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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 and have enjoyed the sunshine!

Breakfast Club

We would like to remind parents to please review any booking that you have for breakfast club. We have recently had a number of students with bookings whilst not attending. If you no longer require a place, please can you cancel the booking on Parent Mail to allow others to utilise the provision.

Online Safety

Please see attached our monthly Online Safety newsletter. It is so important to stay ahead of the developments in online safety as the online world is fast paced and ever-changing. We hope you find the newsletter helpful in keeping your children safe online.

Class Assembly

Well done to Year 1 who were fabulous in their class assembly yesterday! They showed us how they have been learning and developing their language through songs and brilliant classroom experiences this year. We are so proud of their progress and their confidence in performing. Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to join us.

Uniform

As the weather warms up the children may wish to switch to our summer uniform options. If you would like your child to wear summer items then please do ensure they are compliant with our uniform policy, which can be found here. Our policy states 'During the summer months pupils may wear a red and white checked summer dress OR smart, grey shorts with a white or burgundy polo shirt.'

A reminder that Monday is a bank holiday, so the children will be back in school on Tuesday next week. We hope you have a very lovely long weekend!

Best wishes,
Mrs Manning
Headteacher

Attendance W/C 13/04/2026

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	87.9	12
Year 1	91.8	9
Year 2	93.4	15
Year 3	95.5	7
Year 4	94.7	7
Year 5	95.7	3
Year 6	96.3	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**
06.05.2025	Class Group Photos	
07.05.2026	Year 3 Class Assembly 2.30pm	3
25.05.2026-29.05.2026 May Half Term		
01.06.2026	Back to School	All
18.06.2026	Year 2 Class Assembly 2.30pm	2
22.06.2026	Bikeability Day 1	
23.06.2026	Bikeability Day 2	
23.06.2026	Year 2 trip to Littlehampton Beach	2
11.06.2026	Reception Class Assembly 09.15am	Rec
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:

- Class Photos Wednesday 6th May

This Week in School....

Nursery

Nursery has been very busy continuing to learn about bears! They enjoyed 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' story and were keen to join in with the repeated phrases. The story helped the children to remember lots of position words, such as over, under, through. The children also had fun collaging their own bears using a variety of materials. Well done Nursery. Have a lovely weekend, perhaps you could go on a bear hunt in the woods?

Reception

Reception has been busy continuing their topic about animals. This week the children have started to think about farm animals and have been enjoying the story 'Farmer Duck'. The children have made lists of all the farm animals they know, as well as writing labels for food to sell in the Reception 'farm shop' A messy time was had when the children made patterns using animal footprints and paint. The children were keen to talk about the similarities and differences. Well done Reception. You have worked so hard this week and deserve to have a lovely weekend, perhaps a trip to a farm?!

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been learning about proper nouns and how to use them correctly in sentences. The children have also been practising how to improve their writing by changing and rewriting sentences to make them more interesting.

In maths, we have continued working on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. The children would really benefit from as much practise as possible, so please do keep practising these at home. We have also been making arrays and exploring doubles.

In art, we created incised prints using foam board. The children made patterns by pressing into the foam with a pencil, then painted and printed their designs into their books.

In science, we learnt about deciduous and evergreen trees. The children now understand that deciduous trees lose their leaves in winter, while evergreen trees keep their leaves all year round.

In history, we looked at Florence Nightingale and discussed why she was an important nurse and how she helped to improve hospitals.

We also had our class assembly—thank you to all the parents who were able to attend. The children had a wonderful time learning the songs and sharing what they have been learning in science.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend, and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday!

Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have continued imitating our class story to help us create our own versions, alongside practising SATs-style questions and focusing on how to answer them carefully. In maths, we built on our fractions learning by exploring thirds and how to find the whole. The children also really enjoyed their violin lesson this week. In science, we concluded our unit on habitats, while in DT we designed our sandwiches, choosing toppings and thinking carefully about our combinations. In geography, we explored different coasts and what makes them unique.

