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NEWSLETTER: Friday 8th May 2026





Welcome to this week's newsletter. It has been another very busy week at school, with lots of exciting preparations taking place for our upcoming events. The first of these is Art Week, which begins on Monday 18th May and will culminate in our very own Arts Trail around the school on Friday 22nd May, the final day of this half term. Miss Diver has organised for a range of artists to come into school to work with each year group throughout the week. We are really looking forward to seeing the children's creativity in action and cannot wait to share their wonderful creations with you at the end of the week.

Alongside this, we are also planning a revamp of our library area, transforming it into a woodland-themed space to encourage the children to spend even more time enjoying books and reading. Mrs Gamblin and Mrs Shepherd have been working incredibly hard on this project, and we are hopeful that it will be completed by half term so it can be revealed to everyone!

Next week is National Assessment Week (SATs) for our Year 6 pupils. They have been working extremely hard in preparation, and we are very proud of them and the positive attitude they continue to show, well done everyone!

Finally, just a couple of updates for parents, including a reminder that the parent survey is still open. Thank you to everyone who has already completed it - your feedback is greatly valued.

Parent Survey

The parent survey was sent out last week. If you haven't completed it yet, please do – it helps us to celebrate what is working well and, just as importantly, to identify areas where we can continue to improve the school for all children.

You can complete the survey using the link below or by scanning the QR code.

Parent Survey Summer 2026 – Fill out form

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The survey will close on Monday 8th June.

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Safeguarding Update for Parents – WhatsApp Groups

It has again come to our attention that some Year 6 children are being added to WhatsApp groups and communicating without adult supervision. As a reminder, WhatsApp has a minimum age requirement, and primary-aged children are not yet old enough to manage group messaging appropriately on their own.

If you choose to allow your child to use WhatsApp, despite them being under the required age, please ensure that you regularly check their messages and conversations. We also strongly recommend using the privacy settings to prevent your child from being added to group chats without their permission.

Unsupervised group chats can very quickly lead to misunderstandings, unkind behaviour, and messages that children find upsetting. Unfortunately, issues arising online often spill over into school and can affect children's wellbeing and friendships. Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children safe, both in and out of school.

Chartwells – School Lunch Update

Thank you to everyone who completed the school lunch survey a while ago - as you know this feedback was shared with Chartwells. This coming week we have a meeting with them to discuss this feedback and the next steps.

Mrs Baldwin has also met with the School Council to discuss the current lunch menu. The school council class representatives have been given a questionnaire to complete with their classes. This pupil feedback will also be shared during the meeting with Chartwells and our pupil governors, so that we can work together to make improvements to our school lunches.

School Gates and Residential Parking – Important Notice

We are currently experiencing technical issues with the main school vehicle gates, meaning they are not always opening when required. This is causing some difficulties for parents and carers entering or exiting the site for Breakfast Club, as well as issues for staff!

To help reduce the risk of you being stuck on school site, we ask that unless you absolutely need to access the school grounds at this time, you please consider parking on the road. Please ensure that parking is done considerately and that residential parking areas, particularly those outside the flats in close proximity to the school site, are avoided.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation while we work to resolve this issue.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing everyone bright and early on Monday morning.

Best wishes,

Rebecca

Headteacher

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Celebrating the Children

Our Stars of the Week this week are:

Class	Name	Reason
Badgers	Harrison Chatterton	Harrison, you have such an enthusiasm for learning. You always try your very best every day - well done!
Hedgehogs	Orla Roberts	Orla, we are so proud of your efforts in reading and writing. Keep going, you are a star!
Squirrels	Abigail Taylor	Abigail, you always embody our school values and are a shining role model for others. Well done - we are very proud of you!
Rabbits	Florence Osipova	Florence, you have shown hard work and enthusiasm for your writing in English this week. Well done!
Puffins	Tumur Johnson	Tumur, you have been working so hard, particularly in your maths fractions work. Well done -keep it up!
Penguins	Zara Pascoe	We are so unbelievably proud of the effort you put into your learning. You're an excellent role model and an all-round superstar Penguin. Well done!
Lions	Eva St Clair	Eva, you always show enjoyment in all areas of school life. You are a caring friend and an excellent role model to others. Well done!
Tigers	Theo Patten	Theo, you are Star of the Week for your perseverance in learning. You have been trying your best and showing great independence - well done!
Kangaroos	Soraya-Ivy Greer	Soraya, we have been incredibly impressed with how much your independence has developed this year. You always take feedback on board, work hard, and consistently produce fantastic work - well done!
Koalas	Nathan Clark	Nathan, you have shown excellent focus and determination in all your learning. Your hard work is really paying off, well done!
Owls	Soraya Goodall	Soraya, your determination, kindness and love of learning shine through in everything you do. You go above and beyond, often continuing to improve your work even when lessons have ended. You are an absolute joy to teach!
Otters	Ollie Butt	Ollie, you have shown great effort and determination – particularly focusing on your presentation. Well done!
Flamingos	Seth Edmonds	Seth, we are so proud of all of the progress you have made this year. You are a joy to teach – thank you and well done!
Toucans	Ben Maclean	Ben, you have worked hard and persevered this term. You have listened to advice and pushed yourself to achieve your goals. Well done - we are proud of you!

