



Principal's message



As the term draws to a close, we can reflect on another successful year here at MSPS... Our pupils have achieved outstanding academic success in every one of the government tests; more details will come in September, but I can reveal that the Y6 SATs results in every single subject, the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check results and the Y1 Phonics Screening Check results are all **EXCELLENT!!** Congratulations to everyone involved! This work ensures that our children are extremely well prepared for the next stages of their education ... and of course that brings me onto our departing Y6 cohort. Our 2023/24 Y6 vintage have been a super bunch and we wish them all of the very best success for the future, as they move upwards and onwards to their various secondary destinations. I am sure that they will continue to be amazing!

Encouraging the children's wider personal development is paramount to us here and I have been delighted that this term has culminated in several occasions which shine a spotlight on just some of the opportunities we are developing with our children every day, such as the Art Exhibition, the Lion King musical performance, our instrumentalists' concert, choir events, go-kart racing, our sporting successes and so very much more!

On behalf of the whole staff team, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support, helping our school to continue its success. We wish you all a safe and very happy summer break and we look forward to welcoming our Y1 to Y6 children back to school on Wednesday 4 September with our new EYFS starters full time from Tuesday 10 September.

Tristan Revell, Principal

Year 6 pupils virtually visit the Acropolis in Greece!

Year 6 pupils used VR headsets to enhance learning during their lessons this term. Year 6 pupils have been studying the Ancient Greeks in their history topic and these state-of-the-art VR headsets allowed them to explore the Acropolis, meandering around at their own pace and viewpoint. They also looked around the Pantheon, met Zeus in the clouds,, explored Ancient Greek houses and even came face-to-face with the mighty Minotaur! It's safe to say that everyone really enjoyed this unique experience and it made learning about history really fun and memorable! A big thanks to the PTFA who funded this experience for us.



Year 3 'walking field trip' to the meadows

Our Year 3 children managed to dodge the recent bouts of rain and made it on their walking field trip to the Stamford Meadows. Although this is a very popular place to visit locally, the children are always absolutely amazed to experience our locality on a trip as they look at everything in a completely different way!

The Year 3 children have been looking at 'Weather and Climate' in Geography so were tasked with investigating a temperate climate. They designed maps of their findings, showing the different flora and fauna they observed during the walk and had great fun completing scavenger hunts.

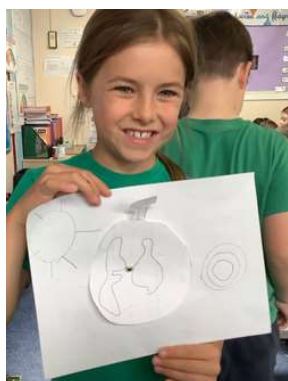


Year 4 were 'really Roman' for the day

Our Year 4 children have been studying Ancient Rome in their history topic and took an exciting trip out to Peterborough Museum where they enjoyed a 'really Romans day'. They learnt all about gruesome Roman medicine, tried on togas and explored how the Romans adorned themselves as well as made clay heads and investigated and handled artefacts! They had a blast!



Year 3 create 'moving parts books' in DT



Our Design and Technology curriculum teaches children to design a product for a purpose to a selected audience. Within this, they conduct market research, identify the physical construction skills needed to create the product, design a prototype, then make, test and review that product.

This term the Year 3 children have been investigating interactive books with moveable parts (lift the flap, pull the lever, spin the image type board books). They were really excited to design their own interactive books from start to finish and have developed their Design and Technology skills and knowledge throughout. We are really proud of their creations!

Blooming lovely

Our children and adults have absolutely loved exploring our wild flower meadow at the back of the field as it burst into glorious bloom. Wildflowers take a couple of years to establish and this year (probably also helped by the rain...) has given us a delightful place to enjoy the flowers and the wildlife this haven attracts. Children can practise their mindfulness techniques we teach within our PSHE lessons and when we are resolving conflict and they have used the inspiration for art and their writing too.

This area includes seeds gifted to the school by King Charles III on his coronation! Well done and thank you to our Green Team and Mr Wallace, our Premises Manager, for scattering the seeds and maintaining the areas!



Money raised for African animal charity

Our House Council has been fundraising for African Promise, a charity chosen by members of our House Council. Pupils were asked to dress as an African animal, or wear an African animal accessory, and we saw some amazing outfits. We were very pleased to raise a total of £462 for the charity so thank you to everyone who contributed with their kind donations!



Future politicians in the making practise their skills at Stamford Youth Council meeting

As you will all be aware, there have been some big changes in local and national politics recently! Don't underestimate the inspiration these national 'events can provide to the young people within our community. Learning about democracy, voting and policies are crucial skills and help prepare our future politicians and policy makers.

Arla and Austin are two of our Youth Council representatives and attend meetings regularly at the Town Hall. They recently wrote an amazing article on sustainability which will be shortly published in both the Stamford Mercury and the Town Council Newsletter.

This year the Youth Councillors have learned about the role of the Town Council, seen the jail and town artefacts, including Tom Thumb's gloves and boots! They have had an opportunity to speak to the Mayor and other Councillors, voicing their opinions on behalf of the children of Stamford. They have had talks from George's Food Hub and the Street Pastors and have discussed climate action in the town. They have tested the quality of the air in Stamford! Great work to these two future politicians who, at a young age, are trying to make a difference!



Year 1 pupils loved their immersive explorer day!



Our Year 1 children were thrilled to have an engaging and inspirational visit from Nick Credible who is part of Dan Tastic Education. Nick brought to life the children's history topic on Explorers "Who were the greatest explorers?"

The workshop gave the pupils a perfect mixture of knowledge, first-hand experience from the workshop leader, humour and real-life artefacts which they could handle and explore. Thank you to the Lady Dorothy Cecil Charity and the PTFA which funded this workshop.

Importance of cycle helmets made clear in workshop to Year 5

As roads get busier and our awareness of the dangers on the roads increases, the importance of wearing a cycle helmet has never been greater. Despite this, some children (and adults) need a reminder on just how critical this life-saving equipment is. As our Year 5 pupils are starting to develop more independence in this summer term, our Year 5 teachers thought it was the perfect time to arrange a Road Safety Workshop (run by the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership). Please help us to reinforce this message at home by encouraging your children to wear helmets whenever they are on a bike or scooter.



Young scientists inspired at local secondary school

Year 5 children visited Casterton College for an 'Inspiring Scientists' Day, run by the secondary school staff and pupils. This was a great opportunity to engage the children in some incredible activities including rocket-making, a planetarium and code-breaking.

It also allows our pupils to have a taster for what a secondary school is like and to see some of the exciting equipment they will be able to use in their secondary school education.



Malcolm Sargent's got bags of talent!

This year saw the return of our popular 'Malcolm Sargent's Got Talent' contest. Huge congratulations to all of our 2024 Finalists. Evalyn, Lucy, George, Rosalind, Izzy, Beatrix, Grace, Emily, Thea, Briony, Mia, Maddie, Ellie, Iduna and Isabel were all placed in a tightly fought contest but their skills and enthusiasm finally won over the judges!

Well done to everyone who took part and keep practising for next year if you weren't placed this year!



Accelerated Reader superstars!

Mr Cox closely tracks the children's Accelerated Reader progress across each term and celebrates with them in our assemblies each week. The latest winners were Sophia (Year 3), Florence (Year 4), Emma and Alex (joint) (Year 5), and Teddy (Year 6) with Vova (Year 4) winning the Kindle!

Congratulations to all our readers, winners or otherwise, and as Dr Seuss famously wrote "The more you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you will go"!



Art competition champions

The House Council recently ran an art competition and we were delighted to award a medal to our finalists, some of whom are pictured below with their winning entries. Thank you to everyone who entered; it was so fantastic to see so many different genres of art and medium entered!



Year 4 took part in Mini Olympics

Inspire Plus organise an annual Mini Olympics festival at the Grantham Meres Sports Centre, which our Year 4s were lucky enough to attend this year.

It is a busy, energetic festival of all things sports with lots of new sports for the children to try, loads of world-renowned athletes to meet and lots of brilliant 'team events' in which to take part.



Pupils wow at local Country Dance Festival



Members of Malcolm Sargent's Country Dance Club attended the annual Peterborough Country Dance Festival again this year. It was held at The Peterborough School and it was an opportunity for the children to dance together to ten traditional, country dances accompanied by a live band and alongside other schools.

Mrs Harrison said the sunny weather made it a perfect night and that the highlight of the night was seeing the children dance at the end with their parents, who enthusiastically joined in for the final two dances!

Thank you to Mrs Harrison who volunteers her own time after school to run the club throughout the year!

Is your child eligible for school transport?

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2024, they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport as soon as possible after you have your offer of a school place. Early transport applications are encouraged to ensure that transport is in place in time for the start of the September term. Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport. Queries can be emailed to: schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk.



Choirs celebrate fantastic performances this year

Both the Year 5/6 Choir and the Year 3/4 Choir performed to parents at their end of year summer concerts. The audience were treated to songs ranging from A Million Dreams by the Year 5/6 choir to Sunshine in My heart performed by the Year 3/4 choir.

The concert rounded off a very busy year for the choirs starting in October with a joint primary school concert, followed by a whole host of Christmas concerts including the lights switch-on in Red Lion Square and a joint concert with the Year 5/6 choir and Stamford Choral society. January came, and it was time for Young Voices and then the Oundle Festival in March.

Well done to all the children involved in the choirs. We are very proud of you and your singing achievements. To the Year 6 choir leavers, thank you for commitment and hard work and we hope you continue to enjoy singing at secondary school.

Thank you also to Mrs Mills, Miss Stewart, Mr Jepson and the rest of the choir team who dedicate so much time to both choirs.



Year 6 pupils have a blast on their residential



Term Six was time for the Year 6 children's highly anticipated trip to PGL at Caythorpe Court, and what a fantastic and memorable time they had! The children took part in numerous activities across the three days including tackling a blindfolded sensory trail and a problem solving activity. The children were also harnessed and hoisted up 10 metres into the air for a swing through the Lincolnshire countryside!



The vertical challenge was a hit with all of the children, consisting of climbing walls, cargo nets, crates and ropes. One of the most popular activities was a giant game of laser tag, which was enjoyed by all of the children and adults alike! Survival lessons taught the children survival techniques such as building shelters and making fires using flint, steel and wood chips! The gloomy weather did not deter the children from getting stuck in to raft building; lots of them ended up in the water and some successfully rowed to victory!



The children took on all of these challenges with great bravery and determination! Evenings consisted of campfires, toasting marshmallows and watching the sun set. The children were impeccably behaved and well-mannered from start to finish. The staff were incredibly proud of them and we hope that memories were made to last a lifetime!

A huge thank you to staff who gave up their time (and sleep) to make this happen!



West End worthy show performed by our Year 6 leavers



The Lion King was chosen to be this year's production for our Year 6 leavers. The children worked incredibly hard from the autumn term right through to the end of this term, all their practise culminating in ten amazing performances over the past two weeks to to parents and pupils! Their hard work, commitment and dedication to producing this spectacular show was absolutely admirable! The singing and acting was so professional from all of the children, which was even more impressive bearing in mind some of them had never done anything like it before and it was completely out of their comfort zone. A huge well done to all of them and again to our staff who dedicated much of their own time for the performances and preparation throughout the year! !



A special thank you to our fabulous music teacher, Mrs Mills, for putting together such a wonderful show; to Mrs Buck, Mrs Reid, Miss Overend, Miss Raistrick and Mrs Seager for the phenomenal props and masks, backstage and tech support and many, many hours spent rehearsing with our children.

There wasn't a dry eye in the house for their last performance this week and we hope this this will be a special, lasting memory for the Year 6 children who were involved, and their families too!



Year 6 Leaver's Festival

As if the end of term isn't busy enough, our incredible staff pulled out all the stops to put on a festival for our Year 6 leavers some of whom have spent seven years with us! What better way to end their primary school journey than with a festival to celebrate, complete with stocks, face painting, a coconut shy and hook a duck, amongst many others. The weather was far from perfect (no surprise there the way this 'summer' has been so far) but it didn't dampen anyone's spirits!

