

Safe, Ready and
Respectful



Be Kind



Keep Improving



Never Give Up

What an Adventure!

I would like to say a huge thanks to all the staff who have given year 6 a fantastic week. Mr Mallick, Mrs Richardsdson and Miss Hirons took most of year 6 to PGL. They had an action packed week with disk golf, fencing, fire making, raft building, problem solving and climbing as well as many other challenging activities. They had a great deal of fun. The children were fantastic. They behaved really well and even went to bed when told to. What more could we expect?



A small group of Year 6's who did not go to PGL had a fantastic time closer to home. This was planned and led by Sarah and Mr Yeowell. They spent a day at Edge Outdoors on high ropes, and mountain boarding. They went bowling and had a mad science and craft day in school.

They were then joined by the year 5 class and Mrs Botterman for two days and a night at Cuffley Camp. They enjoyed activities including zipline, nightline, climbing and crate stacking. In the evening they had a campfire and a night in tents. It was rather cold but they all survived.



What great memories for Y5 and Y6!

Have a great
weekend.

J Fisher

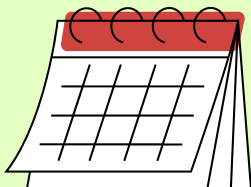


Type of query	Member of staff to contact
Safeguarding/child protection	Mr Fisher, Mrs Cracknell, Mrs Poole and Mrs Richardson
Any issues relating to your child or another child in the class	Email admin to arrange a meeting, sometimes a phase leader may join this meeting
If you do not feel the issue has been resolved or you may need more advice.	Step 1 Phase Leader EYFS-Miss White Year 1 - 3- Mrs Christman Yea 4 - 6 -Mr Chandler Step 2 Deputy Headteacher Mrs Hannah Cracknell Step 3 Headteacher- Mr Fisher
Inclusion/ Special Educational Needs	Mrs Smail
Looked After and Previously Looked After Children	Mrs Cracknell
Payments/Finance	Miss Byrne Mrs Tilbury
Admissions	Miss Byrne
Complaints	Please refer to school complaints policy on the <u>website</u> .

Upcoming Events 2026 / 2027

 October 	
Thursday 15th	Prospective parent tour - Reception 2027 - 10am
Friday 16th	Y2 trip to the Tower of London
Thursday 22 nd	Prospective parent tour - Reception 2027 - 2pm
Friday 23rd	Last day of Autumn 1 - school to finish at normal time
Monday 26 th - Friday 30th	Half term

 November 	
Monday 2nd	Mastering number workshop for Reception parents
Wednesday 4th	Parents evening and stepping stones meetings Nursery - Year 6
Thursday 5 th	Parents evening and stepping stones meetings Nursery - Year 6
Friday 6 th	Prospective parent tour - Reception 2027 - 10am
Monday 9th	Mastering number workshop for Year 1 parents
Tuesday 10th	Year 6 trip to the cinema
Tuesday 10th	Year 4 trip to the cinema
Tuesday 10th	Year 2 trip to the cinema
Tuesday 10th	Reception trip to the cinema
Wednesday 11th	Year 1 trip to the cinema
Wednesday 11th	Year 5 trip to the cinema
Wednesday 11th	Prospective parent tour - Reception 2027 - 4 pm
Thursday 12th	Year 3 trip to the cinema



FOHS

Friends of Hollybush School

The first meeting of this year will be on Friday 16th October at 2pm, finishing in time for school pick-up.

We'd really love as many parents/carers as possible to come along and see what it's all about.

No experience needed, no commitment and no roles have been decided yet! We're starting from scratch and would love to hear your ideas about what we could do for the children and the school.

There's no expectation to take on a big role or commit to lots of time — just come along, have a chat and see what you think

Reception

We've had a great start to the year! The children have continued to settle beautifully and are really showing their love of learning!

In Read Write Inc. we've been learning to read and write our first set of sounds. We have been using the sounds we know to identify initial sounds of words and as well as blending sounds together with Fred. We are becoming more and more confident as we listen carefully to Fred, say the sounds using Fred Talk and blend them together to say a word.



We've been focusing on developing our fine motor skills to help us get ready for writing. From squeezing and squashing playdough, to threading, cutting and practising our pencil control, we've been working hard to develop strength and coordination in our fingers and hands. This week we loved exploring a giant sunflower head, using the tweezers to carefully remove each seed. We were fascinated by how big the sunflower head was, as well as how many seeds were carefully packed inside.

Year 2

PE – Cricket 🏏

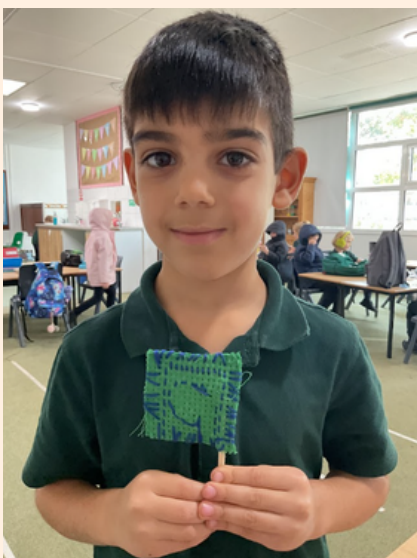
During PE, the children have been working with our cricket coach to develop their batting and overarm bowling skills. They have been practising keeping their bowling arm straight and releasing the ball by their ear, aiming towards the wickets. The children have really enjoyed these sessions and look forward to them each week!

History – Castles 🏰

In History, the children have loved learning all about castles, exploring why they were built and how life in a castle was different from living in homes today. They were particularly horrified to discover that castle toilets were often just holes in the castle walls! This certainly sparked some interesting conversations about life in the past.

DT – Sewing and Banners 🧵

As we come to the end of our DT unit, the children should be incredibly proud of the resilience and perseverance they have shown while learning to sew and create their own decorated banners. They have worked hard to develop their sewing skills, overcome challenges and bring their creative ideas to life. Well done, everyone!



Year 4

What a great start to the academic year! I've really enjoyed getting to know this wonderful class over the last five weeks. So many different characters who are keen to learn and work hard. As a teacher it's important, when you can, to step back and watch the children engage with and enjoy their learning. Today, I did just this, and watched them learn new skills as they used a CAD (computer aided design) platform to design their own 3D pizza. There was a whole variety of designs and I was amazed at how quickly the children picked up some quite tricky CAD skills. Last week, they made their pizza dough; the plan is for them to make their pizzas next week!

