



Number 14

newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy couple of weeks since the last Newsletter so there are lots of things to share.

Thank you to the small number of parents who came along to the Phonics Screening Check meeting last week which I am sure you found informative. You will have come away with strategies to support your child's learning in preparation for this statutory test.

On Monday this week, the boys and girls had their individual and whole class photographs taken and the proofs / ordering details will be coming home soon, hopefully by the end of next week.

Our nursery pupils have enjoyed having their family members in for Stay and Play sessions this week so thank you to everyone who took part.



In Reception and Years 1&2, parents were invited into class after school to see their child's workbooks and celebrate the learning with them. I am sure you all felt very proud of their achievements. As parents, you don't often get to see what is happening in the classroom and this is why we hold our Open Evenings for you to do just that.

On Wednesday, Chestnut and Willow had a fabulous day at The Lookout for their summer term trip. They even managed to dodge the rain! They climbed the 88 steps of the tower to look out among the tree tops and explored lots of science exhibits in the centre. Best of all was the workshop when they learned about different animal groups such as vertebrates and invertebrates,

food chains and saw a classmate dress up as an ant. Going into the woods for a bugs and beasties hunt made it 'the best day ever', as quoted by so many of the boys and girls.



More photos available on the school website in the class pages.

On Thursday afternoon, our Year 2 pupils joined thousands of other children across the world in a live online workout with Joe Wicks. It was certainly a challenging routine but everyone loved it and felt super energised afterwards. What a brilliant thing to be part of.



This morning we welcomed Father Jeremy for our assembly where he talked about the Day of Pentecost which takes place on Sunday 24th May and marks fifty days since Easter Day, bringing the Easter season to an end. It refers to the Holy Spirit descending among the apostles - just as Jesus had said it would.

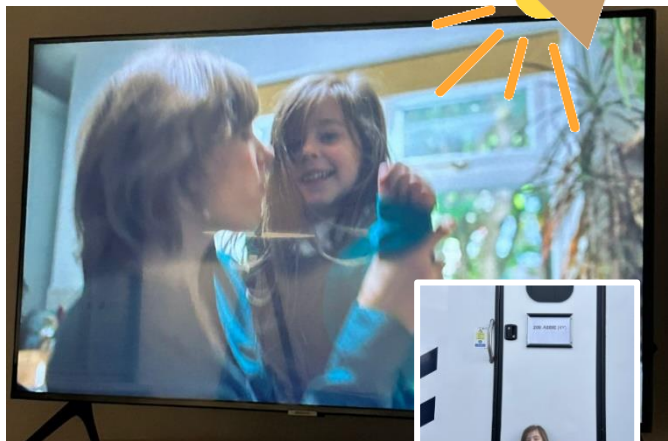
Finally this afternoon, our Year 1 pupils visited the Gurdwara next door to school as part of their Religious Education curriculum. Mr Phillips and Ms Cudlipp were pleased with how well the boys and girls behaved and the learning that took place. Studying other religions and understanding different beliefs can foster empathy and strengthen understanding of our own faiths and worldviews.

Don't forget that the last day of this term is Friday 22nd May and we finish at the usual time of 3:20pm for main school and 3:25pm for Nursery.

R. J. Davies



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to one of our Maple class girls whose acting skills earned her a role in a current Sunday night ITV adult drama called 'Believe Me', playing the role of Abbie. What a fabulous experience.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Walk to School Week is organised by the charity Living Streets and it promotes healthier lifestyles, improved air quality, reduced traffic congestion and increased physical activity for children. Next week we would like ALL of the boys and girls to walk, cycle or scoot to school as much as possible and each day they will log how they

came. At the end of the week, the class with the most children NOT coming by car will win a special book for their classroom.

On Tuesday 19th May it is **HAPPY SHOESDAY** where the children can come to school in their favourite shoes for free and just for fun. We request no heels or flip-flops though. Thank you.

BHSA NEWS

A big 'THANK YOU' to everyone who contributed to the Bags2School collection on 7th which helped raise much needed funds for our school association. Today was also non-uniform day and all donations will go to our BHSA charity too. The next big event is a Movie Night 'TROLLS' for our Year 1 and 2 pupils on Thursday 4th June from 5:30-7:15pm. Tickets, priced at £4.50, include a pot of popcorn and are now available on SCOPay. Numbers are limited to 60 so don't miss out!



YEAR 2 EID ASSEMBLY

If your child is in Year 2, you are warmly invited to our special Eid Assembly on Friday 22nd May at 9:05am. The boys and girls will share all they have learned this week and about their visit to the Al-Tawheed Islamic Education Centre in town. All thanks go to one of our lunchtime carers, Rabina Ishaq, for her fantastic organisation, putting on a range of activities and learning experiences at the Centre for the children.

DIARY DATES – SUMMER 2026

ANY NEW EVENTS ADDED SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

TERM 5 - May

- Wk beg. 18th Walk to School Week
- Year 2 Eid Week
- 19th 'Happy Shoesday' – wear your favourite shoes to school
- 22nd @9:05am Yr2 Eid Assembly for parents
- End of Term 5** at normal time
- 24th Pentecost
- 25th-29th **MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

TERM 6 - June

- 1st **STAFF TRAINING DAY – school closed**
- 2nd TERM 6 begins

- Wk beg. 2nd Yr2 Assessment Week
- 4th @5:30-7:15pm BHSA KS1 Movie Night
- Wk beg. 8th Yr1 & Yr2 Phonics Screening Check week
- 8th Yr1 trip to Bucklebury Farm Park
- 10th @9:15am FS2 Sports Day on field – families invited
- Wk beg. 15th Dads/Grandads into School week
- 16th @3:30-5:15pm BHSA FS2 Movie Night
- 19th @9:05am Walnut class assembly for Parents
@3:30-4:30pm BHSA Delights for Dads
- 20th All Saints Junior School Summer Fete
- 21st Father's Day
- 22nd Transition day – FS2 & Yr1 pupils visit new class & parents informed
- 23rd FS2 trip to Odds Farm Park
Yr2 packed lunch at All Saints Junior
- 24th @10:00am Yr1 & Yr2 Sports Day at All Saints Junior School – families invited
- 30th Yr2 transition morning at All Saints Junior School
Transition morning – FS2 & Yr1 pupils spend time in new class
Last lunchtime Basketball club

TERM 6 - July

- 1st Last lunchtime Niki's Dance club
- 2nd Last lunchtime Ball Skills club
- 3rd **NO Gym club today**
- 6th @9:05am Niki's Dance club showcase assembly – parents invited
- 7th FS1 visit from Basil & Crew
- 8th @9:30am New to FS1 Parents' meeting
Last lunchtime Computing club
- 9th @6:00pm New to FS2 Parents' meeting with free crèche
- 10th Last lunchtime Gymnastics club
End of Year Reports sent home with pupils
- 14th @9:15am iRock Band members showcase assembly – parents invited
@1:30pm Yr2 to go and watch Yr6 Play at All Saints Junior
Last after school Dodgeball club
Last after school Gardening club
- 15th Oak & Maple Graduation Celebration - families invited
Last after school Sewing club
Last after school Lego club
- 16th Last after school Multi-sports club
Last after school Arts & Crafts club
- 17th Last after school Ballet club
- 20th Last lunchtime Athletics club
Last after school Football club
- 21st @5:00-6:30pm Yr2 Leavers' Disco organised and run by parents
- 22nd @9:15am Yr2 Leavers' assembly for Parents
@2:15pm END OF TERM FOR EVERYONE