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**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Year Six SATs:**

To our incredible Year 6 pupils, congratulations on completing your SATs! Over the past weeks, you have shown determination, resilience, and a wonderfully positive attitude that has made us all immensely proud. You approached every challenge with focus and maturity, supporting one another along the way and demonstrating just how far you have come. SATs are only one small part of your journey, but the confidence, perseverance, and hard work you have shown throughout truly deserve to be celebrated. Well done, Year 6, now it's time to enjoy a well-earned rest this weekend before the rest of the summer term ahead, where we will consolidate learning to ensure you are ready for your secondary transition, whilst preparing for the exciting residential visit and celebratory events. Thanks to all the staff who have prepared you for your SATs in Y6, Mr Yates and Mrs Rana alongside the wonderful support staff, but also the teachers that have supported you at reaching milestones throughout your school journey. It is a team effort, to be well prepared. 😊



### **Y5 Maths this week:**

Y5 maths lessons this week were filled with practical and real life Maths activities to support their understanding. We started estimating and finding out the price of different products, before 'playing shop'. The children did a fantastic job of finding of the total cost of more than one product and finding change, using decimal knowledge. They utilised their skills by visiting the local shop and compared prices with a larger supermarket. The children worked out which meals cost more to cook and considered weekly food budgets and how much more it would cost if we were cooking for more people.



Following this, they also explored a takeaway menu and discovered that one takeaway portion is the same price as cooking a healthy meal from scratch for four people. They were plentiful exploring of different options using different methods to deepen their understanding of maths.

Finally the children reviewed prior knowledge and assessments using some of the Spring NFER papers and discovered they could now correctly answer some decimal questions. This built lots of confidence in this topic area!

Amazing maths learning Year 5. Well done 😊

### **Y5 Residential in Y6 – June 2027...**

The Y6 Residential for the end of Y6 in 2027 is booked! We have had to book this to secure dates, as the opportunity goes so quickly with Diamond Adventures...

We are trying to finalise a few details and then we will be in touch to secure a parent/carer information evening, present the details of the visit with you and beginning the process of securing non-refundable deposits and setting payment plans to help you plan for this opportunity financially. Watch this space for more details coming very, very soon!

### **Attendance:**

As we approach upcoming half term break and bank holiday weekends, we kindly remind everyone of the importance of maintaining honesty and consistency with attendance. If time away from school is needed beyond scheduled holidays, a Leave of Absence form must be completed in advance. Forms are available for collection in the office and should be submitted as early as possible to ensure proper documentation and planning.

We would always rather children feel comfortable speaking openly and honestly about any holiday experiences, rather than feeling they need to hide or cover up the reasons for time away from school. Asking children to do so can place them in a difficult and uncomfortable position, and we appreciate families working with us in a spirit of openness and trust. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain accurate attendance records and a positive environment for all.

### **School Uniform**

School uniform plays an important role in fostering a sense of belonging, pride and equality within our school community. When all pupils wear the same uniform, it helps create an environment where everyone feels included and focused on learning, rather than on differences in fashion or appearance. We are beginning to see an increase in non-uniform items, particularly trainers, being worn to school. We ask all parents and carers to support the school by ensuring that children arrive each day in the correct uniform and appropriate footwear. Your support helps us maintain high standards and reinforces the shared values that underpin our positive school culture.

### **Reading with your children:**

Reading with your child is important at every stage of primary school, from preschool through to Year 6. As children grow, the benefits change and develop with them.

For preschool children, reading together helps build early language, listening, and communication skills. They learn new words, begin to recognise sounds and patterns in language, and develop their imagination. Sharing books also helps children learn how stories work and encourages a love of reading from an early age.

As children move through Reception and Key Stage 1, regular reading supports phonics, fluency, and confidence. Children become more independent readers when they practise hearing and reading stories regularly. Talking about books also helps them understand meaning, make predictions, and ask questions.

For Key Stage 2 children, including Years 3–6, reading together is still extremely valuable. Even confident readers benefit from hearing richer vocabulary, more complex stories, and deeper discussions about characters, themes, and ideas. Reading with older children improves comprehension, critical thinking, and empathy, while also supporting writing across the curriculum.

Most importantly, reading together creates positive shared experiences and helps children see reading as enjoyable, not just something linked to schoolwork. Just a few minutes of reading each day can have a lasting impact on a child's confidence, learning, and wellbeing.

This coming week we have a range of authors coming into school for 'Stories in School Day' – we hope the enthusiasm for reading really shines through and engages many with that love of reading. Look out in next week's newsletter for updates of the visits to school.

