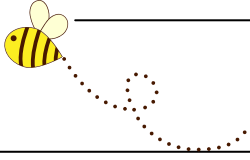




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A message from Mrs Thomas

There have been so many things happening over the last couple of weeks! Half of Year 5 enjoyed a lovely sunny day at Selborne last Friday learning all about rivers. The children represented the school brilliantly - we are really proud of them! The other half of Year 5 will be having their visit today - fingers crossed the weather holds out for them.

Year 3 went to Ufton Court on Wednesday. They had a fabulous day and thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the Romans. Again, they were extremely well-behaved and the staff reported that they were a pleasure to be with. Well done Year 3!

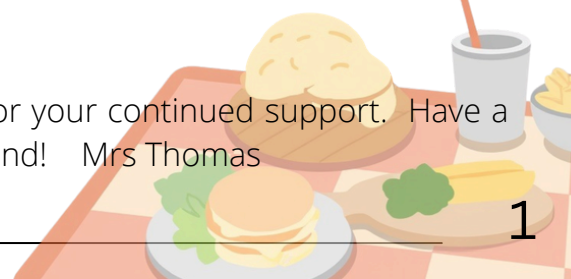
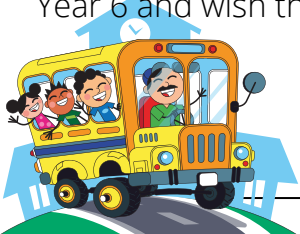
This week, Year 4 had a visit from the School Library Service. They learnt all about different types of books and how to choose books in the library. The librarian showed them lots of exciting new titles that they are now keen to get their hands on.

Year 6 have been extremely busy preparing for their SATs tests next week. They have focused really well and have been taking on board all of the advice. We will start each morning with our SATs breakfast - this is the main highlight of the week and really helps the children to be settled and calm for the start of the day. We are proud of Year 6 and wish them all the best next week.

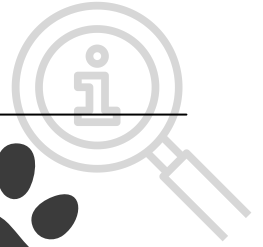
We have had a lot of positive comments about our OPAL play programme. The children are loving having lots of space to play in and recent additions to play provision have included netball hoops, the upper woodland play trail and loose parts on the lower playground. The loose parts have included crates and guttering. There has been some impressive construction going on here, seeing how many pieces of guttering they can put together to make a ball run the furthest they can. It is so lovely to see the children playing across the school site and we have had a big reduction in accidents which is great to see! Just a reminder that, if the weather is not good, the children will still be outside playing. Please please keep an eye on the weather forecast and ensure your child has a coat if rain is due. In wet weather, the field and woodland areas will only be available to children if they have wellies.

As per our last mailing, our Sports Day will be taking place on Friday 12th June 2026. We have changed the format for this year as we want to have a community feel to the day. Year 3&4 will have their events in the morning. Parents are invited to a picnic lunch with the children at lunchtime which will be followed by Y5&6 events in the afternoon. Towards the end of the day, we will then all get together for relay races and results. It promises to be a great day!

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Thomas



Whole School Information



Best of Luck to Year 6 with their SATS

Good luck to Year 6 next week who are sitting their SATS, you'll do brilliantly!

Coffee Morning Reminder

A reminder than Mrs Turner's coffee morning is Friday 15th May 2026 - 9-10am in the school hall. The focus at this meeting will be at transitions and moving on/up.



Class Photos

Class and Leavers Photos will be taken by Fraser Photography on Tuesday 2nd June 2026. More info to follow.



Goodbye Willow



As you may remember from our last newsletter, Willow is retiring. She spent her last day in school this week and it was lovely for her to see the children. We hope she enjoys her well deserved rest!



Sports Day Info

As mentioned above, by Mrs Thomas, Sports Day will have a more community feel this year. Please look out for the letter with further details.






