



Dear Parents & Carers,

This week, we have been thinking about the World Cup- and how the Fundamental British Values of Tolerance, Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty and Mutual Respect can be demonstrated by the players and the spirit of the tournament.

These values are important to us as a society and learning about these in school is part of the curriculum that all schools are required to teach.

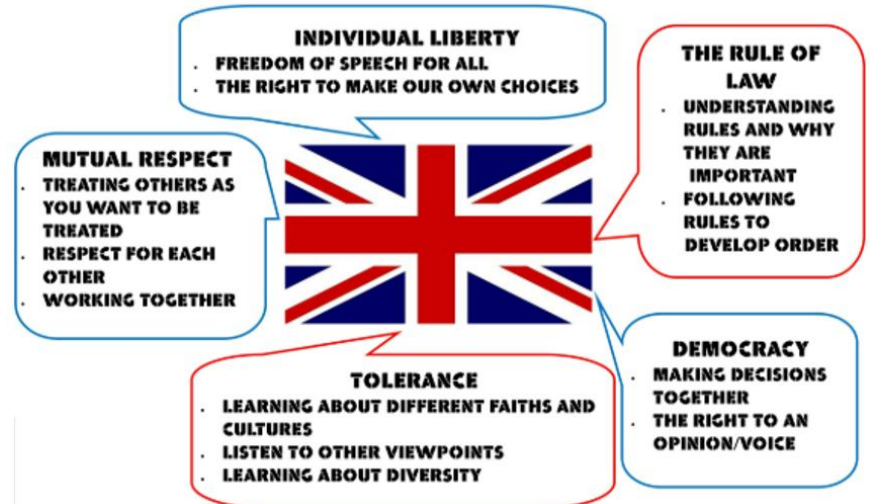
Our pupils also reflected in Collective Worship about how these values are demonstrated around the school.

Nest week, we have our **Sports Day**, on Monday morning. This will be yet another chance to show **Love**, **Courage** and **Trust** as the children participate in competitive sport. Please do come along to cheer the children on- and enjoy a picnic afterwards in the hot weather. **Please ensure your child has a hat, plenty of water and suncream applied- it's going to be a hot one!**

Jim Cascarini – Headteacher

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## BRITISH VALUES



### Summer Fair!

What a great time we all had last Saturday. Thank you, everyone, for turning out in your hundreds and spending your cash- all of which goes towards our pupils' learning.



Pilgrims Cross  
School  
Summer Fair 2026

## What we have been learning this week...

### Willow & Oak

We had a very positive start to our week in Oak and Willow, after the success of our school trip to Sir Harold Hillier's gardens on Friday. The children were very excited to go on a coach and we spotted lots of wildlife and farm animals on the way. Whilst there we participated in lots of wonderful activities including; pond dipping, exploring a wormery, meadow sweeping for insects, a beautiful walk through the gardens and a seed dispersal activity. The children upheld our Compass Values the entire time and were an absolute credit to Pilgrims' cross. We were so proud of them all. Thank you to all our parent helpers for joining us- trips like this wouldn't go ahead without you.

Following on from our trip we looked at the artist Megan Coyle who uses collage to create landscapes. We used photographs of our exploration walk through the gardens as our inspiration to create our own collages. We have also enjoyed practising our independent writing skills by writing recounts of our trip.

In Literacy we have been continuing our journey with the Storm whale. We have planned a descriptive poem about a whale and have been thinking about how a character's emotions at different parts of the story and why they are feeling that way. In PE we have been getting ready for sports day. We have loved our running races and it is wonderful to see so many smiling faces when we're on our running track! We are ready to support and celebrate each other on Monday.

In maths we have been continuing to practise calculation using the key vocabulary: first, then, now. We have been deciding if the calculations require addition or subtraction.

