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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:

92.28%

Attendance this week:

Reception	69.76
Year 1	92.86
Year 2	82.22
Year 3	89.38
Year 4	88.57
Year 5	92.11
Year 6	90.00
Whole school	85.64

Winning year groups:

Gold – 1st	Y1
Silver – 2nd	Y5
Bronze – 3rd	Y6

Headteacher's note

What an exciting week.

Our ducklings attended assembly.... then they had a swim.

Pupils participated in Monday's assembly on RESPECT.

Reverend Sam visited us.



A very successful Summer Sports Day. Thank you Mr Barnes for arranging it and all the staff for organising a special event for us all.

And the mobile planetarium made us all feel like astronauts.

HERE'S THE NEWS



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 – 17 June.**

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of persistent absence pupils (below 90% attendance)
2018/2019	95.51	3
2019/2020	93.81	9
2020/2021	94.65	12
2021/2022	92.28	16



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Big questions of the week:

Value this half-term







Reception	Year 1	Can fairy tales come true?
Year 2		What makes a 'good memory'?
Year 3		Can you trust everything on the internet?
Year 4		Can time be stolen?
Year 5		Does the way we look affect the way we behave?
Year 6		Would life be better without mobile phones?

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		Brooke	Rafe	Mikey	William	Molly
Year 1	Year 2	Eva	Kai	Amelia V	Joey	Harrison
Year 3	Year 4	Talia	Maxwell	Aviella	Gabriella	Barney
Year 5	Year 6	George A	Evie-Rose	Harrison M	Charlie M	Freddy H

House Points:

					
		Ants	Badgers	Locusts	Lizards
Reception		120 + 10	120 + 12	116 + 10	116 + 9
Year 1	Year 2	398 + 68	373 + 72	482 + 59	493 + 64
Year 3	Year 4	722 + 85	660 + 51	648 + 56	708 + 61
Year 5	Year 6	507 + 36	566 + 34	534 + 14	492 + 22
TOTAL		1946	1888	1919	1965

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
Hot Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The hot weather looks set to ease next week, but as a reminder, we cannot apply sunscreen 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.



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Upcoming events:

Monday	20.06.22	School class photos to be taken. Pupils to be dressed in full school uniform
Thursday	23.06.22	Kimmy's mobile zoo is visiting us with interesting animals
Friday	24.06.22	Years 5 and 6 Virtual author visit
Wednesday	29.06.29	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday	30.06.22	Year 6 Bikeability Parent meeting on PSHE/RSHE lessons to be taught 15.30-16.00 – All Year Groups
Friday	01.07.22	GOVERNORS' Day in school West End in Schools – Shakespeare Workshop Years 3 and 4 Virtual author visit

YEAR 6

We have contacted Ongar Academy to rearrange the year 6 Induction visit, due to the clash with Bikeability. We will update parents once we have a new date.

<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>Years 3 and 4</p>	<p>Years 5 and 6</p>



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Assemblies



Pupils participated in Monday's assembly about respect.



Acrostic poem – Respect is...

- Readiness to listen
- Everyone being valued
- Showing appreciation
- Praying for people
- Expressing opinions sensitively
- Caring for our environment
- Treating property carefully

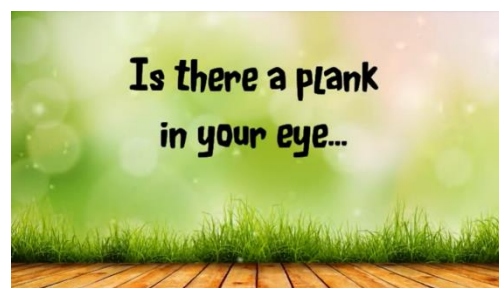
Reverend Sam shared a message on Respect during Wednesday's assembly.

Reverend Sam referenced **Matthew 7:3-5 (New International Version)**

³ "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

**The message is:
Sort yourself out before blaming others.**

Pupils were also taught a new song:
Is there a plank in your eye...



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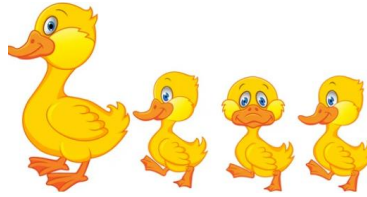


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We had to say goodbye to our 5 ducklings.

Five little ducklings hatched:

- Donald
- Daisy
- Daffy
- Duggy
- Dumpling



QUACK

They attended our assembly on Monday, following Mrs Spanton (they think she is their mother!)



And even time for a quick swim!



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New playground equipment

More playtime equipment. We are transforming our lunchtimes to be actively engaging with games.



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Sporting events – Summer Sports Day KS2



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Wonder Dome



Wonder Dome is an inflatable planetarium. The company provides amazing planetarium shows.

Pupils experienced a unique learning experience. The environment created by the dome is completely dark and immerses the visitor into a wonderful experience of the universe!

