

Parents' Newsletter

Love, Respect, Honesty, Perseverance



Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parents

We have had a great start to the summer term, with just next 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 their completion on Thursday 21st. During the week they 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. We thank our kitchen staff for their support with this offer. For Year 6 parents, details of timings have been shared by class teachers via Dojo.

I just wanted to thank the community for getting behind our Happy Shoes day event! The event raised £107.50 and all the proceeds support buying resources for our Take One Picture event.

We have many summer term events planned which enable us to include parents, please do refer to the newsletters for updates and amended dates for your diary. Next week, on Tuesday we have the first Share event of the half term; please do join us and use your child's books and displays as a prompt for discussion. We cannot stress enough how important it is for your child to feel you are part of their education. It is so motivational for them.

Warm regards

Bridgette Gough
Headteacher

New Signing In System

We are pleased to announce the introduction of our new electronic sign-in system for children, which will enhance our safeguarding measures and support attendance and lateness monitoring. This user-friendly system, Compass, allows us to keep track of who is in school at all times staff, visitors and of course all pupils.

We kindly ask that parents accompany their children into school if they arrive late (anytime after entrance via the school gates is not possible). This ensures that we can properly sign them in and maintain a safe environment for all. Additionally, we have implemented a sign-out procedure for appointments and early exits during the school day. Parents are requested to inform the school in advance if their child will be leaving early, and to sign them out at the main office upon departure.

Love Life and Learning

Collective Worship: Theme for this week

Last week our theme for worship was the power of saying sorry and forgiveness, the release of forgiveness and the ability it gives us to move on and feel at peace.

Using the story 'The Big Red Lollipop' to explore the negative effects of feeling angry with someone else because of their actions. The importance of empathy in forgiveness was highlighted by the children and understanding that we are all human. Using the book 'The Dual' – Ines Oliveira, we examined making amends. The story describes a cold and distant country where two men argue. They've been arguing for so long, they don't remember why they started it in the first place. They gave up on finding a real solution, and to solve it once and for all, they decide to fight a duel.

This week's theme for worship has been linked to collaboration and teamwork. We have explored children's fiction and links with scripture and the Christian calendar touching on Pentecost and the disciples as an example of a team that came together to spread the word about God.

We shared the book 'Solo' which through the story of a dog, used to his own space and things, discovers the benefit of socialising with others. This playful examination of the saying "No man is an island" showed that nobody is meant to live in complete isolation; everyone is connected to and dependent on others. This quote was coined by John Donne in 1624, the phrase emphasises that humanity is interconnected, suggesting that community, collaboration and mutual support, are essential for survival and emotional well-being. The children gave their own interpretation of the phrase where they spoke of the importance of belonging.

Reflections Table

Our new theme is based on the power of saying sorry. This followed last week's worship theme. We have many great quotes around both saying sorry and forgiveness. In addition, the active element of the table is in the form of our 'sorry sand' - here the children can write or draw either a message of forgiveness or apology. The idea is then that the sand is gently shaken away showing the restorative nature of both saying sorry and forgiving.



Headteacher's Cup

Joey Class: W1-Daisy-Mae

W2-Stanley

Aardvark Class: W1-Aardvarks

W2-Aardvarks

Giraffe Class: W1-Mila

W2-Bonnie

Capybara Class: W1-James

W2-Lillie

Koala Class: W1-Thomas

W2-Danniella

Jellyfish Class: W1-Emily

W2-Harry M

Falcon Class: W1-Matilda

W2-Millie



Birthdays in May

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



Going For Green

Bella F & George K

Sports Cup

Ronnie & Theo J

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 and further details on these will follow very shortly – Watch this space

Our sponsorship forms will be sent out alongside this newsletter. Your support helps us and our PTA enhance what we can offer in school and there are a number of exciting projects in the pipeline that all donations will go towards bringing to fruition.

Father's Day Breakfast

We are very much looking forward to our Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 19th June.

We are sending details of how you can book the event along with this newsletter.



Shine Survey – Supporting Mental Health

We invite you to take part in the **SHINE (Studying Happiness, Self-Image and Nutrition and Eating in children) Parent & Carer Survey**. The survey will help us understand the health and wellbeing of children in **Reception (4-5 years)** and **Year 6 (10-11 years)**. The survey is open to parents and carers of children in these year groups.

The survey takes around **20 minutes** and can be completed **online (or on paper, if preferred – see below)**. It includes questions about:

- Your child's mental wellbeing,
- You and your child's eating and physical activity habits,
- Your household and background.

By sharing your experiences, you will help us make changes at both local and national levels to support children's wellbeing.

As a thank you for taking part, you can enter a **prize draw** to win one of **four £50 shopping vouchers**, awarded to parents and carers in your local community.

The information you provide will only be used only for research purposes and will be kept completely confidential.

A flyer is being distributed with the newsletter.

Exciting News: Free Dental Check-Ups for Our Children

We are thrilled to announce that, as part of the NHS Oral Health Education Pilot we are signed up to as a school, all children and their families have access to free NHS dental examinations! These check-ups will be conducted by qualified Dental Therapists, who are skilled professionals able to carry out routine examinations, cleaning, fillings, X-rays, and extractions for children.

This is a fantastic opportunity to ensure your child's dental health is in tip-top shape. We encourage all families to take advantage of this service, as maintaining good oral hygiene is essential for overall well-being. Please see the attached flyer to support tapping into this if needed.

Take One Picture

We are excited to announce that we have decided on a picture for our Take One Picture Bi-annual event. Surprised! by Henri Rousseau 1891 is a piece that has instant appeal for children. The image is explored by the National Gallery for staff and pupils to aid them in developing a creative response to the stimulus. We have included a little prompt here to support discussion.

'In a jungle storm, as rain lashes the foliage and lightning flashes overhead, a tiger crouches low in the tall grass. A camouflage of stripes is not enough to hide it from our view as we glimpse a snake-like tail twisting through the leaves, a wide yellow eye, and a set of pointed white teeth in a blood-red mouth. Is it searching for prey or cowering in fear? Is there something concealed in the bushes or has the flash of lightning stopped it in its tracks?'

These are just some of the questions surrounding this well-known painting, created by a self-taught artist who painted imaginative and dreamlike landscapes.



We will be holding the exhibition on the 4th June in our hall. Our timetable for classes is below to support parents in planning to join us if you can. The children will be curating the event for parents and touring you around the exhibition. The gallery created at the end of the two-week unit of work, is a great motivation to get the creative juices flowing and your attendance is what makes the event so special for the children.

We hope you can join us.