



Our fantastic Year 6 pupils and staff sporting their leavers' hoodies after their SATs this week.

Dear Parents and Carers



This week saw our Year 6 pupils take part in their SATs this week.

The pupils should be commended for their exemplary conduct during the tests. Their approach to these assessments was nothing short of remarkable, demonstrating a level of maturity, resilience, and positivity that filled us all with immense pride. It was heartening to see their enthusiasm throughout the week, turning what could have been a challenging experience into an enjoyable one. To the parents and carers who provided support, your contribution has been invaluable. Huge thanks to Mrs Oliva, Mrs Powell and the whole Year 6 team for their efforts in steering the children through what can be a challenging week.

The arrival of warmer weather recently has transformed our outdoor spaces into hubs of activity. Thanks to Mrs Cox and Miss Henderson for orders of new playground games, our pupils have been enjoying creative play during their breaks. A particularly popular addition has been the bookshelf in the Lower School playground, allowing pupils to enjoy literature amidst the natural surroundings – a simple yet brilliant idea that has been embraced wholeheartedly.

Despite its vital role in our school community, we have yet to find volunteers willing to take on leadership positions of the PTA. Being part of the PTA offers a wonderful opportunity for parents to become more involved in school life, fostering a sense of community while also raising funds for essential resources. Whether it's organising popular events like Break the Rules days and discos, or planning larger scale functions such as the Summer Fayre, the PTA's contributions are invaluable. In these times of financial constraints, the additional income generated by the PTA has allowed us to refresh reading books, invest in IT equipment, fund visiting pantomimes, and upgrade our sound systems, among other initiatives.

Hopefully, there will be a group of people willing to come forward to help support the school.

Mr Beavan



Year 4 pupils should not have coloured faces or hair due to swimming.

Quotes of the week

This weeks learning and Year 6 SATs comment...

"This week we have been counting to 3 on our fingers" Selma, Reception

"In art this week we have been learning about secondary colours" Adam, Year 1

"In science we've been fair testing plants, some have been with light and some with a bag over them" Harriet, Year 3

"In swimming today we did breaststroke which is my favourite and handstands in the water" Ellie, Year 4

"In math's we've been learning about 3D shapes and how to find their volume" Ayman, Year 5

"Everyone thinks SATs is hard but all you have to do is be excited and look forward to it, everyone has been so nice" Myemi, Year 6

Diary dates coming up



Monday 19th May

Share my Learning - Y1 to Y6 - 2.45pm to 3.15pm

Tuesday 20th May

Year 2 - Fire of London Workshop

Wednesday 21st May

Year 1 trip to Waltham Place

Year 4 trip to River & Rowing Museum, Henley

Thursday 22nd May

Year 1 Sharing Assembly - 9am - Upper School Hall

JMF Rehearsal at Courthouse Junior School

Monday 26th to Friday 30th May

HALF TERM

Monday 2nd June

INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd, Thursday 5th & Friday 6th June

Year 5 Bikeability course

Good News Certificates



EYFS: Bella and Ellis

Year 1: Beatrice and Lottie

Year 2: Joshua and Tariro

Year 3: Megan and Blerina

Year 4: Talia and Jamie B

Year 5: Jack M and Georgie

Year 6: Everyone in Willow & Yew class

Attendance

Lower School: Chestnut winners with 98.6%

Upper School: Willow & Yew Joint winners with 99.3%

School attendance this week

95.9%



Last week = 96.5%
Last year average = 95%

Aiming for 97%

School Values

As it was SATs week this week and Year 6 were completing their Grammar paper during our usual assembly slot, there was no whole school gathering. Instead, we all discussed in class what the Wessex Way means to us. We understand that the Wessex Way is the ethos of the school and it helps us to be the type of person who is ready for the next stage of their life when we leave Wessex. It is made up of our school values, our class behaviour expectations and our character curriculum.



Phonics and Multiplication

As we look towards the next half term, there are important assessments on the horizon. Our Year 1 pupils will be participating in the phonics screening check, details of which have been communicated to parents by Mrs Corbett, our Early Reading Leader. Additionally, Year 4 pupils will have the opportunity to demonstrate their mathematical prowess in the Multiplication Tables Check. If you have any questions or concerns about these assessments, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's teacher.

Share my learning

We are eagerly anticipating our third and final Share My Learning session for Years 1 -6. This event has become a highlight in our school calendar, providing a wonderful opportunity for pupils to showcase their work and for parents and carers to gain insight into their children's academic progress. The enthusiasm for this event from both pupils and parents has been great, with many expressing amazement at the breadth and depth of learning on display. For those seeking a more comprehensive view of our curriculum, I encourage you to explore the key learning documents and curriculum maps available on our school website. We look forward to seeing you at school on Monday at 2:45pm.

Character Curriculum

Again, due to the lack of whole school assembly gathering, this week's character curriculum was not shared as a whole school, however, it was discussed in classrooms this week. Whilst going to the toilet is a very natural need for children at school, it can sometimes become a distraction within the classroom so we discussed in class how to minimise distractions to learning whilst ensuring that children can still go to the toilet when they need to.

How to ask to go to the toilet?



- Going to the toilet at playtimes to avoid disrupting learning time.
- Only asking when desperate
- Waiting for the right moment to ask
 - Raising your hand
- Asking in a full sentence and using please.
- Not disrupting others when you get up.



Positivity



Honesty



Pride



Pride

BREAK THE RULES DAY

FRIDAY
23RD
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 COLLECTED IN THE CLASSROOM ON THE DAY!



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Dear parent/carer,

This communication is to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Many thanks,

The Education Welfare Team