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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the final term of the school year (is it me or has it come around a lot quicker than normal?)

Over the past few weeks, we have been reflecting upon our school vision and have made the decision to tweak the wording slightly so that it is more 'child-focused'.

You will already know that our school vision is based upon Jesus' words: *"I am the vine, you are the branches. If you abide in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."* (John 15:5) which speaks of how we live and grow together as a Christian community. Our revised vision is:

We provide opportunities for everyone to flourish and grow within the love of God. Guided by the teachings of Jesus, we cultivate creativity, excellence, and resilience, inspiring pupils and staff to develop their unique gifts and become the best versions of themselves. We aim to equip our diverse community to make a positive difference in the world.

Our core values of Service, Forgiveness, Trust, Generosity and Compassion were chosen to underpin this vision for our school.

In our collective worship this morning, I spoke to the children about this bible passage and what 'bearing fruit' means; we want our children to make a difference—we want them to have a positive impact on themselves, on the people around them and the wider world.

As such, we have redesigned our Star of the Week certificates to better reflect our Christian vision and these were presented for the first time today to many 'ohs' (children are easily impressed!)



I would like to end this week's newsletter with a huge thank you to the Nailbourne Scouts who came into school on Wednesday afternoon to build storage crates for OPAL.

This will help keep our playground tidier and more organised (and my head from imploding with all the mess!)

Best wishes

James Tibbles



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Upcoming Events

We've reached the end of the first week of the summer term and there are a lot of events coming up which we are in the midst of planning and Year 6 are in full swing into rehearsals for Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Make sure that you check the dates at the end of this newsletter so that you don't miss any of these events.

For our Year 6 parents: the **Red Cast** will be performing on **Tuesday 15th July** and the **Green Cast** will be performing on **Wednesday 16th July**. Tickets will be available from Friday 27th June.

Parent Survey

Each year, we ask parents to complete a short survey about their experiences of the school and we use these responses to shape our school development plan next year as well as recognise success from the past year. I would invite all parents to complete the linked survey and feedback on what they feel has worked well this year and any suggestions of how we could improve things for the children.

Link: <https://forms.gle/1tEeVBHnNrjnnvuz6>

Sports Reports

Girls Dynamos

On Tuesday the 3rd of June 9 girls from Yr 5 and 6 competed in a cricket tournament at Highland Court. There were 4 teams in total, our first game was against Blean 1. It was a tough match but unfortunately the score was 78-57, Blean won. Our second match was against CPS, we went into the match with plenty of encouragement from Mrs Langston.



The final result was 77-53, Bridge won. Our final match was against Blean 2, we entered the game with lots of confidence and enthusiasm. We ended the game with a great score of 94-14 runs. We would like to say thank you to Mrs Langston and Mr Taylor for taking us!

Written by Immy & Sophie

Tennis Tournament

On Thursday 5th June a group of children went to Polo farm for a tennis tournament. First, we got into groups and we warmed up by rallying. When we were ready we were told who we were playing against in the game. The game was two sets of partners rallying to one another. The aim was to keep the ball in for as long as possible. We played lots of games, got lots of good scores and really enjoyed ourselves. We would like to thank Mrs Moon, Mrs Langston, Mrs Brooks and Mr Taylor for taking us!

Written by Elara, Lily & Ada

Coming Up

Wear Yellow Day – Friday 13th June

Next Friday is Wear Yellow for Cystic Fibrosis Day (apologies as I thought it was the 20th!) and we will be inviting the children and staff to come to school wearing something yellow in return for a small donation which will be collected on the playground by our responsible and helpful Year 6 pupils.

Of course, the purpose of the day is not just about raising money, but also awareness of the condition. Mrs Pinnington-Auld, who many of you will know has a daughter at the school with Cystic Fibrosis, will be speaking to the children on Friday about the condition and her family's experiences.



Class Photos – Wednesday 18th June

In just over a week's time, the children will be having their class photos taken. Please make sure your child comes to school in full school uniform (as they should do every day!) . We want everyone looking their absolute best, and having everyone in proper uniform really does make a difference to how the photos turn out.

OPAL Afternoon for Parents – Wednesday 25th June

You will have heard a lot about OPAL from your children over the past few weeks and we would like to invite parents to come in and see it in action!

The afternoon session will start at 2pm with a brief presentation in the school hall about the principles of OPAL and how it looks in practice. After this, parents will get to see OPAL in action as the children will have an additional playtime in which parents will also observe.

Children will go back to their classes at 3pm and parents will congregate on the playground as they normally do to collect their children at the end of the school day.

KS1 and KS2 Sports Afternoons – Monday 23rd June & Thursday 26th June

We are busy making the arrangements for our annual sports afternoons on Monday 23rd June (KS1) and Thursday 26th June (KS2).