Award	Child or Class Receiving the Award	Reason
Attendance Award	Koalas – 100%	For achieving the highest % of attendance this week!
Headteacher's Award	The Headteacher's Award will return next week	

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Early Years (EYFS)

This week we have been avidly watching our caterpillars grow, learning about their life cycle and discovering the beautiful butterflies they will soon become.

As part of our Butterfly Week, the children have enjoyed creating a range of exciting artwork and activities inspired by their learning. We have been delighted by the fantastic home learning that has come into school, as well as the wonderful creations made during Explore Time.

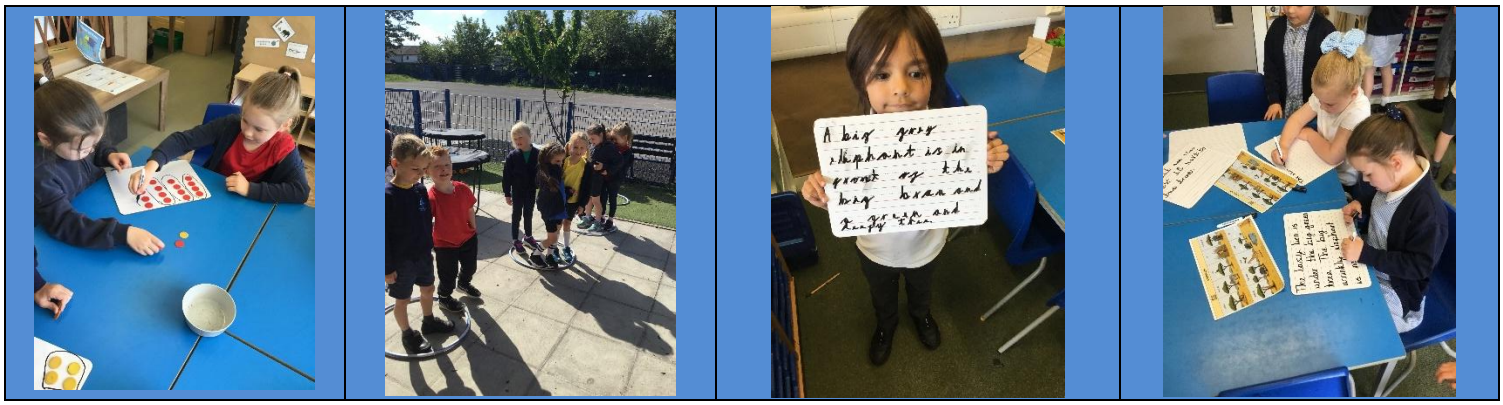
These activities have shown great creativity, curiosity, and enthusiasm, and it has been a joy to see the children so engaged in their learning, well done everyone!







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Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)

It has been a fantastic week of learning in Year 1. In maths, we have been continuing to develop our understanding of multiplication by using arrays to show equal groups. The children have worked hard to spot patterns and explain their thinking clearly. In English, the children have been using prepositions to describe where animals are in pictures from our story. In science, we have been learning about animals and how they can be classified. The children have explored mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles, learning about the key features of each group. We have also looked at how animals can be grouped by what they eat, including herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. The children enjoyed sorting animals and discussing similarities and differences between them.

Year 2 have been very busy with lots of exciting learning across the curriculum. In music, the children have been listening to music inspired by planets and space and responding creatively to what they hear, using different colours and shapes.
In science, we have been exploring and comparing solids, liquids and gases. The children have enjoyed investigating the properties of different materials and discussing how materials can change from one state to another through fun practical activities.
In guided reading, we have been reading *A Planet Full of Plastic*, which has inspired thoughtful discussions about recycling and ways we can help protect our planet.



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Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)

We've had another great week in Year 3! In maths, we had a hands-on lesson using containers to estimate capacity. In science, we've been learning all about plants, and the children loved planting their own cress. We even started an experiment with three pots (one in an opaque environment, one translucent, and one transparent) to see how light affects growth. On Tuesday, we used the iPads to explore stop-motion animation, which was so creative. In Geography, we learned about constructive and destructive plate boundaries, and in English, we finished our fantastic non-chronological reports on Mount Vesuvius. We're so proud of all the children's hard work and can't wait for another exciting week!

This week in Year 4, we have started our new 'money' unit in Maths, where the children have been converting pounds to pence and vice versa, exploring the value of tenths and hundredths, linking these to decimals, and finding change using subtraction.
In English, the children planned and wrote their own narratives from a character's point of view; we were incredibly impressed with how confidently they applied the new skills and grammatical techniques they have recently learnt.
In PE, we enjoyed developing our throwing, catching, bowling and batting skills through mini cricket games, and we are looking forward to playing a full match next week!
The letter for our upcoming school trip on July 17th was sent out via email today, please check your junk inbox if you have not received this. You should also have received your child's class photo proof, please contact the school office if you have not received this. Have a wonderful weekend!



