



Dear Parents & Carers,

I could not be prouder...

We have had a really challenging week at Pilgrims' Cross, but the children and staff have responded amazingly!

On Monday, we all enjoyed a morning carousel of activities for our Sports Day, well-planned by Mr Edgington. The children showed their sporting talents, despite the heat. It was lovely to have so many parents/carers watching and then joining us for a short, hot picnic!

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we had a visit from Ofsted. The inspection team were impressed with the children's resilience and high-quality learning behaviours, again despite the soaring temperatures. The staff also demonstrated care, determination and resilience as they taught high-quality lessons in roasting classrooms. Thank you for bearing with us over these two days: it was important to stay fully open for a full school day on the Tuesday, so the inspection team could gather enough evidence of the improvements that have been taking place at Pilgrims' Cross. The Ofsted team shortened day 2 of the inspection to end at lunchtime, so we could offer optional pick-up on Wednesday afternoon. I will let you know when the inspection report from their visit is published...

On Thursday, the hottest day of the week, we offered optional school for the whole day. I did not want to shut the school, as this disadvantages working parents/carers who cannot find childcare. Between myself Mrs Edgington and Mrs Hall, we had 67 wonderful children who enjoyed "fun school"- doing some coding activities, collaborative play- and enjoying having the whole school to themselves!

Today, Friday, I have been enjoying watching our Year 6 pupils participating in their Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral, alongside other Church of England Primary Schools in Hampshire. The learning that they have done on 'belonging' joined with the work of other schools as the installation in the cathedral- please do pop in to visit, if you are in Winchester!

Enjoy your weekend and let's hope for a cooler week next week...

Jim Cascarini – Headteacher

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Vision Awards

Congratulations to all our children who received a Vision Award this week...	Love	Courage	Trust
Oak		Jaycob C	
Willow		Thaksithkana U	
Sycamore		Leander L	
Maple		Juliana Z	
Hazel	Dottie P		
Lime		James W	
Elm		Oliver T	
Ash			Hazel H
Beech	Addilyn S		
Pine		Therupakana U	
Hawthorn	Sydney D		
Aspen	Poppy T		
Juniper		Riley P	

What we have been learning this week...

Willow & Oak

We have once again been blown away by the resilience of our Oak and Willow children. Despite the extremely hot weather and the unexpected visitors the children have been incredible! We have seen children helping one another when they are struggling, engaging in their learning despite the temperatures and welcoming additional adults into our environment whilst showing our compass values.

On Tuesday we were surprised to find a number of random items in one of our trees, including an orangutan and a fire truck! We made predictions about where they had come from and how they had gotten in our tree. It finally made sense on Wednesday when we found the text 'stuck' by Oliver Jeffers on our desk. After that we were keen to think of ways to help Floyd (the little boy from the text) figure out how to get the items down.

In maths we have continued to solve number problems involving addition and subtraction. We have enjoyed practicing these skills in our outdoor learning environment too.

This week has been all about keeping cool so we have enjoyed exploring capacity in our water area. The shelters we have built have needed a roof to keep the sun off us and our plants have needed plenty of water and care. Our art this week has been a collaborative effort and we have been mixing paints to recreate the landscapes from our trip to Hillier's gardens. In our junk modelling and joinery areas we have been making kites, thinking carefully about how we can adapt our designs to make them fly.

We hope you have a lovely (hopefully cooler) weekend.

Mrs CK, Mr Edgington and Mrs Treasure

Sycamore & Maple

What a hot and sticky week it has been! The children have handled the heat brilliantly and should be immensely proud of how well they represented the school for all of our visitors this week too.

In English this week the children have continued to plan and write the remainder of our story - 'The Last Tree in the City'. We have been really impressed with the children's language choices and they themselves can recognise how far their writing has come this year.

In Maths the children have explored money for the first time. They learnt to recognise different coins and to understand the value of each. They then applied these skills to our own Year One shops - using coins to purchase different items by adding the coins together to create the right amount. This is a tricky skill and one that perhaps you could practice together using any loose change you may have at home.

In Science the children learnt to use the skill of measuring length to collect data. They measured different animal footprints and used the data to identify which animal the footprints belonged to.

The children have also enjoyed a wonderful Sports Day and it was lovely to see so many of you there, cheering them on! Once again, the children did themselves proud. Well done Year One!

Miss Miners, Mrs Wakefield and Mrs Edgington

Lime & Hazel

This week started with sports day! Well done to everyone for taking part even in the heat. The children had a lot of fun. A huge thank you to all who came to support and everyone from the FOPS team.

This week we studied the example text which was a persuasive letter and looks and the language structure.

We had to find examples of adverts, apostrophes, commas in a list, conjunctions and sentence openers! We also continued a story using the conjunction so and or.

In maths we started our unit on position and direction and used concrete resources to show our understanding of the mathematical vocabulary. We also drew a treasure map and wrote instructions using this vocabulary! In geography we looked at and compared different coastal locations across the UK talking about the human features and deciding which one we would like to visit and why.

