



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful extended Easter holiday break.

This Summer Term is very busy again this year with celebration assemblies, Year 6 leavers assemblies, secondary school transition days, instrumental concerts, Families Week and Keeping Healthy Week. We look forward to sharing the news with you through this newsletter. We also update our website regularly with news and dates as well as post to Facebook page.

This week, classes across the school celebrated the holiday homework projects which were completed in preparation for the new topics this half term. As part of our teaching pedagogy we regularly revisit prior learning in order to help children make connections and to know more and remember more over time, this includes reviewing the research children have done outside of school as well as revisiting learning covered in previous school years. Thank you for the time and support given to your child in undertaking the homework set! In recognition of their efforts, all children who completed a holiday homework project will have received a certificate.

Pupil voice is a key feature of our school and, as you have seen from previous newsletters, we think it is very important that children are given a platform to know how to raise their issues and to have a say in how key aspects of our curriculum and enrichment plans are developed. Our pupil teams continue to meet across our three school sites (and three Hackney post codes) including our School Councillors, Peer Mediators and Eco Team, working together on shared agendas. Our recent cross-site timestable event was supported by our Timestables Ambassadors who were keen to raise the profile of competition. A huge well done to Southwold, who won the event!

As a school, we are very committed to ensuring that children are in school and receiving their full entitlement to education. We are also very committed to working with families to remove any potential barriers to children being in school. We want to say a big thank you to each family who are supporting our drive of taking attendance to 97% and above by ensuring that children attend school every day on time.

Many thanks for all your support.

Ms Felicity Headen - Headteacher

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Reminders

School Start Time

School starts at 8.55am. Please ensure children arrive on time to line up and enter the school with their class teacher when the bell goes.



PE Kit

Please ensure children have the correct PE kit to take part in physical activity learning.



Life on the Farm

This week in EYFS, the children have been learning about life on the farm. They collected vegetables from the field, gathered eggs from the chicken coop, and enjoyed digging in the soil.



Buddhism

This week, Year 2 have been learning about Buddhism. They explored the Bodhi tree artefact to deepen their understanding of the story of Siddhartha and how he reached enlightenment. This helped them make meaningful connections with the key events.



Ragged Museum

Year 4 visited the Ragged Museum, where they travelled back to the Victorian era. They experienced what a Victorian classroom was like and compared it to their own learning environment today.





Debate Mate

Our Debate Mates had a fantastic time at the London Primary Debate Mate Cup, the final event of this year's programme. They showed great confidence, teamwork, and critical thinking while debating against other schools. We are incredibly proud of the progress they have made this year. Well done to everyone who took part!



Easter Bonnet Competition

Last term, we held an Easter Bonnet Competition where children created and designed their own Easter Bonnets inspired by Easter and the Spring season. They were showcased during a special assembly where the most creative bonnets won prizes and children all received certificates for their efforts!



Key Dates

Earth Day

Wednesday 22nd April

Bring A Significant Female to School
Friday 24th April from 8:55am - 9:45am

Families Week

wb Monday 27th April

Year 5 PGL Trip

Monday 27th April - Wednesday 29th April

Year 4 Laurel Class Assembly

Thursday 30th April at 10:50am

Grandparents Tea 1

Thursday 30th April at 2:00pm

Grandparents Tea 2

Friday 1st May at 2:00pm

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 4th May - School closed

Year 1 Ash Class Assembly

Thursday 7th May at 10:15am

Year 4 Hazel Class Assembly

Thursday 7th May at 10:50am

KS2 SATs Week

wb Monday 11th May

Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexible Space at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Date	Focus
Friday 1 st May	<u>PSHCE</u> : How do we celebrate diversity through our curriculum?
Friday 22 nd May	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with my child at home? (Children can attend this session)

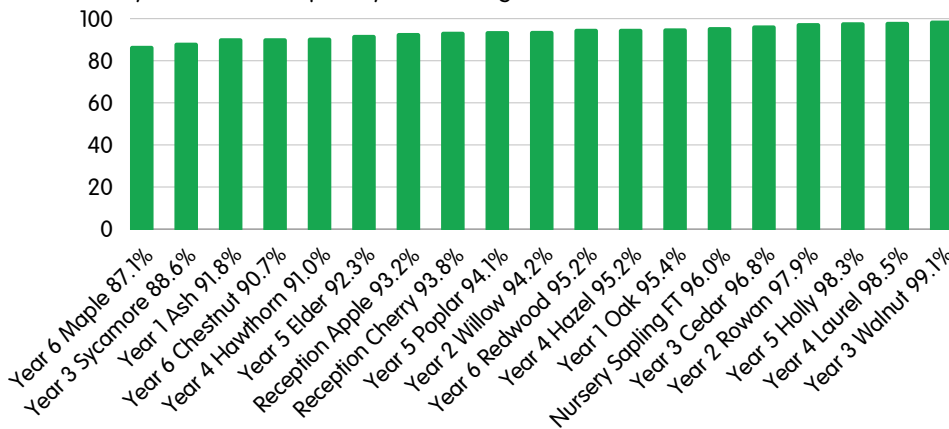
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 93.9%.

Well done to Year 3 Walnut, last week's winners with 99.1% 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.



Term End and Start


The first half of the summer term ends on Friday 22nd May at 3:30pm. Please scan the QR code to view our 2025 -2026 term dates.




School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform,



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