is a very important life skill, and I would encourage parents to help guide your children in making the right decisions.

VISITING DUCKS

We have two new visitors to our school: **Ernie and Wilma!**



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	95.41	3
2019/2020	94.57	7
2020/2021	94.44	14
2021/2022	92.78	15







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Big questions of the week:			Value this half-term
Reception	We Year 1	If animals rules the world, what changes would you see?	
Year 2		Are books better than movies?	
Year 3		Children should choose the subjects they want to learn at school. Do you agree?	
Year 4		Should people care more about doing the right thing, or doing things right?	
Year 5		What is intelligence?	
Year 6		Do you think chores should be compulsory?	

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		Stanley	Molly	Mikey	Evie-May	Brooke
Year 1	Year 2	Teddy	Phoebe	Amelia V	Cassidy	Dotty
Year 3	Year 4	Lillie	Freya	John James	Maxwell	Aviella
Year 5	Year 6	John	Chloe	Freddy G	Kaiden	Autumn

House Points:							
							
		Ants	Badgers	Locusts	Lizards		
Reception		86 + 6	85 + 8	83 + 7	82 + 8		
Year 1	Year 2	237 + 22	100 + 21	267 + 51	271 + 46		
Year 3	Year 4	455 + 84	441 + 56	435 + 57	441 + 89		
Year 5	Year 6	311 + 37	338 + 39	350 + 37	294 + 35		
TOTAL		1238	1188	1287	1266		

27th May	<p>Thank you to everyone who has contacted us to confirm attendance to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on 27th May.</p>	
	<p>If you haven't let us know if you will be coming please do so asap, otherwise we may not have enough scones to go around!</p>	
	<p>Scones with jam and cream will be on sale at £1 and tea/lemonade at 50p.</p>	
	<p>Please inform the office if you would be able to help us with setting up at 13.30.</p>	



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Requests for holidays

Please be advised that the school **cannot authorise** requests for holidays during term time. Please refer to the ECC and School Policy regarding attendance.



I acknowledge that many families could not have proper holidays throughout the pandemic, however, schools do have 13 weeks of holiday in the academic year. Penalty charge notices might be issued of **£120 per pupil** in the event of unauthorised leave due to holidays.

Staff can also not request holidays in term time – if they could, your child will not have a teacher in class to teach them.

Please consider this carefully and support the school in improving the school's overall attendance percentages.

Many thanks.

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

No best friends this week owing to SATs, but we have been proud of all of Indigo/Violet Class for supporting their classmates in a busy week.

Years 5 and 6



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Year 6 SATs



Year 6 - You did it!

Words cannot express how proud I am of each and every one of you.

The perseverance, resilience and commitment that you all demonstrated

during the KS2 SATs was phenomenal!

8:15am arrivals for breakfast and then outstanding focus during the tests!

Please enjoy the weekend, have fun and celebrate!

Remember, SATs is only one snapshot of WHO you are and what you are capable of - they do not measure everything; each of you are truly remarkable young people!

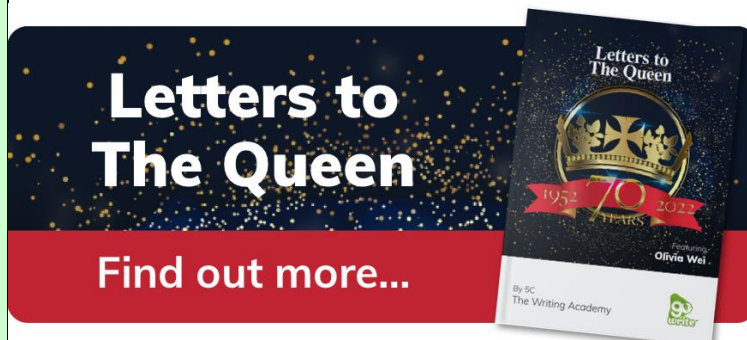
I am proud to be your teacher.

Mrs Dean



GoWrite - Letters to The Queen

A remarkable souvenir to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee to celebrate Her Majesty's phenomenal 70-year reign!



