

Newsletter – May 2026

Hello everyone,

Where has this half term gone? It has only been five weeks, but they have flown by. Please take a moment to read this newsletter to see what we have been up to and what is coming up.

Art Exhibition and Concert

Our Art Exhibition will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday of the first week back after half term (2nd and 3rd June). This year's theme is *weather*, and we will resend information about what the children — and parents, if they wish — can make at home to bring in.

All exhibits should be brought into school on Monday, 1st June please and taken upstairs to the new building.

The exhibition will open at 3:30pm on Tuesday 2nd June, in the new building, and parents/family will be more than welcome to come in and have a look.

We will hold a concert to close the exhibition and officially open the new building at 2:30pm on Wednesday 3rd June. This will involve all the children and will feature a selection of weather-related songs. It would be wonderful if parents were able to join us. Fingers crossed for good weather so we can hold this on the playground, but if not, we will use the hall.

Could we please ask that all exhibits are taken home after school on Wednesday 3rd June?

Sponsored Walk

Our first week back after half term will certainly be a busy one, with the art exhibition at the start of the week and our sponsored walk on Friday 5th June.

Further details will be shared in a separate email and paper letter.

SATs

A huge congratulations to our amazing Year Six pupils, who completed their SATs last week. While we will not receive the results for some time, we were incredibly impressed by their attitude and focus throughout the week.

They have certainly earned some fun time and have already begun their training walks for their Dartmoor walking challenge at the end of the Summer Term. They will also begin a series of surfing lessons next half term, and will be heading off for a three-night residential visit to central London.

New Structure

As you know, the school has been operating a reduced six-class structure this year due to a falling school roll.

Our long-term plan has always been to return to a seven-class structure as soon as numbers allow, and we are pleased to confirm that this will be implemented in the next academic year.

We have recently advertised for and interviewed an Early Years teacher who will lead our Reception class and oversee the expansion of our age range to include children from two years old. This is an exciting development, and we will share more information in the next school year.

We are delighted to announce that Amy Eley will be joining our team to work in Reception once she has completed her maternity leave in January 2027. Amy knows our school well and brings a strong vision for the development of our Early Years provision. She has valuable leadership experience in an Early Years setting and is passionate about building a creative and engaging environment for our youngest learners. We are confident she will be a fantastic addition to the team.

In the meantime, we will be introducing a new 6.5 class structure after the half term break. This will involve opening an afternoon class for Year One pupils, helping to provide smaller class sizes and improved learning experiences for our Early Years and Key Stage One children.

Further information about how this will operate will be shared separately with parents of Key Stage One pupils.

Gymnastics

At the beginning of May, we took our Under-11 Boys' Team and our Under-11 Mixed Team to the Milano National Schools Gymnastics Finals in Stoke-on-Trent.

Both teams performed brilliantly and rose to the occasion, making the most of this fantastic experience.

Thank you to Kerry and all the parents who made the long journey to Stoke and stayed overnight to enable the children to compete.

Class News

We are right in the heart of residential season at the moment. Earlier this month, Year Four spent two nights at the YHA Lee Valley in Cheshunt (Hertfordshire). On the way, they stopped at Longleat for the day, followed by a visit to AirHop Guildford for a bounce session and tea.

Day two included a trip to the Warner Bros. Studio Tour (Harry Potter World), followed by an evening of laser tag and Quasar. Their final day was spent at Legoland. The children were a pleasure to take away and returned home suitably exhausted!

As I write this, Class Three are enjoying their first residential experience. They have spent the day at Dartmoor Zoo and will be staying overnight at Plymouth Aquarium before visiting Crealy Adventure Park tomorrow.

Class Five will be heading to Wales in a few weeks, and Class Six will visit London later in the Summer Term.

These trips provide invaluable experiences for our children that they will remember forever. They would not be possible without our amazing staff, who are always so willing to give their time.

Key Dates

- Class Two Farm School Session 3 2nd June 2026
- Art Exhibition 2nd and 3rd June 2026
- Class One Beach School Session 1 Wednesday 3rd June (AM)
- Art Exhibition Concert 3rd June 2026 (2 PM)
- Year 6 Surfing Session 1 4th June 2026
- Sponsored Walk Friday 5th June 2026
- Year Five Residential 8th -12th June 2026 (4 nights)
- KS1 Sports Day Monday June 15th 2026
- KS2 Sports Day Tuesday June 16th 2026
- Class Two Farm School Session 4 Tuesday June 16th 2026
- Class One Beach School Session 2 Wednesday 17th June 2026
- Year Six Surfing Session 2 Thursday 18th June 2026
- Class One Beach School Session 3 Wednesday 24th June 2026
- Year Six Surfing Session Three Thursday 25th June 2026
- Class Two Farm School Session 5 Tuesday June 23rd 2026
- Year 6 HCC Transition Days 23rd + 24th June 2026
- Year Six Residential 29th June – 2nd July 2026 (3 nights)
- New Parents Meeting Thursday 2nd July 2026
- Class One Beach School Session 4 Tuesday 7th July 2026
- Year 6 Surfing Session Four Wednesday 8th July 2026
- New Reception Stay and Play Thursday 9th July 2026
- Year 6 Budehaven Transition Days 9th + 10th July 2026
- Year 6 Dartmoor Challenge 14th – 16th July 2026
- Leavers Barbeque Friday 17th July 2026
- Last Day Summer Term Thursday 23rd July 2026