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*Growing minds for learning, crafting skills for life*

# Summer Term Bulletin

## Issue 30: Friday, 05 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fabulous half term and enjoyed the warmer weather.

**Summer Safety**

Although it has been a colder start to the half term, we expect the weather to warm up soon.

Please keep an eye on the forecast and ensure children are well prepared for sunny days.

We advise applying sunscreen at home in the morning, and sending sunscreen into school in a named bottle in your child's bag.

Please be aware that staff can not apply sunscreen for pupils, so you will need to spend some time practising application at home to ensure they are prepared to do this independently.

Please also ensure children have a sunhat and a named water bottle in school every day. We will be encouraging regular drinking throughout the day at school.

**Studybugs**

As you know, good attendance at school is essential for children to make strong progress and reach their full potential.

Improving attendance across the school is a key priority for us, and we are continuing to develop the support we offer to families in this area.

As part of this work, Mrs Rosser's role has been extended and she is now our Family Liaison and Attendance Officer. She is working closely with families to provide support and guidance where needed.

Mrs Rosser has also begun working with a programme called Studybugs, which is designed to help schools improve attendance and communication with families.

Over the coming weeks, we will begin using Studybugs to support attendance reporting and to provide additional support where appropriate. Please look out for emails from Studybugs over the next few weeks.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best Wishes

Mrs Manning

Headteacher

## Attendance W/C 11/05/2026

| Class | Attendance % | Lates |
|---|---|---|
| Reception | 93.2 | 5 |
| Year 1 | 92 | 8 |
| Year 2 | 91.3 | 10 |
| Year 3 | 93.3 | 5 |
| Year 4 | 98 | 8 |
| Year 5 | 93.7 | 5 |
| Year 6 | 99 | 1 |

Hero—Here Everyday, Ready On time!

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|---|---|
| 100% | Excellent |
| 96-99.9% | Good |
| 90-95.9% | Needs to improve |
| 88.9% or less | Really needs to improve |

# Coming Up...

| Diary Dates 2025/2026 | | |
|---|---|---|
| **DATE** | **EVENT** | **Year groups** |
| 08.06.2026 | Phonics Screening Week | 1 |
| 11.06.2026 | Reception Class Assembly 09.15am | Rec |
| 18.06.2026 | Year 2 Class Assembly 2.30pm | 2 |
| 18.06.2026 | School Nurse Vision Check | Rec |
| 23.06.2026 | Year 2 trip to Littlehampton Beach | 2 |
| 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**<br>**Summer Break - finish at 2pm** | | |
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***Year 6 (current Year 5s) residential dates to Marchants Hill - Surrey (2 nights)***
***Wednesday 7th October - Friday 9th October 2026***

## Letters Home This week:

- Year 6 Residential Trip
- Reception Vision Check
- Year 2 Trip to Littlehampton Beach

# This Week in School....

## Nursery

Nursery has had a fun week thinking about the story 'Polar Bear Polar Bear What Do You Hear?' The children have explored ice and the different ways they could break the animals from the story free! They have also enjoyed making igloos using sugar cubes and matching them to the correctly numbered snowflake. As always, outside has been busy, even in the rain! The children had fun getting very muddy while mixing all those lovely 'ingredients' in the mud kitchen! Have a fabulous weekend everyone!

## Reception

Reception has had an interesting week thinking about mini beasts! This week the children explored non fiction books to find out as much information about mini beasts before going on a mini beast hunt in the Reception garden. The children enjoyed painting mini beasts and sorting them into those that can fly and those that cannot, as well as discussing other ways mini beasts can move. The children have also been learning about odd and even numbers and were confidently able to sort the Numicon into odd and even numbers by the end of the week. Have a fabulous weekend everyone! See you on Thursday 11th June at 9.15am for our class assembly.

## Year 1

What an exciting week we have had in Year 1!

This week, we had a mysterious visit from the Wolf and the Three Little Pigs! We discovered scratches on the classroom window, and Mr Rutland reported hearing a wolf howling in the woods on his cameras. To make things even more interesting, the Three Little Pigs left us a message on the whiteboard asking for straw, sticks and bricks. We have loved exploring the story and have been learning it really well.

In Maths, we have been working with numbers up to 100, focusing on tens and ones. We know that numbers can be partitioned into tens and ones. For example, the number 26 is made up of 2 tens and 6 ones.

In Science, we have been learning about where our food comes from. We found out that plants grown for us to eat are called **crops**, and that **farmers** grow these crops for us.

In Geography, we recapped our learning about our local area. We know that a local area is the place where we live, and we know that we live in Micklefield.

We have also been working hard on our handwriting and spelling skills throughout the week.

Next week is the **Phonics Screening Check**. We have been very busy practising our reading and sounding out words, and we are proud of how hard everyone has been working. Please continue to read regularly at home over the weekend to help build confidence.

