



Dear Parents & Carers,

During this last week, I have witnessed many lovely school moments...

On Monday, we had our second moving-up day and then I scuttled off to join Year 6 for their graduation at The Lights (see below). It was wonderful to celebrate their years of achievements and effort- and wish them all the best for secondary school!

Throughout the week, parents & carers have enjoyed the Class Celebrations- including a rather wonderful graduation from Early Years for our youngest learners.

On Wednesday, our Year 6 pupils delighted their families and friends with a marvellous performance of *School of Pop* (see below). I was blown away by some of the voices that came out of our children's mouths- and the superb acting! Many of our children, I am sure, will enjoy drama at KS3.

Thursday saw Hawthorn Class going to Winchester Cathedral. The pupils enjoyed learning about its construction, preservation- and saving, by William Walker- look him up, it's an interesting story!

Today, we had a wonderful Governor Award Worship, where one child from each class was selected for a nomination. The Governors then chose one child in the juniors and one child in the infants to win the overall awards. Their names are now engraved on our shields, which stand proudly on display in the school. In the afternoon, **Earth House** found out that they had won the final House Award. As a reward, they enjoyed an extra afternoon of fun sports with Mr. Dookheran, including golf. Our Service children in *Little Troopers* also had a treat- a tea party with their families in the hall.

Lastly, this week you will have received your child's report. Thank you for the many positive comments I have received from parents/carers about this year's reports. Please do make sure you thank your child's class teacher too.

Phew! What a busy week!

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Vision Awards

Congratulations to all our children who were nominated for a Governor Award this week...

Oak	Allswell J
Willow	Bluebell H
Sycamore	Arthur S
Maple	Imaan O
Hazel	Emilie C
Lime	Anaya F
Chestnut	Cleo S
Elm	Sam B
Ash	Maxi C
Beech	Jack S
Pine	Bobby C
Hawthorn	Jesse S
Aspen	Julia S
Juniper	Danny L

What we have been learning this week...

Willow & Oak

Well, there is only one thing to say about this week, really!!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

YEAR R, YOU SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED YOUR FIRST YEAR AT SCHOOL!!

We could not be prouder of you all. You have all grown into amazing little learners and we have been privileged to be a part of your amazing journey. The Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday was a highlight for us all this year, so thank you to everyone for making it so special.

One last special message is for Mrs Ferreira; we will miss you hugely and we wish you all the luck in the world on your new adventure. Thank you for being so kind, so patient, so loving and such a huge asset to our team! We will miss you greatly!!

Mrs CK, Mr Edgington and Mrs Treasure



Sycamore & Maple

This week, Year 1 became brilliant authors as they imagined and wrote their own endings to *The Boy Who Sailed the World*—with wonderful creativity and storytelling! In Design and Technology, we investigated how to make models stable and used our findings to design and build our own pencil pots. The children worked with care and pride to decorate them at our parent celebration. The children were also very excited to spend a day in their new classrooms on Monday, seeing their new teachers and exploring what's ahead in Year 2. A fantastic week of learning and fun!

Please can the children bring in a teddy, in a plastic bag, on Monday for our teddy bear picnic class treats.

Miss Miners and Mrs Edgington

Lime & Hazel

This week in year 2 has been DT week. We have been learning all about axles and wheels and how these work. To show off our learning we created royal carriages thinking about our design criteria and testing the wheels to see if they worked! We enjoyed our class celebration- getting to share our DT learning with you, finishing off the final decorating bits and testing the carriages. This week in English we have been planning and writing our final write of year 2- a fact file about castles- and in maths we have been focusing on position and direction. Overall, this week has been a fantastic end to our year 2 journey, and we are looking forward to our vision treats and last two days before the summer, next week. Year 2 have been a pleasure to teach this year: their funny, kind and loving personalities have really shone through, and we wish them all the best of luck for year 3.

Miss Lavin and Miss Samuel

Chestnut & Elm

This week the children have enjoyed moving up to their new teachers and also welcomed the parents & carers into our room to get involved with our Egypt Death Mask art project, which was lots of fun! We got really messy and some of us even let the parents/carers have a go. We have been doing more writing about Egypt and have been looking at some videos and writing some interesting sentence openers to make our sentences less repetitive and more exciting! In maths we have started our unit on statistics. We have been collecting and recording our own data as well as creating and interpreting pictograms. We have also been answering some very tricky questions about the graphs! Chestnut vision award is Monday afternoon and so they can wear their own clothes!

Miss Dewsbury and Mr Spiers

Beech & Ash

This week, we have had a fantastic time in Year 4. A particular highlight was our DT day on Wednesday, where we began the day by making a basic biscuit. Then, we thought about how we could improve this basic biscuit and brand it for a specific target audience. Furthermore, we budgeted and designed our biscuits before creating them again in the afternoon with three additional ingredients. Thank you to all parents/carers who were able to join us and review our biscuits as part of our final class celebration of the year! We have also enjoyed finishing off our English pamphlets, which look amazing! Their writing was so full of precise detail and descriptive language features. Finally, in our Science, we undertook an investigation of our own, based around the question: *Does the viscosity of a liquid affect the rate at which it flows?* We planned our method, considered our variables and created a prediction before the investigation. After which, we analysed our data and represented it using a bar chart. What a fun final full week we have had! Good luck in Year 5! You will be brilliant and we will miss you all dearly.

