

Welcome Back!

It is wonderful to see our hallways and classrooms busy after the Easter break. Has really been 2 weeks since the start of the summer term!

We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for a busy, productive, and sunny final term. This time of year, is always a highlight, filled with outdoor learning, end-of-year celebrations, and, of course, the much-anticipated Sports Day!


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 Sun Safety:

As the weather warms up, we want to ensure all our children remain safe and comfortable while enjoying the outdoors. The UK sun can be surprisingly strong in May, even on overcast days. Please help us by:

- **Applying Sunscreen:** Please apply a high-factor (SPF 30+) sunscreen before school. If your child requires reapplication, please send a named bottle into school for them to apply themselves.
- **Hats & Sunglasses:** We encourage students to wear wide-brimmed hats that protect the face, neck, and ears.
- **Hydration:** Ensure your child has a refillable water bottle every day. We have stations around the school for them to top up.

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 Attendance: Everyday Counts

We are committed to helping every child reach their full potential, and the single most important factor in that success is consistent attendance.

### The Impact of Lost Learning

Missing school isn't just about missing a few lessons; it creates gaps in a child's educational "puzzle."

- **Academic Impact:** Research shows that pupils with no absence are over 2 times more likely to achieve expected standards in reading, writing, and maths compared to those who miss just 10% of the year.
- **Social & Emotional:** Regular attendance helps children maintain friendships and builds the confidence needed to tackle new challenges.
- **The 90% Myth:** 90% attendance sounds good, but it means missing 19 days of school a year—nearly a full month of lost learning!

**Our Goal:** We aim for all children to remain in the "Green Zone" (96%–100% attendance) to ensure they don't fall behind.

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## Upcoming Key Dates

Please mark your calendars for two very important dates this month:

Date	Event	Details
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Monday May 11th – Friday 15th	Y6 SAT's and Breakfast club	All Y6 will be completing SAT's this week and are invited to attend a special breakfast club.
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Thursday, 21st May	Sports Day	Join us for a day of teamwork and competition! Further details on timings and house colours will follow shortly.
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Friday, 22nd May	INSET Day	School Closed. Staff will be participating in professional development. Students return after the half-term break.
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We hope you all enjoy your bank holiday weekend!