Mrs CK, Mr Edgington and Mrs Treasure



## **Sycamore & Maple**

It has been a shorter week but still full of learning! The children have begun planning and writing their retelling of 'The Last Tree in the City'. This will continue into next week as well. The children are challenging themselves to use all of the skills we have learnt throughout the year - noun phrases, and, prefixes, suffixes etc. In Maths the children have been exploring time. They have learnt to read o'clock and half past on the clocks. This is definitely a skill you could continue to practice at home with them.

In PE the children have been continuing to prepare for Sports Day, which will be on Monday. In Computing we have continued our work with Beebots, programming them to complete mazes and challenges.

Please keep watch for an email regarding a Geography walk we will be going on later in the term. Do email us if you are available to support during the afternoon of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Enjoy your long weekend!

Miss Miners, Mrs Wakefield and Mrs Edgington

## **Lime & Hazel**

This week has been assessment week, so the children have worked incredibly hard using all the skills they have been learnt throughout the year. In maths we have been interpreting data and answering questions linked to pictograms. In English this week we have written a short piece persuading the King to un-ban the dark using the skills we have learnt throughout the week using our best kinetic letters. We have been training for sports day which is on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> in the morning. Please, if it is hot, make sure the children have used sunscreen and have plenty to drink. Our trip is on Wednesday and as it stands the weather is looking beautifully hot! I will send you an email next week to you with specific trip details.

Miss Samuel and Miss Dewsbury

## **Elm & Ash**

It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 3! In English, we have begun exploring the features of diary writing, analysing examples to identify what makes an effective diary entry in preparation for writing our own. In Maths, we have successfully completed our fractions unit and have now moved on to learning about money, where the children have been developing their understanding of pounds and pence through practical activities.

In PE, we have been preparing for Sports Day, with the children enthusiastically taking part in events such as sprint races, the long jump and a range of team activities. It has been wonderful to see their determination, teamwork and encouragement towards one another.

We have also started thinking about transition to the next academic year. The children have enjoyed spending time in their new classrooms, helping them to feel excited and confident about the move to Year 4.

Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to another fantastic week of learning!

Mrs Bryan and Mr Dookheran

## Beech & Pine

It has been another busy week in Year 4. The children have been finishing their transformation narratives which have focused on an area around the school that needs bringing back to life. Not only have we written about this change but we will actually be implementing it as well, with a focus to improve the area and plant some wild flowers. Within our maths, we have been looking at money and decimal numbers and even had a go at pretending to buy and sell, using this knowledge in context. We have also continued our history learning on the ancient Maya and this week our focus has been on the different Gods they had and the different roles that each performed. As well as this, we have been preparing for our Sports Day with races and practice in the different events. We look forward to seeing you on Monday for Sports Day and hope you enjoy the long weekend in the sunshine.

Miss Howick, Miss Markham and Mr Osmond

## Aspen, Hawthorn & Juniper

In Year 5/6 this week, we have been busy writing up our persuasive letters to the town mayor of Preston requesting to tear down the town Watertower. The children have also had the opportunity to write up in neat and make their presentation the best it can be. From ideas detailing the quality of the water to the strange sights and sounds emitting from inside, the children have been incredibly persuasive. It's been the Year 5's turn to complete some tests. They have smashed the end of term assessments despite the weather and other events taking place across school this half term. Elsewhere, we have been continuing rehearsals for the production. The year 6s have spent time in the hall and the year 5s have been busy designing a piece of artwork fit for the cover of the production leaflet. It has been a super team effort by all the children to create the best product possible. We have practiced for our upcoming sports day and with Mr Childs and Mr Hambidge perhaps overestimating their fitness and having several races with the children. Well done, as usual, to all the children for their hard work this week. It's a busy week next week!

Mr Childs, Mr Hambidge and Mrs McNee

## Hot Choc Friday!

Here are the delightful children who had 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' on Monday...



