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Reminders

School Open and Closure

School closes to all pupils at 1pm on Friday 18th July. The new term starts on Wednesday 3rd September at 8:55am for Years 1 - 6. Nursery and Reception children will receive individual letters identifying a staggered start date for the new term.



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half term it has been! Our Federation Music Festival, DT Days, 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. As you will be aware, school closes to pupils on Friday 18th July at 1:00pm with the Autumn Term starting on Wednesday 3rd 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 recent 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. You will have seen in the Executive Headteacher Update last week, that our Year 6 pupils have done particularly well, once again exceeding national averages across all areas.

We will be setting holiday homework 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.

As always, there will be some staff leaving us at the end of term, this was communicated in the 'Movers & Leavers' letter earlier this week. This July, we have just eight members of teaching staff leaving across the three schools; this represents a teacher retention rate within the federation of over 90%. We are pleased for the children that there will be so many familiar faces to welcome them back in September.

Enjoy the long summer break and we look forward to seeing children return on Wednesday 3rd September at 8:55am.

Ms Felicity Headen - Headteacher | Mr Stephen O'Brien - Executive Headteacher

Sailboats

As they have been learning about water this term in EYFS, the children enjoyed creating sailboats with their adults. They explored and joined different materials and textures to make the boats and then tested their boats on water!



Creating Algorithms

Year 2 have been introduced to the fundamentals of coding in computing. Using Discovery Education, they've been learning how to create simple algorithms and bring their ideas to life through block-based programming. The children have enjoyed experimenting with code to design animations and interactive stories!



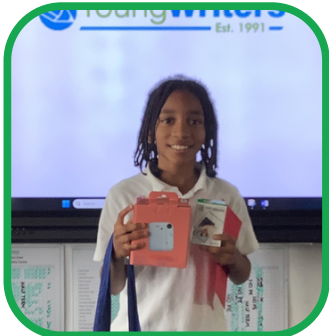
Sports Activities

Year 5 children had the exciting opportunity to take part in a range of sports activities at Cardinal Pole. They participated enthusiastically in various events and proudly left with medals as a reward for their efforts and sportsmanship!



Young Writers

Children in KS2 recently entered a writing competition with Young Writers. As a school, we had over 140 entries selected for publication. We are pleased to announce that one of the children was chosen as 1 of 5 winners across the country. The winners received an amazing goody bag and an Instax Mini Camera!



Art Ambassadors

Art Ambassadors launched an exciting new competition, sharing creative ideas and unveiling their own superhero models to inspire the school. Pupils are invited to design unique superheroes, complete with powers, inspired by our school values—resilience, honesty, ambition, independence, pride, and equality!



Term End and Start

The first half of the autumn term starts on Wednesday 3rd September at 8:55am. Please scan the QR code to view our 2025 -2026 term dates.



School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform,



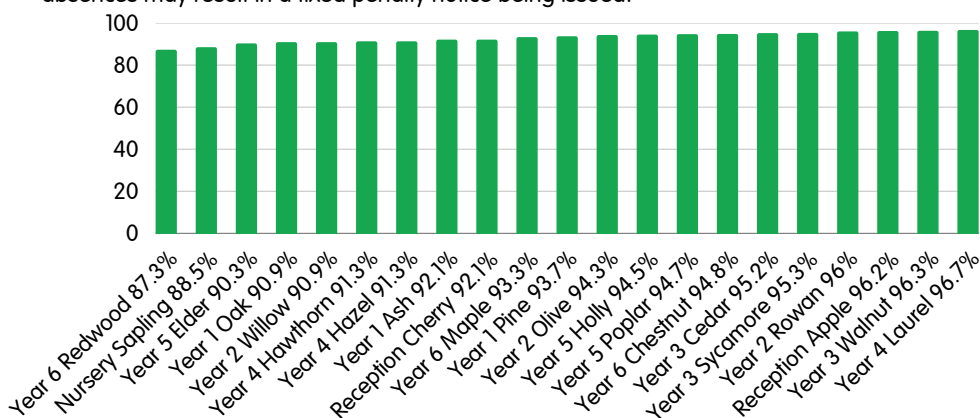
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 92.8%.

Well done to Year 4 Laurel Class, last week's winners with 96.7% attendance.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

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



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