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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.

Miss PG

Unfortunately, Miss PG will be leaving us at the end of this term. Miss PG has been such a fabulous support to our children during her time and here and we know she will be really missed by pupils, staff and children. Miss PG has a really exciting opportunity for her next role and we wish her all the best in her next steps.

Sports Day

We have had such a fantastic morning at our sports day today! Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us today. What a lovely way to end the year!

SATs Results

The SATs results were issued later than expected this year, only arriving yesterday. This has meant we have needed to delay our reports until Monday - thank you for your understanding of this.

However, we do have some whole class analysis we are excited to share with you all. As you know, we received an 'urgent improvement' judgement from Ofsted for achievement and we have been working extremely hard across the whole school to improve pupil outcomes.

We are therefore extremely pleased to share that we are now broadly in line with national attainment across Maths, Reading and Grammar! This is thanks to the extremely hard work of our staff and pupils. We are SO PROUD of you Year 6!

Playground

You may have spotted a not so secret surprise beginning to take shape on the playground! We have a new play structure being fitted this week and next, which will be ready for the children to use in September! We are so excited to share this with the children when they return to school in the autumn term.

Mrs Manning

Headteacher

Attendance W/C 29/06/2026

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	90.4	4
Year 1	96.4	5
Year 2	92.7	8
Year 3	92	2
Year 4	89.3	4
Year 5	97.7	3
Year 6	95	2

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
20.07.2026	Learning Champions Assembly (9:15am)	
21.07.2026	Ready to Celebrate Afternoon	
22.07.2026	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm	6
22.07.2026	School Finishes at 2pm for the summer holidays	

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

Letters Home This week:

- Closure of FOAH

Breakfast Club and Lunches

Breakfast club and lunch ordering is now open for September on ParentMail.
Please ensure you have ordered lunches for your child and that this is done at least 2 weeks in advance as the ordering window closes after this. This applies to all students including those receiving free school meals.

This Week in School....

Nursery & Reception

Nursery and Reception have continued to enjoy thinking about their favourite experiences this year. They have revisited popular toys and stories, and reflected on how much they have changed and learnt this year. The children continue to have fun in the garden areas, digging and looking after plants. The building areas are also very busy and it has been a pleasure watching the children negotiate their plans and ideas for making interest constructions - octopus cave, zoo and a hospital!

Well done to all the children. You have all been amazing this year and deserve a well-earned rest!

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been writing our final stories based on The Three Little Pigs. We used an innovation grid to plan our writing, basing our stories on underwater animals. We used our phonics knowledge and spelling skills to help us write our stories, and made sure to talk lots about our sentences before writing them down.

In Maths, we have been consolidating our learning about time and money. In Computing, we used all the skills we have learnt over the half term to create our own missing posters for a teddy.

Everyone was amazing at Sports Day! We were so proud of how well the children took part, tried their best and cheered each other on. Well done, Year 1!

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have completed our independent writing, carefully editing and publishing our finished stories. The children have worked incredibly hard throughout the writing process, and they should be very proud of their fantastic final pieces. In maths, we have been revising a range of topics through reasoning and word problems, encouraging the children to explain their thinking and apply their knowledge. In geography, we continued learning about coastal areas, this time exploring the coastline of Kenya and comparing it with places we already know. In computing, the children used ScratchJr to programme their own interactive quizzes, developing their coding skills. In science, we learned about how wildlife helps us and why it is important to care for the natural world.
As we come to the end of a fantastic year, I would like to say how incredibly proud I am of all the Year 2 children. They have worked so hard, shown great resilience and kindness, and made wonderful progress throughout the year. Thank you to all of our families for your continued support—it is greatly appreciated. We hope you all have a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer holiday, and we wish the children every success and happiness as they move into Year 3.

Year 3

This week, we have been busy publishing our incredible Hot Write pieces. The children have worked so hard to produce their very best writing, paying extra attention to their handwriting, presentation and overall pride in their work. The finished pieces look absolutely beautiful, and the effort that has gone into them really shines through! In Maths, we have been exploring shapes and angles, with a particular focus on identifying and understanding right angles. The children have enjoyed spotting right angles in different shapes and in the world around them. In Science, we have continued our learning about forces, investigating friction and how it affects the movement of different objects. The children have enjoyed thinking like scientists by making observations and discussing their findings. Today, the children put their best foot forward during Sports Day! They approached every event with enthusiasm, determination and respect, cheering one another on and showing excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our class. Miss North couldn't be prouder of everything Year 3 has achieved this week. Have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to another exciting few days of learning!

