



Important Dates:

Mon 11th—Thurs 14th May
Y6 SATS

Tues 12th May
Gym Circuit Cancelled
PTA Uniform Sale

Thurs 14th May
Gym Circuit Cancelled
Y6 Beauchamps Transition
Meeting 2.15pm

Fri 15th May
Y6 African Drumming &
Dance Workshop;
Hair Styling Tutorial;
PTA Bingo Night

Mon 18th May
FS Mini Beast Experience

Tues 19th May
Y2 Call of the Wild Trip;
Y3/4 Rapid Fire Cricket
Festival (selected pupils);
Boys Football Match;
Girls Football Cancelled

Wed 20th May
Class Photographs;
Y5/6 Rounders Match

Thurs 21st May
Census Day Special Lunch

Fri 22nd May
RAINBOW Friday—wear
INDIGO non-uniform day

Mon 25th—Fri 29th
Half Term

Please click [here](#) for other
dates.



Goodbye

We say goodbye to Mrs Swan next week after being an LSA here for over 14 years. We thank her for her dedication and enthusiasm supporting pupils with additional needs and wish her the very best of luck in her new role.

We also say goodbye to Miss Mancini who has been an MDA here for 4.5 years. We thank her for all the support she has given to children at lunchtimes and wish her the best of luck in her new role as an LSA.

FS Assembly

We were delighted to welcome the FS parent and carers to our Minibeast Assembly this week. The children really showcased the progress they have made in their confidence and learning. All of the adults were really proud of you— well done!



SAVE THE DATE

You are invited to our sports days, followed by a picnic, on the following dates:

Tuesday 9th June Y5 & Y6

Wednesday 10th June Y2, Y3 & Y4

Thursday 11th June FS & Y1

Time: All sports days start at **10.30am** and finish around midday. Children will go to their classrooms after the last race then join you on the field for the picnic. Lunch finishes at 1pm but you can leave at any time as there will be staff on the gate.

Entrance: Come to lower school via the playground gate and upper school via the year 3 & 6 gate.

Numbers: Please limit spectators to 4. Younger siblings are welcome but they need to stay with parents and carers. For safeguarding reasons, at upper school they cannot run around with older children.

Toilets: Access to toilets will be restricted so please plan ahead!

Weather: If it rains, sports day and picnic lunch will be postponed (16th Y2,3,4; 17th Y5,6 & 18th June FS, Y1).

Food: Please remember that we are a NUT FREE school so don't bring food containing any nut ingredients.

To safeguard our children, please remember that photography is not permitted. If you need to make an urgent call, you must leave the premises to do so. There will be staff on the gate to let you out.

Let's Celebrate!



Hunter Baigent, 2JB received man of the match for scoring a hat trick.

Oscar Marsh, 2EL scored his first ever hat-trick, helping his team to a 3-1 victory and won the Man of the Match trophy.

Finley Marsh, 4AY will be representing his team at the Barcelona Football Festival later this month & received the Player of the Match trophy in their recent friendly.

Rosie Vaughan, 2EL won wildcat of the week at football training and also performed for the first time with her theatre group at Wickford market.

Lily Spencer, 3EC was awarded bronze for her Latin event at last weekend's Rayleigh Dance Festival and has also achieved her rainbow distance 25m and learn to swim level 5, going up into dark blue hats.

Kai Facey, 6LG won silver medal in Essex (National) open Jiu - Jitsu championship in his weight and grading category.

Well done to this week's winners:

FS: Ayaz Kucuk, Mae Rufai

Year 1: Davina Mwesige, Teddy Hollowbread

Year 2: Peter Matheickal, Reggie Hopkins

Year 3: Maggie Ferry, Noah Saunders

Year 4: Leo Goodwin, Haleemah Oyebanji, Alice Dedman Vazquez

Year 5: Ivy Poulton, Mateo Qirko, Zara Gowardun

Year 6: Lucy Weston, Jacob Thomas, Ebum Mosadomi, Cooper Martin



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our wonderful year 6s the very best of luck for their SATs next week.

A POEM FOR YEAR SIX



BY SPARKY

DON'T GET STRESSED.

