



5TH JUNE 2026

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NEWSLETTER

Seven busy weeks ahead!

I trust that you all had a lovely half term break and I hope you got to enjoy the glorious weather before the return of the rain this week! This is (as usual) set to be our busiest half term of the year with lots of exciting events, trips and reports.

It was wonderful to have so many parents join us for the first of our House lunches this week, despite the rain. The children thoroughly enjoyed having additional adults to share in their play and we are looking forward to welcoming more parents to our upcoming lunches. Just a reminder that adult lunch must be booked in advance via Parent Mail and that all mobile phones/devices must be left offsite.

I also had a great conversation with Premier Education this week to discuss the holiday camps they will be offering in the summer, alongside the wrap-around care provision for next academic year. More information will follow shortly.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Housden

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our recent Stars of the Week...

★ Friday 5th June - Theo, Grace, Robin, Cruz, Harry S, Freddie

House Lunches

Barley - Weds 3rd June
Wheat - Mon 15th June
Rye - Mon 29th June

Up to 2 adults per family are invited to join their child/children for lunch and then experience lunchtime OPAL play!

Adult lunches will be bookable and payable via Parent Mail and need to be ordered/paid for in advance.

No mobile phones/devices will be permitted.



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Acorn Class

We have had a wonderfully busy and exciting few weeks in Acorn Class!

Our recent trip to the Tower of London was a fantastic experience and really helped to bring our topic to life. The children were incredibly enthusiastic and impressed us with how well they applied the knowledge they had gained in class. They enjoyed exploring the historic site, learning about its fascinating past, and making connections between what they had seen and what we have been learning. We were so proud of their behaviour, curiosity, and thoughtful questions throughout the day.

We also thoroughly enjoyed our David Attenborough Day, which gave the children the opportunity to celebrate and explore the natural world. In the morning, we ventured into the woods where the children investigated different habitats and worked collaboratively to create bug hotels using recycled tins and a variety of natural resources. They showed great creativity and care when thinking about what insects might need to make a suitable home. In the afternoon, the children continued their nature-themed learning by creating beautiful paintings of animals, inspired by the wildlife they had been discussing throughout the day.

This week, we have also kick-started our new topic; Stories from the Past. The children have been immersing themselves in the traditional tale Goldilocks and the Three Bears and have loved exploring the characters and events in the story. They have begun creating their own versions of the tale, using their imaginations to develop new settings, characters, and story endings. We are looking forward to seeing their storytelling skills continue to grow as we explore more stories from the past over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.



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Ash Class

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year.

During this half term we will be learning about Space, time, lullabies, important voices in history and murals and tapestries plus much more!

Next week is the annual phonics screening check. This is to assess the children's phonic knowledge and understanding and will be administered by Mrs. Monks on a one-to-one basis. The children have had many informal practices so may not even realise they have completed the test. In preparation for this, please continue to read with your child daily and practice reading and writing words. We will send home another practice sheet this week to help.

In Maths, we have been looking at place value using number up to 100. The children have amazed me with their one more/one less knowledge!

For PE children need shorts, t-shirts, socks and trainers please. These need to be in school on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Although it may officially be summer, we have had some very wet weather. The children need a waterproof coat in school everyday as well as a sun hat. Thank you.

Have a great weekend!
The Year One Team

Birch Class

Welcome into the final stretch of your child's KS1 experience. We have started the week as the term will continue hard at work. We are perfecting our key stage skills in English, starting our new topics in maths, science and history and have started to think more independently about our learning.

A polite reminder that items from home should not be coming into school. Fidgets, pencil cases, fancy pens, 'maths toys', bookmarks etc. Stationery and concentrators (if required), are provided by school. Toys or items from home are not conducive to learning; thank you for support with this.

We have started our statistics topic in Maths and have already collated data about the class hair colour, eye colour, quantity of pets and more. We have interpreted our data and started to think about the results it shows, answering questions such as how many more children have brown hair than black hair, what is the least common hair colour and how many children have a dog or cat.

Our science topic this term is astronomy and we were excited to start thinking about our solar system and learning a mnemonic to order the planets. 'My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Nine Pizzas.' We will discover more about the exploration of space, the phases of the moon and what constellations are.

In History we started to learn about important people with powerful voices. Our first lesson was all about Ghandi and his peaceful protests. The children were fascinated how much he shaped the changes of India and Britain's rule over it just by speaking out.

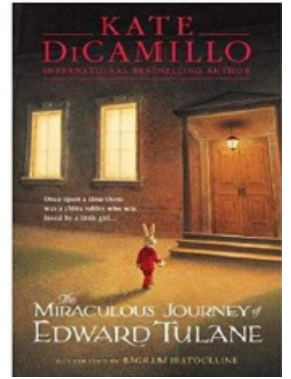
Reminder: PE days are Monday and Thursday. Reading books and logs should be in school daily with a water bottle and light jacket.

Enjoy your weekend,
Mrs Tidey

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Hazel Class

In English we have continued our work based on the 'Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. We have been discussing the characters that we have been introduced to in the book and how they are treating Edward, and in turn how they are making Edward feel and how he is beginning to change. We think he is just beginning to understand the importance of love.



In maths we have been looking at money, converting between pounds and pence, ordering amounts, and investigating how many different ways we can make a pound using different combinations of coins. Following this we have been adding and subtracting amounts helping us to work out change.

