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Term 5 2026- Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are about to head into SATs week for our year 6's and want to wish them all well in taking these assessments. They are tested on their learning from year 3 to year 6 and whilst they have covered the content, remembering it all at the same time can cause some of them to feel a bit worried. We will make sure they are well supported through this time and hope that they can get a good nights sleep to feel fully ready. We know they will try their best and we are very proud of their achievements in their time here. In this week's assembly we discussed how to support our year 6's so hope they feel lots of love and encouragement from their peers.

We look forward to our whole school walk next week and hope some of you have managed to get away from work and other commitments to join us. If you haven't returned the permission slip yet please can you do so by the end of today as it takes a lot of office time chasing up any who haven't, many thanks.

As many of you may know schools are having to compete with each other for pupil numbers due to lower birth rates. We feel that we have a lovely small school and want to ensure that others hear about what we do so are seeking some support with our marketing. If anyone is able to help us with this we would love to hear from you. If you have any experience in this please can you let the school office know, thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Bugs class who achieved the highest attendance of **99.4%** 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 **95.7%** so we encourage you to support your child with regular attendance.

REWARDS

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

200 Points	Bugs: Felicity
300 Points	Bugs: Eron, Rowan
500 Points	Bugs: Rex
600 Points	Bugs: Henry, Tess, Hugo, Olivia, Riley
900 Points	Bugs: Casey
1300 Points	Jungle: Ivy
2100 Points	Jungle: Bonnie



Diary

May 2026

w/c 11 th May	SATS week
Fri 15 th	Whole School Walk
Fri 22 nd	Last day of Term

Jun 2026

Mon 1 st	Start of Term 6
Tues 2 nd	Class photos
Weds 17 th	Patina making day Y6
Mon 22 nd	INSET Day
Weds 24 th	Patina making day Y6
Mon 29 th	Y6 Transition day at Kings Academy
Tues 30 th	Y6 Transition day at Kings Academy

Jul 2026

Fri 3 rd	Patina Parade
Fri 10 th	Sports Day
Fri 17 th	Y6 Leavers Trip
Mon 20 th	Leavers Assembly
Weds 22 nd	INSET Day

INSET days 2025/26

Mon 22nd June / Weds 22nd July

YEAR 6 SATS

The year 6 children are working extremely hard to prepare for their SATs which will take place next week. Although we do not want the children to feel stressed in any way about doing these tests, we do want them to perform at their best. With this in mind, it would be very helpful if the children have an early night on the night before the tests. We are also providing a breakfast club at school. This will help ensure that the children are focused and ready for the morning tests. The club will start at 8.10am and run from Monday to Thursday.



PATINA FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

A group of students took part in a football tournament at the Dripping Pan in Lewes this week to raise funds for Patina. Mason, Rafe and Emil said 't was fun and we won a game 5-0 Bea and Bonnie said 'It was fun playing especially when we won a game.'



GLYNDE AND BEDDINGHAM CRICKET CLUB

Please find attached details of the local junior cricket programme which launches this Friday at Glynde & Beddingham Cricket Club and lasts for 13 consecutive weeks.

FOREST SCHOOL

All the children are enjoying the Forest school sessions on a Thursday. They have been busy doing lots of activities including making waterproof shelters, leaf printing, making little people cut out of hazel wood, enjoying playing in the mud kitchens, making nests out of sticky weed and making bird puppets. They also have enjoyed starting fires and making hot chocolate to drink and playing various games in the woods including 'ninja'.



SCARECROW

As you may know some of our yearly fundraising goes to support our dedicated charity, Chailey Heritage school. They have been fundraising for a new centre to offer workshops and provision and some of our children went to see the building during a recent visit to their farm. They made bug hotels to go on the outside of the building. To celebrate the official opening of the Bradbury Den, Chailey Heritage have invited a small number of local schools who have supported the fundraising effort to take part in a Scarecrow Making Competition and Trail.

Our pupils are working together to design and create a scarecrow around the theme, which is 'Mythical Creatures'.

The children have drawn some designs this week and will be making our scarecrow next week. They would like some help in obtaining the following materials – one parasol stand (to borrow), stuffing (straw), old clothing, hats and wings etc.

TADPOLES

A huge thank you to Claire and Miles Gosling for providing us with a tank of frogspawn back in March to watch and see how it grew into lots of tiny tadpoles and then frogs.

All the children really enjoyed watching them develop and despite the occasional smell of fermented broccoli it made the library a hub of excitement!

They have now taken them back to their pond so that they can fully develop and live a very happy life!

CHALVINGTON TRUST

The Chalvington Trust was formed in 1973 with the aim to annually distribute small grants using the funds generated by the sale of land and properties on the Chalvington Parish School site. These grants are specifically made to support young people and adults living in the parishes of Chalvington with Ripe and Laughton to further their educational, cultural and spiritual development. The school benefit hugely from their support and they also offer this to local families too.

Please take look at their website <https://www.racca.org.uk/thechalvingtontrust> for more information. Applications close at the end of May.



WHOLE SCHOOL WALK

We are looking forward to our annual school walk on **Friday 15th 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.

If you have not yet done so, please could permission forms be emailed into the school office by Monday at the latest. Thank you.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

On **Tuesday 2nd June** Nicky, our photographer will come into school to take class photographs, please make sure that the children are in full school uniform and bring in their PE kit that day if it is a class PE day.

PATINA

We are delighted that the year 6 children are once again taking part in the Patina Parade on **Friday 3rd July**, in Lewes. The overall theme will be announced on 21st 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 17th and 24th of June at Laughton.

FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON

We will be continuing with 'Frozen Fridays' for the rest of this academic year, selling frozen lollies after school, unless it is raining.

A couple of dates for your diary....

Laughton Fete - Saturday 27th June - when we will be running a stall selling tea, coffee and cakes. Any volunteers to help or bake cakes will be very much appreciated. Please speak to a committee member.

Sports day – Friday 10th July – we will be holding our usual raffle. If you can donate any prizes please let a committee member know

Thank you for all your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Jeanette Fuller