It was a wonderful way to celebrate the amazing achievements of our brilliant children. We can't wait to see how they get on on the next chapter of their journey!



Year 2 visit Burghley House and Sculpture Gardens

Our Year 2 children were absolutely fizzing with excitement on their recent trip to Burghley House and Sculpture Gardens. It's one of those amazing local resources which we probably take a bit for granted but they had a tour of the house, learning all about its rich and valuable history, enjoyed the art installations in the garden, went on a bug hunt and even met a couple of 'royal' guests. Thank you to the Stamford Young People's Charity who funded the visit!



Mr Lynch carries on his musical tradition

We now wait with baited breath at the end of the school year for Mr Lynch's song to be sent via email. He composes a song with his class each year and they perform it on stage in our Studio. As always, it contains a poignant message. The children in 4L are very lucky to have this fantastic musical inspiration! If you want to see the video, use the QR code below to watch it on Seesaw.



**Watch the song
being
performed
here!**

Music success for our hardworking pupils

We are incredibly lucky to have some incredible peripetetic teachers with us at school, who run extra music tuition for some of our pupils. Jeremy Jepson, who teaches piano is delighted that eight of his pupils entered the rigorous ABRSM piano exams and all passed with excellent marks, four gaining Merits and three gaining Distinctions which is quite a considerable achievement!

A huge congratulations to the pupils who passed their exams; Freya and Romy in Year 6 who took and passed Grade 2 piano and Ameya, Jack, Alison, Isabel, Florence and Jago who all passed their Grade 2 piano.

The pupils have worked incredibly hard and obviously enjoy their music making. The examiner was full of praise and highlighted this sense of enjoyment projected in the exams. A huge well done to all and a big thank you to Jeremy Jepson for inspiring our musicians!

Some of these pupils performed at our Art Exhibition, so we will share some photos of them in the September edition of the newsletter.



Sports updates



Y3-6 pupils compete in an athletics tournament

This term, 32 talented athletes competed in a competition against other local schools. The events included throwing, jumping and running races like sprints and relays. The children were chosen for this competition based on their sports day results. They all did incredibly well, and, combining all their scores we came first out of all the other local schools! A huge well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to all the adults who came along to support!

We made the county cricket finals!

Well done to our Year 5/6 cricket team which qualified for the county finals! The children and adults made their way over to Woodall Spa and after a tight final, Malcolm Sargent eventually came second,, losing by only ten runs - so close! We were then through to the regional finals where our amazing pupils (despite it being a horribly soggy day) came 5th. This was an amazing achievement and we are so proud of them! Thank you to all of the adults who support these tournaments, running clubs and organising to take the children over to the events.



Olympians visit our pupils again!

As part of our Sports Premium plan and work with Inspire plus, we were very lucky to again welcome two Olympians and one Paralympian into school this month!

They answered lots of questions and showed pupils their medals. What an amazing experience for everyone!



Rounders success for Year 6 pupils

Some of our Year 6 children competed in a rounders tournament against other local Stamford schools this term.

After some excellent matches and close results, we came out on top! The children played brilliantly and were so proud of their win!

Well done everyone!

Pupils proudly represent the school in Rutland Water park run

A group of children from Miss Oliver's EYFS class took part in the Junior Park Run at Rutland Water.

The theme was 'PE Kit' so, the children taking part put on their iconic green tops and proudly completed the course representing Malcolm Sargent.

What superstars!



Football team wins league

We want to say a huge well done to our football teams which came first in a local tournament, managing to win against local and regional teams.

They also won and were runners up in their age-group leagues leagues.

Great job everyone!



Goalball festival

Keep your eye out for goalball in this year's Paralympics. It's a brilliant sport where teams try and score but are blindfolded and can only know where the ball is by sound (the ball is equipped with a bell inside it). It's a favourite sport here at Malcolm Sargent and we were delighted to send a team to the local goalball festival.

The aim of goalball is to throw a ball past the opponents and into their net to score points. Players stay on their hands and knees to defend their net and score against their opponents. We hope everyone had loads of fun!



Year 4 pupil joins her dad for the end of a marathon in Normandy!



