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### Term 5 2026- Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 5, we have had a lovely sunny start to the new term. Please make sure that your child is prepared for the warmer weather with a sun hat and sun cream, as well as a fleece / jumper for the chill that is still in the air.

There has been a lot going on already with the year 3/ 4 trip to the Hindu Temple in Crawley last week and the Book Club author visit this week.

We had a very informative presentation on Wednesday promoting a 'Smart phone Free Childhood' led by Magda Bannister, a parent with children at a local primary and secondary school. It was good to see so many parents attend as it is only in working together we can help to tackle the issues that they bring. We hope to support this issue by sharing with parents and carers what we currently teach in school and how we can ensure children are wise to the impact smartphones can have on their physical and emotional well-being. The statistics shared with us were quite shocking and we encourage those who attended the presentation to share with others what they took from it. Please see the link below to find out more directly from their website.

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

#### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Underwater** class who achieved the highest attendance of **100%** last week and to **Underwater** class for the highest attendance of **100%** this week. Well done!

Our target for this year is **96.5%** and our current whole school attendance is **95.6%** so we encourage you to support your child with regular attendance.

31 children achieved 100% attendance in term 4. Well done to you all. The winner of our attendance draw is **Cassius**.

#### REWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who have received their next Pupil Point certificates.

900 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Jemima
1200 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Mia
1300 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Martha
1300 Points	<b>High Peaks:</b> George
1500 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Harrison
1900 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Bea
2000 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Rafe, Mason
2100 Points	<b>Jungle:</b> Oscar



#### Diary

##### May 2026

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Walk
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day of Term

##### Jun 2026

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Start of Term 6
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET Day
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Transition day at Kings Academy
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Transition day at Kings Academy

##### Jul 2026

Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Patina Parade
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers Assembly
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET Day

#### INSET days 2025/26

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June / Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

#### BEHAVIOUR

At school we have 3 rules regarding what good behaviour is. These are **to be ready, be respectful and be safe**. We have been talking to classes and individuals recently about how we can be more supportive of others and how our behaviours impact those around us. We ask that you support us with this by using these terms at home so that

we can embed their meaning and reinforce what they look like. If your child is finding either their behaviour or that of others difficult then we urge you to come and speak to their class teacher so that we can action it. Many thanks.

### **SPRING/SUMMER LUNCH MENU**

We have a new Spring/Summer Menu, please see the attached. If you would like a hard copy please ask Mrs Geer. Copies are also available on our school website.

### **WORKING WITH OTHERS EASTER**

On the last day of Term we spent the afternoon in House Teams thinking of ways to make an effective receptacle to carry an egg in an egg and spoon race. A fun time was had as you can see from the photos below.



### **RESOLUTE MARTIAL ART STUDENTS**

It's so lovely to hear of children's successes from things they have learnt at school clubs but also at home too. Here is a great message regarding some of our students' progress in martial arts.

#### **A message from Resolute Martial Arts**

We are very proud of our Resolute Martial Arts students.

On Saturday, we held a grading exam. Lottie, Tahlia, Abbie and Riley who attend our after-school club, all earned their red belts during their first grading. Cassius achieved his yellow belt because it was his second grading.

Samuel and Wilf attend classes at our Dojo in Uckfield and have graded with us many times. Wilf earned his green belt.

Samuel earned his blue belt in Kickboxing with a very high standard, achieving a 1st grade pass. He also received a blue belt in Karate!

Each student showed courage and determination as they worked through their moves to show us what they have learnt.

A very well done to each of them!

### **YEAR 6 SATS**

Our year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs tests next month, the time table is as follows:

- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May:** English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May:** English reading paper
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May:** Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May:** Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

We will need to make sure that movement around the school at the times of the test is limited to provide quiet conditions for the children to focus. It will also impact on staffing as some of our support staff will be needed as readers or prompts for particular tests. It would be helpful if you can remind your child/ren during this week that there may be some changes to normal routines, thank you.

### **SATS BREAKFAST CLUB**

During SATs week we will be offering the year 6 children the chance to come into school early for their breakfast. They can arrive at 8.10am in plenty of time to eat and settle before their tests. A separate letter has gone to Year 6 parents about this.

## PATINA

We are delighted that the year 6 children are once again taking part in the Patina Parade on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**, in Lewes. The overall theme will be announced on 21<sup>st</sup> May when they have the 'Big reveal'. This will take place at Firle in the afternoon. The making days with our allocated artist will be on 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of June at Laughton.



