

# 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:

**92.21%**

Attendance this week:

Reception	87.69%
Year 1	89.29%
Year 2	97.50%
Year 3	96.25%
Year 4	75.71%
Year 5	96.84%
Year 6	88.33%
Whole school	91.11%

Winning year groups:

Gold – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Y2
Silver – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5
Bronze – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3

Headteacher's note

# 14 days

## to go till the end of term!

- Reports will go out on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> July.
- Parents and pupils will then be informed of their teachers and classes for next year.
- We will also arrange for transition class visits on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> July. Like in previous years, pupils will have the opportunity to visit their new classrooms and meet their teachers. (The new building will however not be finished!).
- As a village school, please be reminded that we have joined and split year groups into classes as we are not a fully one-form entry school. The set-up of this changes every year, depending on pupil numbers and the combination of groups. The school is following guidance from ECC and also the advice from the School Effectiveness Advisors.



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 – 1 July.**

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of persistent absence pupils (below 90% attendance)
2018/2019	95.68%	3
2019/2020	92.56%	11
2020/2021	94.96%	10
2021/2022	<b>92.21%</b>	<b>20</b>



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### Big questions of the week:

### Value this half-term





Reception	Year 1	What three questions would you ask Goldilocks? Why?
Year 2		What smell makes you remember something? Why?
Year 3		If there was a fire, what three things would you want to be saved in your house (doesn't include people)?
Year 4		Would you rather be 6cm tall or 6 metres?
Year 5		You can invite three celebrities for dinner. Who would it be and why?
Year 6		What are the most important things in life? Why?



### 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		Alice	Dolly	Rafe	Dylan	Lucas
Year 1	Year 2	Dotty	Jacob	Teddy	Amelia-Rose	Ralph
Year 3	Year 4	Philomena	Ralph	Paul	Teddy Dou.	Sidney
Year 5	Year 6	Autumn	Naomi	Lara	Mason	Jessica

### House Points:

					
		Ants	Badgers	Locusts	Lizards
Reception		138 + 8	142 + 10	138 + 7	134 + 7
Year 1	Year 2	525 + 44	508 + 49	596 + 40	623 + 43
Year 3	Year 4	865 + 36	773 + 41	739 + 44	819 + 39
Year 5	Year 6	585 + 42	653 + 53	599 + 52	561 + 48
TOTAL		2243	2229	2215	2274



**Congratulations to Diggy and Teddie T who have both earned their pen licences!**

### Upcoming events:

Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demolition work to start.</li> </ul>
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports: selected pupils from Years 3- 6 to take part in the Athletics Festival - 2 boys and 2 girls per year group.</li> <li>This event cannot accommodate all pupils. 4 pupils per year group have been selected.</li> </ul>



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**LAST DAY OF TERM: Please note that on the last day of term, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, parents will be invited to join us for a picnic lunch before an EARLY finish time of 1:15pm**

**What are we planning for Year 6 leavers?**

<b>Go Write</b>	Printed GoWrite Memoir Book - Year 6 pupils have been provided with letters for their parents, to purchase their memoirs. Their remit is to share their primary years' journey through diary entries - one or two per year; record memorable moments, achievements and new learning! Please support your child with this task on GoWrite. Deadline is <b>WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022</b> for orders to be received before the end of the academic year.
<b>Autograph Books</b>	We will purchase autograph books for the Year 6 pupils.
<b>Leavers Hoodies</b>	Mrs Sladden has contacted parents regarding purchasing leaver's tops, if you have not yet responded please do so asap.
<b>Tuesday, 19 July (afternoon)</b>	Year 6 Graduation and "Year 6 Has Talented Leavers" performance (parents of Year 6 pupils will be invited to attend).
<b>Wednesday, 20 July Time TBC</b>	Church Service for Year 6 Leavers – afternoon.
<b>Thursday, 21 July</b>	Year 6 shirt signing.
<b>Thursday, 21 July</b>	End of year picnic.

<p><b>Best Friends of the week</b></p> <p>These pupils are the class buddies, helping other pupils in class.</p>		
	<p><b>Reception</b></p>	<p><b>Years 1 and 2</b></p>
	<p>Owing to absence there is no Best Friends picture this week.</p> 	
	<p><b>Years 3 and 4</b></p>	<p><b>Years 5 and 6</b></p>



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Years 1 and 2 pupils have moved into the hall and settled into their “NEW” and temporary classroom.

**Building works**

Thanks for being so flexible and understanding.

We are still having assemblies and working around the “new class set-up.”

Mrs Spanton and Mrs Snow have been amazing in sorting out the seating arrangements during lunchtimes.

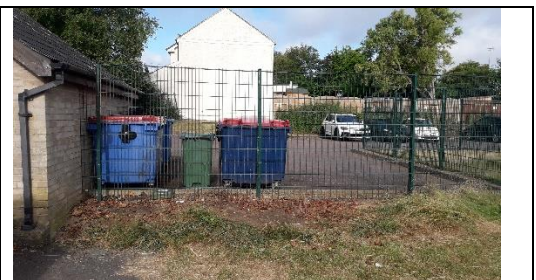
All seems to be working.

Mr Bianchi (caretaker) and Mrs Sladden (Bursar) have sorted out the removal of piled-up rubbish.

A job well done!



Before



After

Dr Lawson attended the Diocese’s Headteachers’ Well-being Day at Chelmsford Cathedral.

