

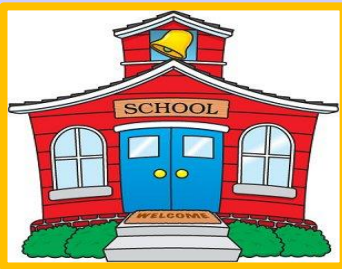
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An Exceptional Place to Flourish

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



Headteacher's note:



We celebrated her majesty, Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee.

Our school attendance target is:

Actual attendance this academic year:

96%

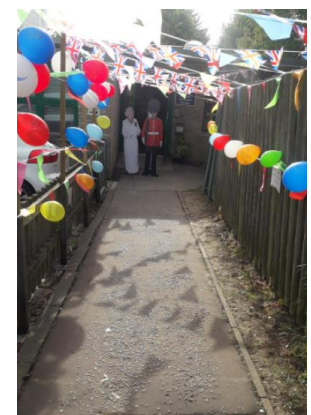
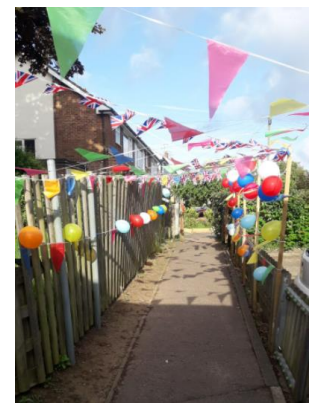
92.78%

Attendance this week:

Reception	89.76
Year 1	98.57
Year 2	98.89
Year 3	90
Year 4	94.29
Year 5	93.16
Year 6	93.33
Whole school	93.33

Winning year groups:

Gold – 1 st	Year 2
Silver – 2 nd	Year 1
Bronze – 3 rd	Year 4



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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 – 27 May**.

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of persistent absence pupils (below 90% attendance)
2018/2019	95.55	3
2019/2020	94.57	7
2020/2021	94.61	13
2021/2022	92.78	16

Big questions of the week:

Reception	Year 1	Do certain clothes make people cool?
Year 2		Would life be better if money didn't exist?
Year 3		If I borrow a million pounds, am I still a millionaire?
Year 4		Is it ever right to bully a bully?
Year 5		Can a baby commit a crime?
Year 6		When did time begin?





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		Molly	Alice	Brooke	Lucas	River
Year 1	Year 2	Maci	Amber	Brooke	Jude M	Jude G
Year 3	Year 4	Barney	Paul	Lillie	Tilly	Diggy
Year 5	Year 6	Chloe	Thomas	Harrison M	Woody	Dylan

House Points:

					
		Ants	Badgers	Locusts	Lizards
Reception		101 + 8	103 + 9	97 + 10	96 + 11
Year 1	Year 2	302 + 48	261 + 59	368 + 52	373 + 63
Year 3	Year 4	640 + 60	592 + 42	581 + 47	640 + 51
Year 5	Year 6	400 + 43	452 + 39	431 + 42	398 + 47
TOTAL		1602	1557	1628	1679



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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 to our Sports Stars this half term



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Starsnappers workshop



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Visiting St Nicholas Church - Celebrating Ascension Day

The whole school walked down to St Nicholas Church. The first time since the COVID pandemic!

Rev Sam told us about Jesus' ascension into heaven and God's Promise to send the Holy Spirit.

We celebrated Ascension Day on Thursday, 26th May. Ascension Day marks the end of the Easter season and occurs ten days before Pentecost.



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JESUS went back to heaven

Print Free: www.lambsongs.co.nz

By Jill Kemp

Illustrated by Richard Gunther



His friends were with him and saw what happened when Jesus went back to heaven. They wrote about it in the Bible.



Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead it was time for him to go back to his Father in heaven. He and his disciples climbed up the Mount of Olives.



Jesus told them to go to Jerusalem and wait for Holy Spirit to come and give them power. Then they were to tell other people, everywhere, all they had seen him do.



And while his friends were standing there, on top of the hill, Jesus went straight up into heaven, in a cloud.



The disciples were so surprised, and stood looking up into the sky. They had seen Jesus go up into heaven with their very own eyes!



Then two angels appeared and said, "One day Jesus will come back again exactly the same way you have just seen him go up to heaven."



The disciples went straight back to Jerusalem, to wait for Holy Spirit to come. Then they began to tell people everywhere the good news about Jesus.



