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**Newsletter - Friday 12th June 2026**

#### A Message from Mrs Naylor

We have had a busy and productive start to the term, and I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate some of the fantastic achievements and experiences our pupils have enjoyed over the past few weeks. Our Year 1 and some Year 2 children have shown great determination and resilience while completing their Phonics Screening Check, and our Year 4 pupils have approached the Multiplication Tables Check with confidence and enthusiasm. I would also like to congratulate our Kingfishers class on their fantastic residential visit to PGL, where they embraced every challenge, demonstrated excellent teamwork and created wonderful memories. Finally, a special mention goes to our Owls class, whose exemplary behaviour during their visit to the Merchant Adventurers' Hall was commented on by staff and visitors alike. They were excellent ambassadors for our school, and we are all very proud of them.

## Owls Trip to Merchant Adventurer's Hall

Our Owls class enjoyed a fascinating visit to the Merchant Adventurers' Hall, where they brought their history learning to life through a range of engaging activities. During the visit, the children had the opportunity to see original letters from King Henry VIII, giving them a real insight into this important period of history. They also took part in an exciting trading game, helping them to understand the role of merchants and trade in Tudor times. The pupils further immersed themselves in the experience through drawing and traditional dancing activities, which they approached with enthusiasm and creativity. Throughout the morning, the children demonstrated exemplary behaviour, showing curiosity, respect and excellent listening skills. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school, and we are incredibly proud of the way they represented us during the visit.

## Kingfishers Residential

Our Kingfishers pupils had an incredible time on their residential visit to PGL, enjoying a wide range of exciting activities and challenges. Throughout the trip, the children demonstrated outstanding behaviour, excellent teamwork and a positive attitude that made us all incredibly proud. Many pupils showed great courage by facing their fears and stepping outside their comfort zones, whether tackling the high wire, abseiling, climbing wall or taking the leap from the trapeze. They also developed valuable outdoor skills through shelter building and fire making, while enjoying activities such as laser tag, archery and fencing. The children embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and resilience, creating memories that will last a lifetime. A huge thank you must go to Mr Barker, Miss Colquitt and Mr Marshall for giving their time, energy and support to make the residential such a successful and rewarding experience for all involved.



## Phonics Screening Check

This week, our Year 1 pupils completed their Phonics Screening Check, and we could not be prouder of the way they approached the challenge. Throughout the week, the children demonstrated excellent attitudes, showing confidence, perseverance and a determination to do their very best. They approached the test calmly and positively, applying the phonics skills they have worked so hard to develop throughout the year. Regardless of the outcome, every child should be proud of their efforts and the progress they have made, and we would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support in helping to foster a love of reading at home. The results of the Phonics Screening Check will be shared with parents and carers in the end of year reports, which will be sent home on 10th July.

## Y4 Multiplication Timetable Check

Our Year 4 pupils have also completed the Multiplication Tables Check this week, and they should be extremely proud of the commitment and effort they have shown in preparing for this assessment. Throughout the year, the children have worked hard to develop their fluency and recall of multiplication facts, and they approached the check with maturity, focus and determination. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they put their learning into practice. We recognise the hard work that both pupils and families have invested in practising times tables at home, and we thank you for your continued support. The results of the Multiplication Tables Check will be shared with parents and carers in the end of year reports, which will be sent home on 10th July.



## Dispatches from Robins

### What have you enjoyed learning about this term?

We have been learning about Pride Month:

RL - We read my Shadow is Pink and the boy and the dad wore a dress.

BM - There isn't boys toys and girls toys. We can play with anything.

EM - I like playing with dinosaurs.

We all like different things and that is ok! We should celebrate our differences.

We have started a new topic, On the Beach. We have been sharing our favourite things to do at the seaside:

TL - I like eating chocolate ice cream.

EM - I like going deep in the sea.

NW - I like collecting the shells like treasure!

CY - I like using my inflatables.

**Tell us a funny, silly or cool thing that happened in school this half term.**

AR - We have lots of new ice cream and ice lolly toys in our home corner! We keep playing ice cream shops like we're at the beach!

**What are you looking forward to this half term?**

We are excited to visit The Deep to learn more about sea creatures and how we can help to reduce plastic pollution!



### **Dispatches from Woodpeckers**

**What have you enjoyed learning about this term?**

Writing, because I like writing when I have some help and all by myself-NM. Science because we're learning about plants-LH. I'm really excited about making real wraps and getting to eat them-CC. Writing about the Great Fire of London, it's mixed History and writing-AT. In RE we are learning about our special places-IR. We've been learning about Rosa Parks in History. We've been reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes-CP. We have been learning about The Great Fire of London and some of us have done extra research at home. I've enjoyed learning about coins in Maths-RL.

