



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week's exceptionally hot weather created challenging conditions, particularly in our older school buildings. Our staff worked hard throughout the week to keep children as comfortable as possible by adapting routines and activities. We were also pleased to offer a flexible option of early collection to support families. Thank you for the many kind words and messages shared, which meant a great deal to our staff!

With the warm weather continuing, we would like to remind families of a few simple ways to help keep children safe in the sun. Please ensure that your child brings a bottle of water and a sun hat to school each day. We also ask that sun cream is applied before children come to school. If you would like your child to reapply it during the day, they are welcome to bring a clearly labelled bottle of sun cream to keep in their bag.

Across our Federation, we are committed to continually improving the education and experiences we provide for our children. One way we do this is by working towards awards and quality marks, which enable us to benchmark our provision against the highest standards. We are delighted that Southwold Primary has recently achieved the Primary Science Quality Mark, while Hoxton Garden gained the PE Quality Mark. We are also incredibly proud that Orchard's Junior Road Safety Officers were recognised by Hackney, winning both Team of the Year and Project of the Year. These achievements reflect the dedication and hard work of our pupils and staff.

Our final Parents' Evening of the year is next Thursday, 9th July and the school day will end for all children at 1:00pm to allow this to happen. Please make sure that you have booked an appointment on our online system or by calling the school office. At this meeting you can collect your child's summer term report with targets and look at their class work. Please make sure that you talk through the report with your child, celebrating where they have done well and encouraging them with their next steps ready for their move into a new year group next year.

There are now two weeks left of the Summer Term. During this time children will be following their usual timetables and routines at school including starting to work in new school books so that they are ready for the September start. We will also be celebrating their achievements over the year and we welcome parents to join the year group achievement assemblies. You will have received an invitation for this, but the dates are also on the back of this newsletter.

Thank you, as ever, for all of your support.

Ms Felicity Headen - Headteacher **Rachael Carr - Interim Executive 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.



Everyday Superheroes

EYFS had a visit from an everyday superhero, a firefighter. The children enjoyed learning about the important role firefighters play in helping people and keeping our communities safe. They had lots of fun asking questions and discovering what equipment they use!



Healthy Eating

This week in DT, Year 2 have been learning how to make a healthy packed lunch. They had the opportunity to cut fruits and vegetables, make a sandwich and a healthy yoghurt to create a balanced and nutritious meal.



Bake Off Challenge

Year 6 had a fantastic time taking part in a Bake Off challenge. Their creations were judged in true Bake Off style by Mr Siddique and Miss Clarke, who had the very difficult job of choosing the winners. Everyone showed great creativity, and the cakes looked amazing!



JRSOs

We are incredibly proud of our JRSOs, who were the overall winners among all the schools in Hackney! Their dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to promoting road safety across our school and the wider community were recognised with well-deserved medals for their hard work and leadership.



Viridis Velo Race Day

Orchard children took part in a race day at the VeloPark. They won two gold medals, four bronze medals on the day and finished second in the league overall. We are very proud of the determination and sportsmanship that they have shown!



Key Dates

Year 4 End of Year Celebration Assembly

Monday 6th July at 2:30pm

Year 2 End of Year Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 7th July at 2:30pm

Federation Festival of Music

Wednesday 8th July

Parents Evening

Thursday 9th July - School closes at 1:00pm

Parent Reading Celebration Assembly (EYFS/KS1)

Friday 10th July at 9:15am

Year 1 End of Year Celebration Assembly

Friday 10th July at 2:30pm

Year 5 End of Year Celebration Assembly

Monday 13th July at 2:30pm

Year 6 'The Greatest Showman' Performance

Tuesday 14th July at 9:15am / 2:00pm

Children meet their class teacher for September

Wednesday 15th July at 2:00pm

Year 6 Disco

Thursday 16th July from 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Year 6 End of Year Celebration Assembly

Friday 17th July at 9:15am

School finishes for the summer holiday

Friday 17th July at 1:00pm

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 9 th July	<u>Transitions</u> : How can I prepare my child for transition to Year 1? (Reception parents)

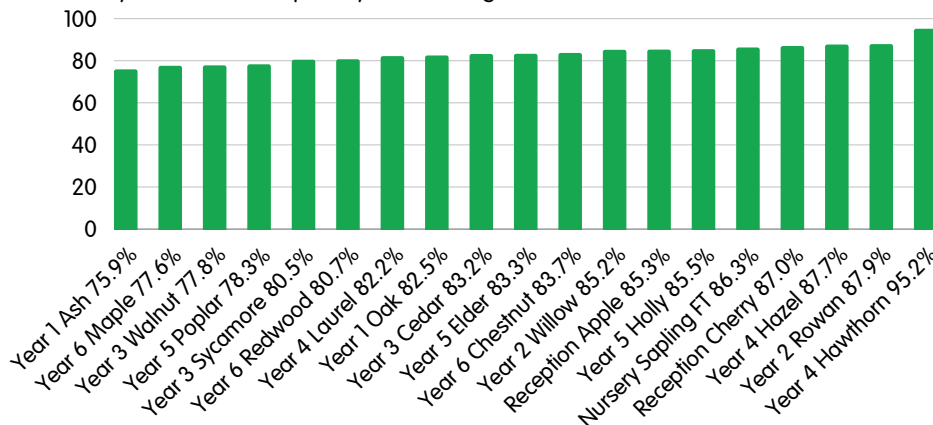
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 80.2%.

Well done to Year 4 Hawthorn, last week's winners with 95.2% 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 17th July at 1:00pm.

Please scan the QR code to view our 2025 -2026 term dates.




School Uniform

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