Looking ahead, Year 2 will be completing the optional SATs at the end of Summer 1, and the weekly homework can be used to support your child in preparing for these.

Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have been working hard across all our subjects and have lots to share!

In English, we have been getting creative by writing our own spine poems based on an underwater world. The children have shown fantastic imagination, using rich vocabulary to bring their ideas to life. We have also been practising and learning our text map, helping us to build confidence with storytelling and sequencing.

In Maths, we have been focusing on adding and subtracting lengths. The class has been learning how to measure carefully and apply their skills to solve a variety of problems.

In History, we explored the importance of the River Nile to the Ancient Egyptians. The children learned how it supported farming, transport, and daily life, and why it was so essential to the development of Ancient Egyptian civilisation.

In PSHE, we had thoughtful discussions about stereotypes in jobs. The children considered how jobs are for everyone and challenged some common assumptions, showing maturity and respect for different perspectives.

Today, we are having a fantastic time at the Ashmolean Museum! The children are thoroughly enjoying exploring the exhibits and bringing their learning to life through this exciting experience. Well done, Year 3, for another brilliant week!

Year 4

Year 4 have been testing the conductivity of various materials in Science this week using BBC micro:bit computers to see whether electricity flows through a material or not. It turns out our bodies are conductors when you hold the crocodile clips. Don't worry, the current is not sufficient for a shock!

In Geography, we have been thinking about the dangers of flooding if you were in a house on the floodplain. What would you take and what would you look out for in that situation? Hopefully we won't have to put our knowledge into use.

In English, we have been climbing the treetops to join an elfish banquet describing the feast with our amazing adjectives and powerful, precise verbs. Some magical and mysterious vocabulary and imagery on show from our skilled story writers.

In Maths, improper fractions have been converted from mixed numbers using diagrams and bar models which shows that illustrating can be a useful skill in understanding a tricky subject.

Dance and cricket in P.E have kept us active and calming art designing key words from our class novel, Varjak Paw has finished up a busy week. Keep on practising those times tables and well done to those of you who have done additional work at home to build your skills.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a great time enjoying PE in the glorious sunshine. They have also been working hard in their Maths lessons. We have been calculating the perimeter and the area of shapes. Next week we hope to move on a unit on Statistics. In English we have continued to rehearse our model text, Invasion and have been practicing features of the text. We hope to start our version of the text next week.

In reading this week we have been practicing the techniques that we have learnt about, skimming, scanning and identifying key words in both the text and question. We have also been discussing what happens when we are reading silently.

It has been very exciting as we have started our new History unit learning about the Anglo-Saxons. We have begun to answer the question: Who were the Anglo-Saxons and why did they came to Britain. Over the next few weeks we will learn more about the Anglo-Saxons and their justice system.

I hope you all enjoy the Bank Holiday Weekend.

Year 6

It's been a whistle stop week in Maths looking at angles, the mean, line graphs and pie charts - a recap of areas we have previously looked at.

Our English learning has been thinking about using dialogue to advance action, personification and how we can create suspense.

In History we have been looking at the suffragette movement and how this began to impact on women receiving more rights in the early twentieth century.

PE lessons with Mr Bell have been helping the class hone their cricket skills through playing Diamond Cricket. I caught a bit of a lesson this week and we definitely have some budding bowlers and batters!

I hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful Bank Holiday weekend and get a chance enjoy the improved weather.

May Online Safety Newsletter

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FreezeNova (Unblocked games)

FreezeNova unblocked is a website that is free to access and contains a wide variety of games, including shooting, multiplayer and racing games. This site may bypass usual

Group Chats

Is your child part of any group chats? This could be on social media, for example on WhatsApp or within games such as Fortnite. If so, it is important that you are aware of the potential risks, which include:

- **Inappropriate content** – there is often a lack of moderation within chat facilities so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.

Please be sure to read the latest online safety newsletter also included in the email with the Bulletin