Well done to Eden in Year 4 who ran the last section of the Marathon de la Liberté in Normandy with her dad. The marathon recognised the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

While they were in Normandy, Eden and her family also visited the Normandy American cemetery, where they saw the Freedom Flame for the 80th anniversary of the D-day landings.

What an experience!

School milk free for under-5s and subsidised for all other children

If your child is under-5, they can have a free carton of milk delivered straight to their classroom each day. When they turn 5, they are no longer eligible for free milk but parents can still order it for their child at a subsidised rate. As costs rise, there will be a small rise in the price of this milk to support the dairy farms who provide the milk, but if you register now, you may be able to lock in the reduced rate.

. Use the QR code to the right to register and find out more information.



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Cool Milk

Guest article by Jack Rickard who recently completed his work experience placement with us!

Local football coach offers route into England Paralympic Football

England goalkeeper coach and former cerebral palsy player, Ryan Kay who is based in Peterborough, runs coaching sessions locally for disabled and non-disabled goalkeepers. This allows local young people the opportunity to join the national Para Talent Pathway, training at the iconic St. George's Park.

Ryan represented England at the Paralympics in Rio 2016 as a goalkeeper. He has cerebral palsy, a condition which affects the brain and the person's ability to move muscles on command. Whilst his brother, who also had cerebral palsy, was at an England trial, the coaches saw he had great ability and asked if he could play. This led Ryan to becoming a goalkeeper for England representing his country on the international stage.



Ryan said that **'Playing CP football changed my life' and CP football 'really motivates you to better yourself'**.



My name is Jack. I am writing this article to spread awareness for disability football. I, like Ryan, have cerebral palsy and I am also a goalkeeper. Through Ryan's helpful one-to-one training sessions every Sunday I have been selected into the Regional England Talent pathway or RETP for short. This pathway enables players like myself to show their ability and hopefully one day be able to wear the England shirt!

This regional talent programme is for players aged 12-16 and happens every half term. It is a time when coaches can check on player's progress and development in the pathway. If players aged 16 are good enough, they progress to the National England Talent Pathway which consists of the best para players nationally, then finally if players make it through the NETP they can be selected for development or senior teams.

I really enjoy the pathway because I think it's amazing that players can make friends with those who have the same or different impairment and play football together.

There are many different ways you can be selected for the RETP and one of those is through talent hubs across the country. These hubs are places in which any player with certain impairments can try out and showcase their skills. From there, people like Ryan invite you to the regional talent programme if they think you have a chance of making it to the top! Ryan runs a local talent hub at the Cambourne Leisure Centre, Cambridge (CB23 6FY) where sessions are held monthly on Friday nights from 7pm-8:30pm. If you, or someone you know is interested, you can contact Ryan on 07464972245 or ryan.kay@cambridgeshirefa.com.

Another method of showcasing skills to coaches is at England Talent Days. Talent Days allow coaches to find players with lots of potential. Not everyone who goes to a Talent Day gets selected for the pathway but they run yearly, so you can be reassessed and kept in the talent system. But more importantly it is about enjoying football and playing with people who you wouldn't normally play with. If you would like to register for one of these Talent Days, visit <https://www.Englandfootball.com/england/para/England-Talent-Days> and complete the registration form.

This programme is often seen as Peterborough's best kept secret. Local people with disabilities are not always aware of this incredible opportunity, so I am driven to raise awareness and show the people of Stamford and Peterborough that success in football is possible, no matter what your disability. It's vital that people like me get the opportunities to play football because then we have the belief that we can do anything we put our mind to and be successful.



Malcolm Sargent Way

You may have heard our pupils talk about the 'Malcolm Sargent Way' and wonder what that even means! Here is our information leaflet explaining the values we instill in all of our pupils. We reward children who behave in the Malcolm Sargent Way and use it as our mantra!

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Love To Learn

THE MALCOLM SARGENT WAY MANNERS MANUAL

It's nice to be important but it's more important to be nice.

John Cassis

Manners maketh man.

THANK YOU

I'M SORRY

PLEASE

EXCUSE ME

Friends and good manners will carry you where money won't go. Margaret Walker

Good manners will open doors that the best education cannot.