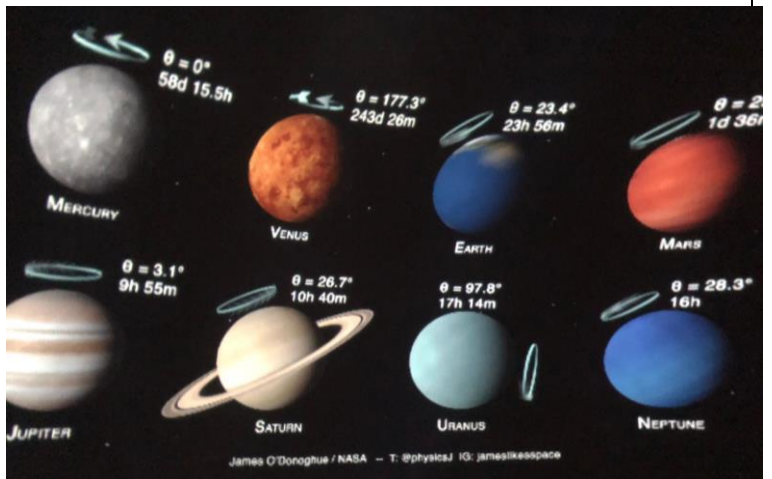
From the outside, it looks like an impressively large dome, which is filled with air from a strong fan. Inside the dome, there is specialised visual and audio equipment that projects onto the inside of the planetarium, giving a 360-degree experience that is totally immersive.



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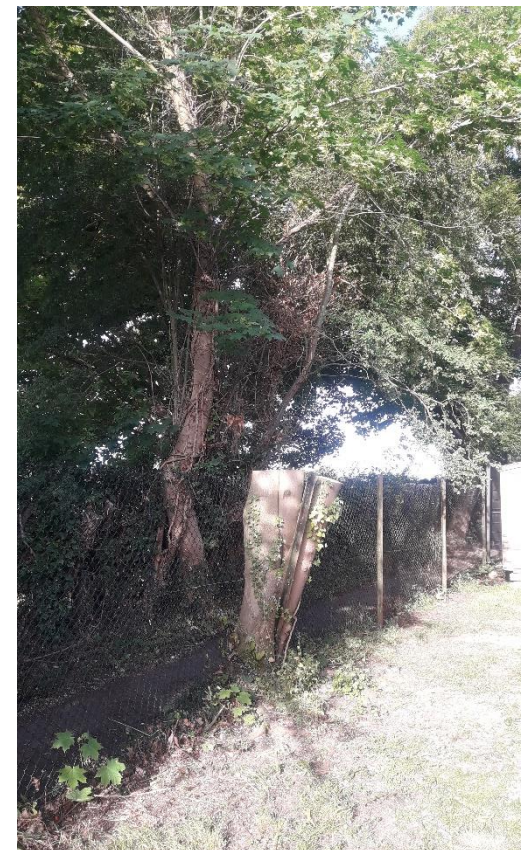


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We had a tree surgeon in to cut down trees.



Tree maintenance



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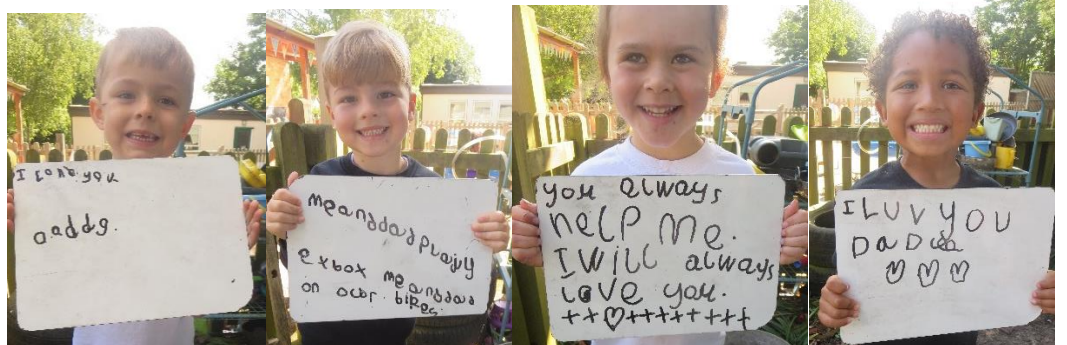


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This week Red Class have been looking at Doubling in Maths, and also writing Father's Day messages to our special adults!



Red Class Round Up



Voluntary contribution

Thank you to all the parents who have already made a **£20 voluntary contribution** towards all the fun activities this term.

There are a lot of fun and exciting activities planned over the next couple of weeks, especially as pupils have missed out on a lot of extra out of class learning due to the pandemic and COVID during the last two years.

We have opted for in-school activities as opposed to off-site educational visits, as coaches can cost up to £25 per pupil, excluding the activity.

If we do not receive sufficient funds, we will be at a loss and will have to consider activities and events in future as the school cannot subsidise all activities.

We know that some families might struggle to make a one off payment. Please contact the school office if you need to consider a payment plan.

School Trends Uniform

Please note that the deadline for uniform from [School Trends](#) in time for September is 18th July.



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