Miss Collier and Mrs Allison

Pine & Hawthorn

In Year 5 this week, we have completed our Maths learning journey based around Volume and Capacity. The children have worked so hard in Maths all year and should be very proud of their work. Special mention to Hawthorn Class for their exemplary behaviour whilst on their class trip to Winchester Cathedral. There were plenty of compliments from Cathedral staff during and after the day! Also, we have researched more into the Ancient Olympics and have begun to look in depth at the differences and similarities between them and the modern Olympics. We are planning to write these up in a two-page spread on Monday morning and we cannot wait to see how these turn out! We also created our doodlers in DT and designed a DIY kit for a target audience interested in making one. The children used preciseness and coordination to create their doodlers so that they would work reliably. Finally, we want to thank the children for all their hard work and dedication in Year 5 and we both know that you will all make amazing Year 6's. Have a relaxing and fun summer.

Mr Dookheran & Mr Childs

Aspen & Juniper

A huge well done to all of Year 6 for their fantastic and memorable performances of *School of Pop* this week! The children kicked off with a dress rehearsal for Key Stage 2 on Tuesday, followed by a brilliant evening performance for parents on Wednesday.

The show was a true team effort, with every child playing an important role. Alongside the show-stopping acting, dancing, and singing, the music, props, and scenery were all expertly managed by the pupils themselves. It was wonderful to see the children supporting one another behind the scenes, offering kind words and encouragement throughout.

Their energy, enthusiasm, and enjoyment truly shone through on stage and it's safe to say this will be an experience they'll remember for years to come.

The positive feedback has been pouring in, and it's been lovely for the children to hear how much the show was enjoyed. We've even caught younger pupils singing the songs out on the playground! We can only apologise for the catchy earworms you may now be stuck with... "*What PIZZA do you LIKE?*"

Mrs Cocks, Miss Howick & Mrs Featherstone

INSET days 2025/26

I would like to give you advance notice of the INSET days for the next academic year. The dates we have chosen best facilitate the in-service training that the staff need. I hope that it is useful for you to have these now, in order for you to plan your diaries.

Wednesday 3rd September- children return to school on Thursday 4th

Friday 26th September

Friday 24th October

Monday 5th January- children return to school on Tuesday 6th

Friday 19th June

Governor Awards

Well done to all our fabulous nominees for the Governor Awards 2025. The teachers had so many positive things to say about each child, as nominees were announced.

Abi Churchill, Chair of Governors, awarded the overall prizes. Our overall infant and junior winners were surprised that they had won- which shows their humility and



Attendance Treat

Well done to **Sycamore** and **Hawthorn** classes, who have won Mrs. Hathaway's attendance treat- you will have some special time/activity next Monday.



Safeguarding- hot weather

With the hot temperatures this coming week, children can wear **PE kit on hot days**- please make sure that they are wearing correct kit, not logoed, non-school t-shirts.

Please make sure they have a **hat** and **plenty of water**. **Sun cream** needs to be applied & they can have spare cream in their bag to re-apply to themselves during the day.

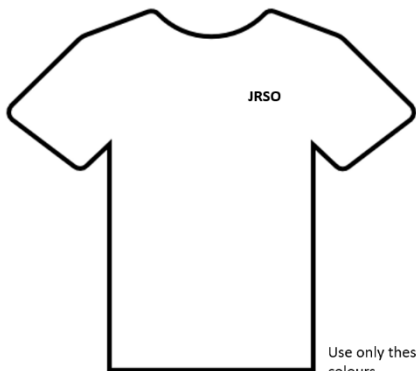
Graduation

What a great time we had, at the Year 6 Graduation...



JRSO competition

Here is the latest Junior Road Safety Officer competition- this can be completed over the summer holidays!



Use only these colours...



Design your own t-shirt!!

You produce your design on an actual t-shirt

- ☞ Make sure you add colour
- ☞ Make it relevant to road safety

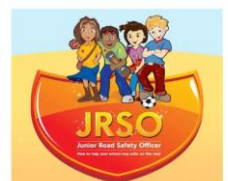
📅 The competition starts today. Please submit your entries by 4th September 2025, ready for us to judge

🏆 Winners will be selected by the JRSOs and awarded 5 house points and a certificate

😊 Have fun!!



LOLA'S EXAMPLE T-SHIRT



Parent/carer support

Please see below for a list of support webinars which you are all entitled to join in with over the summer...

Schools are closing for the summer holidays
but FACE will be open for your parents



Ongoing online advice, information and support.
No waiting lists, no referrals, a friendly face!



info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk
facefamilyadvice.co.uk



August Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each
or **FREE** with School Membership - 90 minutes long

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

Anxiety Explained	4th 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4th 7pm
What is ACT?	5th 10am
Introduction to OCD	5th 7pm
Raising Self Esteem	11th 10am
Decreasing Depression	11th 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	12th 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	12th 7pm
Improving Family Communication	18th 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	18th 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	19th 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	19th 7pm
Understanding Anger	25th 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25th 7pm
Facing Defiance	26th 10am

Safeguarding- Staying safe around water

With holidays coming up, please read this guide to stay safe, if you are near water...

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED



For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112. Immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



The National College

Holiday Club

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29th Jul - 1st Aug
9am - 12:30pm

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HOLIDAY CLUB 2025

Key dates

- Monday 21st July – Year 6 Leavers' Worship – 1.45pm
- Tuesday 22nd July- non-uniform Hawaiian summer day
- Wednesday 3rd September- INSET day 1
- Friday 26th September- INSET day 2
- Friday 24th October- INSET day 3
- Monday 5th January 2026- INSET day 4
- Friday 19th June 2026- INSET day 5

Please check out our website calendar for all relevant dates:

<https://www.pilgrimscross.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8&pid=8&viewid=1>