**Well-being**



Staff and Governors had cupcakes for Governors Day on Friday!



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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PSHE/RSHE</b></p>	<p><b>INFORMATION:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department for Education has introduced changes from September 2020:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.1 Relationships Education is compulsory in all Primary Schools</li> <li>6.2 Health Education is compulsory in all Primary Schools</li> </ul> </li> <li>The new guidance replaces the DfE <b>Sex and Relationships Education Guidance</b> from 2000. <b>Sex Education</b> is <b>not compulsory</b> in primary schools and the content set out in this guidance therefore focuses on <b>Relationships Education</b> as well as links to <b>Health Education</b>.</li> <li>Although <b>Sex Education</b> is not compulsory, the DfE however, continues to recommend that all primary schools should have a <b>Sex Education</b> programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils.</li> <li>We are following the guidance of the <i>Church of England's Goodness and Mercy Scheme to deliver PSHE/RSHE</i>.</li> <li><i>We will deliver Sex Education in line with the Science National Curriculum, focusing on:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Puberty</i></li> <li><i>Naming of external body parts</i></li> <li><i>Human development from birth to old age and</i></li> <li><i>Reproduction</i> in animals and plants.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Can parents withdraw their children from the lessons?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is <b>no right for parents to excuse their child from Relationships, Health Education or Science</b>.</li> <li>As Sex Education is not taught at KS1, <b>there is no need to consider the right of withdrawal for their pupils</b>.</li> <li>In KS2 puberty and changing bodies are taught in Health Education and Science. <b>Parents have no right to withdraw from this</b>.</li> <li><b>Parents do have the right to withdraw their children from Sex Education</b> as this is not compulsory in Primary Schools.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Class photos</b></p>	<p>The deadline for Class Photograph orders is <b>Monday 4th July</b>.</p> <p>To enable delivery before the end of term we would urge everyone to place their orders online using the details in the proof envelope.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you are unable to order online you can also return your envelope and payment to the school office, the deadline for this is also <b>Monday 4th July</b>.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Starsnappers</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The deadline to order your Starsnappers photographs is <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b> as they will come and collect the envelopes.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hot Weather</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>All children should bring a water bottle and sun hat to school during spells of hot weather.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual Author – Hana Tooke</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click here to see the Y5/6 virtual author visit from last week: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-bAdj03Big">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-bAdj03Big</a></li> </ul>



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<p><b>Voluntary contribution All Students</b></p>	<p><b>We have approximately a third of the 'Summer 2022' voluntary contributions outstanding.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p>Thank you to all the parents who have already made a <b>£20 voluntary contribution</b> 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><b>School Trends Uniform</b></p>	<p>Please note that the deadline for uniform from <a href="#">School Trends</a> in time for September is 18<sup>th</sup> July.</p>
<p><b>National Online Safety</b></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 &amp; more.</p> <p>Apple: <a href="https://apple.co/37gOZDj">https://apple.co/37gOZDj</a>          Android: <a href="https://bit.ly/3fJ3cMT">https://bit.ly/3fJ3cMT</a></p>
<p><b>End of term celebrations</b></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 21<sup>st</sup> July. Further information and contact details for Kelsey Gumble are available on our website, under the <a href="#">Community News and Flyers</a> section. Kelsey will be in the playground after school on Monday.</p> 
<p><b>Year 5 &amp; 6</b></p>	<p>This week Indigo-Violet wrote letters to their future selves - the ages ranged from 11-years-old to 23-years-old! They planned, drafted, edited and revised the letters - detailing their thoughts about their transitions into Year 6 or into Secondary schools, as well as their aspirations and advice. The letters were sealed in envelopes for their future selves to open at the time given! These will come home with your children for you to place in a safe place until the time comes for their future self to open.</p> <p>Please note that due to Year 6 children participating in Bikeability training, their letters have not yet been written in best or sealed in envelopes.</p> 



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## Year 6 Bikeability

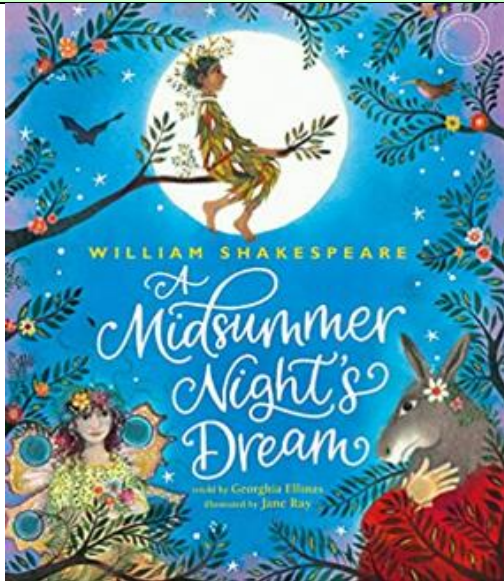


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## Shakespeare workshops



Pupils had a fun-filled day with the Shakespeare workshop on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

*A Midsummer Night's Dream* is considered one of Shakespeare's most popular works. The play begins as Theseus, the ruler of Athens, is about to marry Hippolyta, the Amazon queen. Meanwhile, Hermia and Lysander, who are in love, flee to a forest outside Athens after Hermia's father demands that she marry Demetrius.

Source: <https://kids.britannica.com/students/>



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