Clarence Thomas

People judge us by observing our manners. Manners are much more than just saying "please" and "thank you." They are ways of showing kindness and consideration.

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Be Polite Every Day!

We experience different situations every day, sometimes when we are in school and others when we are not. Manners are important 100% of the time.

- Always say "please" and "thank you".
- Ask using the correct language, for instance "please may I go to the toilet?" or "would you mind helping me with my work?".
- Put up your hand if you need help in class.
- Say "excuse me" if you need to interrupt someone or if someone is in your way.
- Open doors for others and say thank you to others holding the door for you.
- Be patient.
- If you see something on the floor, pick it up and put it away/hang it up.
- If you need to visit another classroom or the office, always knock on the door before you enter and wait to be told to come in.
- Last but not least, always smile!

THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR SCHOOL A POLITE AND HAPPY PLACE TO LEARN!

The Malcolm Sargent Way

At Malcolm Sargent Primary School, we believe that manners are vital and we pride ourselves on being polite and well-behaved.

Coming into school:

- School rules must be followed, even before school has started.
- Get off your bikes and scooters as you arrive at the school gates and park them in the spaces provided. Lock them up!
- Ball games should not be played before school, just in case you hit parents/smaller children.
- Walk through the cloakrooms.
- Put your coat, lunch box, water bottle and bookbag away neatly. Take out your planner for your teacher.
- Follow the morning routine for your class.
- Smile and say "good morning" to your teacher and your friends.
- Keep your classroom tidy.

Walking through school:

- As a group, line up sensibly and silently in a straight line, facing forwards.
- Walk through the corridors in a single line and in silence.
- Sit down quietly without making any fuss.
- Make sure you have enough room.
- When a group is leaving an area, wait until it is your turn to leave and walk back to your classroom quietly in a single line, leading out one line at a time.

Lunchtime:

- Follow the lunch time routines.
- Wash or sanitise your hands before eating.
- Treat the lunchtime supervisors with respect.
- Hold your knife and fork correctly.
- Chew your food with your mouth closed and only talk when your mouth is empty.
- Finish chewing before you stand up to leave.
- Put up your hand if you need help or when you are ready to leave the table.
- Play outdoor games sensibly.
- Share toys and games.
- Help anyone who looks sad or lonely.

Office:

- Always wait until the office staff are ready to answer your questions. If they are on the phone, wait until they have hung up.
- If there are parents at the office, wait for them to have their questions answered first.
- Always ask your question politely and remember to smile!

School Uniform:

- All children should wear our standard uniform according to our Dress Code.
- Y6 children cannot wear their leavers' hoodies for formal school events and Y3-6 children should wear their ties.
- Wear your PE kit all day on PE days to save changing.
- Don't forget to bring in a warm coat, hat, gloves and scarf when it is cold or wet, with wellies too if you like, and a sun hat and sun cream for when it is hot and sunny!
- Make sure everything is clearly named so our office team can return it to you.

Year 5s were Vikings for the day

Our Year 5 children enjoyed a fantastic Viking experience day to complement their history topic, "Would the Vikings do anything for money?". Led by the amazing 'Historic Workshops', the dressed up children learnt about Viking battle formations, played Viking board-games and even discovered Viking artefacts.

The children loved dressing up and immersing themselves in Viking history. A big thank you to the PTFA and Lady Dorothy Cecil charity which funded this visit for us.



3D designs are brought to life for Year 5 DT topic



As part of our Go Kart topic, our Year 5 pupils use a program called TinkerCAD which they use to design their own trophies, incorporating many complex features such as sizing the elements of their trophies, adding intricate design patterns and making sure they all fit within very strict parameters. Two children from each Year 5 class were selected as winners because of their technical and design features. Stamford Endowed Schools then kindly 3D printed these trophies for our pupils to bring them to life. The winning designers were then taken to SES to collect their trophies and have an inspirational tour of the high-tech department.

Well done to our winners and we would also like to say a huge thank you to Mr Newton from SES who organises the printing of the trophies and tour each year!



Freezer needed!



