

A message from Mr Hodgson

The wonderful weather before half term hasn't really returned yet, unfortunately – fortunately, though our broad and balanced curriculum and resilient children have more than made up for this.

We have had a fabulous week, please see the range of learning experiences, captured on Instagram, dojo and X and across the year groups, this week. And of course the World Cup 2026 began last night in the U.S.A for the football fans amongst us!



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

Sports Days

I did advise last week that Sports Days are postponed until September. My 'own goal' (World Cup link) was to advise that Year 6 will have a sports day- they won't as they have already had theirs in September too. However, Year 6 will be having a Year group sporting event as part of their leaver's treats.

Summer Fayre

Thursday 9th July

3.15-5.15pm

We hope to see you there!



End of Year Reports

Staff are currently very busy writing your child's End of Year report, before they come to me for reading prior to being sent out next month.

Class Photographs

The link to purchase the class photographs will be sent out via email and dojo in the coming weeks.

Please let the school office know if you have any issues.

After saying the weather hasn't been great, this year, we manage to get outside for the photographs!



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: **Alfie Wright, Harshleen Sidhu and Afiya Ahmed.**



Read for the Stars

Another child reaching the sun for the 3rd time **Archie Johnson**. A brilliant achievement!

Twice to the sun too for: **Nevaeh Shaw, Neve Durham, Nainika Renjith, Scarlett Williams, Ivy-Leigh Smyth and Jaxx Ellisyork**. 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

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 1st June 2026

Class	% Attendance	Lates
REC Mrs Douthwaite/ Mrs Hewitson	90.83%	7
Y1 Mrs Poulson	93.13%	4
Y2 Mrs Bowe	95.2%	11
Y3 Miss Weir	88.48%	10
Y4 Miss Robson	90.91%	4
Y4 Mr Trueman	100% 	8
Y5 Miss Horrigan/Mrs Jatwa	94.71%	4
Y5 Mrs Mudgway	98.24%	8
Y6 Miss Bennett	92.86%	8
Y6 Mr Robinson	93.81%	6



Attendance Matters

Last week in school saw our attendance fall again to 93.39% from reception to Year 6 (below our target of 95% or better once again). We did have 180 pupils with 100% attendance in that week (77.2% of pupils having full attendance) which is pleasing.

Currently, we have 34 children in persistent absence which is 14.5% of the school population (which is still too high).

Punctuality was very poor too with 68 lates being recorded across school. (Once again far too high)

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 Mr Trueman's class with 100% attendance for the week. 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 children are developing their fine and gross motor skills as they play.

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Reception are counting to 20 and beyond!

#RRSArticle28



Year 1 enjoyed taking part in some Phonics challenges today. They worked hard to read and write using split digraphs.

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Year 2 became nature detectives in Science by identifying and classifying trees and then carried out a mini beast hunt around the school grounds.

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Year 4 have been investigating how sound is affected by distance in Science

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Year 3 set up a comparative test. They were able to recognise variables that stay the same and one to change

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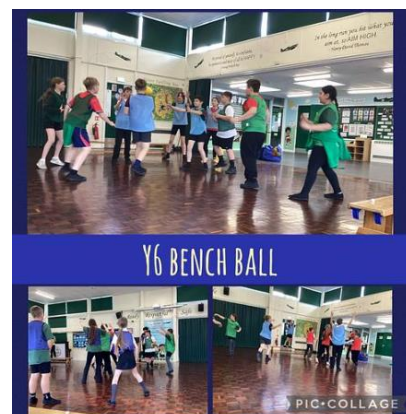
Year 5 did a great job at producing animal symmetry art.

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Year 6 played a series of bench ball games across the cohort.

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Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Hodgson