

Newsletter

May 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

Not long left of this school year, it is just flying by! This half term has been full of activities, trips, and celebrations. Have a read below of the reports from each of our classes to find out about what we've up to. There are so many photos on the class pages on the website too.

Have a wonderful half term holiday and we'll see you back at school in June, ready for the last stretch!

Oak Class

Oak class have been busy learning all about the Amazon Rainforest and have compared the area to the UK. They have found out that both the Amazon River and the River Severn have tidal bores. We even watched clips of people surfing it! They have compared the rainforest to the forests of the UK and are now busy researching some of the animals that live there. They are now able to explain where the Amazon Rainforest is, including which continent it is in and which hemisphere you can find it in. In science there was great enthusiasm for our bridge building activity. The children were keen to find out which materials were strongest and there were a few surprises too. The year 1s are busy practicing their blending skills in readiness for the phonics screening check and the year 2 children have completed their end of KS1 SATs. Well done everyone.

Sports and Teams

This half term we have taken part in two competitions. Firstly, 8 children represented the school in the orienteering event. They all finished the clues in the allotted time and enjoyed the experience. Secondly, the cricket team played a knockout cup match against Bosmere Primary. This was a very close game but unfortunately they lost by just 3 runs. We also had a whole school cricket enrichment day organised by the ECB. If your child is interested in playing more cricket, please speak to Mr Palmer who can point you in the direction of the local clubs.



Thorpe Woodlands

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Chestnut Class

Rowan and James have both written about Thorpe Woodlands and have summed it up brilliantly. The whole class had such a wonderful time and we were so impressed with them all. Many of the children were so brave trying new activities and their behaviour was superb throughout, a real credit to our school. Please do have a look through all the photographs of the trip on our class page!

Birch Class

Birch Class have had another busy half term. Year 6 coped well with SATs week and took the tests in their stride. Thank you to year 5 for being so adaptable with the changes and working well with the different adults in school. In Science, we learnt about reproduction in plants and animals and focused on different life cycles. In History, we learnt about the Roman Invasion and how the UK changed during this time. In PE, the children have been developing their tennis and cricket skills and in Literacy the children wrote some amazing stories based on other cultures. Well done to everybody for their hard work.

Ash Class

This half term the children have learnt how to ride a scooter in PE. It is great fun! They have also enjoyed finding out about the coronation and doing lots of craft activities to consolidate their learning. The children have continued to work hard in phonics, reading, writing and number work. They have also been learning about 'People Who Help Us' including firefighters and police officers. Lots of the children are very excited about the sleepover! Happy half term. LF

Mon Jun 5 th	Back to School
Wed Jun 7 th	Class Photos
Tues Jun 20 th	WCET Music Day – Birch Class
Fri Jun 23 rd	Crucial Crew (Year 6)
Fri Jun 23 rd	Year 3 & 4 music performance 3.30pm
Fri Jun 23 rd	Summer Fayre (from 3.30)
Fri Jun 30 th	Enrichment P.E - Paralympics
Wed July 5 th	New reception parents meeting 2.30pm
Tues July 11 th	Year 5/6 Performance 9.30am & 6pm
Wed July 12 th	Move up day
Wed July 12 th	Induction day at DHS
Fri July 14 th	Values morning
Wed July 19 th	Wellbeing day
Thurs July 20 th	Leavers church service – 9.15am
Fri July 21 st	Leavers Assembly 1.15pm Year 6 parents 1.45pm – All Welcome End of Year!

PSA

Plans are now storming ahead for this year's Summer Fayre! As you know, we're mixing it up a bit by having it on a Friday after school instead of Saturday afternoon. We've got all fingers crossed that the weather is good and it's a lovely evening! We are always looking for willing volunteers to not only run stalls, but help with set up as well as take down on the day. We also need donations for our various stalls, sweets, bottles, etc, and we need people to come to the event! Spread the word, invite friends and family and make an evening of it. Please let Felicity Knights know if you have any questions or offers to help. All of the money raised goes towards providing the extra bits for our children in school, helping with funding trips, treats and memories.

Reading at home

Please never underestimate the enormous difference you can make to your child's education and self-esteem by reading with them every day.

Working together as parents and teachers combined, we're helping our children to become confident readers who are ready to access and enjoy a wealth and variety of reading opportunities.

Every half term children who have read with an adult at home 4 times a week or more, receive a certificate. Last term this was the lowest it has been in Chestnut and Year 5 specifically. We would always love to see more certificates handed out, celebrating this achievement!

Coronation Celebrations

A wonderful day in school, everyone dressed up in red, white and blue, decorating cakes, drawing portraits, singing the National Anthem, and all eating a special lunch together in the hall. More photos are on our website.

Attendance & Lates: 01/09/22 – 24/05/23

Ash	96.6%
Oak	95.3%
Chestnut	95.9%
Birch	94.1%
Ash	3 lates
Oak	25 lates
Chestnut	19 lates
Birch	7 lates

Remember, the DFE expects all children to attend unless they are too ill to do so.

Thorpe Woodlands

At Thorpe Woodlands, Year 3 and 4 did loads of things including canoeing, jumping off a building with a harness and climbing which was really fun! Everybody had a fantastic time for 3 days at Thorpe Woodlands! The food was delicious too. Even though we got wet whilst canoeing it was really fun!

Rowan and James



BACK TO
SCHOOL

*Monday June
5th*