## WHOLE SCHOOL WALK

We are looking forward to our annual school walk on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May** where we will be joining the children, staff, and parents from Firle School. It is always a lovely opportunity to enjoy our beautiful local area and time together as The Oak Tree Federation. We would be delighted if any parents or carers would like to join us on the walk.

Letters were sent home last week with further information.

## BOOK CLUB VISIT

Our Book Club members had the opportunity to visit Blackboys School this week to meet Sarah Ann Jukes the author of 'Storm Seal'

Martha said 'I enjoyed listening to her talking about all her adventures.'

Dolly said 'I liked learning about all her other books that she had written and hearing about what inspires her.'



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We will continue to offer after school clubs this term.

Monday	Basketball	Sportscool Brighton	Starting 13 <sup>th</sup> April
Tuesday	Football	Sportscool Brighton	Starting 14 <sup>th</sup> April
Wednesday	Craft	Mrs Millward	Starting 15 <sup>th</sup> April
Thursday	Kickboxing	Resolute Martial Arts	Starting 16 <sup>th</sup> April

## BREAKFAST CLUBS

Breakfast club is run on a **Monday** and **Thursday** from **7:45am**. Children are provided with a nutritious breakfast, comprising of a choice of healthy cereals, toast, fruit, yoghurt or pancakes. Children will participate in an activity until 8:30am when they will join the other children on the playground and be supervised by the teacher on duty.

The sessions are **£5 per child per session**. If you would like to book a space for your child/ren. Please let the office know.

## HIGH PEAKS TRIP TO THE HINDU TEMPLE IN CRAWLEY

High Peaks visited a Hindu Temple in Crawley this week. They were able to participate in a service and listened to a talk on the various Deities (Gods) and the Hindu way of life and culture. They had a demonstration of how the Sari is worn and a discussion on the Indian language and alphabet. They also had an opportunity to perform a ritual clap and Bollywood dance.

Emily said 'I enjoyed the clap dance because it was fun.'

George said 'I liked being in the big hall area because I enjoyed the yoga because it helped make us feel calm.'

Walter said 'It was interesting because they spoke a different language and we did activities in the hall to make us feel calm.'



## SWIMMING LESSONS

Please find attached details about local swimming lessons.

### CENSUS DAY AND UIFSM – THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2026

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026**, is national School Census Day and, in an effort, to increase the uptake of the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on that day, the menu will be fish and chips. There will also be a jacket potato on offer on this day.

Census Day is when the Local Authorities collect information electronically from every school in their area, partly to guide them in planning and funding. They collect details such as pupil numbers, numbers of pupils with Special Educational Needs, entitled to Pupil Premium funding, entitled to Free School Meals, attendance information and so forth. One thing in particular they are looking at this term is the number of children taking the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM), to provide schools with appropriate funding for this service such as utility costs.

To maximise our potential funding, we would encourage all families with children entitled to UIFSM to enjoy their free meal on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, rather than bringing a packed lunch that day. It is the number of children in Key Stage One eating the free meal on the actual day's lunchtime that informs our funding, rather than meals ordered for that day or children attending school. Pupils who bring a packed lunch from home unfortunately are not able to be included, nor are children who normally take UIFSM, but who are absent on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Once again, we encourage as many as possible to commit to eating the UIFSM on Thursday that week; this will record those children as having eaten on Census Day and therefore count towards the total Government funding that will be allocated to our school for UIFSM for a whole year. We hope that it will also create some enthusiasm amongst the children who don't normally take the meals and lead to more of them eating over the rest of the school year.

## TADPOLES

Thanks to Mrs Gosling, we have had some tadpoles in school since the 6<sup>th</sup> March. They hatched a few days after and over the weeks they feasted on all the algae and plants in the tank, then we started to feed them cooked broccoli. This Tuesday we had our first Froglet – who sat patiently on a leaf at the top of the tank so all the children could see him whilst they were getting their books out at the Library. That evening he was taken back to the same pond that the spawn was taken from and released back into the wild!



## FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON CP SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who came to The Big Garden Tidy up last Saturday. We had lots of mums and dads who dismantled, cleared, dug, gardened, planted, swept, hoovered, washed down, painted, cleaned and tidied.



Thank you for all your continued support.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Jeanette Fuller