### **Ordering School Meals**

Please ensure school meals are booked for your child at the start of the week. It is important that this is completed online, via Parentpay before the week begins. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)**

Please see some of the key features of OPAL play this week.

# OPAL News

### **This Week in OPAL...**

The play in the Digging Area is becoming increasingly creative with homes being created for dinosaurs and children of all different ages interacting with each other, sharing the resources and being super role models.

We are loving the responsibility that children are taking to keep the stones in the right place!



The best parts of playtimes are often the chances to play with our current friends and make new ones. Playing face to face means that we can develop all kinds of important ways to communicate.



### **Golden Welly Award**

Due to SATS we had no Golden Welly winner this week. Who will be our next winner – showing the qualities of a true play champion?



### **Personal achievements:**



#### **Personal achievement:**

Well done to Alfie Power who has recently achieved his 25m swimming award.

Swimming is such an important skills to develop and have, especially living in a coastal town on an island.

Well done Alfie, keep up the hard work 😊

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Please remember to keep sending in achievements via Class Dojo.

### **Important: Vaping**

Vaping is a personal choice, however it is not permitted on a Primary school site. This week we have been made aware of an adult vaping on school grounds. Please ensure that all vapes are put away whilst on the school site please and are not used whilst dropping off or collecting your child from school. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### **MHST Transition Support**

The MHST offer transition support for any child experiencing anxiety regarding transition to secondary school. They provide additional sessions through the summer to support your child with secondary school transition, making visits to new schools when they are quieter, to help acclimatise to the new environment. If your child would like this support, please send a message to Mrs Jones, who will be happy to assist with this support.

### **Love Matters: Family Support**

Please see details of two different support sessions below run by love matters. Please also see posters at the end of the newsletter.

**FULLY FUNDED 1 to 2 and 1 to 1 Relationship Support** sessions for couples/individuals who want to improve their relationships with their partner or co parent. These sessions are underpinned by research and grounded in the evidence-based Gottman approach. These sessions are **educational in nature rather than couples counselling**, focusing on building knowledge, insight, and practical skills that can be applied in everyday family life.

For couples, 1:2 sessions support the development of stronger friendship, constructive conflict regulation, and stronger emotional connection—particularly during key transitions such as becoming parents. For individuals, 1:1 sessions provide a space to reflect on relationship patterns, increase emotional awareness, and strengthen confidence in navigating relationship and parenting challenges.

While not therapy, the sessions are underpinned by decades of research, and outcomes from this approach consistently demonstrate **significant benefits** for relationship satisfaction, stability, and overall family wellbeing.

Bookings for 1 to 2 and 1 to 1 Relationship Support can be made

here: <https://calendar.app.google/biKfoH3kTRWc7zvW8>

Love Matters will run **3 Online Courses over the year for parents in the perinatal phase, called *Bringing Baby Home***

There is an upcoming fully funded 5-week online course, ***Bringing Baby Home***, which will be facilitated online on Tuesday 9th June at 8pm. This course is based on the internationally recognised Gottman approach and is specifically designed to support couples as they navigate early parenthood/ the transition to parenthood. (Flyer attached)

It's informal, no expectation to talk if participants don't want to, it's just a really important protected opportunity for couples to focus on **EACH OTHER** amidst the demands of pregnancy, birth preparation and early parenthood.

***Bringing Baby Home*** is designed to proactively support parents during this pivotal stage, helping them build a strong, secure foundation for their growing family.

Throughout the programme, participants will:

- o Develop skills to strengthen communication and manage conflict constructively
- o Increase emotional connection and understanding between partners
- o Learn how to support one another through the transition to parenthood
- o Gain insight into infant development and how their relationship impacts their baby's wellbeing
- o Build a nurturing and emotionally responsive family environment

Bookings for Bringing Baby Home course can be made here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bringing-baby-home-a-course-for-couples-in-early-parenthood-tickets-1985920069387?aff=oddtcreator>

**Dates coming up:**

Date	Event	Year Group	Details / Special Arrangements
<b>Week 6</b>			
Mon 18.5.26	PTA Event	All children and families welcome to attend	Proposed PTA Bingo event – please see full poster below.
Tues 19.5.26	Educational Visit	Preschool	Aspire visit
Wed 20.5.26	Workshop session	Young Carers	Young Carers workshop and activity session in school
Wed 20.5.26	Reading Workshops	Varying classes	Stories in School Day – workshops in classes across school during the day.
Thur 21.5.26	Sailing	Y5	Sailing session 5/10
Fri 22.5.26	Swimming	Y3 & KS2 GH	Swimming session 6/10
Fri 22.5.26	End of half term	Everyone	Last day of half term – have a lovely May half term break.
<b>HALF TERM BREAK – Mon 25.5.26 – Fri 29.5.26</b>			
<b>Week 1</b>			
Maths Multiplication Screening Check Week – National test for all Y4 children			

