



## NEWSLETTER NO.9 SUMMER TERM – 28 JUN 2024

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### DIARY DATES

<b>SUMMER TERM</b>		
<b>WEEK 10</b>		
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Whole School Celebration of the Word	09:00
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Circus Day for Foundation Stage and KS1	09:00-15:30
	Year 5 & Year 6 Trip to Wakehurst Place	09:00-15:30
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y3 Swimming @ Mayfield	08:45-10:15
	Boys Football Tournament at Sacred Heart	
	Year 5 & Year 6 Play – We Will Meet Again	19:00-20:30
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 & Year 6 Play – We Will Meet Again	19:00-20:30
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Awards Assembly	09:00
	Parent & Toddler Session & Teddy Bear's Picnic	09:00-10:15
	Foundation Stage Lolly Sale	10:30-11:00
<b>WEEK 11</b>		
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Celebration of the Word	09:00
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving Up Day	11:00-12:15
	PTA AGM	18:00
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Mass	14:00-14:30
	Year 6 Leavers Cricket Match and Tea	14:30-15:30
	Summer Term Reports Sent Out	
	Nursery End of Term	
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Prizegiving @ Mayfield Chapel	11:00-12:00
	End of Term	12:00
<b>SCHOOL RETURNS WEDNESDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024</b>		

## PARENT NOTICES

### SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL** - [Open Events - Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School \(twggs.kent.sch.uk\)](https://www.twggs.kent.sch.uk)

**TONBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL** - [Tonbridge Grammar School - Join us in Year 7 \(tgs.kent.sch.uk\)](https://www.tgs.kent.sch.uk)

**MAYFIELD SCHOOL** - [Open Mornings - All Girls Boarding & Day School | Mayfield \(mayfieldgirls.org\)](https://www.mayfieldgirls.org)

**BETHANY SCHOOL** - [Open Mornings & Private Tours | Bethany School, Kent](https://www.bethanyschool.co.uk)

**UPLANDS ACADEMY** – [Open Events | Uplands Academy \(uplands-academy.org\)](https://www.uplands-academy.org)

**SKINNERS SCHOOL** – [Skimmers' School - \(skimmers-school.co.uk\)](https://www.skimmers-school.co.uk)

**JUDD SCHOOL TONBRIDGE** – [The Judd School - Open Events & School Visits](https://www.juddschool.co.uk)

**CRANBROOK GRAMMAR SCHOOL** - [Cranbrook School | Open Events for Prospective Parents](https://www.cranbrook-school.co.uk)

**WEALD OF KENT GRAMMAR SCHOOL** - [Open Events - Weald of Kent Grammar School](https://www.wealdofkentgrammar.org)

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS** - [Open Events - Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys \(twgsb.org.uk\)](https://www.twgsb.org.uk)

## YEAR 2

In Science, children in Year 2 have been learning about how sound is made. Through first-hand practical investigations (involving a lot of noise!), the children discovered how vibrations cause sound and that sound travels better through a solid than through the air.



In English, the children have written some beautiful poems about birds. Here are some of them:

*My white graceful angel wings glide me through the air.  
My long and elegant neck guides my way.  
My outstretched fingers are as soft as clouds.  
I'm a ballerina dancing on glistening water. (I'm a Swan by Kamila)*

*My long white elephant trunk gracefully guides me above the clear water.  
My Father Christmas dark black boots ski me through the water.  
My bumble bee head leads me home.  
I'm a graceful water angel. (I'm a Swan by Lorenzo)*



*On a hot summer's day  
Under the still blue sky  
The kingfisher comes  
Searching for food  
Diving, swooping and soaring  
Over the shimmering, sparkling river. (by Ellen)*

*On a hot golden day  
Under a blue summer promising sky  
The robin comes  
Looking for worms  
Flapping and diving  
Over the fresh beautiful blossom shade. (By Imogen)*



In Art, we have had great fun using shaving foam and food dye to make marbled paper to turn into feathers for a collaborative peacock. Each child then went on to draw and colour their own beautiful peacock using oil pastels.



