



NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th July 2026

Good afternoon everyone,

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, we take great pride in celebrating the hard work, achievements and memorable experiences of all our children. Throughout the year, they have shown enthusiasm, resilience and a real love of learning, embracing new challenges and making excellent progress in so many areas. From exciting classroom projects to trips, performances and special events, the children have created lasting memories while growing in confidence and independence. We are incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished and the positive attitude they bring to our school community each day.

On Monday evening, we were treated to our Year 6 show 'Star Warts – the Umpire strikes back'. A huge congratulations to our incredible children on their brilliant performance. We were so impressed by not only their singing and acting but also by the huge amount of lines they had learnt! They entertained us with confidence, humour and enthusiasm. We are so proud of each and every one of them. Thankyou Year 6, Mrs Jolliff and Mrs Roper for a wonderful performance that we will never forget. Year 6, you truly were stars! 🌟 What a fantastic way to celebrate the end of our Year 6 journey! 🌟



On Tuesday evening, the children in Year 6 celebrated their graduation. It was a huge success. Thank you to all the parents and staff who attended making memories for the children they will never forget.

We celebrated our Year 6 award winners who were:

Academic Achievement – Mia Netherton, Charlie Hoxha, Marley Orton

Academic Progress – Kayden Curie, Bailey Rigden, Daniel Rabey

Community role model – Lola Robinson

Engagement in learning – Jake King

Carol Jennings Award – Matthew Churcher

British values – Orla Akinsanya

Star learner of the Year – Claire Clowes

Pupil of the Year – Maximus Bailey

SPORTS DAYS

EYFS & KS1 Sports Day 2026* 🏆🏃🏃

What a wonderful morning we had at our EYFS and KS1 Sports Day! It was fantastic to see our youngest pupils taking part with such excitement, determination and huge smiles from start to finish.

The children showed fantastic resilience as they ran, jumped, balanced and raced their way through each event. We were so proud of the encouragement they gave one another, celebrating every achievement and cheering on their friends. It was a brilliant reminder that taking part, trying your best and having fun are what sport is all about.



A special thank you goes to our amazing Year 6 children, who were outstanding role models throughout the day. They helped to organise events, supported and encouraged our younger pupils, and did a fantastic job recording scores. Their kindness, patience and maturity ensured the morning ran smoothly, and they should be incredibly proud of the leadership they showed.

Thank you to all of our families and supporters who came along to cheer on the children and help make the event such a success. Your encouragement created a wonderful atmosphere for everyone.

Well done to all of our EYFS and KS1 children—you were all superstars, and we couldn't be prouder! 🌞👏

*KS2 Sports Day 2026** 🏃🏃

What a fantastic day we had celebrating our annual KS2 Sports Day! The sunshine, smiles and team spirit made for a truly memorable event.

Our pupils demonstrated incredible determination, resilience and sportsmanship throughout every race and activity. Whether sprinting to the finish line, cheering on their teammates or giving their very best in each event, every child should be immensely proud of their efforts. A huge congratulations to all of our participants for embracing the day with such enthusiasm and positivity.

Thank you to our families for coming along to support and cheer on the children. Your encouragement helped create such a positive atmosphere.

Well done, KS2—you were all champions! 🌞





Star Learners of the year 2026



This year the star learners of the year have been exceptional. We are so proud of all their achievements.

Reception



Daisy-May
Woodall

Year 1



Christina
Hoxha

Year 2



Ollie
Johnson

Year 3



Max
Keresztes

Year 4



Minnie
Beesley

Year 5



Kai Walsh

Year 6



Well done everyone!

PONDHU'S GOT TALENT

On Wednesday, the whole school celebrated 'Pondhu's got talent' and there really was some amazing talent on show.

Our winners were:

KS1

1st Abike, Grace, Ivy & Autumn

2nd Emy and Scarlet

3rd Zenaya & Luna

KS2

1st Artemi & Leah

2nd Lola

3rd Kai

STAFF LEAVERS

Today we are saying goodbye to Miss Gray. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication over the last 13 years. We wish her all the best for her exciting adventures in Dubai.

SCHOOL DAY

	September 2026
School gates open	8.35 am
School day starts (registration)	8.40 am
School day ends	3.10 pm
Total hours per week	32.5 hours

KS2 collection at the end of the day

From September, we will ask parents of Y6 to stand by the main metal gate, Y4/5 parents to stand on the wooden fence side of the playground and Y3/4 stand by the wall side of the playground. Teachers will bring the classes to this area of the playground to reduce congestion.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER - Jemison

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER – Attenborough

Attendance this year

Montessori (R/Y1) – 93.7%

Jemison (Y1/2) – 95.4%

Attenborough (Y3) – 96.1%

Franklin (Y4) – 95.3%

Shackleton (Y5) – 95.5%

QEII (Y6) – 93.5%

TERM DATES 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2026: Staff INSET Days (Children not required to attend)

Thursday 3rd September 2026: First Day of Term

Saturday 17th October 2026 - Sunday 1st November 2026: Half-Term

Saturday 19th December 2026 - Sunday 3rd January 2027: Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4th January 2027 - Term Begins

Saturday 13th February 2027 - Sunday 21st February 2027: Half-term

Friday 26th March 2027 (Bank Holiday) - Sunday 11th April 2027: Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April 2027: Term Begins

Monday 3rd May 2027: Bank Holiday

Saturday 29th May 2027 - Sunday 6th June 2027: Half-term

Friday 23rd July 2027: Final Day of Term

BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Reception / Year 1 – Roman Mooring

Year 1 / 2 – Autumn Johnson

Year 3 – Luna Nile-Brown

Year 4 – Leah Thomas

Year 5 – Louie Lee

Year 6 – Orla Akinsanya



Well done to our British values champions!

CAROL JENNINGS MEMORIAL AWARD

Today we are celebrating two children who have been nominated for the Carole Jennings Memorial Award (one in Key Stage 1 and one in Key Stage 2). This award is presented once a year to two outstanding children. This year our winners are:



KS1

XANDER MOORING



KS2

MATTHEW CHURCHER



A huge thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive families, and, of course, our amazing pupils for making this year so special. We wish everyone a restful and joyful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new term, ready for more learning and adventures!

Have a lovely summer holiday. Stay safe and we will see you all on Thursday 3rd September.

Mrs Rachel Clift



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