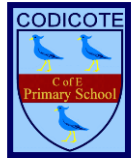




# Newsletter



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18<sup>th</sup> July, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year has absolutely flown past and it seems unbelievable that we only have two more school days before we finish for the holidays. We all appreciate the fantastic support you have given your children and the school, which has enabled us to work so successfully and harmoniously; this is something we really value and never take for granted.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing, hardworking staff team, to which I have the absolute privilege of belonging. They show incredible commitment to the life and work of the school, giving their own time so generously to enable extra-curricular clubs, school residential trips, and evening and weekend events to take place. They are also so much fun to work with!

Thank you too, to our fantastic team of governors, who keep the children firmly at the centre of every decision made. They challenge and support us to achieve the best for the children, and again, are very generous with their time given to fulfil their role in overseeing the work of the school.

Lastly, a huge thank you to the small, but very dedicated, team on the PTFA – parents and staff. Charlie is an exceptional Chair, who works tirelessly – always the first to set up and last to clear away. Thanks to the hard work of everyone, we have been able to provide a wide range of resources for the children, including the new kiln, stage lighting, contributing to the running costs for the mini bus, as well as subsidising the pantomime trip.

There have been so many things to celebrate throughout the year, and we still have KS1 and KS2 Sports day to come, as well as Village Day! We look forward to seeing you...



## Village Day – 19<sup>th</sup> July

We are all looking forward to Village day tomorrow – please remember to wave at us! We will be meeting the children in the parade and the Village Day King, Queen and Attendants at The Opening (SG4 8UF) – off the High Street – at 12.30. A huge thank you to Faye Ridpath, Mrs Pyle, Miss Grainger and Miss Churchill for all of the hard work which has gone into our walking float.

Children in the parade and the dancers have been given their costumes to take home. These need to be brought with them/worn on the day. I will meet the dancers by the maypole at 3.15pm ready for a 3.30pm performance – this is a little earlier than was previously communicated. If children are coming straight from idance, we will wait until they are ready.



## Farewell Mr Pyle & Mrs Christie

We are really sad to be saying goodbye to Mr Pyle, who has been an amazing part of our school. Mr Pyle was a great asset to the school as a pupil – embracing every club and activity, helping everyone and always working hard to achieve his best. It will be re-assuring to hear that nothing changed! He has been equally as wonderful

as a teacher – inspiring the children, helping colleagues and being a really fun and dedicated member of our team. We all wish him every happiness in his new school and home, and hope he comes back to Codicote soon – the door is always open!

We are also very sorry that Mrs Christie will be leaving her role as Teaching Assistant. She came to help in the Autumn term and has been a huge asset to Year 4. Highly organised, kind, efficient with a fantastic sense of humour; she too, has been a joy to work with. Due to the demands of her other job increasing, she is taking a step back from her work in school, but again, we hope she will return to Codicote School in the future.



### Farewell Year 6

This is always one of the most poignant points of the school year for me. Whilst we celebrate all that Year 6 have contributed to the school, and admire their confidence and independence, we are so sad when they actually do move on and leave us!

Our Year 6 children have been a very positive, enthusiastic and helpful group. They have made a fantastic contribution; we have appreciated all their help around school, and the incredible effort they have put into their sport – achieving amazing results! They have also been great in leading the singing and helping out with anything needed. We wish them all the happiness in the world, as they move to their new schools, and would like to remind them that no matter how old they are, they never stop being a member of Codicote School.

Their parents and families – including great grandparents – have been wonderfully supportive from the minute their children stepped across the door. We are very sad to be saying goodbye to families whose last/only child at the school will be leaving – some of whom have been with the school for a very long time. Farewell to The: Bensons, Cooks, Ewington-Kirbys, Fosters, Francis', Grants (Charlie), Holtshausens, Lambs, Lawrence-Smiths, Macdonalds, Mains, Males (including Viv and Gordon), Millers, O'Connors, Palmers, Perilleuxs, Rebouls, Ryans, Shadbolts, Shaws, Tings, Toms, Turners, Upstones, Wiggins and Wrights. You will all be hugely missed, but we hope that you know you will always be welcome here and would love to receive news of your families in the future.

