

A message from Mr Hodgson

The first week back after half term has been full of busy-ness and excitement, which you are able to see if you follow us on X or Instagram and our curriculum section of this newsletter.

My message to the children in assembly on Monday morning was to enjoy the last half term of being in Year 6, Year 5, Year 4 and so on and I would echo and extend that thought to you as parents, and carers, and continue to support your child through their education. The partnership between home and school is so important.

Sports Days

With the exception of Year 6 (who will have a sports day before they leave us) we have decided to postpone all other sports days until September (like we trialled last year). These will happen in the first week back and we will send further information out before the end of term. The main reason we decided to do this is largely because we have so much to fit in and a cancellation (due to the weather) often doesn't allow a re-schedule to be re-organised easily. Having them at the start of the academic year will also allow the children to launch the team points of: Supermarine Spitfires, Avro Lancasters, Hawker Hurricanes and Dehavilland Vampires (again as last year).

Bader Sport – Cricket

Despite a rather wet day, the Year 6 children had a wonderful day of cricket on Wednesday. They played four or five matches against other schools in teams of eight children. All our players were able to apply the skills from PE lessons into competition, learning to communicate and help each other. Mr Gunn reported that it was great to see the children's development to being able to bowl overarm correctly and to enjoy scoring runs. A special thank you to the sports leaders at Conyers for their super umpiring.

Thank you also to Mr Gunn for organising the children and taking them to the festival.



Pen Licence

For children who have beautifully formed, joined handwriting, their reward is a 'Pen Licence'. This allows them to use a pen for all writing in school. Also, they are presented with a certificate in assembly, are given a pen licence card to carry with them and are given a special place in the hall on our 'Roll of Honour' board. This week's lucky pupils to receive their licence, as endorsed by the Pen Inspector General (me) are: **Hazel Millward, Callum Wilberforce, Anabia Shaikh and Rae Thompson.**

(These children are only Year 3 so what a brilliant achievement and I don't think I have ever given out four in a week before).



Dates for your diaries

Summer half term 2 begins

Monday 1st June 2026 – Friday 17th July 2026

Professional Development Days Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2026

Read for the Stars

Another child reaching the sun for the 3rd time **Chloe Brack, Cian O’Shea, Ivy Jobson, Joey Mount and Elsie Hutchinson**. A brilliant achievement by these children!


Twice to the sun too for: **Isaac Dolan and Tommy Leonard**. Well done to them!

All we ask that children read a minimum of 4 times a week in Early Years and Key Stage 1 and 5 times a week in Key Stage 2 (up to the maximum of seven times a week). We would love children to read more than 1 book/ chapter a night at home but they will only have 1 stamp a day recorded in their reading rocket card.



Rights Respecting School

As a gold accredited, Rights Respecting School, we look at an Article every 2 weeks. For the next two weeks:

	Right of the fortnight
	Article 24 Health, Food, Water and Environment It has been Environmental Day this week so the children have been thinking about how to look after our Planet in Assembly.



Class Photographs

Class photographs will be taken for all children (Reception - Year 6) on Friday 12th June 2026. Please ensure that your child comes to school in full school uniform for their photograph. Proofs will be sent home the same day with order forms to purchase the photos.

Super Spellers

We continue to push with spelling in school this year. The class Spelling Bee is a weekly class reward for the class with the best spellings scores and an individual reward of a ‘Super Speller’ certificate and a pencil are earned by any of our children who achieve full marks in their spelling tests consistently.

The latest recipients are as follows: **Gracie Chambers**.



Attendance

Good Attendance and Punctuality = Good Learning

The importance of being punctual and coming to school can never be underestimated, in terms of contributing massively to children's learning. We have started slowly with attendance and cannot stress how important it is that children are in school.

Attendance goal: 95%

Week commencing 18th May 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Mrs Hewitson	97.48%	9
Y1 Mrs Poulson	100% 🏆	0 🏆
Y2 Mrs Bowe	96.4%	8
Y3 Miss Weir	90.61%	9
Y4 Miss Robson	98.18%	0 🏆
Y4 Mr Trueman	90%	4
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	100% 🏆	0 🏆
Y5 Mrs Mudgway	94.71%	0 🏆
Y6 Miss Bennett	92.86%	1
Y6 Mr Robinson	96.19%	7



Attendance Matters

Last week in school saw our attendance improve to 95.58% from reception to Year 6 (achieving our target of 95% or better). We had 196 pupils with 100% attendance in that week (84% of pupils having full attendance) which is pleasing.

Currently, we have 33 children in persistent absence which is 14.1% of the school population (which is still too high).

The attendance team sent out 1 term time leave of absence letter.

Punctuality was poorer than the previous week with 38 lates being recorded across school.

Please remember, school operates a 'soft start' i.e. open from 8.40am before the bell at 8.55am which really provides lots of time to arrive in school punctually. See punctuality poster above. Missing the start of the school day means children struggle to catch up and is not conducive to a positive learning environment.

Coming to school on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from Nursery onwards.

Missing 10% of school (1 or 2 days every few weeks) can make it harder to:

- Gain reading and math skills.
- Build friendships.
- Build on good progress which leads to reaching age related expectations and above.

Time off school

Often children can get on with their day when they feel unwell.

Many can manage with sore throats, coughs and colds.

Once through the school doors, children can feel much better being busy with their friends, just getting on with the day.

Mrs Jatwa is our attendance champion supported by Miss Owens. They are both available to discuss any issues/challenges that you are experiencing and that school may be able to help with.

Attendance champions and winners of the 'Bader Bear' trophy for last week were Miss Poulson's and Miss Horrigan/ Mrs Jatwa's both having 100% attendance and no lates! 10 minutes extra playtime is coming their way and the bear is at home in their classroom for the whole week – a big Bader well done to them!



Curriculum

We continue to teach as ambitious a broad and balanced curriculum as possible in all subjects. Here is a selection of Twitter posts this week: You will notice that we have included the Rights Respecting School Articles too.

Nursery are enjoying the ice cream shop role play area. #RRSArticle31



Reception have 'planted' our bean seeds! Fingers crossed! #RRSArticle28



Year 1 are learning about programming in Computing. They practised using commands to move their sprite in ScratchJr. #RRSArticle29



In RE, Y2 have been thinking about places that are special to them and why, prior to learning about sacred places for believers. #RRSArticle14



Year 4 are exploring thoughts, feelings and actions in our 'Friendship' workshop with Alliance #RRSArticle3



Year 3 children went on a plant hunt today in science and then identified some of their own #RRSArticle31

Year 5 made recipes based on what ingredients were common in Anglo-Saxon times. They made bread, oat, honey and spice cakes and taste tested chicken stew. #RRSArticle28



Year 6 had an amazing morning in a maths and DT combination making pizzas from scratch. They gave the pizzas an excellent review, too! #RRSArticle31



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson