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Growing minds for learning, crafting skills for life

Summer Term Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Carers

Studybugs

I recently wrote to let you know we have signed up to Study Bugs to support with improving attendance. In order to make the best use of this we do need parents to sign up and download the app. Please can you support us by doing this as soon as you are able to. As a thank you, we will be giving prizes to the first ten parents to sign up!

Lateness

We have seen an increase in children arriving late recently and we would really appreciate your support with this. School starts at 8:45am. If your child is arriving after 8:50am we will have to mark them as late, and lateness beyond this time can affect children's overall attendance level. We do understand there can be unforeseen circumstances in the morning, but lateness significantly impacts on children's learning and we need to reduce this where at all possible. Thank you for your support.

Hot Weather

It is hot hot hot! For some of us this is a welcome change! However it does present additional challenges in school. We do our best to control temperatures in classrooms but this is challenging during heat waves. Please support by ensuring your child has at least one water bottle with them every day. You may wish to freeze the water while it is so hot! Children also need a hat as we do make use of outdoors to allow some air circulation during the summer. You can also send a named bottle of sunscreen for your child to independently apply as needed.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best Wishes

Mrs Manning
Headteacher

Attendance W/C 01/06/2026

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	88	11
Year 1	97.2	13
Year 2	95	5
Year 3	85.7	16
Year 4	95	8
Year 5	92	5
Year 6	95.7	1

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**
25.06.2026	Year 2 trip to Littlehampton Beach	2
11.06.2026	Reception Class Assembly 09.15am	Rec
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:

- Nursery Consultation Outcome
- CMA Violin Assembly for Years 2 & 3
- Vision screening results letter (Reception only)

This Week in School....

Nursery

Nursery has had a busy week re-reading lots of their favourite books. This time they have been listening out for rhyming words. The children have also been playing lots of number games, helping them to recognise and subitise numbers up to 3/5. Outside, the children have enjoyed water play, as well as using the climbing frame as chatting area to sit and chat with their friends! Enjoy the weekend everybody.

Reception

Reception has had a busy week thinking about the ocean. The children have enjoyed listening to the story 'Billy's Bucket' and talking about what they would like to see in their special buckets. They have also had fun playing with the small world ocean and sorting the different types of marine life. Outside has been extremely busy. The children are helping to develop our garden area with the lovely plants donated by FOAH - thank you! We can't wait for the plants to grow and for us to be able to smell all the gorgeous different scents.

Well done Reception. We hope you have a restful weekend.

Year 1

Another busy week of learning in Year 1!

In English, we continued our work on The Three Little Pigs. We have been using time conjunctions to help sequence events in our writing and have been adding lots of exciting description. We also created our own spine poems, using our imaginations to describe characters and settings in interesting ways.

In Maths, we have been learning all about money. We have practised recognising different coins and notes and have started adding amounts of money together to find totals.

In Computing, we have been developing our typing skills. We now know how to use the keyboard to make a capital letter when typing.

In Science, we continued learning about where our food comes from. We explored which plants can be used to make a meal and then designed our own delicious plant pizzas, thinking carefully about the ingredients we could grow.

In Geography, we analysed information from a questionnaire. We looked carefully at the results and discussed what the information could tell us.

We have also continued to work hard on our reading, handwriting and spelling throughout the week.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend!

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have continued practising writing a variety of sentences in preparation for our final published piece based on The Snow Queen. The children have been working hard to use ambitious vocabulary and apply all the writing skills they have learned this year. In maths, we started our new unit on geometry, exploring position and direction. In science, we continued our Growing Up topic and learned about the life cycle of a frog. We were introduced to new vocabulary including life cycle (the stages a living thing goes through), amphibian (an animal that can live on land and in water), frogspawn (frog eggs), tadpole (the stage after hatching from an egg, with a long tail) and froglet (the stage after a tadpole, with legs and a tail). I would also like to say how incredibly proud I am of all the Year 2 children for their fantastic assembly this week. They performed with confidence, spoke clearly and showed off their amazing singing.
They were a real credit to themselves and the school!

Year 3

We have had another fantastic week in Year 3 and the children have worked incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum.

In Writing, we have been focusing on our toolkit and preparing for our next piece of writing. The children have worked brilliantly to learn our text map and have impressed us with their enthusiasm and recall. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they practise retelling the text and identifying the key features we will use in our own writing.

In Maths, we have continued our learning about fractions. This week, we explored non-unit fractions of a set of objects. The children have been developing their understanding of how to find fractions of quantities and have shown excellent reasoning skills when explaining their methods.

Our Art lesson was particularly exciting this week as we experimented with cyanotype printing. After collecting, drying and pressing natural resources last week, the children carefully arranged their materials onto cyanotype paper and used sunlight to create beautiful prints. There was great excitement as we waited for the process to work its magic and reveal the final designs!

In PSHE, we have been discussing our personal qualities and traits. The children reflected thoughtfully on what makes them unique and celebrated the qualities that make each person special. We had some wonderful discussions about individuality, self-confidence and respecting others.

In History, we learned about the evolution of the pyramids and explored what historians have discovered about Ancient Egyptian civilisation through studying these incredible structures. The children were fascinated by how the pyramids changed over time and what they can teach us about life in Ancient Egypt.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to another week of learning ahead!

Year 4

Year 4 have been busy getting their teeth into our new science unit looking at the digestive system. Why do carnivores have sharp teeth and herbivores flat ones? All the better to eat their different diets. In history, we have been discussing whether the first railways had a positive or negative impact on High Wycombe while building our non-fiction skills too. This has led to some interesting opinions based on historical sources and some intriguing old photos of what the town used to look like. In maths, we have been comparing and ordering decimals using our place value knowledge. In english, we have been imitating famous nature documentary-makers like Sir David Attenborough and Steve Backshall to practise our techniques in describing mythical and real animals. Making sure we include scientific terms as well as engaging descriptive vocabulary to grip the reader is essential.

With budgeting and planning for our cookie baking and more shape programming in computing, it's been another busy week.

Please remember to send children in with a water bottle next week as temperatures rise and don't forget to find a shady spot to read every day! Enjoy the sunshine.

Year 5

This week in Year 5 the children have been learning about translating shapes and lines of symmetry within our Math unit, on Position and Direction. In English we have now learnt the model text and are just consolidating our knowledge of it and the skills we need to write our own version. We hope to start writing our own version based on Moana next week. We have just finished our Life Cycle module and this week we looked at the life cycle of birds. The children have really enjoyed upcycling their t-shirts and we are now nearing the end of this activity. We will have one more lesson where they can finish their shirt and then evaluate the project. There are some great upcycled shirts!

I hope you all have a great weekend.

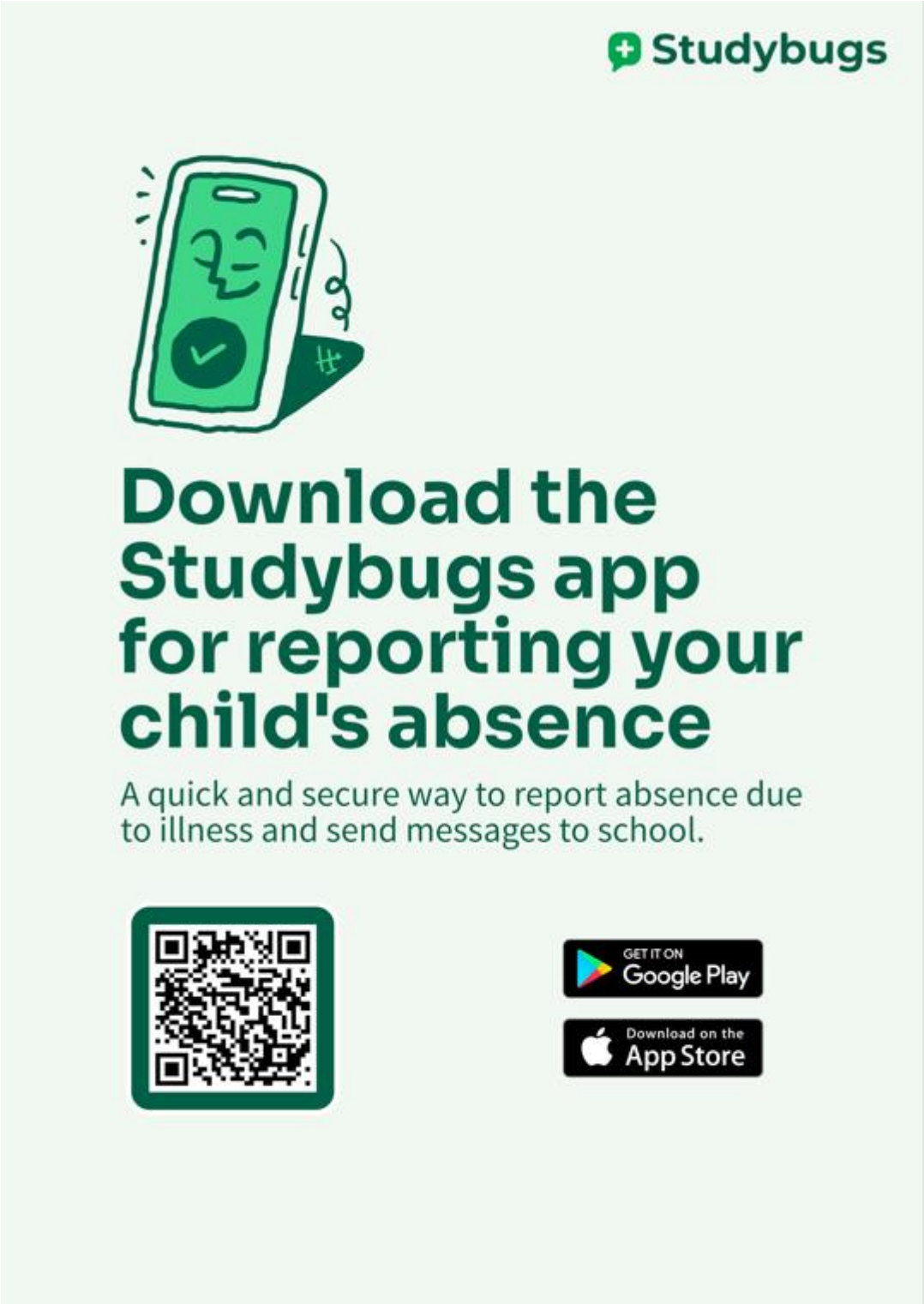
Year 6

As always in Year 6 we have had lots on this week. Rehearsals are continuing apace with children doing a fantastic job of learning and remembering their lines. Please support your child with this at home when you get the opportunity. In English we have been focusing on explanation texts and explaining how a range of products work, including the butter stick and the dogbrella. In History we have started our new unit looking at High Wycombe during World War II, and this week we been considering the town's contribution to the war effort. This has included factories manufacturing goods to support with the war and the role of RAF Bomber Command at Naphill.

Whilst in PSHE we have been thinking more about the transition to secondary school. On this note, all secondary schools have now visited Ash Hill to meet their new students that are attending in September.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Have you downloaded the Studybugs App yet?



Have the app ready to go for easy reporting when your child is absent