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Friday 23rd May 2025

Well it has been another whirlwind of a half term – we are half way through the summer term already! We have had another super half term with all our children and there have been many fantastic things to report.

As promised, all our classes will access a school trip and we are well underway with this. This week, Class 1 and Class 4 have had a wonderful time at Sudbury Museum of Childhood and Bestwood Park for a Roman experience respectively. Class R will visit Bluebells Farm after term and Class 2 will visit Peak Wildlife Park. Class 5 have their class trip to the Space Centre planned in for next half term. All our trips relate to the curriculum topics children are learning and are an excellent way to bring that learning to life.

We had some excellent pieces of art for the spring art competition and were delighted to award prizes to our winners – well done to all who took part and well done to Noah and Florence! Thank you to all the children who took part and to you for supporting them with their pieces of work. It is lovely to see these on display in the hall.

Year 5 have taken part in a full day's event with Elite Football Development in a tournament with other local schools. Our team came 3rd overall which is a fantastic achievement and one of our year 5 boys was awarded best sportsman of the tournament. Well done Harlo; we are super proud of you!



School has also participated in a range of competitions including cross country, hockey, football and go ride, It is always great to see our children enjoy taking part in these team events and as always, we celebrate these in gold book assembly each week.

As you will have seen, our new shelter on the playground has been completed and the children have enjoyed using the space in their free time. Mr Crawford, our trust CEO, opened the shelter officially on 2nd May. It is great to see improvements to our environment which is so important for all our children. A special thanks to Mrs Gregory and Mr Paget for all their thoughtful contributions to planting and décor in the playground areas.



We have had the best VE celebration street party – thank you for your kind donations for the children. We ensured that the reason for the celebration was discussed with the children and enjoyed singing the national anthem following a minute's silence.

Our year 6 children have made us super-proud in their approach and focus throughout SATs week. They have all tried their very best and this has been wonderful to see. Their curriculum continues in earnest, to get them prepared for year 7.

Miss Brooks and Miss Evans have done an amazing job of preparing our Richardson dance troop for the Embark Dance festival that took place on Wednesday. It was a brilliant performance and our children represented our school so well. We have seen the performance in school today in Gold Book assembly and parents of the children taking part will have the chance come and see the dance performed on **Wednesday 11th June at 3pm.**



Our Year 4 children have made us so proud during their Sing2Gether performance on Tuesday. This collaboration with Horsley Woodhouse Primary and Kilburn Junior School is such a special part of our calendar and it was joyous to see so many of you attend to watch the performance. Mrs Wilkes from the Derbyshire partnership sent the following email after the performance:

I had the time of my life - it just gets better every year! I knew it was going to be good, because of the standard of singing through my weekly visits, and as I said in the concert - because of all the hard work each of you have put in, in between my visits. As they were performing I could see how much it meant to so many of your children - their faces lit up, and they really sang from their hearts!

Every song had it's special moments - I could hear every word, the signing and actions brought the songs to life and their confidence to sing in 3-parts was very impressive. And the choices and quality of your individual school songs were superb - the audiences loved these songs.

Please pass on my congratulations and comments to your wonderful singers - they should feel so proud of themselves, and I know you and their families will too - I certainly am!

We are of course very proud of the class and have enjoyed their performance as a school this morning.

After School Clubs – Summer 2

Monday – Summer Sports KS1

Tuesday – Football KS2

Wednesday – Choir KS1 & KS2

Thursday – Mindfulness & Wellbeing KS2

Uniform

After half term, we will be reminding children about the importance of being smart in school as we feel that on occasions this has slipped recently. Please be aware of our school uniform policy which is on the website. [School Uniform | Richardson Endowed Primary School](#) Children should wear black school shoes and not trainers with their uniform. On PE days, trainers should be plain white or plain black. Please note that PE uniform should not be branded. Football shorts or kits are not allowed. Thank you for your support. Please be aware that we have several items of preloved uniform available at school should you need this. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

Attendance & Leave of Absence

Can we please remind you that holidays should not be taken during term time. Government legislation prevents headteachers from granting leave of absence unless there are exceptional circumstances. You may be issued with a penalty notice should leave be taken which is not authorised. These notices will be issued by the local authority – the school does not receive the fine. Thank you for your continued support with attendance. If you require any support or advice regarding your child's attendance or punctuality, please do not hesitate to contact either the headteacher or our family liaison worker, Mrs Lucas.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the school staff. We look forward to a successful and fulfilling final term, after a restful and safe half-term holiday.

