

Well Done Year 6

We are extremely proud of our Year 6 children who have completed their SATs this week. They have worked hard all year and have had a really positive approach to their learning. They have many things to look forward to in the coming weeks, including singing in Birmingham (YoungVoices) and also going to Harry Potter World for their school trip.

Sports Day 23rd May

Parents/carers are invited to come along and support the children on Sports Day. You will be required to remain behind the respect barrier which will be around the boundary of the tracks. Pupils will stay on one track area for all events this year, so parents will still be able to have a good view. It will be lovely to have adults at the event this year to help celebrate sports day with us.

Attendance

Well done to the following year groups.
Currently the top three attending year groups are:
Year 4
Year 1
Year 2
More information about attendance can be found on the back of this newsletter.

PE Kits

Please can we remind everyone that when the children come into school in their PE kits it is essential that they have appropriate footwear to be able to take part in sporting activities safely. Also, as the weather is hopefully improving, we ask that children do not wear strappy tops as part of their PE kit.
If children bring in sun hats please make sure these are labelled.



What is Northampton Racecourse junior parkrun?

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds).

When is it?

It is held every Sunday at 9:00am.

Where is it?

The event takes place at Northampton Racecourse, Kettering Road, Northampton, NN1 4LG.

What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free! but please [register](#) before you first come along. Only ever register with parkrun once and don't forget to bring a **scannable** copy of your barcode.

How fast do I have to be?

The aim is to have fun. Please come along and join in

Diary Dates

16th May - Year 4 Celebration Assembly - 2:40pm
18th May - Year 5 school trip
19th May - YoungVoices Concert - Year 6
20th May - Year 3 Celebration Assembly - 2:40pm
23rd May - Sports Day -
Reception Year and Years 1, 2 & 3 - 9:15AM
Years 4, 5 and 6 - 1:45PM
26th May - School Jubilee celebrations
27th May - School Closed for Bank Holiday/Half Term

Why is coming to school so important?

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential!

Did you know ... ?

Going to school is directly linked to improved life opportunities. As well as this, going to school helps to develop:

- Friendships & Social skills
- Team values
- Responsible patterns of behaviour
- Cultural awareness
- Career pathways

Evidence shows that pupils with good attendance enjoy school more and achieve better outcomes in all areas of life. Pupils who miss even a few days of school often feel less of a connection with their learning and their peers. Poor attendance over time can affect pupils' behaviour, self-esteem and engagement in lessons.

What is good attendance?

The Department for Education expects pupils to be at school between 96% and 100% of the school year. If your child misses just 10 days of school over the year, they drop below this target!

98 -100% VERY GOOD	96% GOOD	95-90% WORRYING	80% SERIOUS CONCERNS
Up to 4 days off in the school year	7 days off school in the year	10 days off in the school year	20 days off in the school year
Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start.	Just meets the target.	Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.	Your child will find it difficult to make progress, learn new skills and build social networks.

How can I improve my child's attendance?

We are always here to help. Come into school and talk things through with us.

You can ask us for your child's attendance percentage at any time.

Remember, children often 'perk up' once they get into school, especially those with colds! We will always phone home if we feel they really are struggling.

If your child's attendance falls below 96% we will give you a friendly phone call.

If things do not improve, we are legally required to begin taking action. This may mean that we send out an official 'Letter A' that may result in further actions and fines from the Local Authority.

"The largest part of success is showing up" - Woody Allen
