

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers and Families,



It's been such a short half term this term, and we are at the end of it already! Despite being only four weeks, we have been as busy as always, so read on to see what we have been up to, and what's on in the rest of the summer term!

KS2 SATs

Our Year 6 children sat their KS2 SATs tests last week and we were all so proud of how calm, poised and confident the children were. No matter the outcome, we know every child tried their best, and we couldn't ask for more. Thank you to my amazing Year 6 team and other staff - it takes a lot of work to prepare for and execute these exams, and thanks to their hard work, they ran seamlessly. Well done everyone!

Other Statutory Assessments Coming Up

From the 9th to the 13th June, our Y1 children will take their statutory KS1 Phonics Screening Check (PSC). This will be administered in a relaxed and familiar way, where the children will not even be aware that they are being assessed. More information can be found by [clicking here](#).

Between the 2nd and 13th June, our Y4 children will also complete their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). Again, the children will complete this in a relaxed setting, and the check will be done on a tablet similar to the activities they complete on TTRS. More information can be [found here](#). All statutory and teacher assessment results will be reported on children's annual reports in July.

Parking - again!

We must once again remind everyone that parking on the school's zig-zag markings, double-yellow lines, or across residents' driveways is both unlawful and dangerous. These obstructions reduce visibility, force children to step into the road, and generate tension with the families who live beside our gates. We have also received reports of abusive language and aggressive behaviour directed at staff and neighbours who politely request safer parking. Such conduct is wholly unacceptable. From today, any instance of dangerous or inconsiderate parking, or any form of abuse, will be logged, and we are advising staff, parents, and residents alike to report vehicle details directly to the police as well as to the council. Please consider walking, cycling, or using an appropriate parking space a short distance away. A few extra minutes of effort will keep our children safe, reduce pollution, and preserve the goodwill of our community.

Reception Class Request for Support

We are working to improve our EYFS outdoor area by developing the existing exploration space next to our adventure playground. This area already includes a play kitchen, weighing scales, and a pulley system, but it currently isn't set up for active play. To make it more inviting and accessible for the children, we are planning to lay wood chip to create a clear, defined surface. We would really appreciate your help transporting the woodchip from the area outside our current forest. Any time you can offer would make a big difference and help us create a more engaging space for the children to explore and enjoy. Thank you for your continued support!

Lost Property

Some of our children have lost items of named/labelled clothing which are not in school. Please check the clothing your child brings home, and if items have another child's name in, please return it to school as soon as possible so we can return it to its rightful owner.

Sponsored Reading Event - Winners

Our sponsored reading event was a great success and we raised almost £3000. We ran a competition in school to encourage children to participate and we are happy to announce the winners:

- **Most reading challenges completed:** Rohan D
- **Most money raised:** Ava S
- **Most reading minutes completed:** Samuel C-M
(with over 2,200 reading minutes recorded!)

These children received a book token and a special certificate.

- **School House with the highest reading minutes:**
Pankhurst (each child in this house received a Track-It point)

Well done to everyone who took part - your efforts were amazing!



Wrap Around Update

We are busy setting up our new wrap around care provision ready to start in September. We are really excited about the high quality and affordable provision we are creating. Here are a lot of processes involved and we want to take our time in getting this right. However, we know some parents need to give notice to their current providers, so we aim to have the information you need in the first two weeks after half term to give you plenty of time to make arrangements.

Bags to School

We're excited to be taking part in the Bags to School initiative once again!

If you're planning a half-term clear out, this is a great opportunity to declutter while supporting a good cause. Bags will be going home with the children shortly - please fill them with any unwanted clothes, shoes, and accessories, and return them to school on **Friday 6th June**.

Important: Please note that school uniform is not accepted in these bags.

Thank you for your support - every bag helps

Important Update About Free School Meals (FSM)

Transitional Protection for Free School Meals ended on Monday 31 March 2025.

- If your child was approved for Income-related Free School Meals before 1 April 2025, their eligibility will continue (even if your circumstances change) until they leave their current school – either primary (Reception to Year 6) or secondary (Years 7 to 13).*
- If your child is in Year 6, their eligibility will be rechecked before they start secondary school.*
- If you apply for Free School Meals on or after 1 April 2025, your eligibility will be checked regularly. If you no longer qualify, the Free School Meals and any linked benefits (like the Holiday Activities and Food programme – HAF) may be stopped.*

This might mean that some children in the same family are eligible for Free School Meals while others are not, depending on when the claim was made.

Year 4 - Sparks Visit















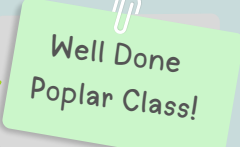



Last week, Year 4 took part in an engaging fire safety session delivered by the team from Haden Hill Fire Station. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning how to stay safe at home, who to call and what to say in an emergency, and how to use landmarks to help identify their location if they ever get lost.

The firefighters were professional, knowledgeable, and made the session both informative and fun. Everyone walked away having learned something new about keeping themselves and others safe.



Have a wonderful half term!
Miss Wilson

Fortnightly Class Attendance: 28.04.25 - 09.05.25

 Apple - 95.50%	 Cedar - 91.77%	 Hawthorn - 92.50%	 Pine - 93.12%
 Apricot - 94.17%	 Cherry - 93.28%	 Hazel - 95.67%	 Poplar - 98.23%
 Beech - 97.07%	 Elder - 92.93%	 Larch - 94.83%	 
 Birch - 97.58%	 Elm - 95%	 Lime - 93.17%	

Fortnightly House Points: 12.05.25 - 23.05.25



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SPECIAL MENTIONS

Apricot - Amy
 Apple - Ayana
 Beech - Eden
 Birch - Lily
 Cedar - Tristan
 Cherry - Frasier
 Elder - Eddie
 Elm - Waania
 Hawthorn - Harriet
 Hazel - Michael
 Larch - Grace
 Lime - Ted
 Pine - Emmie
 Poplar - Joseph