I will be looking into rescheduling the school trip which we cancelled due to the temperature and will let you know if I manage to book it. This will depend on the availability with the location and the coach company.

Miss Samuel and Miss Dewsbury

Elm & Ash

What a week it has been!

Year 3 showed an excellent display of sportsmanship, determination and teamwork during Sports Day, demonstrating our school values of love, courage and trust throughout. Their tenacity, perseverance and resilience were incredible, and they made us all very proud.

This week in Maths, we have been learning all about money. We recognise that many transactions are now cashless, but it is still incredibly valuable for children to have experience handling real coins and notes. If you are able to involve your child in real-life transactions, whether that's paying in a shop, counting money, working out how much something costs or calculating how much change they should receive, it would really help to reinforce their learning.

In English, we have begun writing our diary entries as Egyptologists discovering a hidden tomb. It has been a very exciting week, and with the soaring temperatures, it almost felt as though we were exploring the Egyptian desert ourselves!

In History, we learned about the discovery of the Rosetta Stone and why it was such a significant breakthrough in helping historians understand Ancient Egypt. We also explored hieroglyphics and had great fun writing our own words and messages using this ancient form of writing.

Finally, thank you all for your flexibility, support and patience during this exceptionally hot week. The children have continued to work incredibly hard despite the challenging temperatures, and we are very proud of them.

Well done, Year 3! We are looking forward to a much cooler week with you all next week.

Mrs Bryan and Mr Dookheran

Beech & Pine

Well, it's definitely been a very hot and very busy week! But we are so proud to say that Year 4 have shown great resilience in the heat and have kept going whilst in school. Our week started with Sports Day which, despite the temperatures, was a great morning and the children had a lot of fun as well as showing their competitive sides too!

We have finalised our writing this week and started our new journey...about a journey! We started this new unit by looking at some images from the text and making predictions about what might happen as the book progresses. In maths, we have been continuing with our learning about money and applying what we have learned to a range of problems. We have also continued our science learning around investigating liquids which the children are really enjoying.

Please have a well-deserved rest and thank you for all of your support this week. See you next week!

Miss Howick, Miss Markham and Mr Osmond

Aspen, Hawthorn & Juniper

It's been a hot, bust week in 5/6. Not only have we battled away against the weather but also with the added challenge/pressure of visitors in school as well. The children who were in school all did such an amazing job in the face of tough conditions. We were all so proud of every one of them. We have started what is likely to be our final English learning journey, looking at the book 'Paradise Sands' by Levi Pinfold. It is a book full of mystery and eeriness. The children were clearly enjoying it as when we completed the read-through, it took 15 minutes of read 6 pages! There were some amazing inferences made such as links to temptation in the Lord's prayer and the Garden of Eden. The children completed some drama by taking on the role of the unnamed girl in the text. We analysed how she might be feeling at certain points based on evidence in the text.

In maths, we have looked at statistics. The children have completed tasks based on line graphs, bar graphs and information tables. When the realisation hit that in statistics the answer is essentially already in front of them, the children raced through the sheets and extra challenges at the end. Finally, we have also thought about our enquiry question in Geography. The children identified local issues and thought of ways they could combat them or gather different people's viewpoint about them. We finished off the week with a lovely (if warm) trip to Winchester Cathedral with the Year 6's to celebrate them coming to the end of their primary school careers.

Mr Childs, Mr Hambidge and Mrs McNee

Hot Choc Friday!

Children will have their 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' on Monday...

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](#).

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 **super-low** this week, due to the hot weather. We appreciate all the hard work you are doing to support your children in challenging temperatures...

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.

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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

- Tuesday 30th June- Year 5 trip- Hawk Conservancy
- Tuesday 7th July – School transition: Moving up day 1
- Monday 13th July – School transition: Moving Up day 2
- Monday 13th July – “Meet the Teacher”, 3pm
- Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 Graduation at the Lights Andover
- Wednesday 15th July – School Summer Disco (Year R-5)
- Friday 17th July – Year 6 Leavers Disco
- Monday 20th July – Year 6 Leavers Worship @ 1.45pm
- Monday 20th July – Year 6 Performance “Rock Bottom” @ 6pm
- Tuesday 21st July – Year 6 Performance “Rock Bottom” @ 6pm
- Wednesday 22nd July – Non School Uniform Day – **What I want to be when I grow up!**
- Tuesday 1st September 2026 - Inset Day 1
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - Inset Day 2
- Friday 23rd October 2026 - Inset Day 3
- Tuesday 20th July 2027 – Inset Day 4
- Wednesday 21st 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>

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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Standard Activity Day with PM Extension - 10.00am to 6.00pm	£33.50	£154.10 (Save £13.40)
Standard Activity Day with AM and PM Extension - 8.15am to 6.00pm	£34.50	£158.70 (Save £13.80)

*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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