



Dear Parents,

We are so proud of our Year 6 children, who have been working incredibly hard, and are taking their SATs next week. The KS2 doors will be open early for Year 6 children to come in and have breakfast with us! Drop off for this is 8.15 - 8.20 am.

Your children may have told you about some changes we are making at lunchtimes to help all children to have a happy playtime, with plenty to do! We have introduced a quiet garden, for those who prefer, and the children can also explore our lovely wooded area. There are still areas for active games, and football on allocated days. We have also introduced a 'football contract' to ensure that play is fair and safe. Do chat to your child about all the exciting options they could choose at playtime!

There is a large amount of lost property in the office/reception area. ForPS will be sorting through this on Monday and unnamed items put into the uniform shop.

Have a lovely weekend!

### Home and School Communications

We are proud of our school community and the shared focus of our core values: altruistic, ethical and pioneering. We would like to remind parents about our home and school communication policy, which states that parents are responsible for ensuring that communication with school is respectful at all times. Please note that we do not tolerate any abusive behaviour on our school site. Behaviour must be respectful and polite, in line with the school values.

### Attendance

As you will be aware, the Government has updated their statutory guidance for school attendance.

[Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

This week's class winners are:

**1st Place - Butterflies & Dragonflies 100%**

**2nd Place -Bumblebee's 99.8%**

**3rd Place - Beryl 98.2%**

Well done! Keep it up!

Our Trust Pupil Senate visited the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday 30th April. It was a wonderful day filled with learning and memorable experiences. During our visit, the children enjoyed a guided tour of the grounds, where they learned about the rich history and important functions of this iconic building. One of the highlights of the trip was the opportunity to watch the Speaker's procession, with the Speaker even giving our pupils a friendly wave. Additionally, they had the chance to meet Mark Francois, who took the time to talk to our children about his role as an MP and the importance of civic engagement. I must commend the children on their exemplary behaviour throughout the day. They represented our Trust with pride and showed great respect, which made the experience all the more special.



### Diary Dates

Upcoming dates:

More diary dates for Spring Term will come out on next week's newsletter. Don't forget to use our website to look ahead.

12/05/25-15/05/25 - Year 6 SAT's Week

13/05/25 - Year 4 trip to Braintree Museum

16/05/25 Year 6 end of SATS celebration

- Year 5 & 6 Girls and Boys Southend United Football Tournament at Roots Hall

17/05/25 - Year 3 and 4 Police Cup at Lee Chapel

19.05.25 Rayleigh Primary School Swimming Gala

21.05.25 Owl Display and photographs

Year 6 Rounders Event at Deanes (RESERVE)

22.05.25 Junior Music Festival Rehearsal

26.05.25 – 06.06.25 Half-term (NOTE - 2 weeks)

### Updates

- [Summer timetable from Family Advice](#)
- [Deanes May Half term camp](#)