Mon 1.6.26	Start of half term	Everyone	Welcome back to school for the start of the final half term of the year.
Tues 2.6.26	MHST Workshop	Y3 and Y4	Building Resilience Workshop led by the MHST for LKS2 children
Thurs 4.6.26	MHST Workshop	Y5 and Y6	Building Resilience Workshop led by the MHST for UKS2 children
Thurs 4.6.26	Workshop	Y5 and Y6	Bible Explorers Session
Fri 5.6.26	Sailing	Y5A	5A class begin their sailing session this week. Please ensure you bring a swimming kit to school and wear your PE kit each Friday. Session 1/5
<b>Week 2</b>			
All week	Phonics Screening Check	Y1 (and Y2 retakes)	All Y1 children will undertake the National Y1 phonic screening check as well as any children in Y2 who need to retake this year
Thur 11.6.26	Workshop	Y5 and Y6	Bible Explorers Session
Fri 12.6.26	PTA Event	All children	Sponsored penalty shoot-out and or sponsored skip. Children choose which they would like to take part in and collect sponsorship money. This event will take place during the school day.
Fri 12.6.26	Sailing	Y5A	5A class sailing - Session 2/5
<b>Week 3</b>			
Y2 SATs Week and NFER tests for Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5			
Thur 18.6.26	Educational Visit	Y6	Visit to Network Ryde
Thur 18.6.26	Clinic	All children and families	School Nurse Clinic at school. To book a session with the school nurse team, please contact Mrs Jones who will be happy to help you and confirm an appointment time.
Fri 19.6.26	Sailing	Y5A	5A class sailing - Session 3/5
<b>Week 4</b>			
Mon 22.6.26	Inset Day	All children, all classes	School Closed today for staff OPAL training
Tues 23.6.26	Workshop	Y6	White-tailed Eagles workshop
Wed 24.6.26	Class Photos	All classes	Class photographs of each class across the school
Thur 25.6.26	Workshop	Y5 and Y6	Bible Explorers Session
Fri 26.6.26	Sailing	Y5A	5A class sailing - Session 4/5
<b>Week 5</b>			
Mon 29.6.26	Bikeability Day 1	Y6	Bikeability session for Y6 pupils – more info to follow
Mon 29.6.26	SEND Visit	Y6	SEND visit to Lift Ryde for transition visit
Tue 30.6.26	Bikeability Day 2	Y6	Bikeability session for Y6 pupils – more info to follow
Wed 1.7.26	Y6 Residential	Y6	Day 1 of Federation residential to London
Thur 2.7.26	Y6 Residential	Y6	Day 2 of Federation residential to London
Fri 3.7.26	Y6 Residential	Y6	Day 3 of Federation residential to London
Fri 3.7.26	Sailing	Y5A	5A class sailing - Session 5/5

**Inset Days for the remainder of this year:**

- Inset Day 3 - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026
- Inset Day 4 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026
- Inset Day 5 – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**More dates will follow soon... please keep checking the list regularly for any additions. Thank you 😊**

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Finding fresh lunchbox ideas every day can be tough, especially on busy mornings.

Veg Power's Love Your Lunchbox resources are here to make things easier with simple, affordable inspiration that help your children to enjoy a wider variety of foods complete with a Shaun the Sheep Lunch Box planner for you to download and use too.



Everyone at Veg Power are parents and we all know the lunch box battle so, on our website, you'll find practical and helpful ideas including:

-  Quick tips
-  Easy fruit and veg-boosting ideas
-  Short videos from registered nutritionist **Catherine Lippe RNutr.** on what makes for a great lunchbox and covering the all-important question of "How do you get kids to eat what you pack?"
-  Ways to get your children involved in choosing and preparing their lunch



As it says on the website, aim for balance and not perfection - you don't have to do it all at once as small changes can make big differences.

Scan the QR code or follow the link to the website to explore new ideas and help to make packing those lunch boxes every morning a little bit easier and fun for you and your child.

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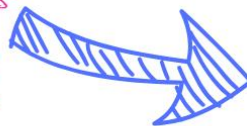
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