

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### June

- 17<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day - EYFS & KS1 am 10-12 Whole school Picnic lunch 12-1 KS2 pm 1-3 (24<sup>th</sup> Sports day if weather does not permit on the 17<sup>th</sup>)
- 17<sup>th</sup> - 26/27 EYFS Admissions Parent meeting at 4pm School
- 18<sup>th</sup> - EYFS trip to Boydells Farm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Y6 Bikeability
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Bikeability
- 25<sup>th</sup> Stay and Play New EYFS 26/27 admission at 3:30-4pm

### July

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Y1/Y2 School Trip
- 6<sup>th</sup> - School Reports
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Stay and Play New EYFS 26/27 admission at 3:30-4pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Performance to Parents 2-3pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Performance to Parents 5-6pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Leavers Assembly 9:30-10:30
- 17<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers Tea 10:30-11
- 20<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Holiday

### September

- 1<sup>st</sup> Non Pupil Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> New Academic Year Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Bronze Level Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. This is going to be a real challenge in the following years as the DfE have announced that they are cutting Sports Premium funding for schools from 2027 by approximately 20%, this will have a direct impact on what the school will be able to offer in terms of expert coaching, resources and attending events.

In sporting news, our girls football team won their first match this week with a well fought battle against John Bunyan. The girls managed to hold on to a 4-3 win after the opposition came back in the second half. Well done to Katie who was nominated as player of the match and Isobel for some outstanding saves, keeping us in the lead.

Don't forget that it is Sport Day on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - all information regarding timings is in last weeks newsletter.

### **Free school meal expansion:**

You may be entitled to receive free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits or support. You could also raise additional pupil premium funding for our school to fund support like additional teaching staff or after school activities. You only need to complete the form once. Subsequent rechecks of your eligibility will be carried out annually to assess whether you continue to be eligible for free school meals. To see if your children can get free school meals (FSM), please fill in all sections of the form (link below) and return it to school. If there is any information you cannot find, or you are having problems understanding, contact the school office for help.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6a01a7fccd2e0e8b5b20b387/Annex\\_A\\_-\\_Model\\_registration\\_form\\_for\\_free\\_school\\_meals.docx](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6a01a7fccd2e0e8b5b20b387/Annex_A_-_Model_registration_form_for_free_school_meals.docx)

Please be reminded that our parent survey is still live and we would be very grateful for as many parents to respond as possible so that we can get a good overview of the school, celebrate what we do well and what we need to improve on.

Please use this link to complete the survey: <https://forms.gle/Rna5mLHzDgdA9ViP6>

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 - Edith**  
**Year 1 - Romeo**  
**Year 2 - Callie**  
**Year 3 - Jack**  
**Year 4 - Daniel**  
**Year 5 - Amelia**  
**Year 6 - Skylah**

## AR READERS

Year 2 -

Year 3 -

Year 4 -

**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 EYFS

This week in EYFS, we began exploring our new class story, The Rainbow Fish. The children were very excited to discover a mysterious treasure chest in the classroom. Inside were gems, jewels and a sparkling object that we later discovered was a scale from the Rainbow Fish! We enjoyed making predictions about what it could be and discussing the beginning, middle and end of the story. We have also loved learning outdoors this week, hunting for Numicon pieces around the playground to make 10. The children are becoming increasingly confident at recording their number bonds and recognising that number sentences can be written in different ways while still making the same total.

## YEAR 1

We have really enjoyed our Art and DT sessions this half term. Last week we made and finished our sliding mechanism game and really enjoyed helping each other too! In Art we looked at different drawing techniques. We worked on drawing different flowers, without lifting their pencil off the page; it was really tricky to do but we all used the school value of perseverance to help us. In science, we also enjoyed drawing trees throughout the seasons, to see how the trees change. We can't wait to learn more about different plants and trees for the rest of the term.

## YEAR 2

This week in Year 2, we have been learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes in maths. The children identified and described the sides and vertices of 2D shapes, as well as the edges, faces and vertices of 3D shapes. We also enjoyed an exciting hook day for our new English unit on explanation texts about Alaska. When the children arrived, they discovered snowy footprints and snow scattered around the classroom! Throughout the day, they built igloos, rescued treasure trapped inside ice, created beautiful Northern Lights artwork and designed their own Alaska souvenir magnets. The children had a fantastic time and many said it was "the best day ever"!



## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

**95% - EYFS**  
**90% - Year 1**  
**93% - Year 2**  
**91% - Year 3**  
**90% - Year 4**  
**97% - Year 5**  
**88% - Year 6**  
Attendance target 95%

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.

## ONLINE SAFETY

UK councils issue warnings over the safety of dumpling squishies



Dumpling squishies are very popular right now with unboxing videos on TikTok and YouTube gathering millions of views.

The soft toys shaped like little dumplings or buns, can be squeezed, stretched or rolled between hands.

Many are sold in 'blind boxes', which means you do not know which one you will get until you open it and part of the excitement is trying to find rarer versions - including shiny or glittery ones. But, local councils in different parts of the UK are warning people that some dumpling squishies are not safe. [Click the link here to read more](#)

For Parents - WhatsApp for Under 13's

With the exception of YouTube, WhatsApp has always been one of the most popular messaging apps, including for children under 13. This has always been a concern for a lot of different reasons, but out of the blue it seems that Meta have now created a parent-managed service which I think is really good.

Similar to other parent-managed accounts, a parent will pair their device/account to the child's device/account which then gives a lot of flexibility such as:

No 'view once' messages.

No location sharing.

Messages and group invites from unknown contacts sent to the parent for approval.

Parent notifications, such as new contact added.

[Link: WhatsApp parent-managed accounts - explained.](#)

[Link: How to set up a parent-managed account.](#)