**Tell us a funny, silly or cool thing that happened in school this half term.**

Building a fairy house at play time - NM/GY/LH. We've been making tutti frutti bird nests-JB/EM. I'm looking forward to taking seeds apart in science-CC. This morning I saw Mr Barker with a sticky note on his forehead saying I am teacher-JS

**What are you looking forward to this half term?**

We are going on a school trip. It's Sports Day. Looking forward to seeing our new classes.



### **Dispatches from Owls**

**What have you enjoyed learning about this term?**

OW - Making torches because I found it fun!

BW - Reading the end of The Last Firefox!

SB - We have made sculptures out of soap!

DS - I've enjoyed learning about angles in maths.

LG - We have been doing a lot of Times Table Rockstars because the year 4s have been getting ready for their Multiplication Check.

AP - We have been learning about The Empire Windrush in writing.

SB - We have been learning about the Tudors in History and went to The Merchant Adventurers Hall!

MW - We have been learning about mountains in Geography.

**Tell us a funny, silly or cool thing that happened in school this half term.**

LG - BC and I were doing gymnastics yesterday and TW and BM kept on falling when they tried to do it. TW couldn't do a bridge and BM couldn't do a cartwheel.

HWC - I was trying to do a bridge and I flipped over (I was okay!).

**What are you looking forward to this half term?**

AA - We are going to learn about and write our own poetry.

LP - To have transition day and get to know our new classes and teachers.

SB - Sports day!

BC - Learning about SPaG.



**Dispatches from Kingfishers**

**What have you enjoyed learning about this term?**

(KB) Writing - Although we have been doing lots and lots of writing (Thanks Mr Barker). I have enjoyed writing different genres.

(HG) Art - We were using compasses to draw circles and then calculated the diameter using pi. I enjoyed this as I like maths.

(AG) Writing - I have been enjoying writing as we have been delving into being creative when applying our writing skills, especially when writing about PGL.

(KB) Residential - We visited PGL and it was so much fun! Lots of people conquered their fears and the food was amazing - especially the chicken nuggets.

(GT) PGL - I enjoyed it all. First of all the instructor (special mention to Pippa) was very nice and welcoming. Secondly the dorms were snugly but maybe a little too warm and lastly the campfire sing-off was so funny.

(JT) Science/Electricity - We have been using PHET which is an online science website building our own circuits and testing them out.

**Tell us a funny, silly or cool thing that happened in school this half term.**

(LG) Picture Day - Y6's, especially Aphra smiling with one tooth. It was hilarious.

(GT) Playtime - Embarrassing moment alert - I thought I was going to score whilst everyone was chanting my name but sadly I missed the goal.

(KB) Residential - a bathroom flooded on residential and Mr Barker had to climb in on his hands and knees to scrub the floor!

**What are you looking forward to this half term?**

(AW) School ending - I am close to the end of my school journey.

(JT) Secondary School - I am looking forward to starting Secondary School.

(CG) Transition Day and the activities - I am keen to see what we do for transition and welcoming the current year 4's into year 5 for the day.

(AG) Leavers Hoodies - We got to choose our own colours (I think everyone chose a different colour) mine and KB's are huge.

## **Looking ahead: key messages and reminders**

### **Donations for Child Brain Injury Trust**

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Non Uniform Day. We are delighted to share that we raised £95.90 for the Child Brain Injury Trust. Your generous donations will help the charity continue its valuable work supporting children and families affected by childhood acquired brain injuries. We appreciate the kindness and support shown by our school community in helping us make a difference.

### **Looking After the Local Park**

During our recent assemblies, we have been learning about the importance of looking after our environment and the role we can all play in protecting the world around us. The children discussed simple actions that can make a big difference, such as reducing waste, recycling where possible, and respecting local green spaces. We also talked about the importance of not leaving litter in our local park and taking responsibility for keeping our community clean and safe for everyone to enjoy. The children shared some thoughtful ideas about how they can help care for the environment both at school and at home.

### **Reception New Starter Dates**

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception starters and their families over the coming weeks as part of our transition programme. Our parent information meeting will take place on **Tuesday 16th June from 4:00pm–4:30pm**, providing an opportunity to meet staff and find out more about starting school. Children and families are then invited to a Stay and Play session on **Monday 22nd June from 3:45pm–4:30pm**, giving everyone a chance to become familiar with the classroom environment. Finally, our Transition Morning will be held on **Thursday 2nd July from 9:15am–12:00pm**, allowing the children to experience a morning in Reception and begin building confidence ahead of September. We look forward to meeting everyone and supporting a smooth and positive start to school life.

