



Issue 30: Thursday 8th May 2025



VE Day 80 years 1945 - 2025

Today, we took a memorable journey back in time to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Everyone looked fantastic in their wartime-inspired outfits, bringing history to life in celebration of this important moment in British history.

The children had a fun and engaging day, learning all about Victory in Europe Day and its significance. Some classes also watched an online theatre production called 'During the War', which gave us an insightful look into life during the conflict.





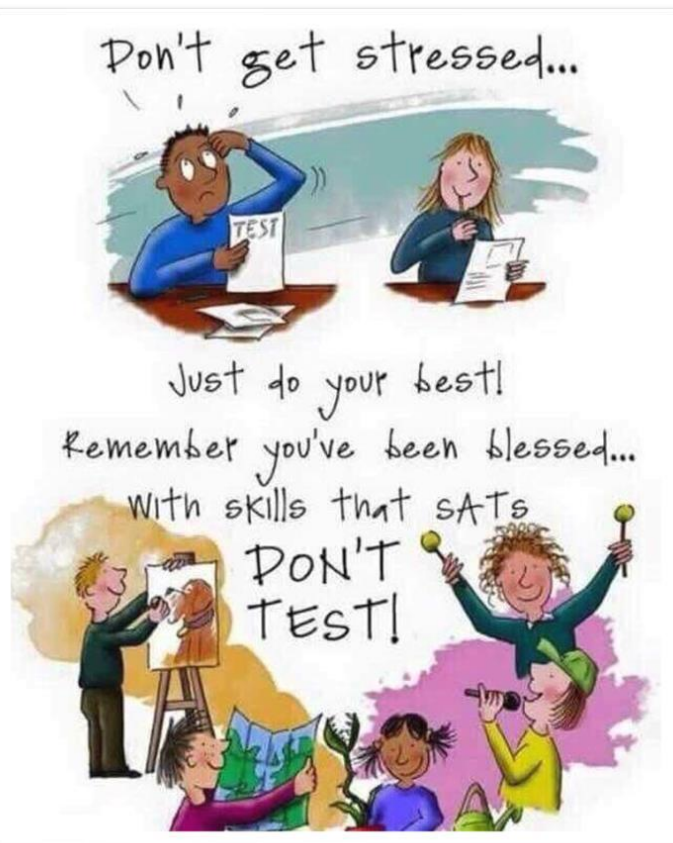
Huge congratulations to the girls' football team who, after a long season of matches, were crowned Wix Cup Winners on Friday - again! You may remember that the girls team won last year, the first time we have ever managed to win the trophy. That was amazing enough, but to retain the title is simply incredible! Well done girls (and Mr Jefferies); we are all so proud of you, and you thoroughly deserve your win after all your hard work!

Year 6 SATs next week

Next week, the children in Year 6 will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 tests and we wish them all the very best of luck. They have worked incredibly hard this year, and I know they will do their very best.

The 'SATs Breakfast' will be served at 8am in the hall for children in Year 6 to give the children a relaxed, fun start to the day.

Good luck Y6, just do your best



Early Bird next week: On Monday - Thursday next week, entry to Early Birds will be via the Class 1 gate due to the Y6 SATs breakfast taking place in the hall.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Class 2 Assembly date change.

The C2 assembly will now take place on Friday 16th May.
Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



Class photo day: The photographer will be in school for class and team photos on **Tuesday 22nd May**

Bawdsey Manor meeting

We will be holding an information evening for Y5 & 6 parents about our upcoming trip to

PGL Bawdsey Manor on Thursday 22nd May at 6pm in the school hall.





Terrific Tennis!

A big well done to all the children who took part in the SSFT tennis event this week; they played brilliantly and came home with a fabulous trophy for first place!

CLASS 2 CAKE DAY

FRIDAY 16TH MAY

Dear Class 2 parents,

The PTA are holding a cake sale on 16th May to raise funds for school. This time it is the turn of Class 2 to each supply small cakes or biscuits to sell on the day. Please make sure that any tins, plates or containers are clearly named.

We would be very grateful if you could **donate 15 cakes for cake day**, to ensure that we have enough to go around & the children are not left disappointed. These cakes /biscuits can be either homemade or bought. You may want to plan some kitchen time to make or decorate the cakes with your child! **PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CAKES MUST BE NUT-FREE.**

The cakes will be sold during the morning break to the whole of the school, any remaining cakes will be sold outside school at home time. We hope that you will be able to support us with this event, and we thank you in anticipation.

Thank you from The PTA



Reminder of the new (2024) attendance laws

From August 2024, the laws on school attendance and fines for unauthorised absence changed. **Fines are issued for term time holidays but can also be triggered by intermittent or ongoing unauthorised absences** and takes into account previous years absences too.

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing!



With the introduction of the new Department of Education (DfE) National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

Parent refers to anyone with parental responsibility and may include carers, step-parents, grandparents or any other adult with parental responsibility.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice **must** be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave of absence or unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence (within 3 years)

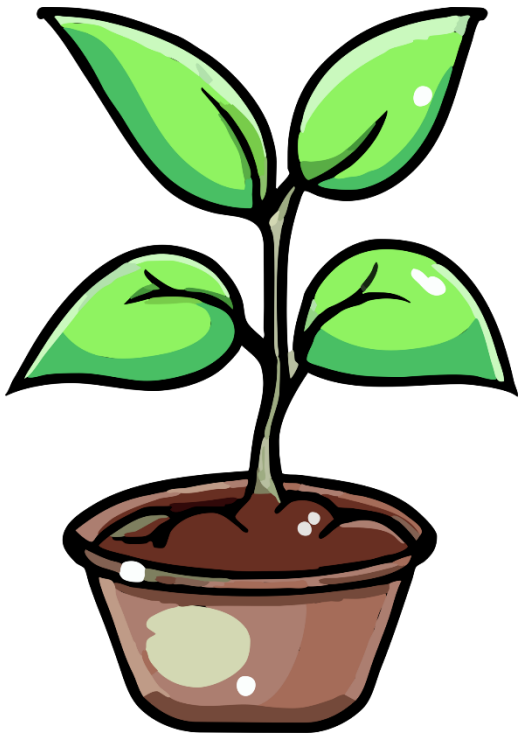
The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child within 28 days

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court.

- Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines up to £2.500
- Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'




St Ippolyts Church is holding a Plant Sale on Saturday 17th May from 2-4pm. Any leftover plants from the sale will be available to buy outside school on Monday 19th May



Attendance ladder

How much is your child missing?

100%	0 days off school	0 lessons missed	Perfect!
97%	Equates to 5 days off school each year	Equates to approx. 25 lessons missed	Good
95%	Equates to 10 days off school each year	Equates to approx. 50 lessons missed	Slight concern
90%	Equates to 20 days off school each year	Equates to approx. 100 lessons missed	Concern
85%	Equates to 30 days off school each year	Equates to approx. 150 lessons missed	Major concern

Reception	98.3%	
Year 1	100%	
Year 2	99.3%	
Year 3	97.7%	
Year 4	98.5%	
Year 5	99.1%	
Year 6	90.0%	
Whole school	97.2%	

Classes 1 and 2 will be off on their summer trip next week to Willows Farm, where they'll have the chance to explore and meet lots of animals. We hope the children have a wonderful day and can't wait to hear all about it!



Sports Day Save the Date!
 Wednesday 21st May 2025 9.30am-12.30pm
 Look out for the information coming home next week from Mr Jefferies!