Achievements



House Points

The current total for the year is: 367,794 . Fantastic!

| House | Points totals for this term |
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| Farah | 13,068  |
| Gershwin | 12,960 |
| Newton | 12,024 |
| Rowling | 11,857 |

Stars of the Week/Growth Mindset



Congratulations to the following children who were awarded "Star of The Week"/"Growth Mind Set" Award over the last two weeks: we are proud of you!

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| Class 1: Sam, Freya Olivia Z, Alfie M | Class 2: Keanu, Soraya Kiyana, Esme | Class 3: Beatrix, Henry Aidan, Sienna DW |
| Class 4: Knight, Ava Samuele, Evan | Class 5: Marshall, Ethan Thomas, Olivia P | Class 6: Rupert, Roxanne Clarisse, Lily |
| Class 7: Izzy, Leo Aria, Louie | Class 8: Ella, Thomas Lillie-Mae, Marnie | Class 9: Leo, Jake |
| Class 10: Aaliyah, Ashy Leah, Arlo | Class 11: Vibhav, Lucas Cody, Clara | Class 12: Nell, Ernie Himani, Ella |



Year Group Updates

Year 3

We went on our trip to Ufton Court on Wednesday – what a lovely day it was! The children had a fantastic time immersing themselves into the life of a Roman Soldier or Celt (and representing the school beautifully)!

Here's what else we've been up to in Year 3:

In English, we have now finished our Mr Wuffles topic, and the children have blown us away with their creativity. They explored a range of alternative endings, from shrinking Mr Wuffles (the cat!) to shooting water at him with a water gun. It has been wonderful to see the children showing increased independence in their writing, confidently developing their own ideas and experimenting with language.

We are now moving onto a recount of Ufton Court.

We have officially started our two science investigations on plants, focusing on how they grow in different circumstances. The children worked collaboratively to plan fair tests and decided what they needed to observe and record. We have been checking on the plants each week and tracking any changes, building both our scientific knowledge and our teamwork skills.

In maths, we have been strengthening our number facts knowledge, revisiting number bonds to 10 and linking these to related facts within 100 and 1000. The children are becoming more confident and fluent, and we are excited to apply these skills through estimation activities. From next week, we will be moving on to multiplication and division, focusing on the 3s, 4s and 8s. If you have a spare moment on the journey to school or at home, practising these times tables would be a great help!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support! 😊

Year 4

The children are really enjoying our new topic all about Ancient Egypt and have been finding out all about Egypt and writing their own tourist guides in English.

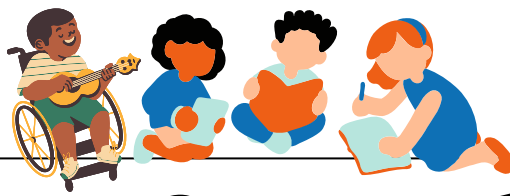
In DT We have been designing our own Ancient Egyptian artefacts using CAD (Computer Aided Design).

In maths we have been consolidating our times tables and division skills and applying this to practical problems. The children are getting more confident in applying their tables knowledge to larger numbers by using their knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100.

In science we have been learning about different food groups and how the digestive system work – and conducted a fun experiment to show this!

A reminder that inside PE will continue on a Monday and outdoor PE on a Wednesday. Please ensure the children have appropriate PE clothing, especially for outside, and a water bottle as the weather warms up.

Home learning will be continuing with the children using TTRockstars, in preparation for the upcoming times tables assessment. We have noticed that some children have not been using 'Soundcheck' on TTRS when directed to do so for homework and it is important that they do this as it will give them practice for the upcoming test. A short reading task on Purple Mash should also be completed each week, which the children are now familiar with. Please see class teachers if you need a reminder of the password or have any issues accessing it. Please also remind children to bring their library books with them to change during library sessions - class 4 on a Thursday and classes 5 and 6 on a Friday.



Year Group Updates

Year 5

It has been a great couple of weeks in Year 5.

The children have just finished their Silver Swan writing, which they were very proud of.

In maths they have been using the grid method and column method to help multiply.

