

Upcoming dates

Weds 14th June

Year 4 & 5 trip to the Gaia school experience at Reading town hall

Mon 26th June

Sports Week

Tues 27th June

Changeover day

Weds 28th June 6:45pm

Welcome to EYFS meeting for new starters

Fri 30th June

Sports Day KS1 am, KS2 pm

Wednesday 5th July

Whole School photo

Sat 8th July

150th birthday celebration

Weds 12th and Thurs 13th July 6:30pm

Falcon Class production

Thurs 20th July 1:15pm

End of academic year

Tues 5th September Start of new academic year

Sun 5th November

Thameside Firework Fiesta

Sun 19th – Sat 25th November

Year 6 residential to Rhos-y-Gwaliau

Message from Mrs Holland

After a wonderfully sunny half term, we're back at school and enjoying the extra outdoor opportunities the lovely weather affords us:

Hedgehog Class FS2 pupils embarked upon their first **Woodland School visit** to Basildon Park this week, exploring the scale and boundaries of the grounds.

Year 5 pupils started their **swimming** at the Oratory pool this week as they work towards the milestone of completing 25m confidently.

I popped along this morning to the campsite at Thirtover to see how our Year 4 and Year 5 children were getting on with their **residential trip**. They shared with me some of the highlights so far and I was particularly excited to be invited to join in with the archery team games. We can look forward to a report and some photos in next week's newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Pickering and Mrs Browning for accompanying the children and organising the activities over the two days, and to Mrs Charlesworth, Miss Allsopp and Mrs Smith for coming along and lending a hand.

Thank you to those parents who were able to join myself and Mrs Gittins for the meeting this week regarding options for wraparound after school care this week. I will be in touch early next week with an update for all parents. Mrs Holland

This Week in Collective Worship...

We discussed two important moments in the church calendar: Pentecost and the Feast of Trinity. Both involve the Holy Spirit and our children have shared some thoughtful ideas about how we can see the Holy Spirit in action.

Christians around the world continue to puzzle over the mystery of the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. There is one God, but three different ways of knowing about God. We looked at symbols based on the triangle pattern or plants like the shamrock to help us with this kind of 'three-in-one thinking'.



After School Enrichment Clubs





We're really pleased to offer our new Science Club (starting next Thursday) and Drama Club (starting today). Having spoken to pupils, I know that they are looking forward to joining in with the new activities. Spaces are still available at both clubs, **so it's not too late to join!** See ParentMail or contact Mrs Street for further details.

Sunny Weather

As the weather is becoming warmer, just a reminder that the children will need **a sun hat** to wear for playtimes and outdoor PE. The children may also use **a high factor sunscreen** – please apply sunscreen before arriving to school. If you wish, you child can bring in a named sunscreen bottle, which must be handed to the class teacher, to top up if they do outdoor PE in the afternoon.



Sports Day

Parents and families are most welcome to come along to our Sports Day on Friday 30th June. Key Stage 1 pupils (Badger) will compete in the morning and Key Stage 2 (Owl and Falcon) pupils in the afternoon.

Mrs Pickering will be in touch with further details about Sports Week in the next few week.

Whole School Photograph

The whole school photo has been rescheduled for Wednesday 5th July



Community News

Our 150th Birthday Celebration is happening next month!

Thank you to those who have signed up already to help with preparation, setting up and stalls on the day. There are still plenty of opportunities for you to join in. Please click this link to commit an hour or so to help us on the day!

We have our fingers crossed for sunshine and a relaxed family celebration to mark this milestone.

