



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our Year 6 pupils have been completing their SATs tests. We are incredibly proud of the calm, mature and positive attitude they have shown throughout the week. The children have worked exceptionally hard all year and approached each test with resilience, determination and confidence. SATs are just one small part of each child's journey, but they have been a wonderful opportunity for the children to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have developed during their time at primary school. We have been particularly impressed by the way the children have supported and encouraged one another, showing great kindness and teamwork. A huge thank you must also go to our Year 6 staff and families for their ongoing support, encouragement and care. We hope the children feel very proud of themselves – we certainly are!

This weekend, children from across the schools will be taking part in the HOKA Hackney Schools' Challenge as part of the Hackney Half Marathon event. We are incredibly excited to see so many pupils representing our school and embracing this fantastic opportunity to challenge themselves, stay active and be part of such a well-known community event. Events like this are a wonderful way to promote healthy lifestyles and perseverance, while also allowing children to experience the excitement and energy of a major sporting event. We wish all our runners the very best of luck and hope they enjoy every moment of the day!

This week, a group of Year 5 pupils from across the Federation have travelled to Tenerife as part of an exciting Turing Scheme funded visit. The trip is providing children with a fantastic opportunity to experience life and learning in another country while developing their independence and cultural understanding. During their visit, pupils are spending time in partner schools, learning about school life in Spain and meeting local children. They have also explored the island, including visiting a banana plantation and seeing Tenerife's impressive volcanic landscape. Families can follow the children's adventures through updates and photographs on the school website.

Many thanks for all your support.

Ms Felicity Headen - Headteacher

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Reminders

Reading

Reading for 15 minutes each day helps improve reading fluency, vocabulary and concentration!



Scooters and Bikes

Please park scooters and bikes in the allocated parking areas taking care to store them safely and securely.



Making Butter

This week in EYFS, children learnt how to make butter using simple ingredients. They discussed the changes they noticed as the cream turned into butter. They enjoyed shaking the mixture, observing the transformation, and sharing their thoughts about the outcome.



V&A Museum

Year 2 visited the V&A Museum to learn about ceramic narratives, linking to their learning on clay tiles. The children explored how stories and ideas can be told through ceramics before creating their own clay plates based on something important to them.



Gardening Workshop

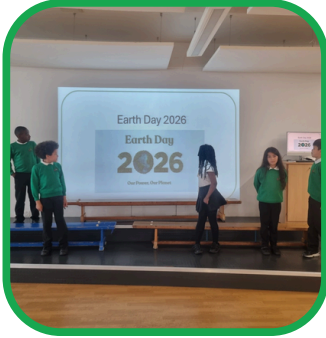
This week, Year 4 took part in a gardening workshop where they learned all about seed dispersal. The children discussed why seed dispersal is important for plant growth and survival. They enjoyed a range of hands-on activities and showed great enthusiasm!





Earth Day

In celebration of Earth Day, the Eco Team helped to share the message of protecting the planet by delivering a message to the whole school. The assembly focused on the idea that every little helps, and it takes everyone doing their bit to make a difference.



Cycling League Race

This week, a group of pupils represented Orchard at the Cycling League Race at Hackney Downs. The pupils showed determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the event. It was wonderful to see their confidence and cycling skills on display!



Key Dates

Year 1 Oak Class Assembly
Tuesday 19th May at 10:15am

Year 4 Hawthorn Class Assembly
Tuesday 19th May at 10:15am

Science & Technology Day
Thursday 21st May

Science Fayre
Thursday 21st May at 3:30pm

Children break up for May half term
Friday 22nd May at 3:30pm

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 22 nd May	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with my child at home? (Children can attend this session)

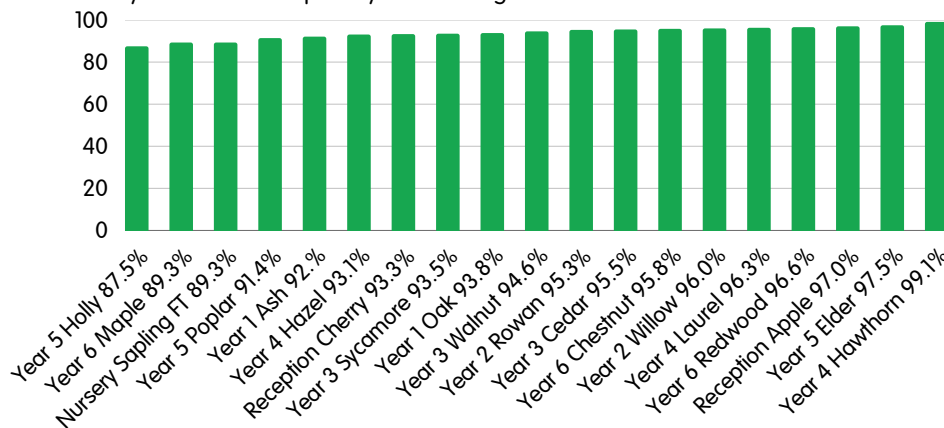
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 94.2%.

Well done to Year 4 Hawthorn, 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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