



Newsletter 5 2026

Dear Families,

I am writing this from (I did have sunny here but needed to delete) Devon with our wonderful Year 6s who are post SATS and growing the final part of their wings as they prepare to move on. They are facing their fears, climbing, abseiling, swimming, fencing, zip wiring and quite simply having a ball. I mean I would appreciate it if they would sleep a bit more – but we can't have it all hey??

I do hope you enjoyed our wonderful Sports Day – a massive shout out to Mr Gough and Mr Powis for organising such a wonderful event - which showcased not only our athletic prowess but our values so perfectly. The result will be announced at our Leavers service but in the meantime a ginormous well done to the following children who were nominated by staff for living and breathing our values throughout the day – thus earning a blue star or an extra 50 points for their house!!

Jan, Lenny, Advika J, Naba, Poppy, Bruno, Alex & Hadiyah

Meanwhile back in school the following children have deserved particular shout outs this term...

- Year 6 for absolutely smashing their SATs with the best attitude EVER!
- Alistair for his outstanding progress and attitude!
- Reeva for securing SIX medals in her ballroom and Latin competition!
- Jack for being offered a place in the Reading FC Development squad!
- Luca for all the amazing learning and progress he has shown this term, especially in his writing!
- Joe for being such a wonderful role model by approaching all his learning with enthusiasm and 100% focus every single lesson, every single day!
- Ashvik for some brilliantly thought-out questions written to Neil Armstrong about his ascent to the moon!
- Ojaswita for consistently fantastic learning – her attention to detail is ever present regardless of lesson or subject!
- Hanna for excellent progress in reading and phonics!
- Dhruv for excellent contributions in our topic discussions!

It is always wonderful when we get to welcome members of our family back for work experience and this term we have had both the wonderful Oscar Hutchinson and Caragh Lynch back with us. They were a real inspiration and role model for our children, and we loved catching up with them both!!



As always - an overview of your child's learning for Summer 2 can be found on our websites – it really is an exciting term ahead and so do please have a look!!

This is just a quick reminder that if your children are wearing earrings or watches to school that these must be removed for PE and are their responsibility once removed. Thank you.

ANTHEM are holding a special day on 3rd July across all their schools – flier attached – please have a look - but I will be discussing with our children in assembly and send a reminder nearer the time.

I do hope you all manage to have a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 1st JUNE!!**

Best wishes,

Susannah

Values Award

Sponsored by our AMAZING PTA!!

*Each term the staff nominate a child who they believe has fully embraced and embodied our values of **LOVE, RESPECT & FORGIVENESS** – I then have the nearly impossible task of deciding who should receive the award!*

This term the award goes to...

Theo Clarke

*Congratulations **Theo** and thank you for living through our values of*

LOVE, RESPECT & FORGIVENESS!!

****ATTENDANCE****

The National Figure for 2024/25 was 94.8%

The current National Figure is: 93.31%

Our target for 2025/26 is 97%

Infant Attendance 97.8%

Junior Attendance 96.9%

****Learning Round Up****

Ducklings

As always, it's felt an extremely busy term and we've managed to fit so much in. The children have shown enthusiasm tending to the garden, including planting their own seeds, and it's brilliant seeing children so young independently grab a broom to sweep up leaves or appear with a full watering can declaring 'it's time we watered the plants.' It's always wonderful to teach these concepts in the classroom but even more satisfying to see these children applying what they've learned in real life situations. Our pledges this term have got us out and about yet again. Year One children have visited the local library and Reception children travelled into town on the bus in small groups to choose a book to buy from a book shop - the excitement for both trips is proof that the joy of reading books very much still exists. Congratulations to all children (and parents!) for participating in their first All Saint's sports day. It's a huge day for everyone and the children's sports skills, stamina and behaviour were exemplary – well done to all.