Have a wonderful weekend!

## Year 2

Welcome back to our final term of Year 2! The children have made a fantastic start to the term and have settled back into their learning brilliantly. In English, we were introduced to our new story, The Snow Queen, and have been exploring the exciting new vocabulary within the text. In maths, we concluded our unit on time and have now started our new topic on statistics. We are also pleased that violin lessons will continue this term. In science, we began our new topic, Growing Up, and were introduced to key vocabulary including offspring (the young of a living thing), growth (when a living thing gets bigger), egg (which contains the offspring of birds, amphibians, reptiles and most insects), adult (the stage when a living thing is fully grown) and parent (an adult that has offspring). In PSHE, we used NSPCC lesson materials to discuss the importance of keeping our private parts private, identifying safe adults and understanding that it is okay to say “no” when something does not feel right. You may have heard your child singing the Pantosaurus song as part of this learning. We are looking forward to another exciting and successful term ahead!

## Year 3

What an exciting week we have had in Year 3!

There has been a crime in Year 3... a diamond thief is on the loose!

This week, we became detectives and explored the school in search of clues. We carefully observed our surroundings, recorded evidence, and discussed what might have happened. To make matters even more mysterious, we discovered a box full of diamonds! We are now working hard to solve the case and uncover the identity of the thief. Watch this space for more updates as the investigation continues! In Maths, we have been learning all about mass and weight. We have been comparing, measuring and solving problems involving grams and kilograms. The children have enjoyed using practical resources to investigate different weights and make predictions. In Science, our budding scientists have been learning about plants. We carried out a plant dissection and carefully examined the different parts of a plant, including the roots, stem, leaves and flowers. The children impressed us with their observational skills and scientific vocabulary. We have also started our new class novel, Charlotte's Web by E. B. White. We are already thoroughly enjoying the story and have been exploring the characters in depth. So far, we have focused on analysing Fern, Wilbur, the Goose, and Charlotte, discussing their personalities, motivations and relationships. We are looking forward to another fantastic week of learning ahead!

**Parents:** We have sent homework books home this week. There is a new spelling overview for this half term in the back of the book, and the children will be tested on Week 2 on Friday (12.06.2026). Thank you for your support.

## Year 4

Year 4 gave it their all with the Multiplication Tables Check this week. Well done to everybody who worked hard in lessons and at home to get those times tables secure. It will help you so much with your maths in the future. Going back in time to the first trains to leave High Wycombe station that brought huge changes for the town and its people. Being historians means we have been observing closely, finding links with modern times and then considering the impact on people and places over time. Without good rail connections to local towns, and cities like London and Birmingham, Wycombe may never have expanded quite as far as it has done. In R.E, we have been thinking about how religious groups help to improve communities within our town and beyond by raising money, helping those less fortunate and providing a safe space for others. With food on our mind, it was time to plan a design for a Fairtrade cookie as part of Design and Technology. Thinking about our target audience and what they like is important. Who doesn't like a cookie but what kind of cookie is the question. Finally, it's time for some non-fiction writing in English with an information text about a mythical beast so that we can apply our Science knowledge to real-life beasts that lurk in our school grounds.

## Year 5

It has been a great start to the beginning of the last term in Year 5. The children have all come back eager and enthusiastic. This week we have completed our Maths unit on Shape and have had a lot of discussion about regular and irregular polygons. We have begun our very exciting new English module entitled, Mowgli. This is based on The Jungle Book and is focused on a setting description. I am sure this will produce lots of great writing. We continue to upcycle the T-shirts. We have completed our planning for this and are ready to start modifying our item of clothing. In History we have finished learning about the Ango-Saxons and will now move onto learning about the Vikings - again another exciting area.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

## Year 6

I can never quite believe how quickly this final half term comes around and that the children are only a few weeks away from their transition to secondary school. This week we started rehearsing our end of year performance which is called What a Knight! We will be auditioning next week and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone's acting and singing skills. In Maths we are still working on our White Rose Futures project. We have been thinking about household expenditure and rent/mortgages. In English we are on to our suspense tale hot writes and I have been especially impressed with how the class have been using dialogue to advance action. Whilst with Miss Harris in Art and DT they have been continuing to learn more about chair making in High Wycombe. Finally, in RE, we have been understanding the concepts of stewardship and dominion in Christianity. I hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

