



# Newsletter



## 27.06.2025

## Recently at Greenfields...

Oh, we do like to be beside the seaside...Well, Years 1 and 2 really did yesterday and had "the best day ever" (thanks Cooper!) down at Chalkwell Beach. We need not have taken so many activities, because the children simply wanted to build sandcastles, dig moats and dunk themselves in the water. The day may have been very cloudy and windy, but that did not stop us admitting the wind surfers and playing in the incoming tide! We started the day with hundreds of meters of sand, and left with just a strip of pebbles so we transferred to playing on the green and eating our ice creams. The children were all brilliant and it was the best day which I was privileged to be able to share with them. If you did send in a bucket or spade etc, and this did not return home, please come and check the bags of things we have, as we simply scooped everything up at the end of the day. Equally, if you have lost a t-shirt or some underwear, we also have some lost property. A huge thank you to all the staff who gave their time for our long day out. I do hope they all slept soundly last night!

End of term trips do create such core memories of school – I still remember going to Bekonscott Village when I was 6, but they are only possible if everyone makes their donations as we simply do not have the money in school to pay for everyone for every trip. If you cannot afford the whole cost, please do come and see me to discuss a payment plan, which is easily set up. I always try to give as much notice as possible so that you can pay little and often so it's not a big hit. Being a one form entry school it is always expensive to share a cost with one class, which is why we try to do things with at least 2 classes where possible. We have a few more trips to go this

term, and I am already in the process of arranging ones for the Autumn, so please do speak to me if you need help.

On thing we really are struggling with at the moment is people taking holidays, particularly in Y6. We have already had to move the production 4 times due to secondary transition, and now we find that at least 2 children will miss the dress rehearsal (the day before) due to being away. I know holidays are expensive, I know times are tough, but please try not to book holidays in the last few weeks of term. It's not just your child missing something, it really does impact the whole class. I legally now have to refer all holiday absences over 5 days to County for their decision as to fine or not – that is not my call. If you are going away, please be honest and let us know so we are not wasting time calling, doing safeguarding visits because we can't get hold of you, or expecting your child to lie. Please think in advance of what impact your child's absence will have on the school. Equally, we cannot be held responsible if your child misses things like school photos. We work on the assumption that every child will be in school every day, and plan accordingly..

*Kate Day*



### Attendance 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> June

Nursery	93.5%
Reception	93.07%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	94.55%
Year 3	93.79%
Year 4	93.33%
Year 5	93.5%
Year 6	94.85%

## Notices

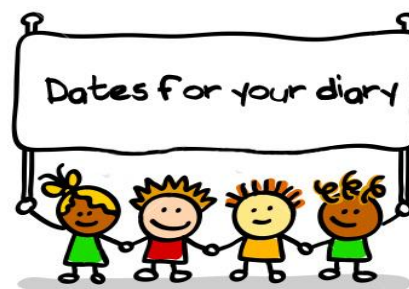
### 4<sup>th</sup> July – Guide Dogs Day

Romans Charity this year is Guide Dogs for the Blind. On Friday, they are inviting all children to dress up as their dream job / career. In school they will also be experiencing a lesson with visual impairment – whether that is playing some sports designed for visually impaired people, being blindfolded for a lesson and following a map / trail or having to be guided by a friend. We will also be looking at the importance of Guide Dogs and how amazing the training is to provide support for those in need. As usual, we ask for donations towards this charity, so please give what you can.

Thank you for your support.

## South Oxhey Winners

Well done to our Y5 and 6 football team who took on the rest of South Oxhey in the Eastbury Tournament on the 18<sup>th</sup> June. A very hot and sticky time was had, but we came away as WINNERS! Congratulations to Billy, Marley, Noah, Migeul, George, Reggie, Jesse and Matei!