## **Integr8 news!**

*I wanted to send a quick email this morning to give a huge shout-out to all of the Pilgrims' Cross students who took part in our dance show over the weekend.*

*I'm sure it will come as no surprise that every student who took part was absolutely fantastic. From the moment they stepped onto the stage, they performed with confidence, enthusiasm, and professionalism, and their behaviour backstage was equally impressive.*

*What stood out most was the kindness, respect, and support they showed throughout the event. Not only were they incredibly encouraging towards the dancers from the other schools involved, making a conscious effort to congratulate and compliment performers as they came off stage, but they also looked out for one another at every opportunity.*

*It was wonderful to see the Pilgrims' Cross students supporting their fellow dancers, ensuring that every child who took to the stage felt encouraged and included. They created such a positive team atmosphere, and it was clear that they genuinely wanted each other to succeed and enjoy the experience.*

*We are incredibly proud of every single one of them. They represented Pilgrims' Cross wonderfully and should all be very proud of their achievements.*

*Kind Regards,*

Mitch Allen  
Team Manager  
Dance Teacher | Cheerleading



# FOPS Update



## Summer Fete

A huge thank you to all the parents, carers, volunteers, staff, and members of our school community who helped make this year's School Fete such a wonderful success. Whether you organised activities, ran stalls, donated prizes, helped with setting up and clearing away, or simply came along to support the event, your contribution was greatly appreciated.

It was fantastic to see so many families enjoying the afternoon together and helping to create such a fun and welcoming atmosphere. We managed to raise just over **£3,000** and this would not be possible without the generosity, enthusiasm, and dedication of our volunteers and supporters.

Thank you for giving your time, energy, and support to our school, we are incredibly grateful and look forward to seeing you at future events.



## Fathers Day

The children will be bringing home a special handmade gift this week. Although it has been created around the theme of Father's Day, we recognise that families come in many forms, and children are welcome to share their gift with any special person who plays an important role in their life.

We hope the gifts are received with the same love and care with which they were made.

## Sports Day

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Sports Day on Monday, we will be selling drinks & snacks all day as well as some tasty Ice Creams during the lunchtime picnic break.



## AGM

Its time for our PTA AGM and to elect/re-elect members for the new term 26/27. Our meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** at the Wyke Down and everyone is welcome to attend.

The roles available are;

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Social Media Manager

Of course, if you would like to just come along just for a drink and even share any ideas or feedback, everyone is welcome.

If you have any ideas or feedback to share with the FOPS team, please email us at [friendspilgrimscross@gmail.com](mailto:friendspilgrimscross@gmail.com)

***Thank you for your support!***

## Safeguarding- help for families

The Great British Summer Savings scheme is running from 25 June to 1 September 2026, helping families feel a bit less squeezed this summer.

The new scheme includes reduced VAT on days out, including tickets at attractions like soft play, adventure centres and theme parks, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas, and children's meals in restaurants. Children aged 5 to 15 in England will also be able to travel free on local bus services throughout August.

For further information about the scheme visit [Summer Savings](#).

This is in addition to further support available to families, with more information available at [Cost of Living Help](#).

## Author visits!

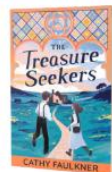
We have not one but two authors visiting Pilgrims' Cross Primary this summer term! How about purchasing some reading matter for the summer holidays?

We are pleased to announce that Cathy Faulkner will be visiting Pilgrims' Cross to talk to our Year 5/6 pupils on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**. She will also be signing books. Please check out the link below to pre-order copies.



**Author visit**  
**Tuesday 21st July**

**Cathy Faulkner will be visiting our school to talk about being a writer and her historical novels in verse.**



Signed copies can be pre-ordered from  
[www.cathyfaulkner.co.uk/category/all-products](http://www.cathyfaulkner.co.uk/category/all-products)  
and will be available on the day.  
*Digging for Victory* £7.99; *The Treasure Seekers* £8.99  
Both books £15.00

Also visiting will be the author VS Nelson, who writes science fiction books. He will be leading a science and writing-based workshop for our Year 5/6 pupils on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**. His book, *The Girl Who Sold Time*, is now available on Arbor to pre-purchase (for Year 5 and 6 only) you will find this under the School Shop section. Also included is a free book (a different one) with every sale. He will be signing books too!

