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Growing minds for learning, crafting skills for life

Summer Term Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a lovely week. We have been delighted to be back in school after the disruption last week!

Ofsted

As you will know from my letter yesterday afternoon, Ofsted will be visiting Ash Hill for a monitoring visit on Wednesday next week. The letter I sent yesterday includes a link to provide feedback about the school if you wish.

Moving Up

Next Tuesday is our moving up day! This means the children will spend the afternoon in their new classes with their new teachers. You will recieve a letter from me later today to explain which staff will be working with your child next year.

Nursery

We have been working with the local authority to find an alternative provider for our Nursery, and I am deligted to share with you that First Steps First, a successful local Nursery provider, will be taking over the provision. We have been fully involved with the process of finding a new provider and I believe they will be an excellent provider for our community. They have already begun forming a relationship with the school and we look forward to working closely with them in the future. They are already working hard to get things set up, but there is likely to be a short period of time before the new nursery opens. However, the great news is that First Steps First do have another local site that they may be able to offer spaces in the interim period! We will be sending home a leaflet from First Steps First soon to those families who may be interested.

Best Wishes

Mrs Manning

Headteacher

Attendance W/C 15/06/2026

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	90.4	11
Year 1	94	11
Year 2	89	11
Year 3	92.7	8
Year 4	96.3	10
Year 5	88.7	5
Year 6	96	7

Hero—Here Everyday, Ready On time!

100%	Excellent
96-99.9%	Good
90-95.9%	Needs to improve
89.9% or less	Really needs to improve

Coming Up...

Diary Dates 2025/2026		
DATE	**EVENT**	**Year groups**
07.07.2026	Sports Day (Nursery & Reception)	Nur & Rec
10.07.2026	Sports Day (Y1-6)	1-6
20.07.2026	Learning Champions Assembly	
21.07.2026	Ready to Celebrate Afternoon	
22.07.2026	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm	6
22.07.2026 Summer Break - finish at 2pm		

Year 6 (current Year 5s) residential dates to Marchants Hill – Surrey (2 nights)
Wednesday 7th October – Friday 9th October 2026

Letters Home This week:

- Transition to new classes
- Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility
- PSHE Lessons for Years 5 & 6
- Update on school lunches (via email on Parentmail)

This Week in School....

Nursery

Nursery has had another busy week! The children have enjoyed playing with the sand making 'ice creams' for their friends, as well as using water play for 'cold drinks!' The children enjoyed their visit to the Reception classroom and had fun exploring all the new resources. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along. Your support is very much appreciated. Enjoy the sunshine this weekend!

Reception

Reception has also had another busy week continuing to think about the ocean. This week the children have enjoyed playing with the pirates and mermaids, making up their own stories and sharing them with their friends. The outside area continues to be developed and the children are fully taking on the responsibility of looking after it! Have a fabulous weekend everyone. Enjoy the sunshine.

Year 1

In Year 1 this week in English, we have been innovating our writing by looking at the story of The Three Little Pigs and changing different parts of it. As a class, we rewrote one section of the story before having a go at rewriting it independently. We have been working hard to use our own ideas and make our writing exciting.

In Maths, we have been focusing on the days of the week and the months of the year. We are becoming very confident at remembering the order of the days and are getting really good at singing our days of the week song!

In Science, we went on a walk around the school to look for signs of summer. We spotted lots of clues, including trees full of leaves, birds, warm sunny and cloudy weather, and plants that had grown much taller.

In Geography, we created posters to explain why it is important to pick up litter. We also made posters to tell others about our upcoming litter pick and encourage everyone to help keep our environment clean.

In Computing, we explored the toolbar and learned how to change the font, font size, and appearance of text. We enjoyed practising these new skills to make our work look different and more interesting.

Well done, Year 1, for another fantastic week of learning!

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have continued practising writing a variety of sentences in preparation for our final published piece, with the children working hard to apply all of the writing skills they have developed this year. In maths, we have been revising key concepts, including numbers to 100 and addition and subtraction. In science, we continued our Growing Up topic by learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We were introduced to new vocabulary including life cycle (the stages a living thing goes through), egg (which contains the offspring of birds, amphibians, fish, reptiles and most insects), caterpillar (the stage after hatching from an egg), pupa (the stage when the caterpillar forms a hard case and changes into an adult) and butterfly (the fully grown adult stage). The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our trip to Littlehampton Beach! The children had a fantastic day exploring the beach, playing with the sand, stones and shells, and enjoying time by the sea. They represented the school brilliantly with their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and curiosity, and we are incredibly proud of them all.

Year 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week we've had in Year 3! The children have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of all they have achieved. In Writing, we have been innovating our model text, using our own creative ideas to adapt the story. We have also been planning for our own independent application, and we can't wait to see the amazing stories the children produce next week! In Maths, we have been exploring money. The children have been recognising coins and notes, adding amounts together, and solving money problems with increasing confidence. We have also learned how to read and write numbers to 12 in Roman numerals, which everyone found great fun! Our Science lessons have focused on pollination, where we discovered how plants reproduce and the important role that insects, especially bees, play in this process. We were also truly fascinated by seed dispersal and the clever ways different plants spread their seeds. In History, we stepped back in time to Ancient Egypt to learn all about mummification. While some parts were definitely a little gross, the children were completely captivated by the process and asked some fantastic questions! Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to another exciting week of learning together!

