

Half Term and the Warmer Weather

As we approach the half term break, it certainly feels as though summer is beginning to arrive. The warmer weather and lighter evenings have brought a real sense of energy across the school, and it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying their learning both inside and outside the classroom. As always at this time of year, we would ask families to continue reinforcing important safety messages with children, particularly around road safety, online activity and staying safe when playing outdoors with friends during the holiday period.

We hope that all families enjoy the opportunity to rest and recharge over the break before what promises to be another very busy and exciting half term ahead.

Year 6 SATs Week

Last week, our Year 6 children completed their SATs assessments with maturity, determination and resilience. We were incredibly proud of the calm and positive attitude they demonstrated throughout the week.

The children have worked exceptionally hard all year and approached each day with confidence and focus. Thank you also to parents and carers for the encouragement and support you continue to provide at home — it makes a huge difference.

Educational Visits and Experiences

One of the great strengths of school life is the range of opportunities children experience beyond the classroom. Over recent weeks, many year groups have enjoyed educational visits which help bring learning to life and create lasting memories.

Recent trips have included:

- **Year 5** – Hartford Stream
- **Year 3** – Fishbourne Palace
- **Year 2** – Hedge End Train Station
- **Year 1** – Hillier Gardens

These visits provide valuable opportunities for children to deepen their understanding, develop independence and learn in new and exciting environments. We would also like to thank the parents and volunteers who supported these visits — your time and support are greatly appreciated and help make these opportunities possible for our children.

Year 4 Swimming

We have also been delighted with the success of the weekly swimming sessions for Year 4. The children have shown great enthusiasm and growing confidence in the water, and it has been wonderful to see the progress they are making each week. Likewise, huge thanks to the parents who've supported to make these sessions possible.

Looking Ahead

After half term, the pace of school life certainly does not slow down! We are looking forward to Sports Days and an even busier period of events, performances and activities as we move towards the end of the academic year. These occasions are always highlights in the school calendar and reflect the vibrant, inclusive and active community we are proud to be part of.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for the final stretch of the school year.