Other news:

Just before half term we had a lovely day celebrating David Attenborough's 100th birthday, some of us worked in year 6, others in 5, some of us stayed in our own classroom, whilst others went to year 2. Each teacher had chosen a different area of our natural world that Attenborough had been involved in and spent the day working with different children, a different teacher (for most) and lots of different activities based on the chosen themes. At the end of the day we all returned 'home' to share what we had been doing. Everyone was very excited about what they had done and how the day had been organised.

I hope this set you up for an enjoyable half term.

A few reminders...

Please read five times weekly and record this in the children's diaries
Regular times table practise
PE kits in school every day
Sun hats water bottles

Thank you for your continued support.
Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

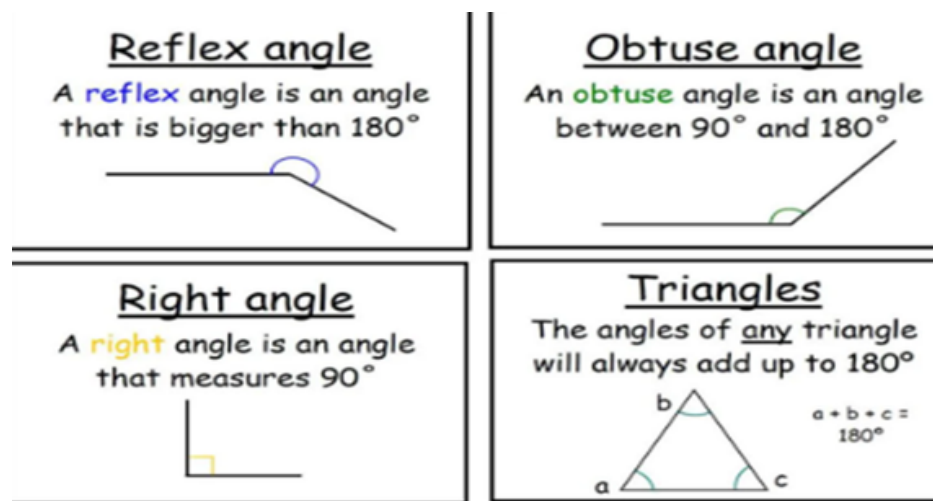
From the Hazel class team

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Yew Class

In English, we are still reading George Orwell's 'Animal Farm'. In English lessons we are studying the Cold War with the aim of writing a report on an aspect of it. So far we have looked at the features of report writing and have studied the Korean War, the Berlin airlift and construction of the Berlin Wall and the Cuban Missile Crisis. Next we aim to look at the Vietnam War and the end of the Cold War. The children have been enjoying these lessons a lot and they are seeing the links from World War One through to the present day.

Recently, in Maths, we have completed our work on statistics and are finishing looking at angles and shapes – ask your child at home about the different type of angles.



Our next topic will be on co-ordinates, translation and reflection in lines of symmetry.

In other subjects our focus will be on the following:

Science: Evolution

History: Human Rights

Geography: Globalisation

Music: Protest Songs

Art: Modernism

PSHE: Relationship and Sex Education

The next homework will be due in on Friday 12th June.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Baker and the Year 5 Team

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Oak Class

As if we have entered the final half term of Year 6 – time really does fly when you're having fun!

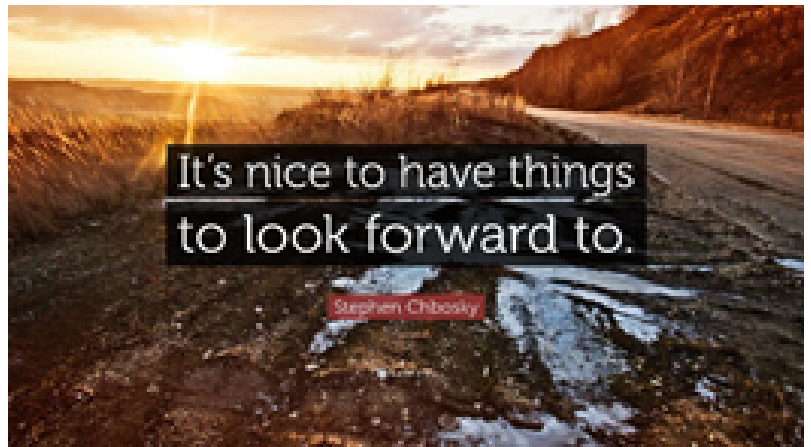
It's hard to believe we only have 6 weeks left of Year 6 and my goodness do we plan on making the most of the time. We have lots of exciting things added into our timetable this term, including:

- first aid workshop
- class production
- sports day
- transition day
- DT project
- GenR8 workshop
- and of course the class residential!

In addition to this we will continue to practice our maths, reading and writing skills alongside our new topics of Evolution (science), Globalisation (Geography), Post Modernism (Art) and Human Rights (History). In RE we will be looking at our spiritual sides and exploring what spiritually means to us.

With all the changes in time table and additional activities going on, I understand there is a lot of information coming out – as always, if you have questions please do not hesitate to contact oakclass@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk

Miss Barrett and the Team



OTHER/COMMUNITY NOTICES

2026 Summer Reading Challenge

READ to the BEAT

Explore music and sound this summer through amazing books and activities.

Complete this year's challenge and receive your very own 'Read to the Beat' medal and certificate!

Sign up for free at your local library from Saturday 4th July



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