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*“Though your beginning was small,
your future will flourish indeed.”*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome our new Reception children, who are a combination of new and existing families, to Dr Walker’s on Wednesday for the Teddy Bear’s Picnic. The weather was kind to us and our Year 6 pupils were fantastic at supporting them in play whilst the parents had a quick adult catch up!

Next week will be a hive of activity! On Monday, the children will enjoy games of tennis and strawberries when spectating (please ensure you send your child in with some to munch on!) as part of our Being British Week and experience a little taste of Wimbledon in our school grounds. We are sure that this will be an enjoyable event for the children.

Zoe Bear will be 9 years old on Tuesday 1st July, so Monday will be the deadline for children to bring in their Cupcake entry for judging. Winners from each year group will be announced during Tuesdays Collective Worship.

Children will also meet their new class teachers on Tuesday 1st July, and the new reception children will also return. This will be between 11:00am and 11:45am. A letter will be sent by the end of the school day to advise parents of the arrangements for September 2025.

We offer a **FREE breakfast club** – for all – from 8:00am to 8:30am and the gates open at 8:30am. Registration closes at 8:45am, by which time your child should be settled in the classroom ready for learning. Should you need any support, please do let us know. Please make use of this if you need support to ensure that your child attends school every day, on time.

Attendance %	Lessons Missed	Days Missed
95%	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR	8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR	16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR	24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR	32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!
Percentages based on 190 academic days

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hafise Nazif (Executive Head Teacher)
Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

Our words of wisdom from the Bible for truthfulness are: **‘Tell the truth to each other.’** Zechariah 8.16

Sometimes other people try to influence us to make the wrong choices and not tell the truth.

‘What are we most tempted by?’

Do we find it tempting to lie to make ourselves look better?
Are we tempted to cheat in tests?
Are we tempted to gossip to our friends when someone has told us something in confidence?
When we give in to temptation, how do we feel?
What do we do when we are tempted by something that challenges our moral compass?

TERM DATES:

Upcoming Dates and Events

Family Collective Worship – Open the Book

Monday 30th June 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

30th June British Week - Tennis Week – Whole school and Strawberries

1st July Zoe Bear’s 9th Birthday – Cupcake Competition

1st July Children to meet new class teachers

4th July Swimming - Maple class

9th July Year 6 Leaver’s Service – St Nicholas’ Church
9:00am

10th July End of Year Reports home to parents

11th July: INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

15th July Sports afternoon **from 1:00pm**

17th July: Whole school trip to Southend

18th July: Last swimming lesson – Maple

18th July: FODW Summer Garden Party **3:00pm – 4:15pm**

21st July Music Concert – whole school 2pm

21st July Year 6 Activities afternoon

22nd July Whole School Year 6 Farewell Collective Wor

22nd July Children, Parent/Carer, Staff Picnic 12pm

Tuesday 22nd July: End of academic year – 1:00pm finish (after registration)



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National: 95% Our School Target: 96%

	WC 02.06.25	WC 09.06.25	WC 16.06.25	WC 23.06.25	WC 30.06.25	WC 07.07.25	WC 14.07.25	WC 21.07.25
Willow	89%	94%	89%	79%				
Sycamore	92%	88%	93%	93%				
Maple	78%	83%	91%	86%				
Whole School	86%	88%	91%	86%				

Is my child too ill for school?

Please find attached [poster](#)
and [NHS website guidance](#).



Dr Walker's received £29.05 in commission generated from the sale of orders for the Father's Day gifts. Thank you all for your generosity – the money will go into the library fund - and we hope that you LOVED the designs as much as we did!



A local resident completed a Floral Display for the Ongar Flower Festival. Mrs Bird's focus was Dr Walker's CE School.

Mrs Bird's children attended Dr Walker's school over 40 years ago, and she reached out to request a photo of our current school children to display beside the arrangement and her children's school photo.

After permissions were gained, a photo was provided.

Mrs Spanton visited the church and saw the beautiful arrangement on display.



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