



22nd May 2026

"Learning Together for Life"

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful and very busy period in school, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.

Firstly, our week of sports days was a success with minimal rain. The children demonstrated great enthusiasm and determination throughout, and it was lovely to see so many families attend and support. Your presence made a real difference and contributed to a brilliant atmosphere across the week.

We are also extremely proud of our pupils' achievement in the recent inter-schools cross country competition. Competing against 50 schools from across the Vale Royal area, our team finished in an outstanding second place. This is a superb accomplishment!

This week we said goodbye to our longest-serving member of staff, Mrs Shinner, after 41 years of service. Over many years, Mrs Shinner has worked in the kitchen, the office and most recently as a midday supervisor. Her knowledge of the school's history and her genuine love for the children and staff have been a golden thread throughout all her roles. Barbara will be very much missed by us all.

We marked her retirement with a special tea party with colleagues, followed by a corridor of applause from the children as she left school after her final lunchtime session yesterday. On behalf of all staff and Governors, I would like to wish Mrs Shinner a very happy, healthy and well-deserved retirement.

Finally, a reminder about the upcoming additional INSET days. School will be closed to pupils on 1st and 2nd June, with children returning on Wednesday 3rd June. These days have been planned to allow families the opportunity to consider lower-cost holidays during this period, and I have noticed that many families have taken advantage of the extended half term, helping to reduce holidays taken during term time.

We are planning to repeat this arrangement next year. For details of next year's term dates, please see [the school website](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Simon Kidwell
Principal

<u>School Dinners</u>	After half-term, we will be on menu 1. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway.
<u>Clean Air Banner Competition</u>	The school council are working to help keep our school a Clean Air Zone. We are running a whole school competition to design a banner to be made and displayed on the car park to encourage parents and carers to switch off their engines while waiting for their children. Please bring entries to your school council team or to Mrs Barwise by Friday 5th June 2026. A copy of the entry form is below.

Diary Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday 22 nd May 2026	School closes for half-term
Monday 1 st June 2026	INSET DAY- school closed for Pupils
Tuesday 2 nd June 2026	INSET DAY- school closed for Pupils
Wednesday 3rd June 2026	School re-opens
Monday 15 – 17 June 2026	Year 6 Residential
Saturday 20 th June 2026	FOHM Summer Fayre 11:30-2:30pm
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	School closes for summer break 1:30pm (There is no after school club on this day)

Clean Air Zone Poster Competition

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CLASS.....

School council are working to help keep our school a Clean Air Zone. We are running a whole school competition to design a banner to be made and displayed on the car park to encourage parents and carers to switch off their engines while waiting for their children.

We believe that the pollution caused by running engines produces a huge amount of harmful gases that fill our air. Please bring entries to your school council team or to Mrs Barwise by Friday 5th June 2026.

Please draw your design in the rectangle below. (Fill up the whole space if you can) Then hand it in to your school council.

A large empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for the student to draw their design for the Clean Air Zone banner.