The Bible tells us that one day Jesus will come back and His kingdom will be on this earth. I believe in Jesus too!



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Dr Lawson's office was looking different... just so that all the pupils could receive a goody bag as a memento of the event



Jubilee Mugs and Tea Towels

The following pupils were the winners of our Jubilee Mug Competition

- Reception: Brooke
- Years 1 and 2: Jude
- Years 3 and 4: Gabriella
- Years 5 and 6: Jessica

They all win a mug each featuring their designs, well done on your great designs.



Most children should have received their Tea Towels and Mugs today (we do have a couple still in the office which we will hand out when we return) – thank you to the Red Class parents for your patience while we located the missing box!

We are very impressed with the designs and quality of the items and hope that you will agree.

Thank you for supporting this initiative which has raised funds towards our Jubilee Celebrations



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Staff dressed up as royalty



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Pupils dressed up as royalty



Reception



Years 1 and 2



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Year 3 and 4



Years 5 and 6



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Street party for lunch - and a picnic menu

Afternoon Tea Menu
27th May 2022

A choice of the following Sandwich
Cheddar Cheese
Gammon Ham
Tuna Mayonnaise

Served with
Pork Sausage Roll
or Quorn Sausage Roll
Cheese + Tomato Pizza Fingers

Victoria Sponge + Mini Scones



Thanks to Miss Charles and Miss Bennellick for making our wonderful afternoon tea picnic.



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Parents and Governors having afternoon tea



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Red class have been taking part in lots of activities about the Queen's Jubilee including building Buckingham Palace, painting union jacks and writing cards.



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Years 1 and 2

In science we looked at the parts of a plant and then we investigated the different parts.



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Years 5 and 6

Indigo-Violet completed double-page spreads to showcase the learning that they have acquired during our History study of our significant person: Queen Elizabeth II. Each is unique and truly remarkable!



Indigo-Violet completed portraits of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

They were tasked with removing sections of the black and white portrait (central image), which they then had to sketch back in.

The end results have been organised into the Union Jack flag and is visible from the outside of Indigo-Violet's class - please have a look!



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Ducklings in school!



Coming Soon!
A truly unforgettable
10 day experience...



We are going to hatch some ducklings!
Our eggs arrive on: **Monday, 6th June**
They will be hatching around: **Wednesday, 8th June**
The ducklings will be leaving us on: **Thursday, 16th June**



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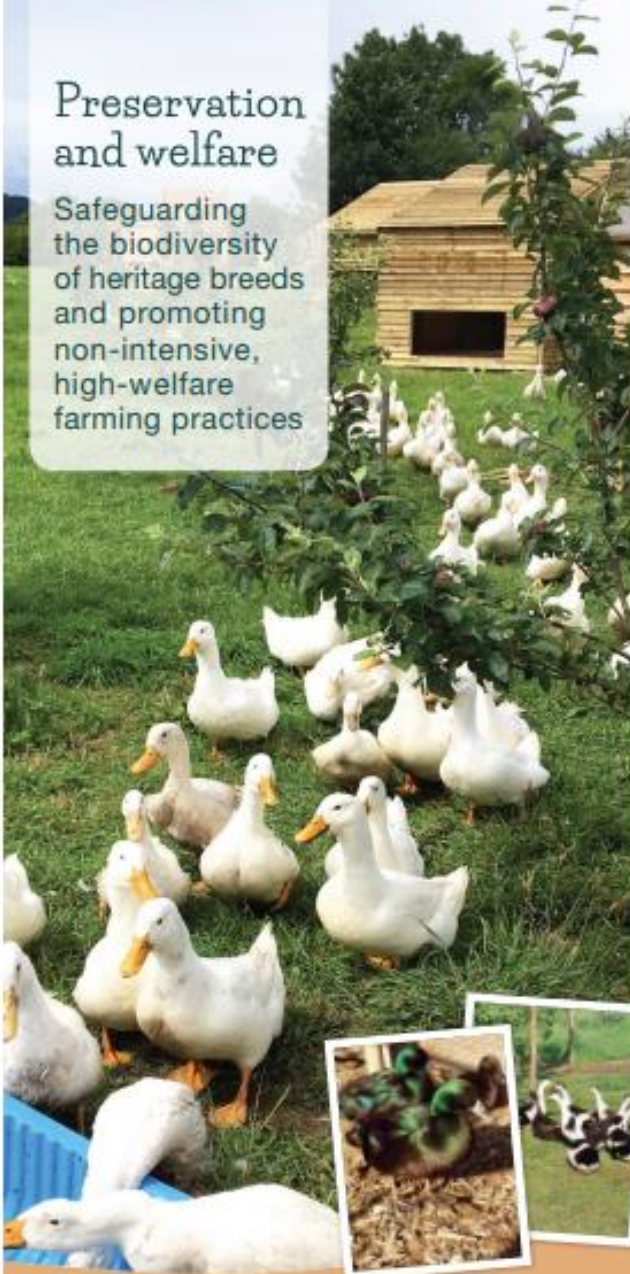


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The incredible world behind our hatching kit...