# THE GIRL WHO SOLD TIME V S NELSON

A unique sci-fi adventure about a young girl and her robotic best friend as they battle to save the remnants of humanity.

Filled with time's trickery, vicious thieves and an elevator to space, *The Girl Who Sold Time* is perfect for readers of all ages who love feisty girls, sardonic robots and inventive science.



*The Girl Who Sold Time* is probably one of the most imaginative books I've ever read. I liked how the future world was scary but also full of interesting technology.

**Lucas (10)**

This book was exciting right from the beginning and never got boring. There were thieves, dangerous mutations, giant robots and even an elevator to space! My favourite character was Jackdaw because he says funny sarcastic things and acts like he doesn't care when he actually does.

**Sophie (12)**

I thought this book was AMAZING because it had robots, mystery and time stopping marbles all in one story.

**Oliver (10)**

The story was exciting and I kept saying "just one more chapter" before bed. I think kids who like sci-fi and adventure will really enjoy this book.

**Amelia (11)**

The ending was really exciting and surprising too. I would give it 10/10 and I hope there's a sequel.

**Theo (9)**

£7.99



Every purchase through a school visit comes with a free bonus book

## Transition update & staffing news

This week, on Monday, your children found out their new classes and spent some time in their new classroom- but with a familiar current member of staff. Next Friday, the children will be having a story in their new classrooms.

## Safeguarding- water safety

Please do read the letters, attached with this week's newsletter, about water safety and life-saving. In the hot weather, it can be tempting for children to play/swim in open water. Most drownings involving young people are preventable, yet 88% occur without adult supervision. The majority take place in everyday inland locations (84%), with risk peaking between May and August (71%). Most concerningly, the National Child Mortality Database reports a 67% increase in drowning deaths among 13 to 17 year olds in recent years, highlighting the urgent need to equip young people with the knowledge and awareness to stay safe near water.

To support parents and carers, the Royal Life Saving Society UK provides a wide range of practical, easy-to-use resources designed to help families talk about water safety. These materials are age-appropriate and include guidance, videos and activities to help children and young people understand the risks of open water, build confidence and learn what to do in an emergency.



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## Attendance

Our attendance was only 94% this week, due to many families taking unauthorised holiday. Good attendance is strongly linked to educational outcomes, including GCSE grades at secondary. The more children are in school, the better they do. **Please support us by avoiding term time for holidays.**

We will continue to monitor our children's attendance during our weekly reviews so **please do not be alarmed if we communicate when we have noticed attendance decreasing.** We understand that illnesses can often not be avoided and will always look to work *together* to help wherever we can.

Mrs Hathaway [Familysupport@pilgrimscross.co.uk](mailto:Familysupport@pilgrimscross.co.uk)

## Music of the week

The children have been enjoying a range of World Cup hits in worship this week. There have been so many great songs other than "3 Lions" by David Baddiel, Frank Skinner & The Lightning Seeds. Mr C loves *We Are England* by Krept 7 Konan. Lots of the staff love *This Time for Africa*, by Shakira.



## Useful parent links

- Free CAMHS events for parent and carers. Full details and booking links are available on the CAMHS events page:  
<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>
- The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has published a guide to help parents and carers navigate the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits. This is a practical resource to share with parents and carers, particularly at transition points or where online harms are presenting in school.

The downloads can be found [here: 'What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives | Children's Commissioner for England](#)

## Key dates

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Sports Day!
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 Trip to Southsea Beach and Castle
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Discover Day at Lift Winton
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July – School transition: Moving up day 1**
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – School transition: Moving Up day 2**
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Meet the Teacher 3pm**
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Graduation at the Lights Andover
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – School Summer Disco (Year R-5)
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Disco
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Worship @ 1.45pm
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Performance "Rock Bottom" @ 6pm
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 Performance "Rock Bottom" @ 6pm
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Non School Uniform Day – ***What I want to be when I grow up!***
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 - Inset Day 1
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026 - Inset Day 2
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026 - Inset Day 3
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027 – Inset Day 4

- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027 – 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>



## CHILD HEALTH CLINICS\*

The Community Public Health Advisors from the Andover & Winchester Public Health Nursing Team(5-19y) are offering support with your primary aged child's health

Scan the QR code  
to book a 30-minute slot at  
Beech Hurst, Andover



How do I manage  
challenging behaviour?

Why does my child wet the bed?

Where can I access support  
for my child's anxiety?

How do I encourage  
healthy eating?

\* These slots should not be used as a place to seek advice regarding specific medical conditions

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### Flu Vaccine

The NHS School Age Immunisation Service are planning the roll out of the 2026 winter flu vaccination programme to all year groups. The service offers the flu vaccine between September and December. You will receive an email, with details on how to complete the online form, for your child to receive the vaccine in school.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children and young people. High vaccine uptake reduces the risk of flu spreading rapidly in school settings. This helps ensure they remain well, do not miss school days and continue to learn. Vaccinating children also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies, anyone who's pregnant and older people.

The vaccine is given as a painless nasal spray. An alternative porcine free injection is offered to those who cannot have the nasal spray.



Vaccines offered to secondary age students during the spring and summer term include:

#### Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

HPV vaccine is offered to boys and girls in year 8. This vaccine protects against different types of cancers in the future.

#### Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY)

Meningitis vaccine is offered in year 9. This vaccine protects against four different strains of bacteria (groups A, C, W, Y) and protects against Meningitis and Sepsis (blood poisoning).

#### Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (3-in-1) booster vaccine

The 3-in-1 booster vaccine is offered in year 9. This vaccine protects against serious and potentially life-threatening diseases and provides long lasting immunity against these specific conditions.

Community clinics are available during the school holidays for missed vaccinations.

Find out more about the vaccine programmes and our contact details here: [School Age Immunisation Service - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids](#)



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\*Third child goes free applies to siblings only

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VENUE	SUMMER 2026	
BERKSHIRE	Birch Hill Primary School, Bracknell	23rd July to 26th August
	The Heights Primary School, Caversham	23rd July to 26th August
	Castle Hill Primary School, Chessington	22nd July to 26th August
GREATER LONDON	Lovelace Primary School, Chessington	20th July to 29th August
	St. Mary's Hampton Primary School, Hampton	20th July to 21st August
	The Blue School, Isleworth	20th July to 26th August
	King Athelstan Primary School, Kingston	20th July to 26th August
	Whitton Sports Centre, Whitton	20th July to 29th August
HAMPSHIRE	Alderwood Infant School, Aldershot	20th July to 26th August
	Portway Infant School, Andover	23rd July to 26th August
	Court Moor School, Fleet	23rd July to 28th August
	Hook Infant School, Hook	23rd July to 21st August
SURREY	Liphook Junior School, Liphook	23rd July to 26th August
	Ashford Park Primary School, Ashford	23rd July to 26th August
	Wallace Fields Infant School, Epsom	**CLOSED
	Busbridge Junior School, Godalming	23rd July to 28th August
	Godalming Junior School, Godalming	23rd July to 26th August
	Northmead Junior School, Guildford	22nd July to 21st August
	Onslow Infant School, Guildford	27th July to 28th August
	Shottermill Junior School, Haslemere	23rd July to 26th August
	Holmesdale Community Infant School, Reigate	23rd July to 26th August
	Danetree Primary School, West Ewell	22nd July to 26th August
	Manby Lodge Infant School, Weybridge	23rd July to 26th August
Knaphill Lower School, Woking	23rd July to 26th August	

\*Wallace Fields holiday club will be closed for Summer due to building work at the school. Please use the venue finder on our website for an alternative location. We apologise for any inconvenience.

WET 'N' WILD!



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