For your interest, these are the schools the Year 6 children will be moving onto: Monks Walk, The Priory, Bishops Hatfield Girls School, Richard Hale Boys School, Katherine Warrington, Hitchin Girls School, Hitchin Boys School, Haileybury, Saint John Henry Newman and Sherrardswood.

Parents may also be interested to see the Key Stage 2 SATS results of the children too – they have all worked really hard, and can be proud of their achievements.

KS2 SATS results	Age related expectations		Working above age related expectations		Average Scaled Score	
	School %	National %	School %	National %	School %	National %
<b>Reading</b>	<b>76</b>	75	<b>38</b>	33	<b>106.8</b>	106
<b>Maths</b>	<b>78</b>	74	<b>27</b>	26	<b>105.7</b>	105
<b>Writing</b>	<b>82</b>	72	<b>38</b>	13		
<b>SPAG</b>	<b>80</b>	73	<b>31</b>	30	<b>106.6</b>	105
<b>Science</b>	<b>89</b>	82	<b>N/A</b>			
<b>RWM</b>	<b>69</b>	62	<b>13</b>	8		



### **Last Day**

Year 6 parents are warmly welcomed to join us at St. Giles Church, at 10 a.m., on the last day of term for the Leavers' Service. If they wish, they may walk up with us, or meet us at church. Sunglasses are advised – regardless of the weather!

At 1.15, we will meet in the rear courtyard, to award attendance medals and to say farewell to Year 6 – Parents are welcome - please bring tissues! If it is raining, we will re-locate to the hall.



### **Sports Days**

On Monday, we will be holding our Sports Days on the new field – parents and grandparents are most welcome to attend; we hope you can come along. Please bring a folding chair or rug to sit on. Year 1 and Year 2 will start at 9.30a.m., with the Key Stage 2 Sports beginning at 1.30 p.m. Every child taking part will contribute points towards their houses, and will include a variety of competitive races.

We aim to continue with Sports Days irrespective of the weather – unless it is dangerous for the children to take part! We know that children really look forward to their races, and that parents have had to organise their diaries in order to attend. If the weather is unsettled on Monday, please could you send your child in with a waterproof coat?



### **PTFA**

The AGM and first meeting of the new school year will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 p.m. in the Staffroom. We hope lots of you can make it. We are losing some of our Year 6 parents so need some new recruits to plan and run our events.



### **Lost Property**

We have a large amount of lost property, including clothes. Shoes, water bottles and packed lunch boxes. If your child has lost anything, please check to see if you can re-claim it. Any items left for the start of term will be added to our uniform stock, or recycled.



### **Stevenage Sporting Futures Awards**

We had an incredible evening last week at the Stevenage Sporting Futures Awards. There were hundreds of different nominations for the categories and we were delighted to have been shortlisted for three! We were so proud of our children and delighted that Mabli received a Highly Commended Award for her fantastic achievements in Netball, Bobby won the Elite Performer for his achievements in Football, and the entire Netball team won the Team of the Year! We are really proud of each and every one of them.



### RE Day

We had a fantastic RE day, focussing on Spirituality, with the children creating some beautiful work – look out for it appearing round the school, ready for the start of next term!



### Countdown to the Summer Holidays

Saturday 19 <sup>h</sup>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>
<p><b>Village Day</b> <b>12.30 p.m</b> Parade assembles in 'The Opening'</p> <p><b>3.15 p.m.</b> Dancers meet Mrs Pollard by maypole</p>	<p><b>Sports Day</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>Years 1 &amp; 2</b> New Field</p> <p><b>1.30pm</b> <b>Years 3-6</b> New Field</p>	<p><b>Leavers' Service at St Giles 10.00am</b> Year 6 families welcome</p> <p><b>Farewell to</b> <b>Year 6</b> <b>1.15pm</b> Courtyard</p> <p><b>1.45pm - Term ends</b></p>

On behalf of all of us at Codicote School, I wish you all a very happy summer holiday, and look forward to welcoming the children into school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

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

Yours sincerely,

Liz Pollard  
HEADTEACHER