



Term 3 Week 5 Friday 10th May 2024

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Welcome as always to our weekly bulletin. I do hope you enjoyed a lovely bank holiday weekend. Isn't it nice that we have had some lovely weather this week too? A slightly shorter newsletter for a lighter shorter week.

<u>SATS week:</u> Suddenly we are well into May and next week of course is a very important week for all Year 6 pupils across the country, including our very own special folk in Willow class, as they sit their National Curriculum Tests or SATs (Standard Attainment Tests). I'm really proud of the current attitude and efforts of our Year 6 pupils. I am also pleased with way Mrs Jevens, Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Short have supported the pupils too.

<u>Personal best</u>: as ever our expectations on the children will be on simply 'trying your very best'! I am sure all of our Year 6 will be doing that. We never want to put too much pressure on the children but want them to take them seriously and to give the best account of themselves as possible. As always, we have tried to balance our approach to the build up to these compulsory tests so the children are 'ready' for the tests, but ensuring we have maintained a broad and balanced curriculum throughout the time period. It is always important to note that we see children as far more than just a 'score' in a test. These tests are important, but do not define the children. I am proud of the children and the fabulous young people they are.

Good luck next week Year 6! Have a restful and peaceful weekend!

Next week we are offering a SATs breakfast club for year 6 pupils - Year 6 parents please see separate email sent today for more details.

Well-being Champions Assembly: This week in assembly our year 6 well being champions led an assembly for the whole school on the importance of sleep.



Next week:

• Next week we have a an exciting 'Drumba' workshop in school on Friday. Drumba is an active physical lesson combining drumming with Zumba type movements. Sounds super!

Important reminders:

- <u>Sunny weather</u> means we all need to ensure we are doing our part re safety. So please ensure water bottles are provided each and every day, sun hats /caps are obviously allowed, and we advise on particular sunny days sun cream being applied at home before school. Thanks for your support with this sun safety.
- <u>Uniformed named:</u> Please can everyone ensure that their children's jumpers and cardigans have names on . We cannot guarantee to get them back to you if they are not named!
- <u>Housekeeping</u>: please can all parents support us in keeping children, especially younger siblings, off the flower beds, plants and trees at drop off and pick up times. Thanks
- <u>Road safety</u>: on two occasions this week two separate parents and one member of staff have spoken to me about children on bikes in local area (both on way to and from school and out of school times) being unsafe. This potentially and probably is accidental rather than purposeful but either way is still dangerous. I will be speaking to pupils in school in an assembly about bikes and road safety but I strongly encourage you to have conversations at home about this too. Let's all work together to keep everyone safe!

<u>Calendar Dates:</u> As always please refer to below for the important dates for the term ahead. A reminder re some new dates added last week:

- New Date for Year 5 and Year 6 summer show: Due to the various transition dates for our Year 6 children, we are having to move our summer production early in the term than we usually do. Our new date is Wednesday 26th June.
- Monday 20th May 2024, 2.45pm Early Reading and Phonics meeting with Mrs Burton for parents of Reception and Year 1

In addition, this week I would like to share another new date. We will be holding our <u>'new</u> <u>starters' parents information evening on Wednesday 19th June 2024 at 5.00pm.</u> This is for the parents of any of our new reception intake (for September 2024) to come and find out more. We welcome families new to school and also families who have a new addition joining us! More to follow.

Thanks as always for your support of our school.

Regards and best wishes Jon Watson Head teacher Developing lively, inquiring and creative minds

Term 3/ Summer Term April 2024:

- Monday 13th May
- Friday 17th May
- Monday 20th May 2024,
- Monday 20thMay
- Friday 24th May
- 2.45pm Early Reading and Phonics meeting with Mrs Burton for parents of Reception and Year 1

Drumba workshops

National Curriculum KS1 test week/SATs

National Curriculum KS2 test week/SATs

Last day of half term

Half term beginning on Saturday 25th May 2023- school closed

Monday 3rd June Children return to school • • Monday 3rd June Friends Summer breakfast • Monday 10th June KS1 Phonics Screening week • Tuesday 11th June Year 6 London Trip – Houses of Parliament • Monday 17th June Year 4 Times Table Checking week • Wednesday 19th June New starters parents information meeting, 5.00pm • Friday 21st June Making Music Day • Friday 21st June TBC Sports day - Reception and KS1 morning and KS2 afternoon – times to be confirmed • Sunday 23rd June Friends Summer Fayre 1.00-3.30pm • Wednesday 26th June Silver Birch (Y5) and Willow (Y6) Performance TBC Performance for parents 5.30pm – 6.30pm TBC • Friday 28th June **TBC** Reserve Sports day • Friday 12th July Move up Morning 1 – internal transition day **TBC** Year 6 Leaver's Fest Reports home to parents • Monday 15th July Move up Morning 2 - internal transition day • Friday 19th July Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am – 11am (approx.) • Friday 19th July Last of school term/year

Saturday 20th July School closed for the Summer break

Monday 22nd July
Disaggregated Inset Day – School closed for pupils

September 2024

•	Monday 2 nd September	Staff Training day
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A Reminder we need your plastic bottle tops for our participation in the excellent <u>'SchoolCycled'</u> project.

A reminder that this is an ongoing project and we will be collecting bottle tops constantly each and every week **We would love you to**

SchoolCycled

all keep collecting any bottle tops (milk, soft drinks, cordial, shampoo, toothpaste etc) and bring them into school. The more we collect the more goodies school received and the better it is for the environment! Please also ask friends, family members and or neighbours to support us with this! The more the better!



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We all play at: Hensall CC Bird Lane DN14 0RP

Session dates:

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17th May - 5th July

Session timings:

17:15 -18:00

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