



Year 6 enjoying some very welcome downtime following their SATs this week.

Dear Parents and Carers

★ This week was **SATs week**; a week where every Year 6 pupil across the country takes part in assessments in Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation, Reading and Maths.

Our Year 6 pupils approached the week with a brilliant mindset. They were aware of the formality of the assessments but also how these tests are just more of the same types of assessments that they have been completing throughout their primary school career. They have enjoyed some relaxed time yesterday afternoon and today with time on the field to socialise, play games and balance the formality of the tests each day.

We must thank not just the Year 6 staff team but staff from all over the school, including the admin team, for allowing members of staff to support the testing process to ensure each child could achieve their very best. That's one big aspect of approaching the end of Year 6 ticked off the lists. Results of the SATS arrive in school early in July which we'll share with children and parents.

We are incredibly proud of ten of our Year 6 pupils who recently took part in the **Junior Maths Challenge**, following on from the UKMT Primary Kangaroo Maths Challenge, which they completed before Easter. The challenge is a 60-minute test aimed at pupils from Year 6 to Year 8, designed to stretch children's mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills. This year's paper was particularly demanding; however, the children showed great resilience, focus and determination when faced with unfamiliar and very challenging questions.

The pupils involved were Aleena, Aanya, Arran, Ariella, Summer, Lexi, Freda, Ayman, Emaan and Daisy. All ten performed incredibly well, and we are especially delighted to share that Lexi achieved a high enough score to progress to the Junior Kangaroo 2026 follow-on round, which is a fantastic achievement. Well done to everyone involved for embracing such a tough challenge and representing the school so brilliantly. We are very proud of you!

The **Cox Green Village Fayre** took place last Saturday and was a huge success. All proceeds from the fayre will be donated to the school to put towards OPAL equipment and resources. Thanks to Mrs Patrick, Mrs Eves, Mrs Cooke and our wonderful PTA for running a Nerf gun high score game and sweet pong activity. We also must apologise to Summer Patrick and Lottie Hale for not acknowledging your success in the poster competition to help advertise the fayre. The entries this year were very strong so we thank everyone who submitted a poster this year.

We are pleased to be linking with **Sky** as part of their community projects, where Sky employees will be giving their time to support our school. For our event, Sky is supporting Literacy Pirates, a UK charity that helps children aged 9–13 who need extra support with reading and writing. Through after-school programmes, children build confidence and develop key skills, including creating and publishing their own writing.

To recognise the work Sky employees will be completing with us, we are inviting our community to support this cause. Any donations made will help Literacy Pirates continue and expand their work so that more children can benefit.

Sky will match any funds we raise, so if we reach our target of £250, this will be doubled to £500 for the charity. If you are able to contribute, please visit the [JustGiving link](#). Thank you for your support.

Mr Beavan

Quotes of the week

"I have enjoyed dressing up at lunchtime"
Ziva, Reception

"I've enjoyed playing on the trim trail this week"
Tahlia-Rose, Year 1

"The suitcases have been a lot of fun, we get to pull each other around in them" Medi, Year 2

"I've enjoyed the sandpit and having more people to play with"
Darcie, Year 4

"I really like how we can choose to play where we want and with what we want and making sure we do it all respectfully"
Tylar, Year 5

"OPAL has really improved playtime, it is really good fun" Khadijah, Year 6

Diary dates coming up



Monday 18th to Friday 22nd May
Walk to School Week

Friday 22nd May
Break the Rules Day
Last Day of Term 5 – 3.20pm finish

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May
HALF TERM

Monday 1st June
INSET DAY – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 2nd June
Start of Term 6 – 8.45am to 8.55am

Friday 5th June
Y5 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm

Good News Certificates



FS2: Henry A and Madina

Year 1: Winder and Andreeas

Year 2: James and Jude

Year 3: Jolie and Scarlett

Year 4: Harriet and Robin

Year 5: Maddison and Penelope

Year 6: Whole Year Group for SATs

Attendance

Lower School: Cherry class winners with 98.1%

Upper School: Pine class winners with 100%

School attendance this week

95.7%



Last week = 95%
Last year average = 95%
Aiming for 97%

School Values



This week, children explored identity and how it links to our school value of honesty. They reflected on being honest about who they are, recognising strengths, acknowledging challenges and understanding that we are all still growing. This also linked to Mental Health Awareness Week, reminding children to look after their wellbeing, be kind to themselves and ask for support when needed.



OPAL updates

From Week 1 next term, children taking part in OPAL play may enjoy new activities that can get a little messy! Please ensure your child brings a spare change of uniform and suitable footwear to school in case these are needed.

