

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 night's 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 last 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 this 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 Cherry Class and Holly Class who achieved highest attendance last week and the week before! Cherry Class achieved 95% and Holly Class achieved 96.47%

Our target for this year is **96%** and our current whole school attendance is **93.99%**

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Congratulations to the winners for following our school values of

*Kindness Respect Working Together
Perseverance Aspiration Forgiveness*

Last week

Pips Class Ivy	Cherry Class Bluebelle
Beech Class Jude and Neve	Holly Class Ottilie and Luna

This week

Pips Class Solomon	Cherry Class Finn
Beech Class Elizabeth and Josiah	Holly Class Martha and Marley

DIARY

May 2026

11 th – 14 th	SATs week
Fri 15 th	Ascension Day Walk – whole school
Tues 19 th	Cherry Class vision and measures check
Thurs 21 st	School Census Day
Fri 22 nd	End of term 5

June 2026

Mon 1 st	Start of term 6
	Skipping workshop
Tues 2 nd	Class photographs
Thurs 4 th	2026 Y5/6 residential meeting
Weds 17 th	Patina making day Y6 at Laughton
Weds 24 th	Patina making day Y6 at Laughton
Mon 29 th	Y6 Transition day – King's Academy
Tues 30 th	Y6 Transition day – King's Academy

July 2026

Fri 3 rd	Patina parade
Fri 10 th	Sports day
Fri 17 th	Y6 Leavers' trip
Mon 20 th	Y6 Leavers' assembly

INSET days 2026

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 focussed and ready for the morning tests. The club will start at 8.10am and run from Monday to Thursday. If you have not already done so, please let the office know if your Year 6 child would like join us.

PATINA FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Scarlette, Torren, Otilie, Phoenix, Finn, Maisie and Martha took part in a football tournament at the Dripping Pan in Lewes this week to raise funds for Patina. They played three games and loved every minute! Otilie said, 'It was very eventful! We played The Little Legends and Unicorn United and, even though we lost, it was super-fun!' Martha reported that, 'We got up each time we were down and we kept going!' but added that they needed to maybe work on chatting less and not touching the ball with their hands. Well done team, we are so proud of your resilience and teamwork...and your outfits were very cool too!



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 Wednesdays. 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'.



Please remember, even in the warmer weather, that children must have long trousers on for Forest School as the grass can be scratchy. Please also remember to send your child in with sun cream on and a hat.



WHOLE SCHOOL WALK

We are looking forward to our annual school walk on **Friday 15th May** where we will be joined by the children, staff, and parents from Laughton 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 as soon as possible. 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 here at Firle in the afternoon. The making days with our allocated artist will be on 17th and 24th of June.



RENOVATIONS

Pip's Classroom has been painted and is looking very Hygge with beautiful, new, wooden furniture and accessories. The children are loving getting creative in there!



AND...Our greenhouse, kindly donated by Polly's family, is up and in use. Thank you so much – it will be put to excellent use!

Thank you for all your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Jeannette Fuller