JUST DO YOUR BEST.

REMEMBER, YOU'VE BEEN BLESSED
WITH SKILLS SATS CAN'T TEST.

Golden Challenge Winners

Congratulations to the children who completed this year's Reading Award; they will all bring home a certificate today. Of those who achieved gold, one lucky winner from each class also received a Golden Token today to exchange for a book from our Vending Machine.

Well done to:

FS: Alfie Holder, Reuben Ford

Year 1: Annabelle Burdiss, Lily Swindells

Year 2: Kavi Bielan, Millie Robinson

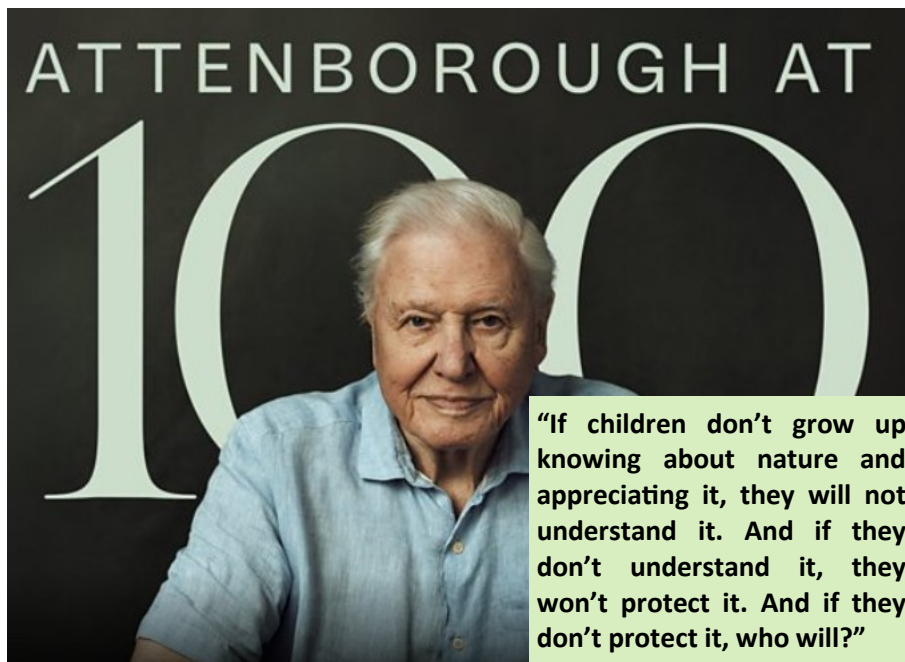


Year 3: Saumya Javeethas, Amelia Baker,

Year 4: Jashwinth Javeethas, Beau Sargant, Calla Dando

Year 5: Zara Meade, Lucas Gomez, Emily Holt

Year 6: Kara Stear, Joshi Barling, Ruby Bennett



"If children don't grow up knowing about nature and appreciating it, they will not understand it. And if they don't understand it, they won't protect it. And if they don't protect it, who will?"

Sir David Attenborough

We celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday today.

Not only is it a huge achievement to reach the age of 100, but Sir David has dedicated his life to inspiring generations in understanding and protecting the natural world.

Sir David's programmes have brought wildlife into millions of homes, shaping how audiences see animals, habitats and the planet itself.

In school today, some classes will be logging in to a special news programme to learn more about this amazing man.

School Dinners

The dinner menu next week will be:

MONDAY

- Beef Bolognese
- Three Bean Bolognese
- Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans
- Garlic Bread
- Fruit Yoghurt

Week 2

Week Commencing
20/4, 11/5, 8/6, 29/6

TUESDAY

- Cheese Burger
- Cheese Wrap
- Tuna Mayo Wrap
- Tortilla Chips
- Cucumber & Carrot Sticks
- Chocolate Chip Muffin

