

WHAT'S COMING UP

July

- 6th - School Reports
- 6th - Stay and Play New EYFS 26/27 admission at 3:30-4pm
- 8th - Stay and Play New EYFS 26/27 admission at 3:30-4pm
- 7th Summer Concert at 4:30
- 14th - Y6 Performance to Parents 2-3pm
- 15th - Y6 Performance to Parents 5-6pm
- 17th - Y6 Leavers Assembly 9:30-10:30
- 17th Y6 Leavers Tea 10:30-11
- TOPTIME Celebration
- 20th July - Summer Holiday

September

- 1st Non Pupil Day
- 2nd New Academic Year Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

The final weeks of term are always a wonderful opportunity to celebrate successes, reflect on progress and prepare children for the next stage of their learning journey. The children enjoyed the first of their two transition mornings on Wednesday with their new teachers. There were lots of smiles and teachers are becoming 'the best ever teacher' already!

I am pleased to let you know that annual pupil reports will be sent home by Tuesday 7th July. These reports provide a summary of your child's achievements, progress and personal development throughout the year. We hope you find them informative and enjoy celebrating your child's many successes. Unfortunately, there is one important exception regarding our Year 6 pupils. Key Stage 2 SATs results will not be included in reports this year as they normally would be. Pearson Education Limited, the organisation responsible for the end-to-end administration of the Key Stage 2 tests, has informed the Department for Education that additional time is needed to ensure the online results portal is ready for schools to access results. The delay relates solely to the readiness of the system used to distribute results to schools. Importantly, this is not due to any concerns regarding the quality of the tests, the marking process or the accuracy of results. Test papers have been marked according to the usual procedures, and the standards maintenance process, which ensures results remain comparable with previous years, has been completed. The Standards and Testing Agency has confirmed that it is confident in the quality and accuracy of the results that will be released to schools.

I understand that Year 6 children and their families may feel disappointed and frustrated by this delay. I share those feelings. Our pupils worked exceptionally hard in preparation for their SATs and deserve to receive their results without unnecessary delay. Pearson has accepted full responsibility for the situation and has issued an apology to schools and families. As soon as we receive the results, we will ensure they are communicated to families promptly.

A reminder, too, that although England are due to play Mexico in the early hours of Monday morning, school will be open as normal on Monday and attendance remains a priority for all pupils. We appreciate that some children may be excited about the match and may wish to follow the result, but we ask families to ensure that children arrive at school on time and ready to learn. Every school day continues to matter right up until the end of term. I personally am planning on getting up at 5.30am to watch the replay before school!

Over the coming weeks, pupils will enjoy a range of transition activities, TOPS Time celebration, the year 6 performance and the Colour Run organised by our PTSA this afternoon. There's still lots going on!

There was success for the girls and boys football teams this week against Great Bradford for the last games of the season. We are proud to say that both teams came away with wins. Girls 4-0, and the boys 3-1! What a fantastic end to the league matches.

Finally, please can I remind you that photos of children, other than your own should not be share on social media.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Cagney



BEFORE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Fri - IRock

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mon - CHOIR

Wed - SCS

Thu - SCS



STAR OF THE WEEK

EYFS - Archie H

Year 3 - Luke

Year 4 - Rocco

Year 5 - Fortune

Year 6 - Thea

AR READERS

**Year 3 - Penelope,
Emilia,**

Year 4 - Alfie, Orin,

Year 5 - Levi

**Please remember
we are a No Nuts
School, that
includes Nutella**

**All items of
clothing should
be named.**

**Water only in
bottles please.**

**Polite Reminder:
The school toilets are
closed for cleaning
from 3:20.**

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR 3

This week we have been writing our avalanche recounts as a class, making sure we use strong language to make our reader feel part of the story. We are enjoying this and look forward to writing our own next week on a famous volcanic eruption. On Tuesday morning we met some reptiles and insects, learning about where they live and what they do to survive. My favourite reptile was the bearded dragon called flash, he was rough because his habitat is the desert and the sand has made his skin tougher (Demi). My favourite was the gecko because she was soft to touch and also had camouflaged patterns on her back (Bobbi). On Thursday we went to year 4, it was good fun and we played activities to learn about Miss Sherman and she learnt lots about us. Next week we are looking forward to our art lesson, where we are sketching volcano landscapes.

Written by Bobbi and Demi

YEAR 4

This week in Year 4 we have been innovating on our model text about 'Tilly and the sky serpent' for our fantasy stories. The children have been using high-level vocabulary and imaginative ideas to turn the text into their own writing and I have been so impressed at their hard work. Our knowledge about habitats and the environment has developed in both science and geography where we have explored the harmful ways humans are affecting our planet! The children have even made protest signs to stop deforestation. We had a fantastic learning opportunity from Animal Experience too, where we met and interacted with rainforest animals like a lizard, milk snake, tarantula, python, leaf insect, gecko, stick insect and a blue tongue skink!

YEAR 5

As part of the Children's Parliament, Year 5 were able to access an informative session run by Essex Police and Fire Service this week. Alongside over 30 other schools, we were able to ask questions about how fast police cars could travel; how long it takes to fly a helicopter from London to Essex; how much a fire engine costs and how many 999 calls there are every day. This also provided us with a fantastic insight into the jobs available as part of these services.

YEAR 6

We have been so busy this week- Year 6 certainly isn't finished once SATs are complete! We have written invitations to our production and produced posters to advertise the show. We are in full rehearsal for the production and making props too. We completed our PSHE units and our swimming lessons. We have written detailed and heartfelt letters to the year 5 class telling them what they have in store for next year and we have begun to prep our leavers assembly too.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

- 91% - EYFS
- 97% - Year 1
- 94% - Year 2
- 90% - Year 3
- 85% - Year 4
- 91% - Year 5
- 89% - Year 6
- Attendance target 95%

ATTENDANCE

Good attendance in school is key to a successful education. Even small absences from school can have a large effect on children's education. The government has set a target of 95% attendance for pupils. This rate allows for periods of illness or circumstances when absence from school is unavoidable.

Q: When is 90% NOT considered to be a positive outcome? A: When it is linked to attendance.

- By law, all children must receive a full-time education. As a parent/carer you are responsible for making sure that your child attends school regularly and on time.

For Parents - Social Media Ban and Online Safety Measures

As we're all probably aware by now, the UK government announced a social media ban for under 16's, to come into force from Spring 2027. Whilst many are applauding this, many more are not. Part of the problem is that there are very few hard facts: what does this actually mean in practice, which platforms, what does it mean for families and much more.

Internet Matters have put a big article together exploring these questions and more which I think many parents will find useful.

Link: [Social Media Ban and Online Safety Measures](#)

Please be aware that the gates open at 8:35, and your child is marked late, affecting their attendance from 8:50am. Punctuality is a valuable lifelong skill. Late arrival affects not only the pupil who is late but disrupts the whole class. Where a pupil arrives after the registers close, with no justifiable reason, a U code will be entered into the register. The U code amounts to an unauthorised absence for the whole session. We must warn you, a penalty notice may be issued where there have been at least ten sessions of unauthorised absence during a rolling 10 school week period.