Looking ahead to September, we are asking for donations of wellies in all sizes. These will help support outdoor OPAL play activities throughout the year. Please make sure your child has access to a pair of wellies for September.

If you need any support with this, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

Walk to School week

Next week is Walk to School Week, a great opportunity for children to build healthy habits, enjoy time with friends and arrive ready to learn. It also complements our School Street, helping reduce traffic and make the area safer and calmer.

We encourage families to take part by walking, scooting or cycling, even for part of the journey. Each class will celebrate how pupils travel each day, and every child will receive a 'passport' to complete across the week. Small changes can make a big difference, and we hope as many families as possible will get involved.

Character Curriculum

This week, children have been learning that while it is normal to feel angry, frustrated or upset, our feelings do not give us permission to be disrespectful. We talked about how our tone of voice matters and how speaking calmly and respectfully helps problems get solved more quickly, even when we disagree. Pupils were reminded that learning to manage how we speak, especially when emotions run high, is an important life skill and part of showing respect for ourselves and others.

Using a respectful tone when upset



- We can feel grumpy, angry or frustrated
- Feelings do not give us permission to be disrespectful
- Our tone of voice matters
- We can speak respectfully, even when we disagree
- Calmer voices help problems get solved



Positivity



Honesty



Respect



Pride

BREAK THE RULES DAY

FRIDAY 22ND MAY

50P PER RULE BROKEN
HOW MANY CAN YOU BREAK??

- #1 HAVE WACKY HAIR!
- #2 WEAR CRAZY SOCKS!
- #3 PAINT YOUR NAILS!
- #4 NON-UNIFORM!
- #5 FACE PAINT!
- #6 BRING A TEDDY TO SCHOOL!
- #7 WEAR A HAT ALL DAY!
- #8 SQUASH IN YOUR WATER!
- #9 TEMPORARY TATTOO!
- #10 A SWEET OR SAVOURY SNACK FOR THE AFTERNOON (NO NUTS)!

MONEY CAN BE PAID VIA ARBOR OR
COLLECTED IN THE
CLASSROOM ON
THE DAY!

Start learning drum kit or percussion at your school!

Lessons now available

We're excited to announce that a limited number of music lesson spaces are now available for your child to learn drum kit or percussion.

These spots fill quickly, so if your child has been thinking about starting their musical journey, now is the time to secure a place!

Meet The Teacher

Lessons are led by George Jones, an experienced and passionate music teacher who brings energy, creativity and a love of music into every lesson.



George Jones is a professional drummer and percussionist who makes lessons fun, friendly, and confidence-building for young musicians. George has played everything from jazz to musical theatre and orchestral

percussion—including covering the drum kit chair on the UK tour of The Lion King and even performing at the Royal Albert Hall in a charity concert featuring Pete Townshend. He studied Music at the University of Bristol and completed postgraduate performance training (MMus & PGAD) at Trinity Laban Conservatoire in London, and he's also a qualified teacher and Director of Music at a Berkshire prep school.

In lessons, George loves making music alongside students—helping them build great timing, learn exciting grooves and fills, and experience the buzz of performing live. (Fun fact: when he's not behind the kit, he's usually thinking about planes—he's working towards his private pilot's licence!)

Try a Free Taster Lesson



If your child would like to give it a try, simply register using the link below and enter the code FREE TASTER in the comments box.

You will not be charged for any lessons until you confirm that you wish to go ahead.

[Register](#)

Lesson Information

Fees start from just £10.50 per lesson.

Discounts available for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium or families receiving benefits.

No need to purchase an instrument – we offer affordable instrument hire!

[Fees](#)

Why Learn a Musical Instrument?

Learning an instrument is not only a valuable life skill – it's also fun, rewarding and a great way for children to express themselves.

Studies have shown that learning music can help children:

🎵 Boost confidence, memory and coordination

🎵 Build confidence and creativity

🎵 Develop perseverance and resilience

🎵 Support emotional wellbeing

🎵 Improve listening skills and teamwork

Questions?

If you have any questions or experience any difficulty registering, please contact us at:

admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk

FAQs

We would love to welcome your child into the world of

Laura Bridger

Berkshire Music Trust



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Come to Recorder Rookies!

A friendly Saturday morning ensemble for complete beginner recorder players!

- Ages: Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3
- When: Saturday mornings 11:05–11:35
- Where: Space to Thrive Music Centre, Newlands Girls School, Farm Road, Maidenhead
- Fee: £70 per term

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Free Trial Session

Come along and try a session for free to see if you like it!

[Register Now](#)

Need more information?

If you have any questions, just let us know – we're always happy to help.

Email admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk

You'll also find answers to many common queries on our website's FAQ page.

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