Parents are, of course, invited to watch these and the PTA will be selling drinks and refreshments as well as providing ice lollies to all (child) participants.

Gates open between 1.15pm and 1.30pm (KS1) and 12.45pm and 1pm (KS2). Please note that the gates are not manned and so you will not be able to access the school field outside of these times. If anyone needs to leave, you can do so through the one-way gate that leads to the car park but you can't get back in!

Also for safeguarding reasons, there will be no access to toilets for adults – we can't have adults wondering the school.

Celebration

Star Pupils

In line with our Christian vision, every Friday we celebrate children who have made a positive difference either to themselves, their community or the wider world.




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| <p>☆ Ada B-G (Elm) for fantastic independent writing that gave SO much information about bears. <i>Mr Redpath</i></p> <p>☆ Teddy A (Ash) for persevering with his handwriting and being a total superstar every day. <i>Miss Ellison</i></p> <p>☆ Zachary C (Rowan) for showing a great understanding when finding a quarter of a quantity. <i>Miss Andrews</i></p> <p>☆ Lenni B (Willow) for being a compassionate and helpful member of Willow Class. <i>Mrs Cork and Mrs M Smith</i></p> <p>☆ Alex W (Pine) for having a great attitude to learning and always having lovely manners. <i>Mrs Tomsett & Mrs Perfect</i></p> <p>☆ Barnaby G (Oak) for always showing compassion to his friends and coping extremely well with only one arm! <i>Miss J Smith</i></p> <p>☆ Alex L (Beech) for being a hard working member of the class and always having great pride in his work. <i>Mrs Dennett</i></p> | <p>☆ Livia M (Chestnut) for her fantastic efforts in Maths during our money unit! <i>Mrs Amelia Barnaby C (Hazel)</i> for a great improvement in his reading reflected in his most recent AR scores. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i></p> <p>☆ Amna F (Birch) for a well-composed newspaper report on STOMP that included all of the writing lenses used accurately. Well done. <i>Mr Perfect</i></p> <p>☆ Aidan A (Holly) for his excellent effort when classifying and estimating angles in Maths this week. <i>Mr Ablett</i></p> <p>☆ Elisabeth H (Maple) for bringing smiles and fun into Maple classroom and sharing your amazing piano skills with us. <i>Miss Allison</i></p> <p>☆ Callum B-J (Sycamore) for planning and writing a terrific opening to a horror narrative. <i>Mr Wren</i></p> <p>☆ Alp A (Poplar) for persevering well in our maths project and designing fantastic packaging for a product! <i>Mrs Saint & Mrs Allen</i></p> |
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Each week, we select six random children to come and enjoy a hot chocolate. This week's lucky six had the pleasure of having hot chocolate with me this afternoon are:

Olive (Rowan)	Keziah (Willow)	Jake (Elm)
Millie (Willow)	Chris (Hazel)	Rupert (Poplar)

Upcoming Dates

Monday 9th June	Science Week Yr 6 Bikeability (all week)	Year 4 MTC Check Week
Tuesday 10th June		Mixed Dynamos Cricket
Wednesday 11th June		Simon Langton Girls Art Project – Year 2
Thursday 12th June	Science Jamboree	Simon Langton Girls Art Project – Year 2
Friday 13th June	Wear Yellow Day 	Year 2 Forest School Trip to Covet Woods

Monday 16th June	Y6 Bikeability KS1 Potted Sports Morning
Tuesday 17th June	KS2 Athletics Competition
Wednesday 18th June	Class Photos
Thursday 19th June	KS2 Potted Sports Morning
Friday 20th June	Choir performing at Canterbury Cathedral

Monday 23 rd June	Year 5 Mosque Trip	KS1 Sports Afternoon	
Tuesday 24 th June	Creative Folkestone Art Trip		
Wednesday 25 th June	Year 5 Mosque Trip	Year 1/2 Multiskills Competition at Petham	OPAL Afternoon for Parents
Thursday 26 th June		KS2 Sports Afternoon	
Friday 27 th June			

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

Term 6 (Summer)	
Wear Yellow for Cystic Fibrosis (charity fundraiser)	Friday 13 th June
Sports Afternoon (Year R to 2)	Monday 23 rd June
OPAL Parent Session	Wednesday 25 th June (2pm to 3pm)
Sports Afternoon (Year 3 to 6)	Thursday 26 th June
Moving Up Day	Thursday 3 rd July
Bridge Village Fete	Saturday 12 th July, 12pm to 4pm
Year 6 Production (Red Cast)	Tuesday 15 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
Year 6 Production (Green Cast)	Wednesday 16 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
End-of-Year Church Services	Tuesday 15 th July (morning)
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	Tuesday 22 nd July, 2pm