



HIGHLIGHTS

14th July 2023

### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

As we move towards the end of term, the school has been very busy with events. Our Federation Music Festival, DT Day, Sports Day and Hispanic Day were very successful, thank you for your support, particularly the many parents and family members who came to enjoy sports day with us! We have one week of term left, and we will be continuing with learning activities up to the last day. School closes to pupils on Thursday 20th July at 2pm with the Autumn Term starting on Wednesday 6th September at 8:55am.

We hope that you found your child's end of term report useful and enjoyed looking at the learning in their books during the parent consultation evening. Our pupils have so much to be proud of. Children continue to achieve very well in our schools and this is down to the hard work of children in classrooms, their teachers and of course yourselves in supporting and encouraging children on their learning journey.

We will be setting tasks to support learning during the long summer break so that children come back ready for a new academic year. Please support us by making sure, that as well as relaxing, seeing friends and enjoying themselves, children also read regularly and complete the tasks that are set. By doing so, this enables children to have a smooth transition to their new year group and the new learning.

There will be some changes to staffing at Viridis Schools in September with some staff leaving us at the end of term. Children will <u>meet their new class teacher on Tuesday 18th July</u> and you will receive a letter with the name of the class and class teacher on this day. There will be details of all of the staffing for 2023/24 in the first newsletter of the Autumn Term for your information and this will also be on our school website.

Enjoy the long Summer break, term and we look forward to seeing children return on Wednesday 6th September at 8:55am.

Thank you for all of your support.

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Please make sure children read regularly across the school break and complete set holiday tasks.

Scan the QR code below to join the Summer Reading Challenge!



Being punctual for school means making sure your child is at school and ready to learn before the bell rings. There are many ways to ensure your child is on time for school, from making sure their school bags are packed the night before to making sure they get up with plenty of time to eat and get ready. Lost minutes mean lost learning. Did you know that being late 15 minutes every day is the same as missing 2 whole weeks of school over a full academic year?



# **Learning Colours in Spanish**

This term, EYFS have been learning to name the colours in Spanish (rojo = red, azul = blue, amarillo = yellow, verde = green). To support their learning, children took part in a game where Senorita Colbron called out different colours in Spanish and children had to run to the correct colour of bean bag before running back to their teams. It was a great way to consolidate pupils' learning and they all had great fun!



# **Hispanic Day**

Year 2 very much enjoyed Hispanic Day, making an effort to dress in traditional dress or as the Spanish flag. As part of their activities, they coloured in flags from different Spanish-speaking countries discovering that there were 21 Spanish-speaking countries in total throughout the continents of Europe, the Americas and one in Africa. All in all, a fun and informative day was had by all.



# **Naming Foods in Spanish**

Year 4 have been learning to name different foods and say whether they like or dislike them. They have also been able to justify their responses by explaining why they prefer certain foods over others e.g. Me gusta comer la tarta porque es deliciosa (I like to eat cake because it is delicious). No me gusta beber la limonada porque es amarga (I don't like to drink lemonade because it is bitter.)







## **Mini Golf Session**

During Keeping Healthy Week, Year 4 took a trip to one of our partnership schools, Southwold to play mini golf. The game showed children how to play by the rules and encouraged them to take turns while also learning how to win or lose gracefully. They had a lot of fun working in teams and collaborating with peers from across the federation.



## **Healthy Living Week**

During healthy living week, Year 5 had the opportunity to go rope climbing and bouldering at the Laburnum Boat Club. There, they worked collaboratively to help each other reach the top of the high climbing wall; in doing so they conquered fears and built their resilience. In bouldering, they learnt how to crab walk to be able to traverse along the wall successfully.



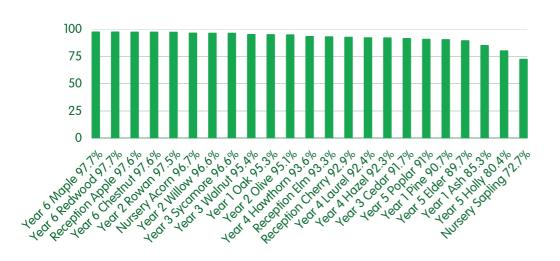
# **Attendance**

The whole school attendance for the last week was 91.9%.

Well done to Year 6 Maple and Year 6 Redwood class, last week's winners with 97.7%.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that <u>WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME</u> and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



## **Key Dates**

#### **SUMMER TERM (2) 2023**

<u>Summer Fayre (Orchard Friends event)</u> Friday 14th July 2023 at 3:30pm (playgrounds)

Year 6 'The Greatest Showman' Performance (1) Monday 17th July 2023 at 9:15am (new hall)

Year 6 'The Greatest Showman' Performance (2) Monday 17th July 2023 at 2:15pm (new hall)

<u>Children meet their class teacher for September</u>
(<u>pupils only)</u>
Tuesday 18th July 2023 at 2pm

<u>Year 6 Disco (pupils only)</u> Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 3:30pm

Year 6 End of Year Celebration Assembly Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 9:15am (new hall)

End of Term Finish Date
Thursday 20th July 2023 at 2pm

INSET Day (school closed to pupils) Friday 21st July 2023

Children's Start Date (Years 1 to 6)
Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 8:55am





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