



Junior Leaders taking our VE day assembly this week

Dear Parents and Carers



On Tuesday morning, our whole school gathered to commemorate VE Day, reflecting on its historical significance. Our Junior Leaders took centre stage, narrating the assembly with poise and sensitivity. Their presentation struck an admirable balance

between engagement and respectfulness, setting a peaceful tone that resonated throughout the school. I was particularly impressed by the attentiveness of our pupils, who listened impeccably throughout the proceedings.

It was great to see that pupils in Yew class took the theme of VE day into their learning by programming Microbits to display VE themed messages.

There was a wonderful surprise for Tylar in Year 4. His artistic talents have been recognised beyond our school walls, as his poster was chosen to advertise the Cox Green Village Fayre. Tylar not only received an art set and sketchpad as his prize but will also have the pleasure of seeing his artwork displayed throughout the community. We're incredibly proud of Tylar's achievement and encourage everyone to attend the fayre this Saturday.

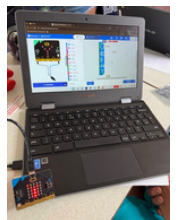
I am thrilled to highlight that last week, our school's average attendance was over our target of 97% for the first time this year. Your support in our drive to improve attendance has been invaluable - thank you. I encourage you to check your child's attendance percentage on the Arbor portal, bearing in mind that 10 days of absence across the year results in a maximum possible attendance of 94.7%. Please note that attendance below 90% is considered persistent absence and may require additional intervention. I also draw your attention to the attached letter from the Borough regarding Fixed Penalty Notices.

Birch Class had a wonderful day full of new

experiences at Braywick Nature Reserve yesterday. The children enjoyed exploring the woods, observing and touching lots of different types of trees and using branches to make dens. They were fascinated as Maddie the park ranger constructed a fire and then lit it. As the flames flickered and crackled the children toasted marshmallows and then ate them. On our way out of the park we were lucky enough to see a heron sitting on its nest. Well done to Birch Class for trying new things and showing respect to nature. Beech class have been on their trip today completing the same activities - we look forward to hearing how they got on.

Looking ahead, next week marks an important milestone for our Year 6 pupils as they undertake their SATs in reading, maths, grammar, and spelling. Mrs Oliva, Mrs Powell, and the entire Year 6 team have been working tirelessly to prepare our pupils. We are immensely proud of their dedication and wish them the very best. Remember to contact the school promptly if your child feels unwell during this period.

Mr Beavan



“ Quotes of the week

Comments about VE day celebrations & Year 1 school trip

“In assembly Year 6 talked to us about VE day. We also did biking and I enjoyed it” Rose, Reception

“We went to the forest and saw a poisonous tree, it is called a Yew tree” Hugo, Year 1

“We melted marshmallows and made lots of dens” Medi, Year 1

“On VE day we made cool aeroplanes” Year 2

“I liked learning about the history of VE day” Imogen, Year 4

“We get to respect the people who died for us” Tanaaya, Year 5

“It makes us think about the people who fought for our freedom” Charlie, Year 6

Diary dates coming up



Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May
Year 6 SATs week

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

Good News Certificates



EYFS: Holly and Alex

Year 1: George K

Year 2: Delilah and Callum

Year 3: Ara and Ash

Year 4: Natty and Anaya

Year 5: Saindhavie and Billy

Year 6: Blake and Henry

Attendance

Lower School: Alder winners with 100%

Upper School: Hazel winners with 100%

School attendance this week

96.5%



Last week = 97.1%
Last year average = 95%

Aiming for 97%

School Values



Assembly this week was slightly different to usual. Our Junior Leaders led our assembly talking to us all about VE Day, what it is, why it is important and especially why we are acknowledging this day in 2025. We linked this assembly to our value of Pride as we agreed that we are proud of all of the men and women who helped to keep us safe.



Lost Property

There is a huge amount of lost property in the school office collection box. We will be bringing it out at the beginning and end of the school days. Please do look through this as some of the items in there are almost brand new, including some newly bought PE kit!

PE kit reminder

On the subject of PE kit, we remind you that from September we would expect all pupils to be wearing the newly introduced PE kit that we launched in September. Feedback on this has been most positive.

Wessex termly challenge

We are delighted to share over 80 pupils across KS1/2 have said they are participating in the Treasure Box Challenge. Please can we ask all completed treasure boxes to be brought in on MON 19 MAY (not before) for the whole school assembly. Children who have brought in their treasure box will have their picture taken with others from their class for the display board. Those who bring in their treasure boxes will be asked if they wish to take them into the assembly, so we can celebrate their success. Children will also have the opportunity to share a chosen treasure from their box, in class. Please note, we ask that no items are sent in which have any sentimental value. Treasure boxes will go home again at the end of the school day.

Character Curriculum

Whilst we didn't have a focus for our Character Curriculum this week due to our VE assembly, we wanted to revisit thinking in the newsletter to prompt discussions at home about how thinking in lessons helps us to learn.

When we think about what is going on, we are talking to ourselves and deciding which bits of a task we will need to work a bit harder on than others. This is when we concentrate on that part to make sure we will be able to succeed in the lesson. This way, we are ready to contribute!



Why is thinking important?



- You learn when you think hard
- Shows you respect yourself and others
- Teachers know how to help
- Everyone knows what is happening



Positivity



Honesty



Respect



Pride

May 2025

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.