# YEAR 3

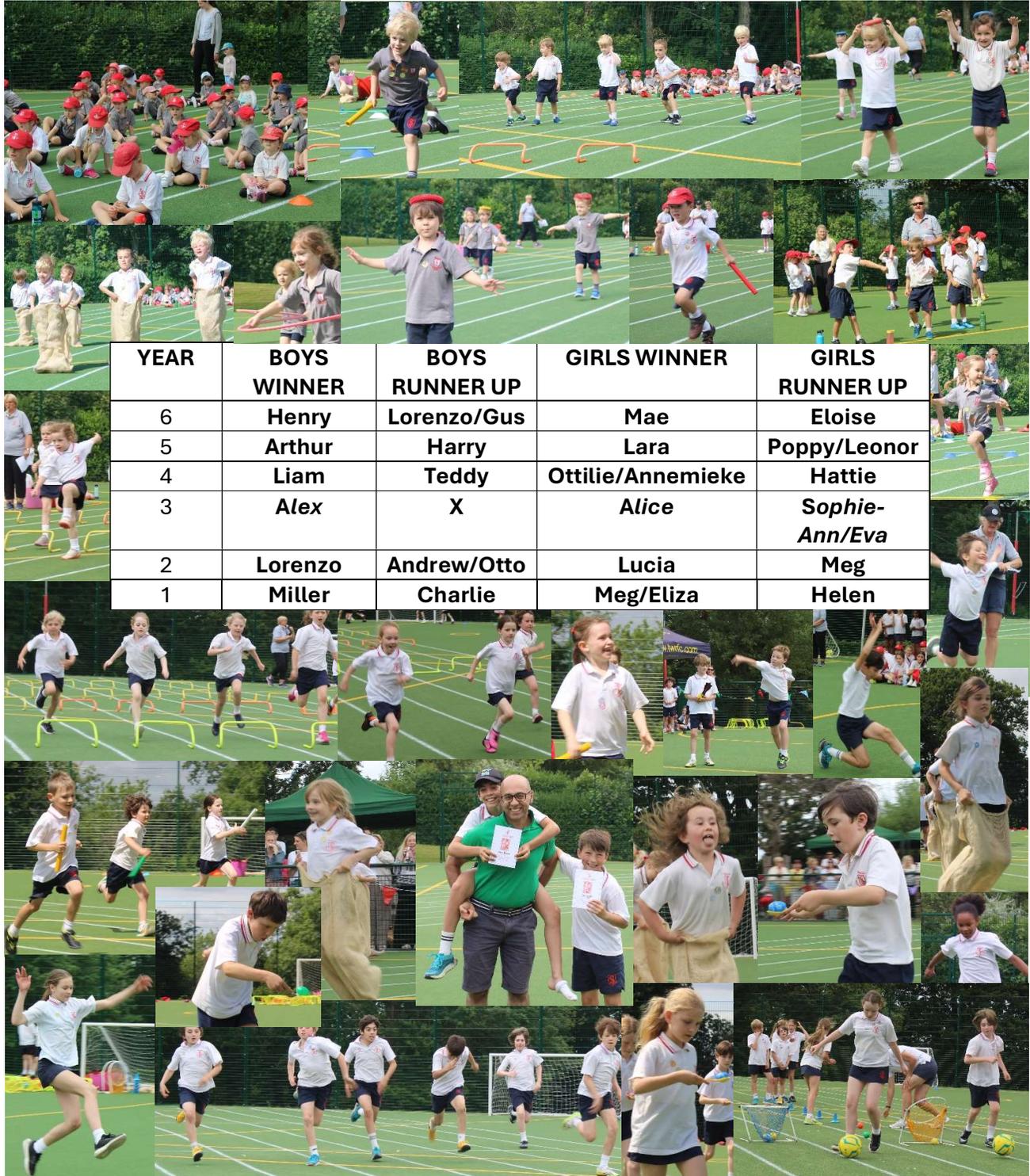
This half-term, children in Year 3 have been enjoying some Forest School sessions. These have been focused on imaginative play and team building, alongside outside cooking. As a teamwork exercise, the children, divided into two teams, were tasked with building a shelter using the available materials. It was fascinating watching how they initially approached the challenge and how their approaches evolved as they found their shelters were not spacious enough for the whole team! The challenge of making the shelter waterproof proved slightly too tricky and the teams got a thorough soaking at the end! The children are looking forward to their final session in the last week of team when Mrs Cobb will have more exciting activities planned. Thank you, Mrs Cobb!



# SPORTS DAY 2024

Everyone in the school community enjoyed a fabulous day of sports and fun in the sunshine for Sports Day across all ages. From the youngest two-year-olds to our oldest children in Year 6, everyone took part in running, jumping, throwing and lots more!

Thank you to staff and parents who helped on the day and especially to Mrs Overy for all the organising that went into the smooth running and success of the day.



YEAR	BOYS WINNER	BOYS RUNNER UP	GIRLS WINNER	GIRLS RUNNER UP
6	Henry	Lorenzo/Gus	Mae	Eloise
5	Arthur	Harry	Lara	Poppy/Leonor
4	Liam	Teddy	Ottilie/Annemieke	Hattie
3	Alex	X	Alice	Sophie-Ann/Eva
2	Lorenzo	Andrew/Otto	Lucia	Meg
1	Miller	Charlie	Meg/Eliza	Helen

# THE GOOD SHEPHERD

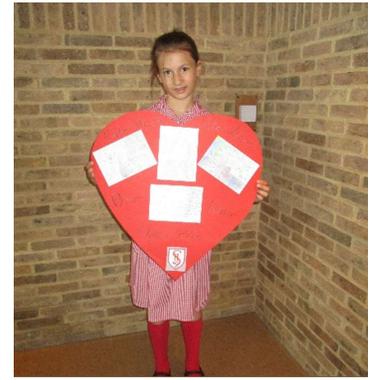


On Thursday this week, the GIFT team accompanied Mrs Collyer, Miss Irwin and Mrs Gabriel to Worth Abbey for the annual Good Shepherd Celebration. All 77 Catholic schools in our diocese came together to join Bishop Richard in a celebration of readings, prayers, dancing and wonderful singing. The theme this year was celebrating the Our Father in all the languages that are part of our diocesan school communities, of which the bishop said there were 76! Our Year 6s did such an amazing job of producing a beautiful piece of art that represented the Our Father in Latin, Spanish, French and Italian and we presented this artwork to the bishop. It was also the first time we were able to proudly

present our beautiful new school banner!

Our school was also honoured to be asked to present a check for £5,766.18 on behalf of all the schools to Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission that gives hope to the poorest children around the world.

Mrs Collyer, Miss Irwin and I were extremely proud of the children in the GIFT team: they were fantastic ambassadors for our school!



# OTHER NEWS



Mrs Collyer accompanied a group of Year 6 children to an equestrian event at Mayfield School. Unfortunately, Amber was unable to take part in the competitive riding due to an injury, but the other children enjoyed meeting some of the horses and they took part in a fun hobby horse race alongside other schools. It was great fun!