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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 great week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes

Mrs Manning
Headteacher

Reception Class Assembly
Well done to our Reception class, who performed their class assembly this week. We were incredibly proud of the confidence they showed and the enthusiasm with which they shared their learning. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for this special event.

Summer Term Dates
Please keep an eye on our communications and the 'Coming Up' section of the bulletin. The summer term is always a busy one, with several important events ahead, including Sports Day and the distribution of end-of-year reports.

Nursery Consultation
Today, you will receive information regarding the outcome of our nursery consultation. Please look out for a message via ParentMail. Thank you to all parents, carers and members of the community who took the time to engage with the consultation process.

Attendance W/C 15/05/2026

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	87.5	6
Year 1	93.5	10
Year 2	92.1	12
Year 3	93.5	3
Year 4	98	7
Year 5	95.3	5
Year 6	93.3	4

Hero—Here Everyday, Ready On time!

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**
18.06.2026	School Nurse Vision Check	Rec
18.06.2026	Year 2 Class Assembly 2.30pm	2
25.06.2026	Year 2 trip to Littlehampton Beach	2
07.07.2026	Sports Day (Nursery & Reception only)	N & R
10.07.2026	Sports Day (Y1-6)	1-6
15.07.2026	Upper School Summer Performance	4, 5, 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:

- **Sports Day**
- **Year 2 Trip to Littlehampton Beach-Change in date (via ParentMail)**

This Week in School....

Nursery

Nursery has had a busy week continuing to think about bears, and in particular polar bears. They enjoyed joining in with the story 'Polar Bear Polar Bear What Can You Hear?' and are very good at predicting the next animal in the story. All children have shown a keen interest in mark making and are starting to ascribe meaning to marks. The children have also been practising counting objects and pointing to them as they count.

Well done Nursery, have a fabulous weekend.

Reception

Wow... Reception you have had an amazing week. You continue to work hard with your writing. Using your phonics to write new words, tricky words and put these into a sentence. You made some great 'surprise' mini beast books. It was fun guessing which mini beast you were describing. In maths you have worked hard on doubling numbers, one more and less and subitising.

Lastly, you were all fantastic in our class assembly! I am very proud of you all. Make sure you have a rest over the weekend - you deserve it!

Year 1

This week has been very busy, and all the children have done wonderful reading.

In English, we explored alliteration and created our own monsters with exciting names such as The Creeping Chomping Crocodile. We then wrote sentences describing how our new monster was creeping up to a house.

In Maths, we have been comparing numbers. We compared numbers with the same number of tens and then compared numbers with different tens and different ones, using our understanding of place value to help us.

In Science, we discussed how our plants have changed over time and what has happened to them since we planted them. We drew pictures to show these changes and talked about how a tiny seed has grown into a plant with a long stem and lots of leaves.

In Geography, we created our own questionnaires about the local area and thought carefully about the questions we could ask to find out more information.

Well done to everyone for working so hard this week!

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been practising writing a variety of sentences in preparation for our final published piece based on The Snow Queen. The children have worked hard to include interesting vocabulary and accurate punctuation in their writing.
In maths, we continued our statistics unit, focusing on reading and interpreting pictograms.

In science, we carried on with our Growing Up topic and learned some important new vocabulary, including mammal (an animal with fur or hair that gives birth to live young and feeds them milk), life cycle (the stages a living thing goes through), baby (the stage after birth), adolescent (the stage before becoming an adult mammal) and adult (the stage when a living thing is fully grown).
In PSHE, we discussed the importance of consent, learning about giving and receiving permission and respecting the choices of others. The children have shown great maturity and thoughtfulness in these discussions.

Year 3

What a fantastic week we have had in Year 3! The children have been working incredibly hard and should be very proud of themselves. This week, we have been completing lots of quizzes across our subjects, and Miss North is so proud of the effort, determination, and positive attitudes shown by everyone.

In English, we have been learning our text map and completing lots of short-burst writing activities to help us develop our ideas and build confidence in our writing skills. In Maths, we have continued our learning about mass and capacity, using practical activities and problem-solving tasks to deepen our understanding.