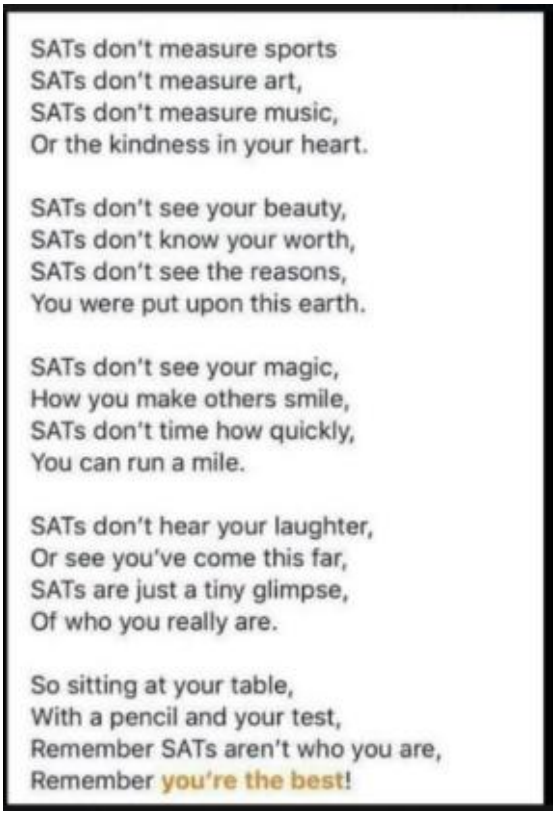


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Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)

Year 5 have had a busy and engaging week of learning. In maths, the children have started exploring angles, learning how to identify, measure and compare them accurately. In English, they are beginning to analyse the key features of comparative writing, preparing to compare different texts and ideas effectively. Our geography lessons have focused on global warming and the greenhouse effect, while in science we are continuing our work on forces, with a particular focus on understanding friction and how it affects movement.

In Year 6 this week, the children have been doing some gentle revision in preparation for the SATs tests next week. They have worked incredibly hard, and it has been wonderful to see just how much progress they have made. We have also been really pleased to see how calm, confident and positive so many of them are as they approach the tests. We hope they are able to hold on to this mindset over the weekend and into next week.
To support them in having time to rest, relax and recharge, there will be no homework set for the coming week. However, for anyone who would like to do a little optional practise, there are plenty of revision materials available on Google Classroom.
You should have received an email last week with details about SATs breakfast, which is very generously being provided by volunteers from EPSA. For anyone who may have missed this, during SATs week (Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May), children are welcome to arrive at school from 8.05am and come to their classroom via the office, where they can enjoy a free breakfast. Attendance at SATs breakfast is entirely optional, so please do whatever feels right for your child.
Above all, we would like to say how immensely proud we are of the children. Their hard work, resilience and positive attitude towards SATs have been truly commendable. We hope they are able to approach next week calmly and confidently. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you or your child have any questions or worries - we are always happy to help. We hope the children remember that these tests are just a snapshot of their learning, and all we ever ask is that they do their best.



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🥳🎉 SUMMER FAIR EXTRAVAGANZA – Saturday 27th June 🎉🥳

Get ready for an unforgettable day of sunshine, laughter, music and family fun at our **Summer Fair on Saturday 27th June!** We've packed the day with exciting activities, delicious food, live entertainment and plenty of surprises for all ages — so gather your friends, bring the family and join us for the biggest event of the summer!

🎈 UNLIMITED BOUNCING FUN!

This year we're thrilled to welcome **Inflataplanet** with **FIVE amazing inflatables**!
Grab an **unlimited-use wristband** and bounce, slide and race all day long!

🎨 FESTIVAL FUN

Why not transform your look with:

- **Fabulous face painting and glitter tattoos**
- **Colourful hair braiding**
- **Hands-on reptile handling experiences**
- **Stalls selling handmade gifts**

🎶 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Enjoy fantastic live music from our live band, plus exciting Rocksteady demonstrations and workshops where children can discover their inner rock star! Also see a demonstration from Gemsdance!

⚽ GAMES & CHALLENGES

There's something around every corner, including:

- Penalty shootouts
- Coconut shy
- Hook-a-duck
- Splat the rat
- Tombola
- Sponge an adult!
- Raffle
- Plus more fun games and stalls to explore!

🍔 DELICIOUS FOOD & TREATS

Come hungry because we'll have:

- Fresh BBQ favourites 🍔
- Tasty pizzas 🍕
- Ice creams 🍦
- A fully stocked bar 🍻 and Iced Coffee
- Cakes 🍰
- Emsworth Sweets 🍬

🌞 A PERFECT FAMILY DAY OUT

Whether you're bouncing on inflatables, enjoying live music, winning prizes or simply soaking up the summer atmosphere, there's something for everyone at this year's Summer Fair.

🗓️ Saturday 27th June 11am-2pm
🎉 Fun for all ages
💛 Bring your friends, family and community spirit!

We can't wait to see you there! Also any more volunteers are hugely appreciated ❤️‍🩹

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