



The 4 Bees Newsletter

'Life in all its Fullness': Believing ~ Being Our Best ~ Being Creative ~ Belonging



Year 6 Living Life in all its Fullness!

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What an incredible time **Year 6 had at their residential visit to Caythorpe Court!** During their time there the children showed amazing resilience, courage and determination, all the while keeping their wonderful senses of humour! They threw themselves into every activity on offer, from rock climbing and raft building to the giant swing and laser tag archery, which proved to be a particular favourite! The children challenged themselves, supported one another and made memories that will last a lifetime. Teachers were also delighted to report that they even managed to get some sleep on the second and third nights - always a bonus on residential trips! We are so proud of our fantastic Year 6s and all they achieved. We can't quite believe that next week is your last full week with us – we are going to miss you all very much.







Puffin Class at the Gibberd Garden

Puffin Class had a truly magical day at the Gibberd Garden last week! The children loved exploring the beautiful grounds, running amongst the amazing plants and sculptures, discovering the little river, swinging on the giant swing, and climbing to the top of the mini castle. They were so enthusiastic about every part of the trip and represented our school beautifully! The children had a fantastic time and created some very special memories together. A big thank you to Jess Kendall for joining us!





Essex Air Ambulance visit our school !

Very well done again to Ivy who ran a sweet and bracelet stall to raise funds for Essex Air Ambulance after her bravery in helping her Nan. The Essex Air Ambulance team came in to tell the children all about the work they do and at the end Ivy presented them with her £120 which she earned through her fund-raising. Very well done Ivy, we are very proud of you, and thank you everyone for your support with this valuable cause.

Wagtails' Teddy Bear Picnic

Wagtail Class thoroughly enjoyed welcoming parents and carers to their Teddy Bears' Picnic this week. Despite the very hot weather, everyone enjoyed sharing lunch together on the field while the children proudly showed off all the exciting opportunities and play experiences that OPAL has to offer. It was a lovely afternoon enjoyed by all!



Quidditch Day enjoyed by all!

Our Quidditch Day was enjoyed by everyone and brought plenty of excitement, teamwork and house spirit to the school. The children showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the day, encouraging and supporting one another while taking part in the activities. Some children (chief snitch for example!) celebrated their efforts with certificates at the end of the event. A special congratulations goes to Gryffindor, who were crowned the overall winners – well done, Gryffindor!



Sports Events - Summer Term

Our Key Stage 2 pupils have been very busy representing the school at a range of sporting events recently. Last week, **Year 6 put in a fantastic performance at their rounders tournament**, showing great teamwork, determination and skill throughout. Meanwhile, pupils from **Years 3 and 4 took part in a cricket event** where they played brilliantly and were a credit to the school, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, enthusiasm and respect for others. We are incredibly proud of all the children for the way they represented our school both on and off the field.

Sports Day Reminders!

- Please remember your children need to be in shorts and t-shirts and trainers (house colours not needed this year).
- Please lather your children in sunscreen, bring sunhat and water bottle.
- Gates open at 1.45pm for parents, races start at 2.00pm.
- Please be reminded we are a 'phone-free' site. We will give you time to take photos of your child(ren) at the end.

Diary Dates— Summer Term Dates

Sports Day and Social—Friday 10th July 2.00pm, bar opens 3.30-5.30pm

KS2 Production—Monday 13th July 2.00pm Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 14th July 6.30pm, Wednesday 15th July 6.30pm

Year 6 Leavers' Church Service—11am at St Mary's Church, Thursday 16th July

PTA Summer Party—Thursday 16th July—after school until 5.00pm

Year 6 Leavers' Service—9.05am Monday 20th July

School breaks up for the summer term: Monday 20th July

Autumn term starts for pupils years 1-6 on: Thursday 3rd September

Please note Home Visits will take place for Reception children on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September. **Children in Reception will start with us on Monday 7th September 2026.**

Weekly

Scores on the Doors

Fire 185

Earth 80

Water 55

Air 50

**Well done to Fire
who are our
Housepoint Win-
ners this week!**

Footwear During Heatwave

As we continue to experience the warm weather, children are welcome to wear non-school uniform to stay comfortable this week. However, please ensure that they wear appropriate footwear that is safe for school activities and playtimes, such as trainers, strappy sandals or crocs. Please note that sliders are not permitted as they do not provide adequate support or safety for running and outdoor play. Thank you for your support. **Please remember trainers need to be worn on Friday!**