Year 4

Year 4 were walking up the River Wye this week and catching butterflies too on our River trip to Kingsmead. We learned about the rare chalk stream habitat, the plants and animals that live there and how we can look after them. By gently encouraging invertebrates out of the river bed, we saw just how much life there is hidden in rivers like the Wye up close. We also found out that it is only 1C hotter in St Lucia today than in High Wycombe while comparing the weather and climate of the two places. Although it feels very hot here now, we recognised that in a few months, the temperatures will drop and autumn will be upon us (as will Year 5!). It might feel tropical but we're not expecting any hurricanes in the UK unlike in the Caribbean. Time differences are still based in Greenwich, London and use the 24-hour clock which we have been learning about in Maths. Filling the rest of our days with sports day, publishing our information texts and preparing our cookie boxes for baking time next week. Thank you for your support this year and I wish you and the children, the best of luck in Year 5.

Year 5

Well it has been a fantastic week at school this week with lots of excitement. It started with a concert by Bucks Music. This was a great opportunity for all of us to enjoy their performance. Then we enjoyed the End of Year Performance where I am sure you will agree Year 5 were fantastic. Their singing was amazing, especially in the heat. Sports' Day is always a great event at Ash Hill. It was lovely to see so many of you cheering the children on. I was very proud of year 5 and their team spirit. We have also managed to squeeze in a little bit of Maths and English. The children completed their independent defeating the monster story. These were thrilling! We also learnt about negative numbers.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful Summer and say how much I have enjoyed being part of your community. I wish you and your children all the best for the future.

Mrs Edwards

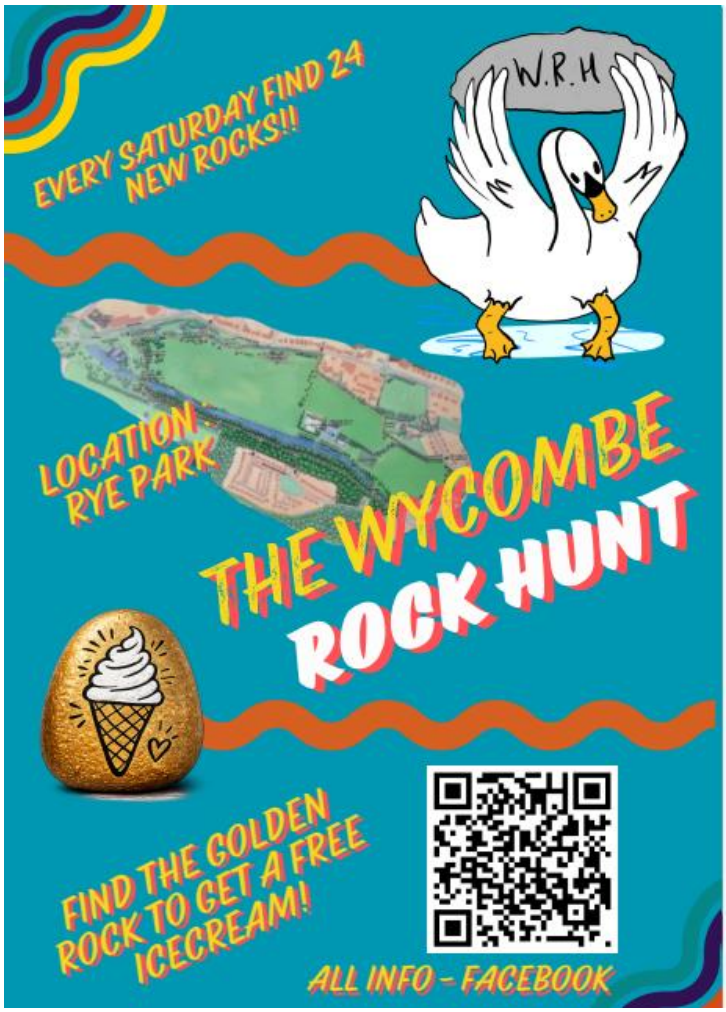
Year 6

It's been a whirlwind of a week in Year 6 with so much going on. We've had both our dress rehearsal and performance of What a Knight. I was so impressed and proud of their performance and I hope it has created some great memories for the class as they move on from Ash Hill. I want to thank everyone who attended on Wednesday and also thank parents for all the help they have given with learning lines and organising costumes. We couldn't make these performances happen without your support. On Thursday we held our post-SATs party. A fitting reward for everything that Year 6 have achieved this year and the hard work they have put in. We enjoyed making pizzas and the class were surprised by a visit from Miss Wort. Our attention now turns to our Leavers' Assembly on next Wednesday. I hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Community Initiatives

Click the link below to access Family First magazine:
https://familyfirst.co.uk/magazines/family-first-issue-3-2026/

The event starts on Friday 25 July and will continue throughout the summer holidays, with new rocks hidden each week until Saturday 29 August.



"We understand the importance of creating magical, memorable moments for families within your school, and we are thrilled to be staging special performances of 'Peter Rabbit's Musical Adventures', at Waterperry House this August. Alongside the show, we will be running a series of craft workshops which are free of charge and the perfect activity for children during a visit to Waterperry."