On hot days (although let's be honest there's not been many so far this summer) our House Councillors love to sell ice lollies in the playground, much to the delight of hot and bothered children and their parents or carers! It's a great way to teach our House Councillors about profit and loss, stock, change and predicting sales.

However, one of our trusty freezers has broken so there is only a very limited space in a small ice box freezer to store lollies. The House Councillors would be thrilled if anyone had a freezer they were willing to donate to them to keep the lollies nicely frozen until they are ready to sell them!

If you have a freezer which is ready for a new home for, please contact the school office!

End of an era for some ... 😞

We bid a very fond farewell and huge thank you to the following departing staff:

Mrs Collins (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Collins joined us in the year 2000 so has been with us for a staggering 24 years. She has definitely earned her retirement which she is going to be enjoying and we wish her all the very best as she takes some time to spend with her family and friends. Denise has worked with thousands of pupils in her time with us and is an adored member of the team, by both pupils and staff. She approaches any situation with calm, resilience and a big smile on her face always! A huge thank you for everything you have done for our school community Mrs Collins; you will be very missed!



Mr McLeod (Class Teacher & PE Leader)

Mr McLeod has been with us since September 2019 and has done an absolutely incredible job working with our Year 6 pupils, getting them ready for SATS but also throwing himself wholeheartedly into the extra-curricular activities, such as the leaver's festival, PGL and the many sporting tournaments our upper key stage children take part in, all whilst raising a young family of his own. Mr McLeod has also led on PE and sports with unbounding enthusiasm, inspiration and dedication. Always getting stuck in, helping to get the children interested and excited in a huge array of sports, tournaments and challenges. Thank you for all your hard work Mr McLeod! We wish you every success in your new role!



Miss Storer (Student Teacher)

Miss Storer joined us as a Sports Apprentice back in 2020 and hasn't left us since! She has been a Teaching Assistant and Cover Supervisor, before going onto completing her teacher training with us. We are so proud that she has now secured her first teaching position starting in September at a Peterborough school.



Mrs Poncia (Class Teacher & Head of EYFS)

Mrs Poncia joined us in September 2022 initially as an EYFS teacher and was then quickly promoted to lead the EYFS team. She has done a great job in engaging and inspiring all children; you've probably noticed a lot of these featuring in our newsletters over the year! We wish her all the very best in her new role.



Miss Eady (Class Teacher)

Miss Eady is also leaving our EYFS team after joining us in January 2023. Miss Eady is a very fond member of the team and brings energy and enthusiasm to everything she does. We have so many photos in the newsletters of Miss Eady getting involved in all of our activities, being the first to dress up and get stuck in! Her relationship with her children is brilliant and we wish her the very best of luck in her career change!



Miss Tomlinson (Student Teacher)

Miss Tomlinson is another member of our team who has completed her teacher training with us, after working her way up from initially working as an Apprentice Teaching Assistant. Miss Tomlinson has worked in EYFS, KS1 and KS2, showing how versatile she is. She handles situations in a calm way but quickly builds connections with children, especially those who are finding things a bit difficult. She has secured her first teaching job in September, working in Peterborough. We wish her all the best for the future, and can't wait to see where her teaching career will lead her!



Mrs Hanford (Class Teacher)

Mrs Hanford joined us in September 2022 for her first teaching post. She has made incredible progress in her time with us. She is exceptionally well-organised, adored by children and staff alike and has already got a middle-leader position under her belt! She has been our computing subject leader and has been brilliant at making everything look effortless. Pupils love her sunny personality and unflappable nature! We are sad to see Mrs Hanford go but wish her all the best with her relocation to the south of England!



New drop off and collection times from September

Don't forget our new drop off and collection times from September:

Year Group	Doors Open	Registration	Morning Break	Lunchtime	Afternoon Break	Collection
EYFS	0830	0840	Continuous Provision	1130-1230	Continuous Provision	1510
Y1	0830	0840	1030-1045	1145-1230	1345-1400	1510
Y2	0830	0840	1045-1100	1230-1315	1400-1415	1510
Y3	0830	0840	1015-1030	1200-1245		1510
Y4	0830	0840	1030-1045	1245-1330		1510
Y5	0830	0840	1000-1015	1200-1245		1510
Y6	0830	0840	1045-1100	1245-1330		1510
AM Gate Opens		AM Gate Closes		PM Gate Opens		PM Gate Closes
0825		0845		1505		1525

Pre-ordered lunches for EYFS/Y1/Y2 children from September

Just a reminder that all lunches for EYFS, Y1 and Y2 will be pre-ordered for all children from September to save you a job!

