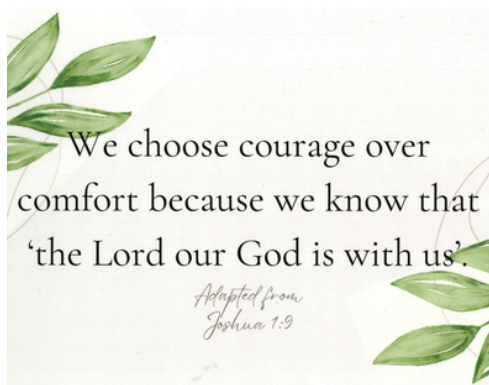


NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

As we head into the final week of term, there is a real sense of excitement around school. It is always a special time of year as we celebrate achievements, reflect on the many memories we have made together, and prepare for the next stage of our journeys.

We have a busy and enjoyable week ahead, beginning on Monday with our eagerly anticipated Year 5 and 6 End of Year Performance. Our pupils have been working incredibly hard to learn their lines and songs, and we are very much looking forward to sharing their talents with you. These productions are always a highlight of the school year and a wonderful opportunity for our children to shine.

On Tuesday, we are also looking forward to our Family Picnic, which promises to be a lovely occasion for families, staff and pupils to come together and celebrate another successful year. Community events such as these are a reminder of the strong partnerships that make our school such a special place.

Our Transition Day on Thursday will give children the opportunity to spend more time with their new teachers ahead of September. Whilst there may be a few nerves for some, it is always exciting to begin thinking about the opportunities and adventures that lie ahead in a new year group.

Of course, the week will conclude with our final day of term, giving everyone the chance to celebrate a year filled with learning, progress and achievement. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for their continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement and partnership play a vital role in helping our children succeed.

A particularly emotional moment will be our Year 6 Leavers' Service on Wednesday. This is always a poignant occasion as we say goodbye to pupils who have been such an important part of our school community. We are immensely proud of all they have achieved during their time with us and we know they are ready for the exciting challenges that secondary school will bring. While it is difficult to say goodbye, we look forward to celebrating their successes and wishing them every happiness for the future.

As we approach the end of another fantastic year, I would like to thank our dedicated staff, governors and families for all they do to support our school. Most importantly, I would like to congratulate our wonderful children for their hard work, resilience and enthusiasm throughout the year. They continue to make us proud every day.

We look forward to sharing these special events with you during what promises to be a memorable final week.

With warmest wishes,

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Sarah Pearson

Headteacher

School Dates for the Diary

20.07.26 - Y6 Performance (2:00 and 5:00)

21.07.26 - Whole School Picnic (pm)

22.07.26 - Y6 Leavers Service at Church

23.07.26 - Whole School Transition Day

24.07.26 - **LAST DAY OF TERM**

03.09.2026 - Children's First Day back

ES starters the following week - see individual correspondence.

21.09.26 - Welcome meetings 4:00 and 5:00



Forgiveness

Faults, flaws, and mistakes are an unavoidable part of human life. Though Jesus preached the importance of repentance, even in moments of great personal torture, he prayed for forgiveness for his tormentors. Therefore, in our family, we seek to:

- hold ourselves and others accountable for our/their actions;
- have a robust approach to dealing with situations when things go wrong;
- repent when we fall short of our own and others' expectations; and
- forgive others for their indiscretions.

"If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him."

YR - Mrs Dubowski

This week we have continued to consolidate our knowledge in Maths and Phonics. In English, we have planned as a class and begun creating our own new characters for our own version of The Runaway Chapatti. We also had a go at designing our own villain for the story. In outdoor learning we consolidate our knowledge about healthy eating and food groups. We had a hunt for food in the forest and put them into groups of unhealthy and healthy. We discussed why we thought foods were put into certain categories. The class found this very funny as it took them several clues to find a banana up a tree! Foundation proved what a brilliant class they are on their transition day. They all had a fantastic day and showed Miss Owen how kind, smart and wonderful they are at embracing our school values. They are all looking forward to next week's transition day.

Year 1 - Miss Owen

What another wonderful week in Year 1! The children have continued to amaze me with their enthusiasm and hard work. In Maths, they have made fantastic progress learning all about money, and we are now beginning our new topic on time. It has been lovely to see their confidence growing each day. In English, the children have started planning their persuasive leaflets. They have come up with some brilliant, imaginative ideas, and we are so excited to see their creativity come to life in their final pieces. The children have also been exploring their creative side during provision. Outside, some have been busy designing and building cars using a variety of resources, showing excellent teamwork and problem-solving skills. Meanwhile, many others have embraced the excitement of the World Cup by creating colourful flags and posters. They also enjoyed making their own fans to help keep cool during the heatwave, taking pride in their creative designs. On Tuesday, the children enjoyed their transition day, where they had the opportunity to explore their new classroom, meet their new teacher, and experience their new learning environment. They returned full of smiles and excitement, with so many positive things to share about their day. It was wonderful to hear how happy and confident they felt, and we are so proud of how well they embraced this exciting step towards Year 2.

Y2 - Mrs Turvey

Year 2 have had a wonderful week and have continued to work incredibly hard. In English, the children have completed their Greek myths and should be very proud of the imaginative stories they have written, using descriptive language and ideas inspired by the myths we have explored. In Maths, we have been learning about position and direction, while in PE the children have enjoyed developing their cricket skills, showing excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout.

In DT, we have begun creating our moving vehicles and the children have loved designing and constructing their models. We are looking forward to finishing these next week, as well as enjoying the Year 6 performance and our whole-school picnic – a wonderful way to celebrate the end of another successful year together.

Y3 - Miss Bower

What a wonderful week we've had in Year 3! The children have continued to work incredibly hard and have shown great enthusiasm in all their learning. In English, we have been focusing on letter writing, learning how to organise our ideas and include all the important features of a well-written letter. The children enjoyed writing for a real purpose and took great pride in their work. In Maths, we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes, identifying their properties and using mathematical vocabulary to describe them with confidence. In Computing, the children have been collecting and presenting information using graphs. They have enjoyed interpreting data and discussing what the different graphs tell us. We also had a fantastic Transition Day, where the children spent time with their new teacher and visited their new classroom. It was lovely to see how excited, confident and mature they were as they embraced this important step. We are so proud of the positive attitude they showed and know they are looking forward to all the exciting opportunities that Year 4 will bring!



Reception enjoying creating their own characters



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Year 1 enjoying their outdoor area

Y4 - Miss Buckley

This week, the children have enjoyed a range of engaging learning experiences across the curriculum. In Maths, they explored symmetry by designing their own symmetrical logos, applying their understanding of lines of symmetry with great creativity. In English, they completed informative biographies about Carl Linnaeus, using their research to organise information clearly and write in a formal style. In Geography, the children put their map-reading skills to the test by successfully following a planned route to Sutton Lawn, where they also enjoyed games and a run together. In Computing, the children developed their understanding of databases by joining and refining data, learning how information can be organised and improved for accuracy. During P4C, they explored the concept of identity through Zoom by Istvan Banyai, leading to thoughtful discussions about perspective and self-awareness. In PE, the children continued to develop their cricket skills through a variety of mini-games, demonstrating excellent teamwork, communication and sportsmanship throughout.

Y5 - Mrs Marshall

Year 5 have had a fabulous week again! In maths, we have continued to explore decimals and addition and subtraction. They have done really well to apply their knowledge from prior learning to help them here. In English, they have started to explore their next unit of reports by exploring a good example and identifying features from it. In Geography, the class have completed and evaluated their local walk to the cenotaph. They generate some great responses linked to this and the pros and cons of the route we travelled. When we arrived at the memorial, the children were all very respectful and we are very proud of them! In RE, the class have been exploring inspirational people and have been thinking about what makes them a role model. Next week, in English, we will be exploring our report writing by writing our final independent write of the year! We will be looking at the life cycle of a fish in science and we are excited to finally support Y6 in performing their end of school play too!

Stepping Stones

The children in Stepping Stones have been working incredibly hard on their writing this week. They have been planning the exciting problem in a new story about Pickles the dog, who saved the World Cup, and have begun writing this section independently. The children have been using a range of writing features to make their stories more engaging, including expanded noun phrases and varied sentence starters. We are very proud of the creativity and effort they have shown so far!

In Science, we have been exploring different types of rocks through hands-on identification activities. The children have enjoyed observing, comparing and discussing the properties of various rocks, developing their scientific enquiry skills and curiosity about the world around them. Well done, everyone, for a fantastic week of learning!

Y6 - Mrs Woodward

Year 6 have had a busy and creative week, putting the finishing touches on their DT upcycling projects by transforming a piece of clothing using sewing, tie-dye, fabric paint or by cleverly combining two fabrics into a brand-new design. In History, they analysed primary and secondary sources to deepen their understanding of the fall of the Berlin Wall, showing real maturity in the way they interpreted evidence. Their RSE lesson focused on the changes that occur during puberty, with pupils engaging thoughtfully and respectfully. Many children have also spent time on secondary transition days, experiencing their new schools and growing in confidence about the move ahead. And of course, there has been lots and lots of play practice — they are now almost performance-ready and excited to share their hard work with parents next week.



Year 4 enjoying their walk to Sutton Lawn



Year 4 following their carefully planned route



Cooling off on another hot day

OPAL



Highlights

What a wonderful week we have had in OPAL! The warm weather has meant that children have been able to make the most of our outdoor spaces, enjoying the freedom to explore the different play zones across the school grounds. With the full site open throughout playtimes, children have embraced a wide range of opportunities, from imaginative role play and den building to creative construction and active games with friends.

One of the highlights this week has been the increased opportunities for water play. Children have thoroughly enjoyed experimenting, transporting water, creating channels and working collaboratively on their own water-based challenges. It has been fantastic to see so much creativity, teamwork and problem-solving taking place through play.

In our OPAL assembly this week, we focused on the important value of respect. Together, we discussed how respect helps everyone enjoy play safely and happily. We thought carefully about respecting our equipment by looking after resources and returning them to the correct places, as well as showing respect for each other through kindness, cooperation and inclusive play.

We also revisited the risk assessments that the children helped to create earlier in the year. This was a valuable opportunity to reflect on our play environment and consider whether any changes or additions were needed. The children thoughtfully evaluated different areas of the grounds, discussed potential risks and suggested ways to keep play both exciting and safe.



Welly Award

Year 4

Resources needed:

- Resources
- Dinosaurs
- Pushchairs
- Plants
- Seeds
- Scooters
- Balance bikes
- Dolls house
- Small world play

Reminders – as the weather turns warmer, please ensure children have a sun hat and sun cream applied before the start of the school day.