In geography the children have learnt all about Selborne and Gilbert White.

They were brilliant on the trips and hopefully brought our river teaching to life.

In PE the children have been sprinting and throwing to help sort Sports day groups.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards
Year 5 team



Year 6

It has been another busy few weeks in Year 6.

The children have been busy writing a viewpoint narrative based on one of the people from the film clip 'The Unsung Hero'. Within their pieces of writing, they have been attempting to use 'show not tell sentences' to capture the emotions of the various characters. Based on the same film clip, we are currently working on writing a very formal thank you letter from the young girl to the king gentleman.

Within science, we have continued to focus on the human circulatory system and have been practising how to find our own pulse and then investigating how exercise affects pulse rates and drawing conclusions from this.

Using a compass to follow directions and using four figure and six figure grid references to locate places on maps, have been the main aims of our recent Geography lessons.

Over the past few weeks, the children have all been working really hard with in their reading, maths and grammar revision sessions and are now as fully prepared as possible for their SATs tests, next week.

The children need to be in school promptly next week so that the testing arrangements can run as smoothly as possible.

If your child is signed up for the SATs breakfast, then make sure they arrive at 8.30am – thank you.

Student Achievements



Ember from class 3 and her football team, The Basingstoke Colt Lionesses took part in their first ever football tournament last Saturday and secured a trophy as the winning team.

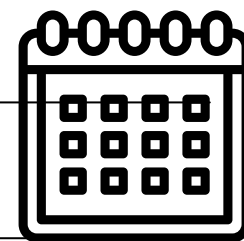
Ember even scored her first goal to help the team through to the final. Well done Ember & team!



Congratulations to Alijah from Class 11 who achieved his silver Scouts Award and met the Mayor of Basingstoke. Well done Alijah!

We love to hear about what children are getting up to outside school so that we can celebrate their achievements.
If you would like to share any achievement news with us, just email in to the office and we can celebrate in our newsletters.

Dates for your Diary



Please find below a list of upcoming dates for your diary:

- 11th-14th May 2026 - Year 6 SATS WEEK
- Monday 11th May 2026 - No Rock2thebeat TODAY – PPA day
- Friday 15th May 2026 - Mrs Turner's Coffee Morning 9-10am
- 18th to 21st May 2026 - Walk to School Week
- Friday 22nd May 2026 - INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
- 25th May to 29th May - HALF TERM – school closed to pupils
- Tuesday 2nd June 2026 - Class & Leavers Photo Day
- Friday 5th June 2026 - Whole School Outcome Event – 2.30pm
- Friday 12th June 2026 - Sports Day with picnic lunch – more details to follow
- Friday 25th & 26th June 2026 - Year 6 Basingstoke Schools Secondary Transition Days – more info to arrive from your secondary school
- Thursday 2nd July 2026 - Year 5 day at Brighton Hill Community School
- Friday 3rd July 2026 - Year 4 Camp
- Monday 6th July 2026 - INSET DAY – school is closed to pupils
- Thursday 9th July 2026 - Year 3 – Listen2Me Concert PM – more info to follow
- Friday 10th July 2026 - Move-Up Morning (including for new Y3 children)
- Monday 13th July 2026 - Move-Up Morning (including for new Y3 children)
- Monday 13th July 2026 - Year 6 – Listen2Me Concert PM – more info to follow
- Tuesday 14th July 2026 - Year 5 - Listen2Me Concert PM – more info to follow
- Tuesday 14th July 2026 - Year 6 Oscars Party
- Wednesday 15th July 2026 - Year 4 - Listen2Me Concert PM – more info to follow
- Monday 20th July 2026 - Rock2theBeat Concert for parents whose children attend
- Monday 20th July 2026 - Year 6 Picnic
- Tuesday 21st July 2026 - Year 6 Performance – Evening at BHCS – more info to follow
- Wednesday 22nd July 2026 - LAST DAY OF TERM – EARLY COLLECTION 2.30PM – Forms to follow