Your child has worked hard to write individual letters to The Queen. These have been added to GoWrite and collated as class books for you to purchase - should you wish to.

Your child has been provided with a letter / code for you to place orders.

Please visit go-write.co.uk/buy/ to make your purchase.

Please note that books are delivered directly to you - NOT to the school.

Upcoming Events

- The **voluntary £20 contributions** can now be made via School Money for the planned educational activities in school this term.
- We kindly ask that this is paid by 4th June 2022.
- If you have any difficulty in making the payment please contact us in confidence.
- Please also be sure to tick the consent box to allow your child to take part in these wonderful learning opportunities.



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Change of date:

**Friday, 10 June
YEAR 6 ONLY**

**Please make a voluntary
payment of £ 20 by: Fri 3rd June**

Pupils will do the following three activities:

- Farm tour
- Zip line
- Low ropes course

Farm tour

The Centre's farm is a working, low intensity farm which is managed following permaculture principles where the animals lead a free-range life. We are committed to educating young people about farming, helping them to understand where food comes from and to understand the importance of looking after our environment. The Centre offers the perfect location to get out into the countryside, feel free and breathe fresh air! They offer 10 different activities which allow groups to have fun on the farm, learn new things and meet a wide range of farm animals.



The Centre boasts 54 acres of countryside. All this space means we can keep a wide variety of animals including cows, sheep, chickens, ducks, geese, pigs, goats, ponies and rabbits.

The space is used to grow lots of useful and delicious plants and vegetables. As a working farm, they sell their own eggs, vegetables and meat.

Low ropes course

This low ropes course is over water - so the challenge is to stay dry! The group move through the course by completing different sections alone or as a team. If you lose your footing you will fall PLOP! into the cold water below... But do not fear, you will be wearing buoyancy aids and helmets so the worst thing that will happen is you lose a bit of your street cred and get wet.



**Year 6 visit to
Lambourne End**

Playground

- Unfortunately **another 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.
- We are planning a new adventure trail and are currently looking at designs with the supplier.

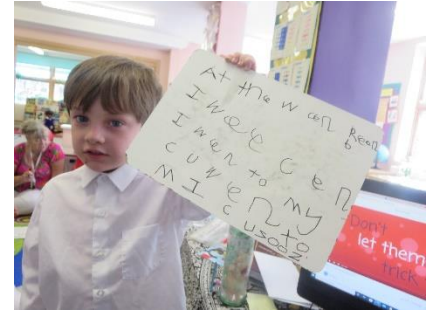
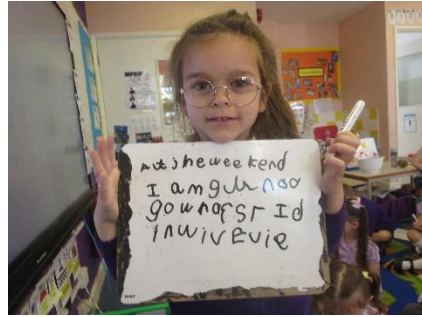
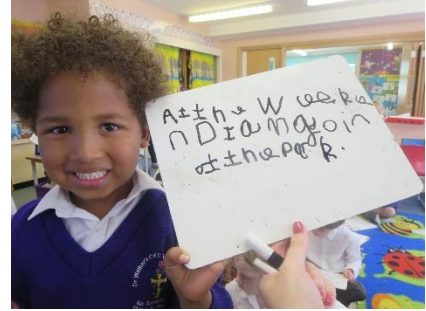


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This week we have seen some exceptional writing from Red Class...



...and some brilliant IT skills using the mouse pads on the laptops

Red class round up



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**Orange / Yellow
Class Highlights**

Years 1 and 2 have also been using the IT resources this week, using them to research when Queen Elizabeth was born.



Lost property

- The lost property bin is overflowing, in particular with a 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.
- Please do make sure your child's clothing is labelled as we will always check for a name before putting in lost property.
- Anything not claimed by half term will either be donated to charity or our second-hand uniform stock.



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