In History, we have been learning all about the Ancient Egyptian social structure. We explored who was at the top of society and discussed which jobs and roles were considered the most important in Ancient Egyptian life.

In Art, we have been exploring cyanotype printing. The children enjoyed heading outside to collect a variety of natural resources, which we then used to create our own beautiful prints. It was wonderful to combine creativity with outdoor learning. We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Year 4

Year 4 have been learning how to construct an information text based on the mythical Chimera beast with its lion's head, goat's body and serpent's tail. We have been practising using our linking language like 'therefore' and 'furthermore' to enhance our writing.

In maths, we have been using our knowledge of tenths and hundredths to make a whole and dividing by 100 as well as doing our best in tackling assessment papers. In Design and Technology, it was cookie tasting time to see which type we liked the most before we start to plan and then, bake our own. In history, we are getting ready to write our final answer to the question of whether the first trains were fire-breathing monsters or were they going full steam ahead to the future?

Similar skills have been in use when thinking about the impact of humans on the habitats of animal and plants whether it's littering or building. Let's do our bit by picking up litter and learning to respect our natural environment = hopefully the sun will return to encourage us outside this weekend. Enjoy it Year 4 and well done on completing your assessments this week.

Year 5

This week the children have worked really, really hard. They have completed assessments so we can celebrate the progress that they have made and also identify their next steps. Alongside this they have been working on their daily lessons.

In English, we have been looking at scenes from Moana for inspiration to describe settings. We continued with our Science, looking at the life cycle of insects and in Design and Technology the children have begun upcycling their garment.

We started a new unit in Music exploring Musical Theatre. This will be a lovely unit for children to explore this term, especially with the Year 6 production coming up.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Year 6

This week we have well and truly got into the swing of things with our Year 6 performance, What a Knight!. Auditions have been done, casting is complete and rehearsals are under way. Next stop, the West End!

Our English focus this week has been on writing an information text, and we have been using fronted adverbials, hyphenated adjectives and generalisers to improve our writing.

In RE we have been finding out more about the life of St. Francis of Assisi and the things that he did that resulted in him being made a saint.

Whilst our Computing has been around programming and coding where we have been using Microbits.

We have come to the end of our Maths unit White Rose Futures, and our next project will be White Rose Bakery. I

hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Community Events

Event details

- 60 tonnes of sand
- Deckchairs
- Buckets and spades
- Punch and Judy shows
- Unbound Theatre presents "Wind in the Willows - A Frantic Fable"
- Lifeguard and swimmer walkabout duo
- Pirate magician
- Bubble workshop
- Chair-o-planes, teacups and mini wheel
- Land train
- Face-painting with Zoomania
- Community stalls
- Arts and crafts
- Glitter tattoos
- Games
- **New addition** - The Aylesbury Games Arena with games and challenges running throughout the day!

All to be enjoyed for the whole family for free! Full details of the event can be viewed at bit.ly/AylesburyonSea2026. The event accessibility information, including visual stories, is available at bit.ly/AoSAccessibility.

Community Events

Does your child love making new friends? The team behind The Dog House is making a brand new BBC series about childhood friendship and are looking for kids aged 5 to 8 who are sociable and enjoy making new friends.

If this sounds like your child – or someone you know – filming is in July/August 2026, and we would love to hear from you.

Apply at: https://makingfriends.tv/

Our series trailer: 260311_WYBMF_CALLOUT_90Sec on Vimeo

Dear Parents and Families,

We are delighted to invite children aged 4–12 to join us this summer for a magical week of theatre, creativity and fun at Godstowe School!

This year's production is The Fairytale Talent Show – a fun-filled show featuring familiar fairytale characters, popular songs, silly jokes, dancing and plenty of laughter.

Throughout the week, children will work together to create and perform a mini theatre production for family and friends to enjoy on Friday afternoon. Every child will have the opportunity to be involved, whether that's through acting, singing, dancing, or helping behind the scenes.

The week is designed to build confidence, encourage creativity, develop teamwork skills and, most importantly, provide lots of fun!

Places are limited, so we encourage early booking to avoid disappointment.