WEDNESDAY

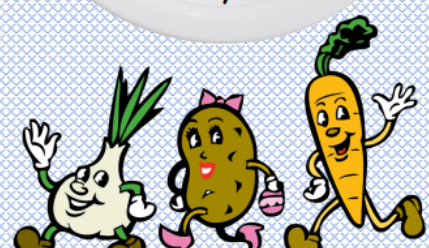
- All Day Breakfast
- Sausage, Bacon & Egg
- Vegetarian Breakfast
- 2 x Veggie Sausages & Egg
- Hot Bacon Roll
- Hash Brown
- Baked Beans
- Healthy Fruit

THURSDAY

- Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding
- Macaroni Cheese
- Baguette Filled with either Ham or Cheese
- New Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Cauliflower
- Ice Lolly

FRIDAY

- Fish Fillet
- Vegetable Quesadilla
- Jacket Potato with Cheese
- Chips
- Peas & Corn
- Flapjack



Whole School Attendance

94%

Weekly Winning Classes

6LG 98%

w/e 01/05/26

Recent Letters

[Rapid Fire Cricket \(selected pupils\)](#)

[Classes September 2026](#)

[Twilight Hours](#)



Y6 SATS Breakfast FREE

When?

8.00-8.30am

Mon 11th—Thurs 14th May

Where?

Upper School Hall

You can now donate unwanted
textiles in our
recycled clothing bank at:

**KIDS JUST
RECYCLE**



LOCATED BY LOWER
SCHOOL HALL
(BREAKFAST CLUB
ENTRANCE)

Please donate pre-loved
wearable clothing, paired
shoes (tied together) and
household textiles to raise
much-needed funds for
your school.

Thank you!

Let's recycle
today



Tel: 020 3903 9933

email: enquiries@kidsjustrecycle.co.uk

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WE NEED YOU**



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**Uniform
sale**

**Tuesday
12th May**

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows about YouTube. The Google-owned platform allows users to upload and share videos globally, making it a readily accessible resource with free content on almost any topic. However, with over 20 million videos uploaded each day, not all material is suitable for younger audiences.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



YouTube is free and can be accessed across multiple device types, even without an account. While some videos are marked as 'age restricted', this relies on uploader honesty and automated moderation, meaning children and young people may still encounter unsuitable content if these measures aren't taken.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES



Popular trends and challenges can be entertaining and widely shared. While many are harmless, some can be risky or harmful if copied. For example, the 'salt and ice challenge' has caused injuries when imitated.

EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT



The platform's algorithm often promotes content that attracts high engagement, which can sometimes include videos containing extreme viewpoints, misinformation, or risky behaviour. As children and young people watch more of this content, similar videos are likely to be recommended by YouTube's algorithm, therefore reinforcing the exposure.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS



YouTube includes social features such as comments and direct messaging. This means young users can interact with people they don't know, potentially exposing them to inappropriate language, cyberbullying, or unwanted contact. Young content creators may be especially vulnerable.

SUGGESTED CONTENT



YouTube recommends videos based on what a user has previously watched. While this can enhance the experience, it may also encourage binge-watching and excessive screen time, particularly when Autoplay is enabled. Without an account, users are shown trending videos, which are not always age appropriate.

SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT



YouTube Shorts – short, fast-paced videos – are designed for continuous viewing. This style of content can be highly engaging but may also contribute to increased screen time and difficulties with maintaining focus over longer periods.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS



YouTube Kids can help reduce young users' exposure to unsuitable content by filtering videos into age groups, such as preschool, younger, and older children. However, as moderation is automated, it should be used alongside active supervision.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS



Google Family Link allows adults to filter content, monitor usage, and manage younger users' screen time. Supervised Accounts offer a gradual step up from YouTube Kids, enabling children to explore the platform with appropriate safeguards.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS



If a child in your care uploads content, consider setting videos to Private or Unlisted so they are only shared with trusted viewers. Disabling comments can also help reduce unwanted interaction from strangers.

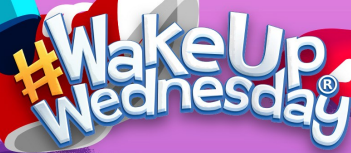
WATCH TOGETHER



Spending time watching YouTube with the children and young people in your care can help you understand what they enjoy and guide your conversations about content. Tools like Downtime in Family Link can also help limit unsupervised viewing.

Meet Our Expert

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