

Friday 8th May 2026

Head Teacher Message

As we head into the final days before the Year 6 SATs, we just want to say how proud we are of the children. They've all been working incredibly hard and showing real determination – it's been great to see their confidence grow. Over the next week, we'll be focusing on keeping things calm and positive so they feel ready to do their best.

Thank you for all your support at home – it really helps.

We're all looking forward to Outdoor Learning Week in the last week of this half term – always a favourite! The children will have lots of opportunities to get outside, try new activities and learn in different ways. Please make sure all permissions have been completed on Arbor (in the notices section) so everyone can join in.



Football Finals



Our boys' team delivered an outstanding performance this week, finishing second overall after a hard-fought group stage. Their determination and teamwork saw them progress all the way to the final, where they narrowly lost to South Norwood in a closely contested match.

The girls' team also achieved an impressive second-place finish. Following a strong and spirited run through the group stages, they reached the final and held their opponents to a 0-0 draw. They were unfortunately beaten on penalties but they did so well!

Both teams showed exceptional commitment, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the competition, representing the school with pride.

Around the school in pictures!



Attendance

This week's attendance figures:

Class	%	Class	%
Tower	91	Golden Gate	92
Westminster	90	Lions Gate	93
Severn	91	Manhattan	94
Clifton	95	Ikuchi	93
Jubilee	92	Anji	94
Tyne	95	Auckland	93
Amb	93	Sea Cliff	93

Whole School Attendance: 93%



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Upcoming Dates

- Mon 11th – Thurs 14th May** - Year 6 SATs, Including SATs Breakfast w/c **Mon 18th May** – Outdoor Learning Week (Consent Deadline 12th May)*
 - Mon 18th May** – Nursery Trip to Godstone Farm*
 - Tues 19th May** – Year 4 Trip to Bluebell Railway*
 - Mon 25th May – Fri 29th May** – Half Term
 - Mon 1st June** - INSET Day – Pupils Not in School
 - Tues 2nd June** – Pupils Back to School
- *Please see your email for more information



Healthy Packed Lunches

We understand that preparing packed lunches each day can be a challenge, especially during busy mornings. However, a balanced lunch plays an important role in supporting children's energy, focus, and wellbeing throughout the afternoon. Lunches that are high in sugar or highly processed foods (such as sweets, chocolate bars, or sugary drinks) can lead to a quick burst of energy followed by a drop, making it harder for children to concentrate and feel settled in the afternoon.

Why is a healthy packed lunch important?

A nutritious lunch helps children to:

- 📦 Maintain energy levels throughout the school day
- 🧠 Stay focused and engaged in lessons
- 👶 Support healthy growth and development
- 😊 Regulate mood and behaviour



What should a balanced packed lunch include?

A healthy packed lunch should aim to include:

- 📦 A carbohydrate (e.g. bread, wraps, pasta, rice)
- 👉 A source of protein (e.g. chicken, tuna, eggs, cheese, beans)
- 🍎 Fruit and vegetables
- 🥛 A dairy item or alternative (e.g. yogurt, cheese)

🚫 Nut-Free Reminder

We are a nut-free school. Please do not include any nut products in packed lunches, including peanut butter, chocolate spreads containing nuts, or snack bars with nuts.

Packed lunch ideas:

- ☑ Sandwiches, wraps, or pasta salads
- ☑ Cheese and crackers with cucumber or cherry tomatoes
- ☑ Yogurt or fromage frais
- ☑ Fresh fruit
- ☑ Vegetable sticks
- ☑ A small snack such as a flapjack (nut-free)
- ☑ Water or milk instead of sugary drinks

Providing a balanced packed lunch helps children stay energised, focused, and ready to learn throughout the afternoon.





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Star of the week

Our stars this week are:

Maverick	Charlotte
Athena	Lottie
Ciara	Minnie
Mandy	Isla
Arthur	George
Ava	Davyd

CONGRATULATIONS & WELL DONE!