### **Coffee and Cake with Mrs Naylor**

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join Mrs Naylor for Coffee and Cake on Tuesday 17th June at 2:30pm. This will be a lovely opportunity to come together informally, enjoy refreshments, and enjoy a relaxed chat in a friendly setting. During the session, there will also be a chance to meet the Chair of Governors and find out more about the role of a parent governor, including how you can get involved in supporting and shaping the future of the school. We look forward to welcoming you.

### **Father's Day Afternoon Tea**

We are looking forward to welcoming a special person to our Father's Day Afternoon Tea for children in **Early Years and Key Stage 1**. Please note that there has been a change to the start time, and the event will now **begin at 2:30pm**. This will be a wonderful opportunity for children to share food, take part in fun activities, and spend quality time with a father, grandfather, carer, or another special adult in their life. We hope everyone enjoys this special afternoon together and look forward to seeing you there. Please remember to pay the £2 contribution via ParentPay at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your support.

### **Sports Day**

We are excited to be holding our Sports Day on **Friday 26th June**. **Key Stage 2** pupils (Years 3–6) will take part in the morning session from **9:00am–10:30am**, while **EYFS and Key Stage 1** children (Reception–Year 2) will compete in the afternoon session from **1:30pm–3:00pm**. **Nursery** children will join the afternoon races from **approximately 2:30pm**. The event will include a mixture of point-scoring games for our house teams, alongside traditional races, giving all children the opportunity to participate and contribute. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend and are encouraged to move around the activities with their children to support and cheer them on throughout the event. We look forward to an enjoyable day of teamwork, determination and fun.

### **Book Donation**





We would like to extend our sincere thanks to SKN by Ben for their generous donation of books to our Early Years setting. The children have been delighted to explore the new stories, which will help to foster a love of reading and support their language and literacy development. We are incredibly grateful for this thoughtful contribution and for the support shown to our youngest learners.

### **Plants Donation**

We would like to say a huge thank you to Browns Nurseries for their generous donation of plants and compost for the entrance to our school. The beautiful flowers have brightened up the area and created a welcoming environment for pupils, families and visitors. We are very grateful for their kindness and support in helping to make our school grounds look so attractive.

## Class Attendance

13.4.26-12.6.26

			
Robins	Woodpeckers	Owls	Kingfishers
94%	95%	94%	88%

We are aiming for 96% for good attendance.

### Dates for your diary

Please see all important dates below. Dates are correct at the time of publication but may be subject to change.

#### Summer Term

Date	Focus	Time and place
<b>Tuesday 16th June</b>	Reception New Starters Parent Meeting	Robins 4-4.30
<b>Wednesday 17th June</b>	Coffee and cake with Mrs Naylor	School Hall 2.30-3
<b>Thursday 18th June</b>	Father's Day Afternoon Tea	School Hall - EY/KS1 2.30-3
<b>Thursday 18th June</b>	Outwood Y6 Transition	All Day
<b>Friday 19th June</b>	Outwood Y6 Transition	All Day
<b>Monday 22nd June</b>	Reception New Starters Stay and Play	Robins 3.45-4.30
<b>Friday 26th June</b>	Sports Day	KS2 9am-10.30am EY/KS1 1.30pm-3pm (Nursery from approx. 2.30pm)

<b>Tuesday 30th June</b>	Big Talk Sessions	School - workshop with each year group during the day (letter to follow)
<b>Wednesday 1st July</b>	Vale of York Y6 Transition	All Day
<b>Thursday 2nd July</b>	Vale of York Y6 Transition	All Day
<b>Thursday 2nd July</b>	Transition morning with new class, including new Reception	Visit new classrooms 9.15 - 12
<b>Monday 6th July</b>	Non-uniform day - donations for Summer Fair	School
<b>Wednesday 8th July</b>	Robins/ Woodpeckers Trip to the Deep	All Day
<b>Thursday 9th July</b>	Summer Fair	3.30-4.30
<b>Friday 10th July</b>	Crucial Crew	Morning, Year 6 (letter to follow)
<b>Friday 10th July</b>	Y6 Leavers Assembly (Y6 Parents invited)	School Hall 2.30
<b>Friday 10th July</b>	School Reports sent home	End of the day
<b>Wednesday 15th July</b>	Leavers' Breakfast at Hickory's Year 6	Hickory's 9.30-11.30
<b>Friday 17th July</b>	Last day of school - non-uniform day House Point Celebration	School
<b>Summer Holidays 20th July - 8th September</b> <b>Pupils return to school on Wednesday 9th September</b>		