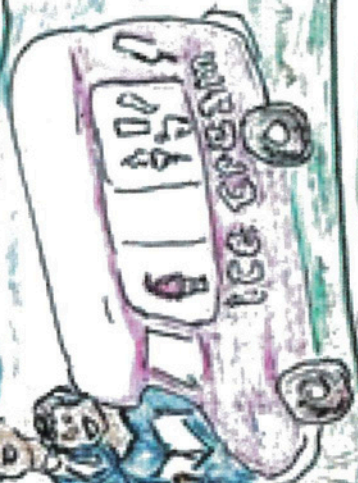
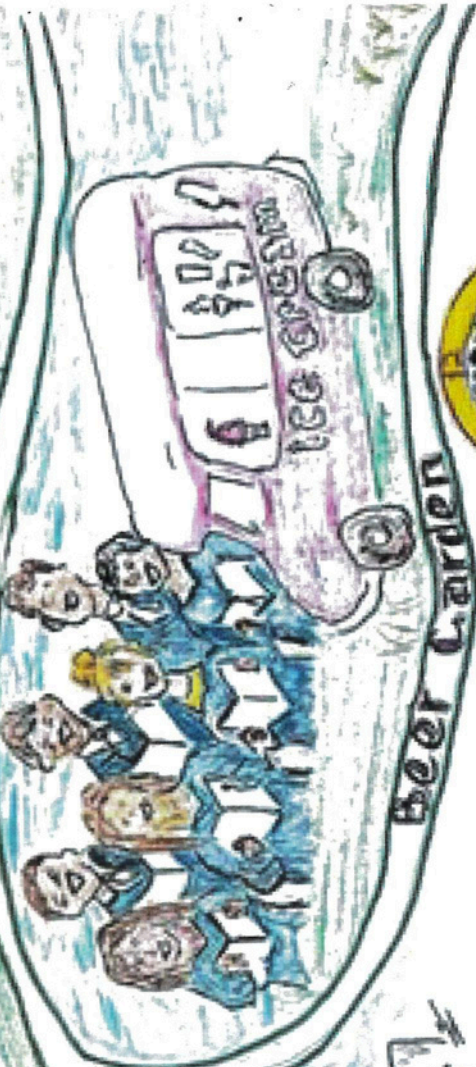
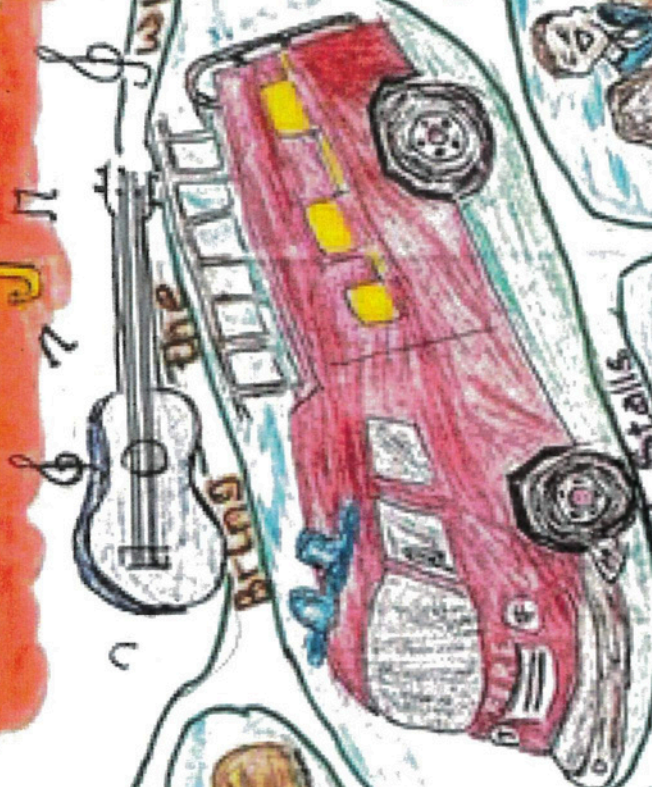
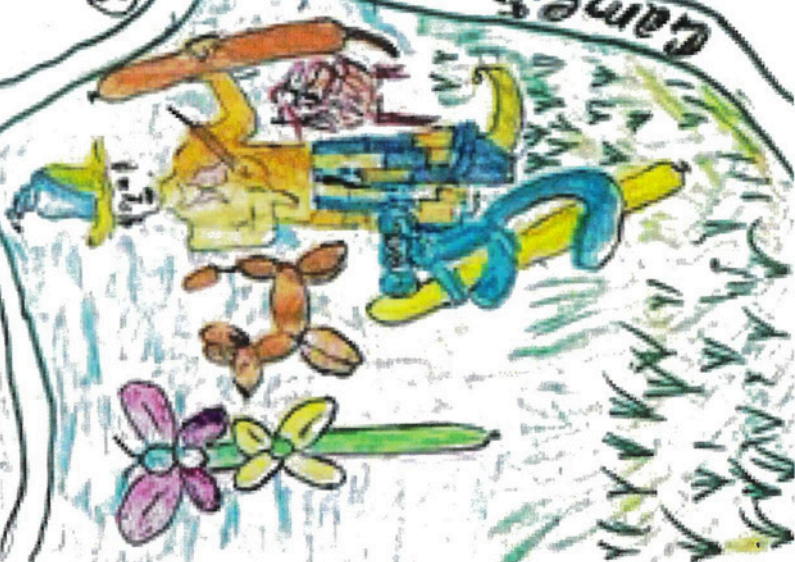
If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer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

COX GREEN VILLAGE FAYRE 2025
BILL GREEN, COX GREEN LANE
Saturday 10th May 2025



Taylor B Wessex Primary School

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