



Newsletter 17 – Friday 15th May 2026

Welcome to our newsletter. We can't wait to see you at the May Fair tomorrow!

KS2 SATs? Smashed it!

We are incredibly proud of our wonderful Year 6 children who have completed their KS2 SATs tests this week. Fuelled by breakfasts of the most brioche, toast and fruit juice ever seen at LPA before, provided by our fantastic staff, the children have been real Perseverance Pirates in tackling assessments in Grammar, Spelling, Reading and Maths. Some of them even said they quite enjoyed it!

The results of these assessments will be released in July but, whatever the outcome, we are so impressed with the attitude and effort shown by each individual. For now though, there are a fair few exciting things to look forward to during the children's last couple of months at primary school.

Well done Year 6. We are all so proud of you!



Walk to School Week

Our school is taking part in Walk to School Week (18-22 May). This nationwide event is organised by walking charity Living Streets and designed to help pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. Children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended minimum 60 minutes of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life.

This year's challenge, Mission Move, encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Meeting friendly cartoon secret agents along the way, pupils will learn about the important reasons to walk or wheel and its benefits for individuals, communities and the environment! Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride) to school every day for one week using the wallchart and stickers to log their journeys. Each class will work collectively to make as many active journeys to school as possible across the week. Individual activity diaries, daily stickers and end of week pupil rewards will complement this activity, reinforcing the benefits and keeping children engaged.

We ask, if possible, you make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school on week commencing 18 May, helping us reduce congestion around the school gates. In return, your child will earn special stickers and a reward trophy! Walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling all count! If you live far away from school and need to drive, please consider parking the car slightly further away and walking the rest of the journey.



STARS of the Newsletter

This week we have some rugby stars to celebrate!

A couple of weekends ago, Bertie and Henry (Year 3 Silver Birch) both won trophies at the 2026 Selsey Bay Rugby Tour. The boys represented Haywards Health Rugby Club at the tournament and both were presented with a trophy for Player of the Tour for their respective teams: Bertie won Player of the Tour for the Sharks and Henry won Player of the Tour for the Barracudas.

What a fantastic achievement!



Reading Corner

The LoveReading4Kids website posted an interesting article this week about research done by HarperCollins and what they call 'the reading paradox'. They talk about how children are improving their reading skills but losing their will to read. It highlights many interesting reading trends but one that stood out was that children who hear stories read to them are more likely to pick up a book and read themselves.

Reading to children, no matter their age, cannot be underestimated.

So, why not choose a book together and start reading to your child TONIGHT!

The full article (and links to more interesting reading information) can be found here: <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/blog/harpercollins-annual-insights-the-reading-paradox-7765>

Wakehurst Wanderers

Last week, a lucky group of children from Year 3 & 4 went to Wakehurst Place for a Plant and Wellbeing trip. The children had a great time identifying different parts of plants that we eat. They were able to touch and smell plants being grown at Wakehurst - the 'Lambs Ear' was a great favourite! They then had a lovely lunch sitting by the pond before wandering around and looking at the beautiful flowers and trees. They saw Copper Beech, Silver Birch, Sycamore, Pine and Lime trees - unfortunately they didn't have any Elder or Junipers!



Cricketing Success

Last week, two Year 6 boys cricket teams enjoyed a hugely successful tournament at Bolney Cricket Club, showing fantastic skill and determination throughout the afternoon. The boys demonstrated excellent teamwork, supporting and encouraging one another in every match, being amazing Teamwork Twins. Their enthusiasm and positive attitude were clear from the very first ball and they represented the school as real Respect Rangers. With high standards of play, one of our LPA teams finished 1st and will now progress to the Sussex County Finals! Well done all.

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Over and Above

Lena C (Willow)	Poppy L (Sycamore)
Maeva P (Hazel)	Lara B (Elder)
Astrid H (Walnut)	Ala A (Juniper)
Lily C (Pear)	Will G (Pine)
Archie S (Apple)	Elsie H (Lime)
Jasper B (Cherry)	Alice P (Laurel)
Jude B (Maple)	Freddie A (Cedar)
Camilla F (Rowan)	Raffy M (Palm)
Olive R (Holly)	Amy R (Ash)
Freddie F (C Beech)	Jessic M (Elm)
Imogen O (S Birch)	Aleena L-B (Oak)

Well done to all of these Over and Above children who have been role models for our Ready, Respectful and Safe Behaviour Code this week.

PTA News

Upcoming events:

May Fair - come along and join us for fun and games, food and drink, maypole dancing and so much more. **Saturday 16th May 12 - 4pm**

Village Day - Please visit us at our candy floss stall by The Cricket Pavilion. We will be there all day!

PTA Lite:

Are you able to give up snippets of your time here and there - when you can; doing what you can? This is the right group for you... our PTA volunteer group where we will put a shout out when we need an extra pair of hands.

Please follow this link to join:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ICMEj9PYe1yEJpcQvpqhGa>

We currently need volunteers for Village Day and Sports Day refreshments.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 16th May - PTA May Fair @ 12pm-4pm

Mon 18th May - School Council Parliament Trip

Wed 20th May - Yr5 Fishbourne Visit

Wed 20th May - CommuniTea Event

Wed 20th May - Year 6 IOW Parent Meeting @ 5pm

Fri 22nd May - Yr1 Phonics Pop-In @ 9am

Wk Beg 25th May - Half Term

Mon 1st June - INSET Day (no school for pupils)

Tue 2nd - Thu 4th June - Year 5 Business Week