Preservation and welfare

Safeguarding the biodiversity of heritage breeds and promoting non-intensive, high-welfare farming practices



Schools, nurseries and care homes who book with **Incredible Eggs** are actively supporting the preservation of pure and rare poultry breeds, some of which are listed as 'at risk' with the Rare Breeds Survival Trust.

"If children grow up not knowing about nature and appreciating it, they will not understand it, and if they don't understand it, they won't protect it, and if they don't protect it, who will?"

Sir David Attenborough

Incredible Eggs are established and reputable small-scale poultry breeders and conservationists. They are advocates of 'old school', traditional smallholder farming methods.

Incredible Eggs have the knowledge and the facilities in place to responsibly accommodate all hatched birds at the end of the experience.



Wildlife conservation

Bringing conservation to the heart of the classroom with *hatch-for-release* 'Operation Grey Partridge'.

Working alongside specialist breeders, farmers and land-owners, **Incredible Eggs** are increasing the numbers

of grey partridges in the wild. This once common native bird is now on the Birds of Conservation Concern 'red list'. Red is the highest conservation priority, with species needing urgent action.



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Safeguarding

We had an assembly this week, talking about safety in school and reminded pupils who they can talk to if they have a concern.

Please discuss with your child appropriate sexualised behaviours with reference to Pantosaurus. [Talk PANTS & Join Pantosaurus - The Underwear Rule | NSPCC](#)

Privates are Private:

Your underwear covers up your private parts and no one should ask to see or touch them. Sometimes a doctor, nurse or family members might have to. But they should always explain why, and ask you if it's OK first.

Always remember your body belongs to you:

Your body belongs to you. No one should ever make you do things that make you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable. If someone asks to see or tries to touch you underneath your underwear say 'NO' – and tell someone you trust and like to speak to.

No means No

No means no and you always have the right to say 'no' – even to a family member or someone you love. You're in control of your body and the most important thing is how YOU feel. If you want to say 'No', it's your choice.

Talk about secrets that upset you:

There are good and bad secrets. Good secrets can be things like surprise parties or presents for other people. Bad secrets make you feel sad, worried or frightened. You should tell an adult you trust about a bad secret straight away.

Speak up, someone can help:

Talk about stuff that makes you worried or upset. If you ever feel sad, anxious or frightened you should talk to an adult you trust. This doesn't have to be a family member. It can also be a teacher or a friend's parent – or even [Childline](#).

When's the right time to talk PANTS?

- **bathtime**, applying cream or when getting your child dressed
- **car journeys**
- going **swimming** and saying that what's covered by swimwear is private
- during a **TV show** that features a sensitive storyline
- **singing** along to our PANTS song with Pantosaurus
- **reading** our new PANTS storybook together



Thank you!


Thank you to
Barbara and Dan
from the Parish
Council for clearing
the pathway
adjacent to the
school.



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Money matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 leavers activity to Lambourne End is on Friday, 10th June. • Please make the £20 voluntary contribution via School Money by Friday, 3rd June. • The fee has been heavily subsidised with about 50% of the total cost.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The voluntary £20 contributions for all children 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. • Please also be sure to tick the consent box to allow your child to take part in these wonderful learning opportunities. <div style="text-align: right;"></div> <p>The contribution is towards the following activities in school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Star Snappers photo workshop • The hatching of ducklings (Incredible Eggs) • Wonderdome space planetarium workshop • West End in school: Shakespeare workshop • Kimmy's mobile zoo visiting the school
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have any difficulty in making payments please contact us in confidence.
Chicken Pox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have some cases of Chicken Pox in school, further NHS information on symptoms and treatment can be found here
And finally....	<p>It's been a great half term, with much to celebrate and be proud of. We wish you all a great break and Jubilee weekend and look forward to seeing children back on Tuesday 7th June.</p>



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