1.7.25	Y6 PSHE visit – Crucial Crew
3.7.25	Y3&4 trip to Legoland
4.7.25	Guide Dogs Day
8.7.25	Y6 Dress rehearsal am Y6 Production 6pm
9.7.25	Captain Fantastic Road Safety workshop for Ys 1&2
10.7.25	Hertfordshire transition day Nursery Class Assembly New class visits pm – collect from your new year group
14 - 18.7.25	<b>Sports Week</b> Monday – Rock up for KS2 / The Floor is Lava for KS1/EYFS Tuesday – Ninja Skipping / KS2 Water Polo Wednesday – Sports Day Thursday – Haka Dance / Inter class games Friday – games / Y5 summer fair
16.7.25	Sports Day Open afternoon
17.7.25	Y6 Leavers Party
18.7.25	Nursery / Reception Graduation Reception gam Nursery 11am
21.7.25	Awards Assembly gam Leavers Assembly to school
22.7.25	Y6 Leavers Assembly gam to Y6 parents and family only Term Ends 1pm





## Technology at home

I am having to spend more and more of my time talking to children about the impact of their use of technology, websites and apps at home. We have recently had several incidents where arguments or comments made in apps like Whatsapp are spilling into school behaviour and affecting learning. This is not ok, but there is very little I can do to control what happens on devices outside of school. However, this last month I have had to deal with several cases of children logging into each others accounts and 'hacking' each other to affect their TimesTables Rockstars scores. Some are doing this to help their friends, others for not such nice reasons. Either way, the result is that it spoils the algorithms for the children.

TTRS works by analysing the amount of correct answers a player gives and then reinforcing ones they struggle with through extra practice as they go on. This generates 'heat maps' where children who know their tables show as green, and those still learning are red and yellow. The children really like the competition over these heat maps and they are looked at each week in class. However, we have children who have not been exposed to times tables outside of their year group all of a sudden being green in tables not yet covered. This is because siblings or friends are logging in as them and getting their map to green. This means that the next time they log in, the tables will be far too hard for them. It doesn't actually help them.

Equally other children are logging in as friends and sabotaging their heat maps by deliberately getting questions wrong. This means that their work does not progress as the computer constantly gives them the questions they can do, but that someone else is getting wrong on their behalf.

We do ask that apps and games like this are played on at home, but please monitor who your child is logging on as. This information is inside their reading log book or homework diary. Please also talk to them about the importance of online safety, and only you knowing their log ins. For now it is times tables rockstars, but in the future this will be social media apps, bank accounts etc. What we teach now has life long learning in this respect.

E-Safety does form part of our curriculum every term, and the children know all the right things to say in lessons, but just that small percentage are not living what we teach. Please support us in embedding this message.

Thank you.

## Classes 2025-2026

As the term draws to a close, it is natural for us to start thinking about next year and the transition of classes. We have been able to sort out classes relatively easily this year. As always, the decision about who teaches where is based upon the needs of the children and the classes, and a lot of thought and discussion goes into that by myself and the class teachers.

We no longer do a big announcement in school as for some children this is a very worrying and anxious time. Therefore, we do ask you to share with your child, in the security of your own home, their class teacher for 2025/6, especially where teachers have moved year groups, so it may not be who you were expecting.

Next year, the classes will be as follows:

**Nursery: Miss Kennedy** with Mrs Perren and Miss Durkan

**Reception: Mrs Fernando** with Miss Wilds

**Year 1: Mr Adak** with Miss Allard

**Year 2: Miss Daniels / Mrs Jefferis** with Mrs Foskett

**Year 3: Miss Chopping** with Mrs Alousi

**Year 4: Mrs Farmer** with Mrs Ford

**Year 5: Mr Pople** with Mrs Gilder

**Year 6: Mr Wilkinson** with Mrs Cochrane

As you can see, Mrs O'Shea is not on the list as she is retiring at the end of term and taking on the post of full time Granny. I will write more about Mrs O'Shea in the last newsletter. Mrs Dupree will be providing PPA cover across some classes, and when Mrs Pearce returns from maternity leave in March, the plan is for her to give Y6 some last minute boosts before SATs. Unfortunately, I am unable to confirm 1:1 support for individual students. Mrs Evans will contact those parents closer to the end of the year.