

**From Mr Chappell:** This week it has been an absolute pleasure to spend time with our incredible Year 6 pupils, watching them take on the challenge of Year 6 SATs. (Standard Assessment Tests.) There are many great things that I love about our school, and once again seeing our Year 6s, not outwardly phased by the prospect of these statutory tests is an immense credit to all of them, and to you as parents/ carers in the support you give. Whilst it is natural to feel a few nerves, the overriding emotion from all of them seemed to be one of relishing the challenge, doing their best, and showing just how capable they are. Every single Year 6 child who completed the tests, gave it their all and were certainly Flying High! We talk a lot in Celebration assembly about how every year builds on the previous years, how to challenge themselves to be the best they can be, not comparing to others, but building on everything they have learned over the years. The Year 6 – certainly did this, well done, you should be incredibly proud. We certainly are!

A huge thank you to Mr Leeming, for all his dedication, preparation, and care in making sure this week ran smoothly and to all the adults who helped to support this week. It's also worth noting that this year, we received a visit from the local authority to monitor how we conduct SATs. (You wouldn't believe the number of regulations that have to be adhered to!) From arriving first thing in the morning, and checking the locked cupboard, checking that all tests for the week were still in sealed packets, to watching our children file into the hall in silence and complete the tests, then watching us closely package up and seal the completed tests for sending away, the officer was hugely impressed. She stayed to observe a one hour reading test on Tuesday and was full of praise for our Year 6's focus, behaviour and positive attitude. It was great to have feedback from someone from 'outside,' but to all the staff, Mr Leeming and I, it came as no surprise, our Year 6's really are brilliant! Well done a great week in amongst a great year!

Now on to one of our favourite end of year productions 'Wind in the Willows' – it doesn't stop for Year 6!  
Have a great weekend everyone!



**Mr Alan:** Over the last couple of weeks, you may have noticed some different people opening up the school gate at the end of the day, rather than our amazing site caretaker Alan, This is because Alan is currently recuperating following a recent operation. We all send him our very best and hope to welcome him back after the summer holidays.

## SUMMER FAIR!

Saturday 14th June

### Can you help?

We need on-the-day help with refreshments, games and stalls. We need help to run games and stalls to make a great event and raise money for school.

Please contact foshalveston@gmail.com

### FOSH update:

Alongside this newsletter, please find attached information about this year's Summer Fair. Please note again, something we've raised numerous amounts of times this year, that FOSH are a working party with a very small group of people. They (and we) really need people to come forward and support them. Without volunteers all the great events that are put on cannot go ahead. Please volunteer to give some time to this group. All the funds raised go straight back into school to help your children!

Remember to pass on the date of FOSH's Summer Fair, **Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm to 4:30pm**, there are a lot of performances that cannot be missed!

**Clubs:** Once again, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who run a club. Last week we could not believe that we filled 110 places across the week in just school-based clubs and then a further 58 places in Bristol Sport clubs. After school last Thursday I was conducting a tour around school and it was amazing to see dance in the Hall, choir in the Year 3 classroom, cricket on the field and Bristol Sports Clubs on the Muga, 4 clubs on one evening! This was something that OFSTED saw when they recently came into school and heard about from the children, about how much they love the clubs that are put on. Thank you everyone, and don't forget, if you wish to run a club or have an idea please contact the school office.



**Rugby:** Although it is not the Children's Achievement's newsletter this week, I must mention a huge well done to some children in Year 3, who represented their local rugby team last weekend at the Principality Stadium in Wales. As some of you may know, Bristol Bears played local rivals Bath in Cardiff, in the amazing National Principality Stadium. Several children attended and had an amazing experience. Please see information below from Adam, one of the parents.

*Four boys from Year 3 — Jude, Noah, Rufus, and Ed — recently took part in an U8 rugby tournament for Thornbury Rugby Club, which was organised and hosted by Bristol Rugby at Cardiff Arms Park. The tournament was part of The Big Day Out, where the Bristol Bears faced Bath Rugby at the Principality Stadium, in front of a crowd of*

*over 50,000 fans. During the morning, thirty U8 teams from Bristol, Somerset, and Wales took part, each playing four games. The boys played some fantastic rugby, in very hot conditions, showing great skill, teamwork, and embodying the core rugby values. After their matches, they had the special honour of forming a guard of honour to welcome the Bears through the tunnel at the Principality Stadium, cheering them on as they arrived. They even got the unforgettable opportunity to walk around the pitch afterwards. Walking through one of the most iconic rugby stadiums in the world — with the roof closed — made it even more memorable.*

Key Dates: Term 4, 5 and 6	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Test Check
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June- Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Assessment
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	FOSH Inflatables Fair
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day KS1: 9:15am to 10:30am KS2: 10:45am to 12:15pm Reserve Day: Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July AM.
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 and 6 Production 5 pm start
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 and 6 Production 5 pm start
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	School Reports out to Parent / Carers
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Inset Days

#### Academic Year 2025-26

Term	Starts	Ends	St. Helen's INSET Days:
<b>Term 1</b>	Monday 1 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026	
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 23 February 2026	Thursday 2 April 2026	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026</b>
<b>Term 5</b>	Monday 20 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026	
<b>Term 6</b>	Monday 1 June 2026	Tuesday 21 July 2026	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b> <b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026</b>

Well done to those children who were awarded a certificate last week and today:



Holly Class: Charlie, Olive and Lucy  
Beech Class: Annabelle & Nikita  
Oak Class: Luna & Elana  
Ash Class: Tessa

Sycamore Class: Willow & Bea  
Elm Class: Eden & Chloe

Imogen C & Vinnie  
Luna H & Rocky  
Martha & Dom  
Ozzie & Ciara

George & Belle

