

Newsletter



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20th June, 2025

Assembly themes: Next week – Resilience Following week – Achievements

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all been enjoying the lovely weather – particularly Year 6 who have been on the Isle of Wight. They have been having an amazing time, and I am looking forward to seeing them all when they get back tonight.

We have set the gazebos up on the field, and have the areas under the canopies to give the children some shade. Thank you for remembering to put suntan lotion on your child before they come to school and for sending them in with hats. Every class has mains tap water so we are able to fill the children's water bottles up, throughout the day. We are monitoring the weather forecast closely, in case we need to make any adaptations or changes to activities planned.



Classes for next year

We are now in a position to share who will be leading each class next year. Before I do so, I need to share the news that Mr Pyle has accepted a post at a school in Nantwich, Cheshire, and will be moving there over the summer, to be nearer to his girlfriend. We are obviously very sad, as we love working with him and he is a huge asset to the school over a long period of time – as a pupil as well as a teacher! However, we celebrate this excellent career opportunity for him, and hope he comes back to Codicote in the future – the door is open! We will be welcoming back Mrs Wood, from Maternity leave in September.

As everyone is aware, the school is currently expanding – we welcomed 15 additional children to the school during the year. We are anticipating an increase in numbers in Year 1 for September, so Miss Grainger will be joining Miss Churchill. Both teachers will teach the class. Numbers will be kept under review regarding when/if it becomes appropriate to split the year group in two, as will be the case for all single class year groups.

There have been a number of changes to the children in Year 2, and following careful consideration, we will be mixing the current Year 2 class into different groupings for Year 3. Further details regarding this will be sent home by letter today. As the current Year 3 children were only split last year, the children will remain in the same classes. Mr Pyle's class will be taught by Miss Doran next year and Miss Clark's class will be taught by Mr Massey.

Where there are two classes in a year group, the children will be working with both teachers, and different groupings of children throughout the week.

Year group	Teachers	Teaching Assistants	Room
Nursery	Mrs Foster	Mrs Page	Nursery
Reception	Mrs Ogle	Mrs Reboul, Mrs Pond, Mrs Sharon Smith & Mrs Page (p.m.)	Reception
Year 1	Miss Churchill & Miss Grainger	Mrs Williams	1C – Miss Churchill's room

Year group	Teachers	Teaching Assistants	Room
Year 2	Mrs Pyle	Mrs Eaton, Ms Stacey Smith, Mrs Black & Mrs Tillson (p.m.)	2P – Mrs Pyle’s room
Year 3W	Mrs Wood	Mrs Henderson	Year 3 Green door
Year 3C	Miss Clark	Mrs White & Miss McKenzie	Year 3 Pink Door
Year 4 M	Mr Massey	Mrs Tillson & Mrs Bick	Year 4 Turquoise door
Year 4 D	Miss Doran	Mrs Brett-Lavelle	Year 4 Blue Door
Year 5	Mrs Gloyn & Mrs Mason	Mrs Crunden	Year 5 Pink Door
Year 6	Mr Browne	Mrs Brown	Year 6 Turquoise Door
Lunchtime Staff:	Mrs Gull, Mrs Page, Mrs Brett-Lavelle, Mrs Tillson, Mrs Oxley, Mrs Pond, Miss McKenzie, Ms Ridpath & Ms Van der Welle.	Admin & Premises Staff	Mrs Martin, Mrs Bundy, Mrs Day and Mr Loughman
		PPA Teachers	Mrs Broad, Mrs Mason, Mrs Eaton, and Mrs Pollard



Open Evening

Our Open Evening takes place on Thursday 3rd July, from 3.30 to 6.00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for your child to take you round the school, to show you the lovely work they have been doing in their class, visit the teacher and classroom they will be in next year and go to any other classrooms they are interested in visiting! This year, back by popular demand, there will be a catwalk performance by Year 6, showcasing the hats they have been making in D & T, at 5.00 p.m. We hope you can come along!



Attendance

I am delighted to share that we have recently been sent a report which shows the children’s attendance as being in the top 3% in the country! Thank you so much for your support in achieving this – we know a high level of attendance makes significant difference to the children’s learning, social relationships as well as general wellbeing, and it is greatly appreciated.



Summer Do!

I am pleased to announce that Rapunzel and Barbie will be joining the line up at the Summer Do – alongside live music, dancing and games. The fantastic Brett-Lavelle chef team will be on the barbecue. The weather forecast is looking perfect too, so I am sure we are in for another great year. Tickets cost £15 for adults and £7 for children, and are available from the School Office and via Arbor.



Village Day – 19th July

We are all looking forward to Village Day – please can you let us know as soon as possible if your child would like to be in the parade and/or will be taking part in the Maypole and Country Dancing displays? Children in

the parade have been asked to bring in a single colour t-shirt which is able to be cut into fringes – these need to be sent into school in a named bag. If you do not have one, please let us know and we will do our best to find one. Thank you!



Musical Production – The Railway Children

The children had a wonderful afternoon watching the M & M Travelling Theatre production of The Railway Children last Friday. It was a great performance with amazing scenery and the children were captivated throughout. This was funded by school so we are not requesting donations.



Piano Assembly Reminder

We hope the families of children who learn the piano in school will be able to join us for the piano assembly on the 30th June at 9.00 a.m. People are welcome to come into the hall straight after morning drop off.



Athletics

Earlier in the week, children from Years 4 and 5 took part in the Stevenage Athletics Festival. Because the children in Year 6 were in the Isle of Wight, the Year 5s had to step up into their places. The children did amazingly, with lots of successes, including . The Year 4 team won the relay, Miri came 2nd in the Long Jump, Oliver was 2nd in the javelin (it was a contentious decision – some may say he came 1st) and Leo was first in the 300 m. All of the children tried their best and supported each other throughout. Thank you to Mrs Mason and Mr Pyle for taking the children.



Dancing at Poynders Meadow

I will be taking the Maypole and Country dancing teams to perform at Poynders Meadow on Wednesday 1st July. We will be walking there and back, returning in time for lunch, and do not need permission slips returned for your child to be able to go as it is a local visit.

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

Date	Time	Event	Who
23.6.25	All Day	STEM week	Children & Staff
24.6.25	9.00 – 2.00	Year 4 Tennis Finals	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!
30.6.25	9.15 a.m.	Piano Assembly	Piano students & families
1.7.25	10.45 a.m.	Country & Maypole Dancers performing at Poynders Meadow	Maypole & Country Dancers & Staff
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

Village day Parade and Dancing

My child:

Class:

Would like to take part in the parade:

(Years 4-6) Will be taking part in Maypole/Country dancing:

Signed:

Date: