

# Parents' Newsletter

Love, Respect, Honesty, Perseverance



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents

We have had a great first week and a half back at school and everyone seems to have settled into the summer term. With just one week to go before our Y6 are taking part in SATs, I want to take the opportunity to wish them all the very best of luck. They, with staff, have worked so hard in preparation for the four days and we are looking forward to celebrating with them with our outdoor lunch on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May. During the week Y6 children will all be invited for SATs breakfast to promote a sense of camaraderie, a relaxed start to their mornings and as a little thank you for their efforts.

Our Y2 children will also be showing their perseverance and determination, using the end of key stage materials to support teacher assessment. Although these tests are no longer statutory, we are using some of the materials to ensure that we target the right elements of that curriculum, inclusive of any little gaps, in preparation for their move into Key Stage 2. As these can now be undertaken a little later, Y2 will now be doing these in June alongside the rest of the school.

Our learning together sessions for the term will be linked to supporting “quick wins” with maths fluency and any other identified needs in the curriculum. Mrs Ship, our Trust maths lead, is working with staff to prepare for these sessions. We really hope you can attend as you will gain ideas to be able to support your child in being in the best place possible to start their next year.

Kind regards

Bridgette Gough

Headteacher



## Reflection Area Theme: Woven Together

In the coming weeks, our Reflection Area will embrace the theme “Woven Together”. This idea highlights how, when everyone feels noticed, valued, and able to flourish, something truly beautiful emerges. We want to celebrate the unique contributions each child brings to our school family, much like a vibrant tapestry.

As you can see here each child will have the opportunity to add a ribbon of their choice to our weaving frame, symbolising their individuality. The more ribbons we weave in, the more special and complete our creation becomes.

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### Stay Safe in the Sun!

With the recent warm weather, it's important to keep our pupils safe while they enjoy outdoor activities. Remember to send your children to school with sun hats and apply sun cream at home before they leave—it's worth noting that there are long-lasting types now available, providing up to 8 hours of protection. This is particularly relevant for our EY pupils who may be using the outside space for their learning, giving them the ability to spend an extended amount of time outside.

As lunchtimes are spent outside and shade can be limited, please ensure your child has a water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the day. Keeping these tips in mind will help everyone make the most of the sunny weather while staying safe. Letting us enjoy the sunshine responsibly.

### VE Day Celebrations

We are celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May with a themed lunch, the flyer has been sent with this Newsletter. As part of the celebrations the children can wear any Union Jack Colour, or indeed Union Jack themed clothing. We are hoping to eat outside on the day.

### Menu Change 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce  
With Pasta  
Or  
Vegetable Bolognaise  
With a  
Cookie

### Important information – Chicken Pox

We want to reach out about the recent rise in chickenpox cases affecting not only our community but also the locality. It's essential for us to support ensuring everyone is informed. If you're pregnant and have not previously had chickenpox, please make sure to inform your midwife or GP if you suspect exposure. They will arrange for a blood test to check your immunity, which is crucial for you and your baby's health.

Additionally, keep in mind that shingles, caused by the same virus, poses a risk to those who have never had chickenpox, especially after close contact with a shingles case.

If your child contracts chickenpox, they should remain at home until all blisters have crusted over, which usually occurs within five days after the rash starts. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in minimising the spread of the virus.

## Headteacher's Cup

<b>Tiger Cub Class:</b>	W1-Kit W2-Archie
<b>Reindeer Class:</b>	W1-Whole Class W2-Darcey
<b>Fennec Fox Class:</b>	W1-Carter W2-Aubrey
<b>Panda Class:</b>	W1-Summer W2-Lucy
<b>Snow Leopard Class:</b>	W1-Willow W2-Parker
<b>Turtle Class:</b>	W1-Theo W2-Poppy
<b>Seal Class:</b>	W1-Maximilian W2-Harrison



### Birthdays in May

Lewin	Freddie K
Ava S	Lillie
Freddie W	Isla W
Harley C-P	Alexa
Matilda	
Tommy	
Louie S-S	
Eleanor	
Archie	
Mila	
Belle	
George	
Freddie C-P	



### Going For Green

Connor & Rowan

### Sports Cup

Lennox

### Marathon Reminder

The school marathon is just around the corner, taking place on Thursday, 21st May - we're crossing everything for some lovely weather! We're really looking forward to the afternoon's events, with a prompt start at 2:00pm to avoid the wait we had last year between finish and school pick up time. Our PTA will have a refreshment stall open during the event and before pick-up, so do come by for a drink or snack. Our sponsorship forms will be sent out alongside this newsletter. Your support helps our PTA enhance what we can offer in school and they have a number of exciting projects in the pipeline that all donations will go towards bringing to fruition.

### **Easter Enterprisers start to make "Eggciting plans"**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Enterprise event last term. We are delighted to have raised over £1100 collectively to put towards developing the Reflections Garden into a more relaxing, welcoming environment.

Evolving ideas discussed by School Council, we are planning to use the money raised to buy a reading cabin that we will make inviting for children of all ages. We are aiming to make it into a comfortable, interactive space that will encourage more of us to read and talk about books in our own time. Tiger Cubs suggested some hammocks - even our youngest readers are getting involved!

In addition, we will be introducing some more calming sights and sounds into the area; for example, Buddha statues, mirrors, windchimes and bird feeders. Halstead in Bloom are kindly donating a water fountain for this area.

We're all looking forward to helping give this well-loved area of our school exciting new life!

Chloe and Isla H  
Year 6



### **Beat the Street**

St Andrew's children and parents enjoyed taking part in the Beat the Street scheme with an excellent overall score.

We placed 31st with 28,210 points out of 70 schools.

Thank you for getting involved, encouraging the children to keep active!

We will let you know if another scheme like this comes up