Meet the teacher – Class 3

Mr Slaney will be available for a drop-in session for parents in **Class 3 on Tuesday 3rd June 3.30-4.15pm**. Please do drop in to speak to him about your child and to say hello! Mrs Gregory will also be there.

Sports Day – Thursday 5th June

As you will be aware, sports day is arranged for Thursday 5th June, which will soon be upon us! Parents and families are invited to the field at 1.10pm for an afternoon of track events. Children will be competing in their house teams: **Hawks**, **Kestrels**, **Eagles** and **Falcons** and will be asked to wear PE kit with a plain t-shirt in their house colour if they have one (if not, please send your child to school in their plain white PE T-shirt). You can find out which house your child is in on your Arbor account. The children will spend the morning practising and taking part in a carousel of activities so it will be a full day of sports for them! We look forward to seeing you there. Please bring chairs and / or blankets to sit on.

Staffing for next year

We have recruited two new teachers for next year to start in September to fill the vacancies due to resignations. Mr Redmond's departure has left a vacancy as you will be aware, and sadly Mr Channing has decided not to return in September. We wish them both all the best. The arrangements for the rest of the summer term are in place and working well with Mrs Nunez and Mr Slaney in role until the summer. I will inform you all of classes and staff members in due course, and children will know and meet their new teachers at move-up morning on **Wednesday 2nd July 2025**.

Diary Dates

Half Term	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May
Inset Day	Monday 2 nd June
Reception class trip – Bluebell Farm	Wednesday 4 th June
Sports Day	Thursday 5 th June (KS1& KS2 1.10pm 9.30-11.00am)
Year 2 class trip – Peak Wildlife Park	Monday 9 th June
JS Photography – Groups and Leavers	Thursday 12 th June
Embark Inset Day	Monday 23 rd June
Year 5 – Ukulele Concert to Parents	Tuesday 24 th June
John Flamsteed Transition Days – Year 6	Tuesday 24 th June to Thursday 26 th June
John Flamsteed Parent/Carer Evening – Year 6 * At John Flamsteed Community School	Thursday 26 th June (6.00pm → 7.30pm)
Year 5 class trip – National Space Centre	Monday 30 th June
Meet the Teacher Day (Transition)	Wednesday 2 nd July
Hearor Gate Transition Days – Year 6	Wednesday 2 nd July → Friday 4 th July
Hearor Gate Meet the Tutor Evening – Year 6 * At Hearor Gate Spencer Academy	Thursday 3 rd July
PTFA Summer Fayre	Friday 11 th July (3.30pm → 5.00pm)
Reports Out to Parents	Monday 14 th July
PTFA Summer Disco	Wednesday 16 th July (KS1 3.30-4.15pm) (KS2 4.30-5.30pm)
Tough Runner	Thursday 17 th July
Year 6 Dress Rehearsal (to school)	Friday 18 th July
Year 6 Performance (to parents)	Monday 21 st July (4.00pm – 5.15pm) Tuesday 22 nd July (9.45 -11.00am)
Ice Cream Van (end of year treat)	Tuesday 22 nd July (from 1.30pm)
Year 6 Leavers Activity – Laser Tag * At Horsley Woodhouse Primary School	Wednesday 23 rd July (more information to follow)
Last Day of Term	Thursday 24 th July
Summer Holidays	Friday 25 th July to Wednesday 3 rd September
Inset Days	Thursday 4 th September and Friday 5 th September
Pupils Return to School	Monday 8 th September