



### Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term break enjoying the glorious weather! We have many events and activities planned for the coming half term including celebration assemblies, sports day, Hispanic day, the federation music festival and the Summer Fayre. We will keep you up to date with news and events through our fortnightly school newsletter, but please also do take a look at key dates on the main school gates and our school website which is regularly updated.

This term, we are proud to celebrate our Values Award winners for Honesty and Ambition. These awards recognise children who consistently demonstrate our school values in their daily learning and interactions with others. Each class nominates two children who have shown these qualities over time and staff from across the school vote to select winners from both Lower School and Upper School. Award recipients receive a small trophy to take home in recognition of their achievement. Their success is also celebrated with a photograph displayed in our trophy cabinet, inspiring others to follow our school values every day.

We were delighted to see all the fantastic holiday homework projects that children completed over the half term break coming in the gate this week. From creative posters and models to thoughtful writing and research, it's clear that a lot of effort and enthusiasm went into their work. The projects have been proudly shared in class, and all children who completed the homework will receive a certificate. Thank you to all the families for supporting the children in completing their projects, they help reinforce learning in a fun and engaging way. Well done all!

Last of all, a few reminders about warm weather as we move into the second half of the summer term. It is really important that children are taught to keep safe in the sun. Please help us by ensuring that your child brings a bottle of water and sun hat with them to school. Please also ensure that they have sun cream on before they come to school, but they can also bring a bottle of sun cream to keep in their bag and reapply if needed when in school. Thank you for your help with this.

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.



#### Hot Weather

As the days are getting hotter, please ensure sun cream is applied so children are protected during break and lunch times.



### Little Red Hen

This week in EYFS, the children were inspired by the story of the Little Red Hen. The children helped to make the banana bread, weighing and measuring the ingredients. They were especially excited to taste the finished loaf and thoroughly enjoyed their delicious homemade treat.



### Gardening Workshop

This week children in Year 2 took part in a gardening workshop where they learned all about herbs. They smelled, tasted and touched different herbs. At the end, they planted their own herbs and they can't wait to watch them grow!



### Kayaking

Year 6 enjoyed their first kayaking session where they learned how to use their paddles effectively. The children took part in a range of challenges and it was a fun and engaging session that helped build their confidence on the water!





## JRSOs

At this week's meeting, Junior Road Safety Officers had the opportunity to participate in road safety demonstrations that will be featured in Orchard's upcoming road safety music video. This is an exciting project that will promote safer travel within the school community.



## Cycling Rideout

This week, children in KS2 cycled to the Boundary Estate near Arnold Circus which is one of the first social housing estates in the world! The rideouts are part of their after school cycling training, promoting cycling for fitness and adventure!



## Key Dates

**Year 3 Sycamore Class Assembly**  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 10:15am

**Class Photographs**  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

**Year 3 Walnut Class Assembly**  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 10:15am

**Hispanic Day (children can wear red and yellow)**  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

**Year 3 Cedar Class Assembly**  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 10:15am

**Keeping Healthy Week**  
wb Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

**Sports Day**  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

**Hackney Year 6 Transition Day**  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Year 3 End of Year Celebration Assembly**  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 2:30pm

**Summer Fayre**  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 3:30pm

**Year 4 End of Year Celebration Assembly**  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 2:30pm

**Year 2 End of Year Celebration Assembly**  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2:30pm

## 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 12 <sup>th</sup> June	<u>Art</u> : What skills does my child learn in Art throughout primary school? (Children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<u>Family Coach</u> : How can I support my child's emotional regulation?
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<u>Transitions</u> : How can I prepare my child for transition to a new class?
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<u>Transitions</u> : How can I prepare my child for transition to Year 1? (Reception parents)

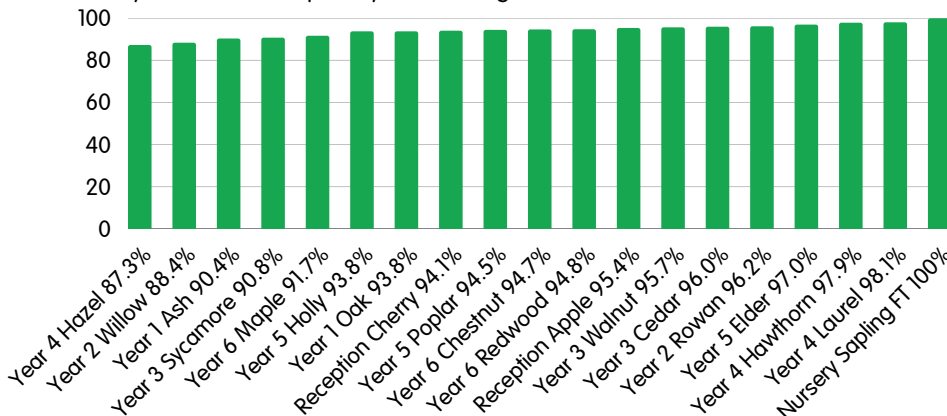
## Attendance

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

Well done to Nursery FT Sapling, last week's winners with 100% 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 second half of the summer term ends on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 1:00pm. 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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