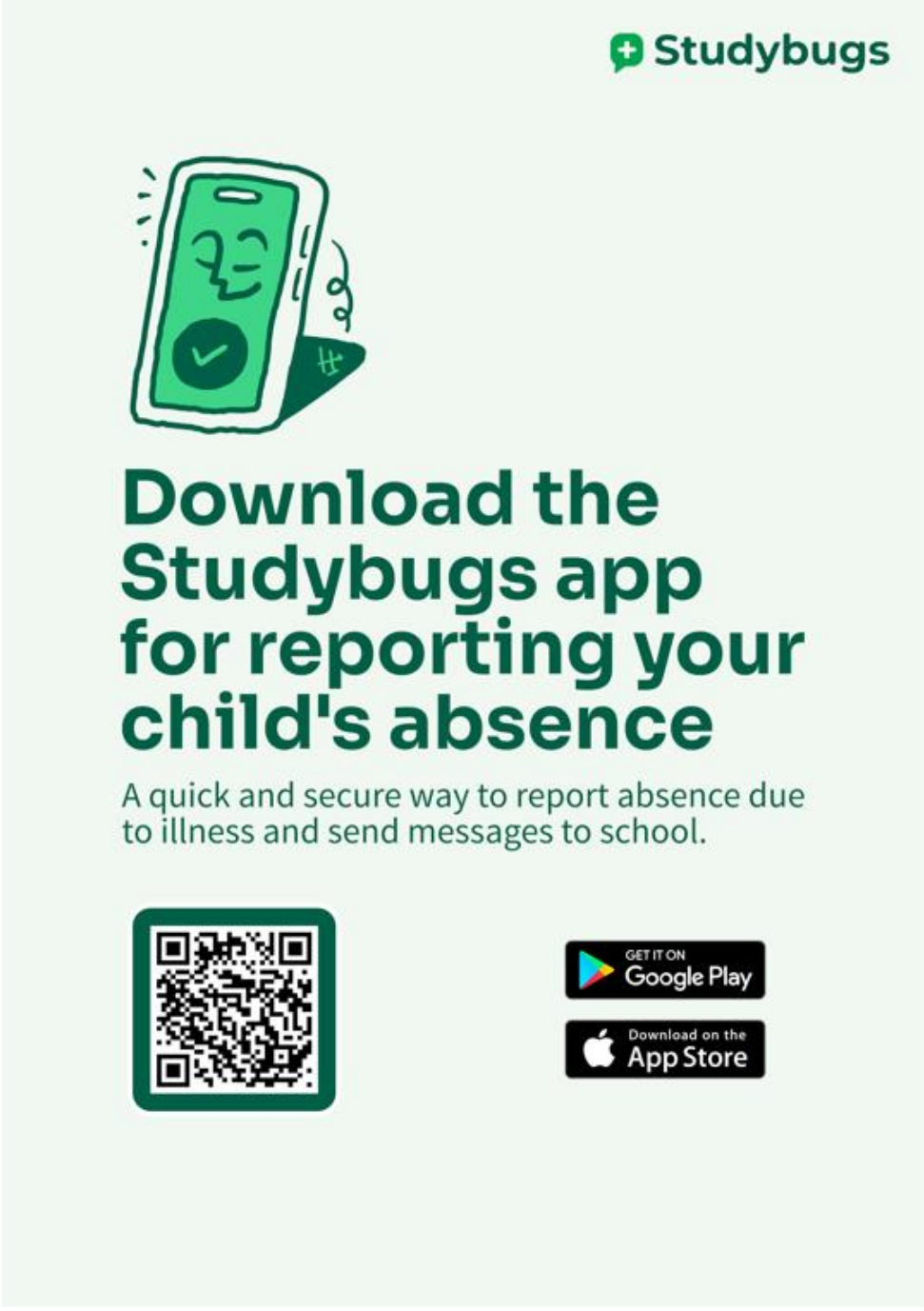
We are pleased to announce that Ash Hill Primary is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now (https://studybugs.com/about/parents)

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs:

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health. (https://studybugs.com/about/schools)



# Community Events

*Dear all,*

*We are pleased to invite you to a supportive and welcoming **Parents/Carers Group**, designed for those supporting young people diagnosed with autism.*

*This session offers a safe space to connect with others, ask questions, and gain valuable guidance from experienced professionals. Please find the flyer attached with full details, which you are welcome to share with others who may find it of interest.*

***What to expect:***

*Share and learn from other parents and carers*

*A safe space to ask questions and get answers*

*Connect with others who understand your experience*

*A supportive, non-judgemental environment*

*The group will be led by Laura Charleton, Occupational Therapist at The Croft Clinic, who has extensive experience in assessing and supporting young people with autism.*

***Event details:***
- *The Odney Club, Cookham*
- *Thursday 16th July*
- *6:00pm - 8:00pm*
- *£25 per place*

*To book your place, please contact:*
- *laura@therainbowotcompany.co.uk*

*Places may be limited, so we encourage early booking.*

*We would be delighted to welcome you to the group.*

*Warm regards,*
***The Croft Clinic Team***

*(Full size flyer attached to Bulletin email)*