FRIDAY NEWS

1st May 2026

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School Photographer



Reminder - the School Photographer is in on **Tuesday 5th May 2026** to take class photographs.

If you **DO NOT** want your child to have their photo taken, please inform the school office staff.

Sports Day

Wednesday 10th June 2026



We are expecting to be able to hold our annual Sports Day on **Wednesday 10th June (**weather permitting and subject to our school field being accessible) for all children.
Sports events will be held outside in the morning and afternoon.
Parents are invited to attend from **1:30pm** onwards.
As the children will be outside most of the day can we ask you to ensure that your child arrives to school with a refillable water bottle, sunscreen and a sun hat.
Please send children to school in full PE kit including a t-shirt which represents their house colour (Plain or Logo).
Please save this date. If any changes need to be made, we will update you all as soon as possible.
Thank You.

Walk To School Week

18th - 22nd May 2025

This year, Walk to School Week takes place 18th - 22nd May. Children and parents are encouraged to leave the car at home and walk to school if they can.

More information will follow shortly.

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Cycle Helmets

PLEASE can we remind everyone the importance of wearing a cycle helmet when riding your bike.
We saw a lot of children on bikes this week, which is lovely, but very few of them were wearing a helmet. Please can we ask you to encourage your child to wear a helmet, we would hate for there to be an accident.
Thank You.

Y6 Leavers Hoodies

Year 6 Leavers hoodies are available direct from Skoolkit. The children can wear these in school once they have them. The cut off for ordering is 1st June at 8am – in order to get them in time for Fairthorne Manor Trip.
You will be asked to add a name when ordering, we advise using initials.
https://www.skoolkit.co.uk/school-uniform/1497
Thank You.

Gardening Club





We are excited to share that we have started a new gardening club for lower KS2. The idea for the club started when Mason from 4JH wanted to grow food for children who forgot their snacks (inspired by his guided reading book on WWII rationing). With the support of his mum, we have been able to start growing a range of fruits and vegetables. The children have been working hard, planting and watering the seeds. We are looking forward to watching the plants grow over the coming weeks, seeing the results of all their wonderful work.
Many thanks to Mason and his mum for the fabulous idea.

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Year 6 Paulton's Park Visit

Year 6 have a Paulton's Park Visit towards the end of the school year.
The Visit will take place on **Friday 17th July 2026**.
The cost of the Visit is **£28.60** – which includes Entrance to the park and Coach Travel.
Letter will be sent home soon, with attached permission slips. Please could you return permission slips as soon as possible.

Hot Weather





IMPORTANT - As the weather has changed (at times), can we kindly ask that parents send their children to school with a Sun Hat and also apply sunscreen to their children before coming to school. Some Sun Creams are for all day use without the need to re-apply. Should your child need to re-apply Sun Cream, they can bring this with them to school but please can we ask that this is not in aerosol form as this can pose a safety risk.

Please can you make sure your child brings a suitable water bottle in each day, we need to stay hydrated.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Should you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to one of the schools Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) who will be able to support you.
DSL - Kay Sadler, Leiza Harris,
DDSL- Tracey Matthews, Leigh Dunlop, Jane McKenna

Lockdown Practice

On Friday morning, we practiced our Lockdown Procedure in school.

It is important the children know what to do in the case of a Lockdown and to be able to distinguish between the Lockdown Alarm and the Fire Alarm.

All children responded very well and it was a success.

Well Done everyone.

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Outstanding Children & Perfect Presentation

Every Friday, a child from each class is chosen as the Outstanding Child of the Week. This is for demonstrating an excellent commitment to our school values. The following children were selected as this week's Outstanding Child:

3CP	**Scarlett.C**
3KA	**Luna.D**
4JH	**Hazal.E**
4MM	**Austin.S**
5AH	**Lola.B**
5AJ	**Elizabeth.E**
5SG	**Ely.S**
6CS	**Oliver.S**
6SLS	**Darcy.T**
6TC	**Samantha.D**

In addition, a child from each year group is chosen for an exceptionally good piece of work that has been completed to a very high standard during the week. The following children were selected for this week's Perfect Presentation Award:

Y3 – Ivy.W
Y4 – Felicity.J
Y5 – Layla.C
Y6 – Eliza.L



Once again, a massive well done to all the children for their super achievement, we really do enjoy celebrating fabulous work and good behaviour, as I am sure you do too!

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School Dates

Monday 4th May 2026
Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May 2026
Class photos

Thursday 7th May 2026
Poling Day - School closed

11th – 15th May 2026
IOW Residential Y5 & SATS Week

18th – 22nd May 2026
Walk To School Week

Thursday 21st May 2026
National Numeracy Day

25th – 29th May 2026
Half Term

Friday 5th June 2026
Grange Talent Show

Wednesday 10th June 2026
Sports Day

17th & 18th June 2026
Year 4 River Trip

22nd – 24th June 2026
Fairthorne Residential Y6

Thursday 25th June 2026
3:30pm Summer Fayre

Friday 26th June 2026
Inset Day – School closed

6th – 10th July 2026
Year 4 Stubbington Residential & Year 6 Transition Week

Friday 17th July 2026
Y6 Paultons Park

Monday 20th July 2026
Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Disco

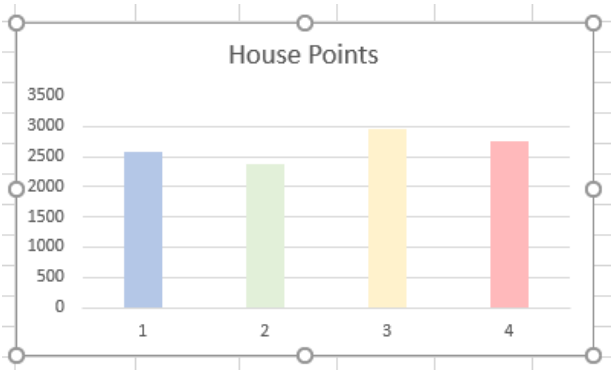
Wednesday 22nd July 2026
1:30pm School closes for summer

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House Points

	Sycamore	Oak	Willow	Maple
TOTAL	2572	2384	2966	2749

Congratulations to this week's winners: **WILLOW**



WILLOW are in the lead so far this half term.

Keep up the great work everyone!

Outstanding Attendance

This week's Outstanding Attendance Winners are:

In **4th** Place winning **10** House Points –**OAK**
In **3rd** Place winning **20** House Points – **MAPLE**
In **2nd** Place winning **30** House Points – **WILLOW**
In **1st** Place winning **50** House Points – **SYCAMORE**



Well Done everyone!
Remember, it's cool to be in school!