

# Newsletter



Newsletter 15

25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Assembly themes: Next week – Freedom and choices. Following week- Peace**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see all of the children again and to hear about their Easter holidays. Our assembly theme this week has been 'Joy' and the children have been able to talk about lots of happy things in their lives – at home and at school! They have made an excellent start to the term, and have enjoyed being able to go outside in the sunshine.

There are a lot of fun events for us to look forward to this term - I have included the dates at the foot of the newsletter, as well as the term dates for next year.



## **Hatfield House**

The Maypole dancers will be performing at Hatfield House Living Crafts Fair on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May, in the afternoon. Please could all permission slips, and any costumes currently at home, be returned as soon as possible? Thank you for your help. If you are planning on visiting the fair, we would love to see you there!



## **Y5 Tolmers Visit**

The Year 5 children, staff and I will be at Tolmers Activity Centre for a residential visit on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Whilst I am away, Mr Browne and Mrs Martin will be pleased to help with any queries. Please keep your fingers crossed for some sunshine! I look forward to sharing the children's adventures with you in the next newsletter!



## **May Day Assembly – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Everyone is welcome to join us for the May Day assembly on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May, at 9.30 a.m. The Maypole and Country Dancing teams will be performing and there may even be an opportunity to join in the dancing for those who would like to!



## **School Uniform**

As the weather has started to get warmer, lots of children are changing into summer uniform. Children may continue to wear winter uniform if they wish. We are really proud of our lovely uniform (which is why so most staff own several 'Codicote' badged items) and expect all children to adhere to it – including the correct colours. There is a relatively wide range of choices and all items can be bought from supermarkets as well as the official uniform suppliers. We are always keen to recycle uniform (at no cost) as part of our Eco Team project, so please do ask at the school office if you can take some items off our hands.

Uniform choices include:

- Blue/white check dresses or checked playsuits (they need to be able to get in and out of this easily to use the toilet)
- Grey or navy shorts (not cycling shorts for outer wear)
- Navy pinafore or skirt
- Navy blue cardigan\* or jumper/sweatshirt\*
- Pale blue shirt or pale blue/navy polo shirt\*
- White, grey or navy socks (except for Funky Fridays!)
- Closed toe shoes or sandals

\*Available from our uniform suppliers [Uniform Monkeys](#)



### Internet Safety Meeting for Parents and Carers

We will be holding an Internet Safety meeting for parents and carers on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, from 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. This will be run by Childnet – earlier in the day, they will be delivering workshops to the children throughout the day. Due to low numbers of parents being able to attend previous E-Safety meetings in the evenings, we are trialling holding this meeting straight after school, with staff looking after children in classrooms. Following the meeting, we will circulate the information presented, as well as links to videos provided by Childnet. Unfortunately, we are unable to film the sessions or stream them live.

We appreciate any feedback following the sessions regarding the timings of meetings.



### Mobile Phone tip

Some people may not be aware that they are able to limit the hours between which their children can access the home wifi or roaming data. This means that they can prevent their child from being online at their discretion – e.g. late at night. Details of how to do this with iPhones: [Use Screen Time on your iPhone or iPad – Apple Support \(UK\)](#) and for android phones: [Manage your child's screen time - Google For Families Help](#)

If your child's phone is on a contract, it is worth checking with the provider, whether they also have any safety features to help you manage your child's internet access. If you ever need help with adding child settings to your home internet, please do not hesitate to contact us, and if we can help, we will!



### School Meadow Project

This week we were very pleased to welcome Grace Brady and Lucy Gibson from Meadfleet. Their company is helping us rejuvenate our school meadow. They arranged for the area to be treated and rotivated during the Easter holidays. Eco team spent a wonderful afternoon raking over the soil and sowing wildflower seeds. We are very grateful for their help and are excited to watch our meadow flourish and encourage a plethora of wildlife. We will keep you updated with the progress.





## Clubs

We are pleased to offer the following clubs this term, starting next week unless otherwise stated. Children are expected to attend each week, and let staff know if they are not able to.

Teams/groups representing the school are selected from the children who attend the relevant clubs.

	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Maypole & Country Dancing – Years 4-6	Ultimate Frisbee - Year 5 Village Day - All Years – <i>Starting from 12/5/25</i> Drama - Years 2 & 3 - <i>Starting from 12/5/25</i>
Tuesday	**Tennis – Year 1	
Wednesday	Choir – KS2 (Years 3-6)	Athletics – Years 4-6
Thursday	Mindfulness - Years 5 & 6 **Tennis - Years 2 & 3	KS1 Sports - Years 1 & 2 – <i>1<sup>st</sup> half term</i> Rounders - Years 5 & 6 – <i>2<sup>nd</sup> half term</i>
Friday	Ukulele Club – Years 4-6	

\*\* Paid club run by an external company



## Class Assemblies

You are most welcome to join us at our Class Assemblies, starting at 9:05am, where the children share some of the things they have been doing in class, with the rest of the school. These may change, subject to school events, so it is always advisable to check with your child, their teacher, or the School Office beforehand.

Please feel free to come into the hall to take a seat after dropping your children off.

Date	Class	Date	Class
15.5.25	Year 5	3.7.25	Year 6 – both classes
12.6.25	Year 6 – both classes	10.7.25	Year 1
19.6.25	Year 3 – both classes	17.7.25	Year 4
26.6.25	Year 2 – both classes		



## Y2 Great Plant Sale

Year 2 are excited to announce that the Great Plant Sale will begin on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April after school. Pots will be priced £1.00. So far we have peas, runner beans, small tomato plants with more and different ones to follow. This will be a rolling event and we will let you know what we have for sale when it is ready! All proceeds will go towards 'Water Aid' - a charity the children chose to raise money for after learning about the struggles of people in Africa to access clean water. We look forward to your help and support.

Please remember that I am always happy to discuss any issues with you. Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Pollard

HEADTEACHER

## Summer Term 2025

### Dates

Date	Time	Event	Who
1.5.25	9.30	May Day Assembly	Staff, Children & Parents
5.5.25	<b>Bank Holiday</b>		
6.5.25 – 7.5.25	All Day	Year 5 trip to Tolmers	Children & Staff
7.5.25	10.00 - 2.00	Year 4 Tennis competition	Children & Staff
8.5.25	3.30 – 5.45	Year 5 & 6 Hockey	Children & Staff
8.5.25	p.m.	Maypole Dancing – Living Crafts	Staff, Children & Parents
9.5.25	p.m.	Maypole Dancing – Living Crafts	Staff, Children & Parents
12.5.25 – 15.5.25	a.m	Year 6 SATS week	Children & Staff
16.5.25	All Day	Year 3/4 football tournament	Children & Staff
20.5.25	All Day	Year 6 Harry Potter Visit	Children & Staff
20.5.25	3.30 – 5.30	Year 4 Golf	Children & Staff
21.5.25	All Day	Class & Team photos	Children & Staff
22.5.25	1.00 – 3.00	Year 5 Ultimate Frisbee	Children & Staff
22.5.25	3.30 – 4.30	Internet Safety meeting for parents	Parents & Carers
23.5.25	All Day	Year 6 Rowing	Children & Staff
26.5.25 –30.5.25	<b>Half Term</b>		
2.6.25	3.30	IOW Parents' meeting - Atrium	Year 6 parents & staff
3.6.25	9.00 – 12.00	Year 6 Cricket	Children & Staff
3.6.25	All Day	Year 4 Times Table check week starts	Children & Staff
5.6.25	8.30 & 9.15	PTFA Big Breakfast & Sponsored Walk	Children, Staff & Parents
6.6.25	All Day	INSET day – school closed to children	Staff
9.6.25	a.m.	Year 1 Phonics Screening begins	Children & Staff
13.6.25	p.m.	Traveling theatre company visit	Children & Staff
16.6.25- 20.6.25	All Day	Year 6 to IOW	Children & Staff
17.6.25	9.00 – 3.00	Year 4 & 5 Athletics	Children & Staff
23.6.25	All Day	STEM week	Children & Staff
25.6.25	All Day	Year 2 to Shepreth	Children & Staff
25.6.25	3.00 - 5.30	Year 6 Netball Festival	Children & Staff
28.6.25	6.30 – 9.00	Summer Do!	Everyone!
2.7.25	3.00 – 5.00	Year 4 Rounders	Children & Staff
3.7.25	3.30 – 6.00	Open Evening	Children, Staff & Parents
8.7.25	2.00 – 5.00	Year 6 Rounders	Children & Staff
10.7.25	TBC	Moving Up Day – Year 6 out	Children & Staff
15.7.25	All Day	RE Day	Children & Staff
16.7.25	9.15	Early Years Sports Day	Children, Staff & Parents
18.7.25	All Day	Funky Hair Day	Children & PTFA
19.7.25	TBC	Village Day	Children, Staff & Parents
21.7.25	9.30	KS1 Sports Day	Children, Staff & Parents
21.7.25	1.30	KS2 Sports Day	Children, Staff & Parents
22.7.25	10.00	Leavers' Service	Children, Staff & Parents
22.7.25	1.10	Courtyard Farewell to Year 6	Children, Staff & Parents
22.7.25	1.45	Term Ends	Everyone
23.7.25	All Day	INSET day – School Closed	Everyone

**AUTUMN TERM 2025**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

(Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October)

**INSET Days:        Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**Occasional Day:    Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

**SPRING TERM 2026**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

(Half term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February)

**INSET Days:        Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**SUMMER TERM 2026**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

(Half term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May)

**May Bank Holiday: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**INSET Days:        Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

The above dates equate to 190 school days.

**The school is closed to children on INSET days and to everyone on the Occasional day.**



## Community news



### St. Giles Cafe Church – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May

May Cafe Church is the start of a series over the next few months based on Parables of Jesus, starting with "Firm Foundations" on May 4th. All are welcome. Coffee and delicious fresh pastries are on sale in the PMH from 10 am. The chat pauses at 10:30 to focus on the theme of the day. Bring the family or come alone - there is something for everyone at Cafe Church!

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