

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Horsham Children's Parade 2025

We thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Horsham Children's Parade which took place last Sunday. We were first place in the walking float with the storks from the Knepp estate. The children really enjoyed being part of such a big event and we would like to thank everyone who lined the route to support us and for those parents involved in making the associated props and walking with the children.



Open Afternoon & Art Exhibitions

On Wednesday, we held two amazing art exhibitions in school. In the studio was our whole school's response to the National Gallery's Take One Picture project. The quality in both design and execution was phenomenal. From reception children's boats to Year 6's masks, we couldn't have asked for more from every pupil and staff member. Each year group explored Canaletto's Regatta on the Grand Canal and chose to draw upon an aspect of the painting and respond to it in their own way. We hope that we might be selected to show our work in London at the National Gallery.



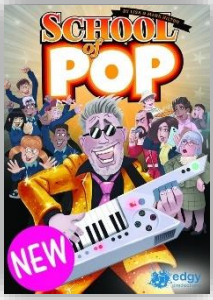
We also held a Summer Art Exhibition in the hall, where Images Art supported us in framing and displaying all of our artwork. It was wonderful to see the children admiring each other's pieces and commenting so positively about them. It truly felt like we were in an art exhibition.

Funds raised from the art sale will go towards supporting more exciting art projects next school year.

If you would like to purchase your child's artwork, please advise the office by Monday so we can put in an order. (There is a minimum amount). Thank you for everyone's support. *Mrs Noake Art Lead*

Y6 Production

Following a dress rehearsal to the school at the start of the week, Year 6 pupils performed their end-of-year musical 'School of Pop' to two packed-out audiences of family members on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Everyone played their part in a great team effort, which included wonderful acting, singing and choreography. It will be something that the children remember for a very long time and they should be very proud of themselves.



Sports



Y5 and 6 enjoyed a fabulous morning playing cricket against four other schools at Kingslea on Tuesday morning. It was a wonderful opportunity to take some children who had not played cricket before and introduce them to the sport. Overall, everyone picked up new skills and played so well, winning two of their four games, with a couple of catches, wickets and fours. Well done to everyone, a great way to finish our sporting events for the year.



Harrison C, Evie C and Harrison W were involved in a National Touch Rugby competition on Saturday in Royal Leamington Spa. They were in the Mixed under 12 Cup final, which they won against Maidenhead 'Mohawks' 4-3. Congratulations!

Dragons' Den



As part of their explanation writing unit, year 5 wrote pitches for their own inventions and worked hard to persuade others to vote for their idea. On Wednesday, our finalists (Belle, Thomas, Vini, Arun and Darcy) confidently presented their inventions to the Holbrook School's own Dragons' Den panel. Their inventions included a pet robot; a 3-in-1 cooler, and a sports-for-all robot. In the end, the Dragons voted for Darcy's innovative idea for a comforting animal night light aimed at young children. The night light can talk to, sing and read to children. Well done Darcy. *Mrs Filson*

Summer Reading Challenge

A reminder that the Summer Reading Challenge starts tomorrow, Saturday 12th July. From this date you can start borrowing library books and work your way through the challenge. Click on the poster for further information.



Picture News

This week’s topic for discussion is ‘How can stories help us understand others?’ – see below.



How can stories help us understand others?

In the news this week

After fleeing the war in Ukraine, Yulia Brykailo moved to the Isle of Man with her daughter, Veronika. Yulia has since written a children’s book inspired by Veronika’s experience of settling into a new school. The story, Veronika’s Treasure Adventures on the Isle of Man, follows a young girl exploring the island and discovering that the real treasure is friendship. Veronika was warmly welcomed by her new school, where pupils even learned Ukrainian words to help her feel included.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you think writing a book is a good way to help share an experience?
- Ask someone at home about their favourite book. What is it they like about it? Tell them about yours. Are there any lessons you can learn from your favourite stories or books?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
21 st August	1 st September
28 th August	8 th September
4 th September	15 th September
11 th September	22 nd September
18 th September	29 th September
25 th September	6 th October
2 nd October	13 th October
9 th October	20 th October

Diary Dates (new additions in bold)	
Monday 14 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 16 th July	Y6 BBQ
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last Day of Term
Wednesday 3 rd September	INSET – school closed to pupils
Thursday 4 th September	Y1-Y6 back to school

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



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Headteacher