Cygnets

How are we nearly at the last push? What a term... This term has been particularly fun filled and a little bit manic, but in the best way! Our children have been superstars and have shone so brightly; it hasn't gone unnoticed. In these 6 weeks alone, we have: learnt to play the recorder, taken a trip to the library, competed in a sports day, made models of a futuristic car using axles and wheels, learnt to reduce reuse and recycle, studied endangered animals in a workshop, filled out spreadsheets in Computing and admired the fabulous Amy Johnson and her flights! A special mention to Connie and Evie who created our beautiful

"Save The Oceans" poster as part of our science lessons! I can't believe I'm typing this but Cygnets... make sure you have a great big rest before our very last term altogether!!!!



Year 3

What an incredible and exciting first summer term it has been in Year 3! The children have approached every challenge with enthusiasm, curiosity, and positivity, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence, creativity and independence continue to flourish.

In English, we loved exploring mystery stories before the children put their imaginations to work by writing and publishing their own gripping mystery books. In Maths, we have worked hard to strengthen our understanding of place value and calculation with the children showing great determination and pride in their progress.

Our learning journey also took us back to Ancient Greece in History, where the pupils were fascinated by life in the past. In Science, we enjoyed exploring the world of plants, including growing, measuring, and caring for our own sunflowers. In Art, the children's creativity truly shone as they designed and created impressive 3D sculptures.

Outside the classroom, we had a fantastic Sports Day filled with energy, teamwork, and encouragement, as well as a memorable visit to the mosque, which helped bring our learning about different faiths and cultures to life.

Thank you so much for your continued support throughout this term. Wishing you all a happy and restful break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting final term of the school year!



Year 4

We are at the end of another busy term and once again children have worked incredibly hard. Some highlights from this half term include:

All children making wonderful progress in their times tables, many are consistently scoring full marks or are very close.

Our English topic, based on the book, *The Baker by the Sea*. Each child designed and wrote a brochure promoting a little seaside village and it also turns out we have many budding bakers in Year 4! Children have also begun to learn about Shackleton and his expedition to Antarctica. They have particularly enjoyed using their oracy skills to roleplay the crew members interviewing for their positions on board the ship – Endurance.

In history the children have really enjoyed deepening their knowledge of the Vikings and Norse beliefs, more outstanding essays have been written.

In Art, the children have enjoyed making various sculptures from wire, recycled materials, soap and even shadows! Keyboard lessons have also been a weekly highlight, and we truly have a class full of enthusiastic and talented musicians!

Finally, we had a wonderful Sports Day at Palmer Park, the children are so lucky to have had the opportunity to take part in a sporting event at a real stadium. What impressed me most, as always, was the encouragement and team spirit demonstrated by each house.

As always, it has been an absolute pleasure to teach these wonderfully enthusiastic children. Have a well-earned rest this holiday!



Year 5

What a wonderful term Year 5 have had! Filled with learning about the uses of statistics, Anne Frank and historical protests, these last few weeks have flown past us. I want to say a massive thank you to our children for being so respectful of the SATs taking place next door, what a wonderful way to embody our value of respect!

Sports day was absolutely marvellous, what a brilliant showcase of all you have learnt in PE, and thank you family and friends who were able to come and join us!

Next term we are booked and busy, with a trip to the planetarium, a visitor coming in to teach us more about Anne Frank and learning more about good sustainability practices. Have a wonderful half term, come back rested for our last term of Year 5!



Year 6

What a phenomenal term Year 6 have had!! Couldn't be prouder of them! They absolutely smashed the SATs out of the park with brilliant maturity and focus. Honestly amazing!

In Maths we covered lots of topics making sure we covered all the essentials and revised anything we had found tricky before. We also had an afternoon with the famous Greg, which is always exciting and extremely informative.

In English we did some beautiful writing. We wrote some fairly haunting stories about a dystopian future and then some heartwarming stories about a kind community coming together to help a Lighthouse Keeper. You can't say we don't have range!

We learnt all about conflict in History and the causes of the First and Second World Wars, which we found to be very interesting but also quite frightening. We had lots of really grown-up debates and flexed our oracy skills, making sure we could talk in ways that show respect to other people's viewpoints whilst getting our ideas across.

We've been looking further into coding in Computing and had a great time exploring Python.

Ending with huge excitement and a well-deserved break on the residential. So so looking forward to next term, our fantastic show, secondary visits and lots more fun. Big massive WELL DONE Year 6!