Year 4

Year 4 have been starting to digest the importance of teeth to the digestion process by clay modelling a set of molars, canines and incisors. Thinking about their different functions and why we have such teeth compared to other animals has given us something to chew on for sure. In maths, we've been comparing, estimating and calculating with money (sadly only plastic coins) which has helped us to develop our skills of guessing based on facts we know - a useful skill when we're at the shops buying ice creams. Our information texts are really coming alive with Deadly 60-style scriptwriting to inform the viewer or reader about tigers, pandas and capybaras. Next week, we move on to describe some local animals native to the fields and woods surrounding us. Geography has whisked us away to a Caribbean island with its golden beaches, volcanoes and mud pools. Can you guess the island with a distinctive blue and yellow flag? Designing boxes for our cookies which will be made in the next few weeks and understanding how God can be many things to Christians as part of the Holy Trinity has rounded off our week.

Year 5

I hope you are all enjoying the slightly cooler temperatures. The children have come back enthusiastic and eager to learn after the hot weather weekend. This week they have been working hard writing their version of a Defeating the Monster Story using Moana as inspiration. They have used imagery effectively creating great settings. In Maths we have returned to Decimals and have been learning how to add and subtract them. The children were very confident with these skills which was great to see. The children have finished their upcycled t-shirts and evaluated their work. They have done a fantastic job with this project. We continued to learn about the Vikings in our History lessons and Pilgrimage in RE. The children really enjoy these areas and are really engaged. We have also found time to practice singing for the End of Year play. So you can see it has been a very busy week in Year 5.

I hope you all have a relaxing weekend.

Year 6

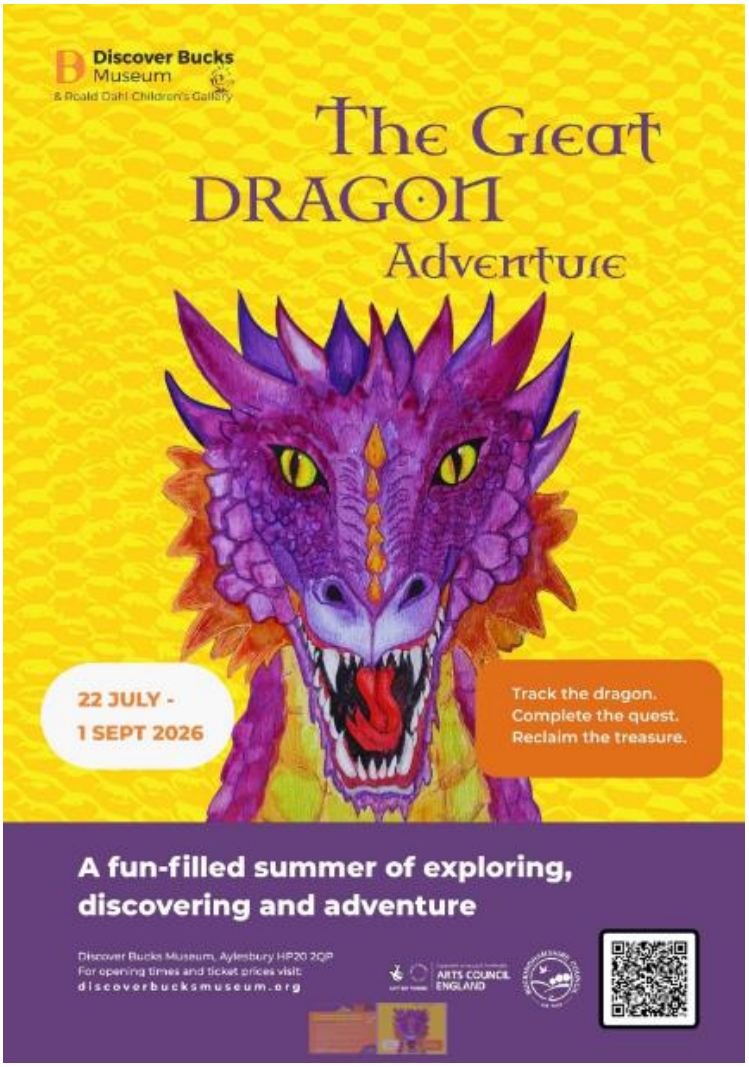
The end of term is rapidly approaching but we are still keeping up the pace in Year 6. In English, we have started a new unit on biographies. We have been thinking about their structure and using anecdotes as a way to make biographies more interesting. Our History learning this week has looked at how bombing raids affected High Wycombe in WWII. We found out more about evacuations, blackouts and air raid shelters. Our play rehearsals are continuing and we are seeing great progress. Some children though are still not secure in their lines and it would really help them to practise at home with somebody else. Please support with this if you can. In Design and Technology with Miss Harris the class have been designing and building scale models of chairs. The focus in science has been light pollution and we have been finding out more about the impact of this especially on animals. I hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Summer Events

Woodrow, in Amersham, is having an exciting year and we are celebrating 80 years of outdoor learning, adventure, and life-changing experiences for young people

The event is taking place from 12 until 5pm and should be an amazing day with entertainment for the whole family including:

- Instructor-led outdoor activities
- Local food and drink vendors
- Community stalls and entertainment
- Family attractions and games
- A Mermaid!
- Live entertainment from Sublime Science, a dance troop, and music from Haylee Duo

The event is not only a chance to celebrate everything Woodrow stands for, but also an opportunity to raise awareness of the important work we do supporting young people through outdoor learning, confidence building, and accessible adventure experiences.

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