



Newsletter

JUNE 2026

INFANTS SCHOOL

What a term this has been! We've celebrated Art Week, another hugely successful curriculum week organised by Mrs Austin, managed to get through a heatwave and all the while the children have still been busy learning.

I've been incredibly grateful for the support of the community over this last month. We've had parents giving up their time to come into school either to support in Art Week or to get the outdoor area looking tidy before our Forest School Stay and Play. We have also been so lucky to have parents lending us fans during the hot weather and a number of parents buying ice creams for the children to keep them cool. Thank you to you all!

We have a few weeks to go and we are looking forward to transition day next week, the upcoming Year 2 show and all the fun that the last few weeks bring.

Miss Wright

JUNIOR SCHOOL

As the summer term has progressed, the Junior School has continued to benefit from a range of different events, halted temporarily because of the extremely hot weather!

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at the Celebration of Work and the children were clearly proud to show you their work.

We are currently working on ensuring that pupils have a smooth transition to their new classes (or schools) in September. To support this, on Tuesday this week, we held workshops about transition for all of Year 6 and some groups of pupils in Years 3 and 4. Teachers are busy meeting colleagues to pass on information and it has been lovely seeing a few of next year's Y3 pupils visiting the school. We are looking forward welcoming all of the new Year 3 when they come to visit on Transition Day.

Mrs Hurst

Reception Library Trip

This half term, Reception Pine and Mulberry had a lovely walk to Farnham Common Village library. The children were excited to visit and were warmly welcomed by Pam and the library volunteers, who talked to them about the library rules and showed them how to find books in the children's section.

We enjoyed listening to a story together before the children chose some books and learned how to borrow them. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm for reading and exploring the library.

The children were fantastic throughout the trip. They walked safely along the main road, listened carefully, and greeted people we passed with a cheerful "Good morning." We were very proud of their excellent manners.

As part of our Geography learning, we also talked about what we could see in our local environment. The children noticed traffic, litter, buildings, and shops, and enjoyed spotting familiar phonics sounds and numbers on signs along the way.

Overall, it was a wonderful visit and a lovely opportunity for the children to learn, read, and explore their community together. A big thank you to all of the parent volunteers who came along with us.



Year 3 Trip to Whipsnade

Year 3 enjoyed a rather soggy trip to Whipsnade in early June. Despite the rain the children were able to see a variety of animals including baby giraffes, grazing wallabies, some very playful penguins. However, many enjoyed visiting the tropical heat of the butterfly house the most. The Year 3 team were very proud of the children's resilience, keeping up positive attitudes during the day.

Year 5 Planetarium

Described as 'the best morning ever, too realistic to be true' (Gaspard) Year 5 were lucky to experience the wonders of the planetarium. 'Hawthorn went in before Cedar, but it was definitely worth the wait!' - Annabel told us. Starting in our school field and zooming up into space the projected images brought our solar system to life for the children. It was a giant dome filled with air, then when we entered it was a kaleidoscope of colours, Tilly told us. 'We could see the shiny, glimmering stars,' exclaimed Johnny. First, we studied a nebula, which is basically a giant space cloud. Then we saw constellations; it was so fascinating how there were all different ones for different countries. After that, we journeyed through the planets, there might be water and life on one of Saturn's moons, Jess reported.

'Although this was an incredible journey, Earth is important and is the only home we have so it is surely worth protecting,' Olivia D and Sarvun Attenborough.



Year 5's Great Galactic Tour!

On the afternoon of Wednesday 18th June, Year 5 welcomed the rest of the school and specially invited Year 2's to the inky blackness of space, sharing their big hit 'The Great Galactic Tour'. 'It was about all the thing we have learnt about space – our topic at the moment (plus some dad jokes!)' explained Quinn. Four weeks of practice and it all came down to that moment! All eyes were on us and then it was time. We, the flight crew walked on confidently. The flight crew had to wear astronaut suits, others had glitter and fabrics to represent the planets they were acting as. The first line was said, I was quite nervous, but we did great! It was an amazing experience to have a chance at and I felt it was very well coordinated and very good. The following day we performed for the parents, and I was way more confident and it was so much fun!' (Hadley+ Evie)

'It was all about Space! From Rocky planets to the Gas Giants, Big Bang to black holes and plenty more!' (Faustine)

'My favourite part was going up thinking I was going to mess it up, putting that out of my head and doing it perfectly!' (James W)



Year 5 and Year 2 Art workshop.

On Friday morning we welcomed the Year 2's into our school to paint with us. We did a picture of space as we are both learning about it as a Topic. We created a group picture of a galaxy using wax crayons and then painted over it, the wax appeared like magic! We also did some marbling and created amazing swirls and patterns with ink on water. The Year 2's were amazed! 'The marbling all looked sensational!' commented George. 'In the end we finished up with a brilliant image, and everyone was happy,' reported Harry.

Year 5 then turned their marbled paper into collaged galaxies using chalk to create a nebula effect.



Year 6 River Dart Residential and Enrichment Week

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their wonderful week at River Dart Country Park this month. Each of the groups participated in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities, superbly led by the excellent instructors. The setting of this residential trip is stunning, and the children went caving in real caves (very muddy!) and had the challenge of rock climbing on Dartmoor. In addition, there was kayaking, canoeing, high ropes, crate



stacking and a really long zip wire. All the children worked hard to meet personal challenges, develop new skills and work as part of a team, achieving their National Outdoor Learning Award. Thank you to all the staff who took the children on this trip and enabled the year 6 pupils to create lifelong memories.

Other children in Year 6 had a wonderful Enrichment Week back in school. They worked with clay to create cupcake pots, had a go at two-colour reduction printing, and worked on making cams mechanisms. A film morning was enjoyed, and they also met the challenge of creating a one metre bridge out of Lego. The children also visited the Signature Care Home.



Forest School Taster and Volunteers Gardening at the Infants

On Friday 19th June we had a group of volunteers in school helping us to get the outdoor spaces tidied up a little. From planting to painting the shed, everyone was incredibly busy! Our pond area has been completely transformed and the greenhouse is now much more accessible. A huge shout out to



Miss Thomson for organising the afternoon and putting everyone to work!

On Saturday 20th June we opened the forest up to some prospective pupils. Many of the school staff volunteered their time to ensure that the session was a success. It was so lovely to meet some new families and see the children busily enjoying a range of activities down in the forest. Parents were really impressed with the space. Some feedback from a parent, "It was so good to see the space and great to see all the teaching staff too and get the chance to talk. It was clear that a huge effort was made and I hope that you got some good feedback and generated interest."

