

Friday 15th May 2026

Head Teacher Message

A huge well done to all our year 6 children for completing their SATs this week! We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you—not just for your hard work and determination during the tests, but for the fantastic attitudes you’ve shown throughout your time at school. You approached this week with resilience, maturity, and a real sense of team spirit. SATs are just one part of your journey, and they don’t define who you are or all the wonderful things you’ve achieved so far.

Now it’s time to look ahead to the fun, final weeks of Year 6, filled with exciting activities, trips, and memories to make.



Music- English National Opera

Year 4 participated in an exciting music project run by the English National Opera called 'Finish This...Red, Blue, Yellow'. They were given a task to finish a composition using a colour as their inspiration. They chose the instruments and performed together. The recordings were sent to be assessed.

Both classes had fantastic feedback. Manhattan - "I loved the floaty ethereal quality you created using the twangy guitar and your angelic voices. This contrasted so nicely with the playful percussion. Your piece was very 'relaaxing' - thank you for this brilliant composition!" and Lions Gate "Ooh the beginning was so suspenseful - I loved the slow, steady build-up and chorus of wild voices! You were very clever with how you used texture and speed to build tension in your piece. Congratulations composers, fantastic work."

Around the school in pictures!



Attendance

This week's attendance figures:

Class	%	Class	%
Tower	93	Golden Gate	95
Westminster	92	Lions Gate	93
Severn	91	Manhattan	93
Clifton	98	Ikuchi	93
Jubilee	91	Anji	90
Tyne	91	Auckland	96
Amb	91	Sea Cliff	95

Whole School Attendance: 93%

Just a quick reminder that next week is Outdoor Learning Week! Please send children in with suitable outdoor clothing, waterproofs and appropriate footwear every day.

We're looking forward to lots of outdoor fun and learning in hopefully dry, warm sunny weather!

Upcoming Dates

- w/c Mon 18th May – Outdoor Learning Week (Consent Deadline Has Passed)*
- 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
- Thurs 4th June – Yr 3 Stone Age Dress Up*
- Tues 9th June – Yr 4 River Walk Trip*
- Weds 10th June – Yr 3 Trip to Ashdown Forest*

*Please see your email for more information



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Star of the week

Our stars this week are:

Elanur	Oliver
Florence	Cassidy
Ezri	Freddie
Maisie	Elizabeth
Charlotte	Kifira
All of year 6!	

CONGRATULATIONS & WELL DONE!



Free School Meals Explained!

All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal (often referred to as UFSM).

But did you know?

If you are in receipt of certain benefits (listed below) you may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). The difference is that if you are entitled to FSM there are other means of support that you can tap into. Once you are in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals our school will receive additional funding (Pupil Premium) to help and support you through your child's education, including half price school trips and workshops.

Is my child eligible?

Available to children whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

How do I apply?

You can find out more and apply for Free School Meals using this link <https://fsm.lgfl.net/info-parent>