Each child will automatically be ordered a main meal at lunchtime under the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) Scheme so you don't need to do anything unless you wish to amend or cancel a meal. Dietary requirements will be taken into account in the pre-ordering system.

These meals would cost £2.75 per day so that is a huge saving to parents so please do not send in a packed lunch but take advantage of this Government initiative!

If you have any questions regarding menus, you can call Dolce Customer Services on 01942 707709 or email them on customercare@dolce.co.uk. If you need help with online orders, you can call SchoolGrid on 01506 300310 or email them on support@schoolgrid.co.uk.



New academic year

Here is a reminder of where the current classes will be moving to from September with their class numbers and teachers! There is a post on your child's Seesaw account which has pictures of the drop-off and collection points and lots more information about next year!

Current class

New class

2023-2024			2024-2025		
Class	Year	Teacher	Class	Year	Teacher
1	FS	Miss Eady	4	1	Mr Walton
2	FS	Mrs Poncia	5	1	Mrs Thomson/Mrs Harrison
3	FS	Miss Olver	6	1	Miss Burnside
4	1	Mrs Withnell /Mrs Crane	7	2	Miss Inskip/Miss Rollinson
5	1	Mrs Thomson/ Mrs Harrison	8	2	Mrs Gregory-Smith/ Mrs Bennett
6	1	Mr Walton	9	2	Mrs Nottingham/ Mrs Harrison
7	2	Mrs Nottingham/ Mrs Harrison	10	3	Mrs Gard/Mrs Scott
8	2	Mrs Gregory-Smith	11	3	Mrs Bennett/Mr Lynch
9	2	Miss Inskip	12	3	Mrs White
10	3	Miss Tee	13	4	Ms Barton/Miss Rollinson
11	3	Mrs Gard/Mrs White	14	4	Miss Blackburn
12	3	Miss Sambrook	15	4	Miss Overend
13	4	Miss Overend	16	5	Ms Williams
14	4	Mr Lynch	17	5	Miss Carter
15	4	Ms Barton	18	5	Miss Sambrook
16	5	Miss Blackburn	19	6	Mrs Reid/Mrs Ward
17	5	Ms Williams	20	6	Miss Raistrick
18	5	Miss Carter	21	6	Mrs Ellis (nee Tee)/Mrs Ward
19	5	Mrs Hanford	22	6	Miss Laceby

Subject Leaders

Curriculum Subject	Leader
Art	Mrs Ward
Computing	Mrs Ward
Design & Technology	Mrs Gregory-Smith
Early Literacy & Phonics	Mrs Perry
English	Miss Laceby
Geography	Miss Raistrick
History	Miss Blackburn
Maths	Miss Raistrick
French	Mrs Reid
Music	Mrs Mills
PE & Sport	Mrs Scott
Religious Education	Mrs Harrison
Science	Miss Sambrook
PSHE	Mrs Ward
RSHE	Mr Cox

Senior Leadership Team

Mr Revell	Principal
Mr Cox	Vice-Principal Lead for Upper School (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6), Safeguarding, Pastoral, SENDCo, Pupil Voice, Student Teachers and PTFA
Mrs Perry	Assistant Principal Lead for Lower School (EYFS/Y1/Y2), SENDCo Designate, Early Literacy & Phonics, Trustee, Acorn Director
Mrs Ward	Assistant Principal Lead for Curriculum, Assessment and Pupil Premium Year 6 class teacher (Monday/Thursday/Friday)
Mrs Saunderson	Finance Director
Mrs Town	Business Director

Heads of Year

Year Group	Head of Year
EYFS	Mrs Perry
Y1	Mrs Thomson/Mrs Harrison
Y2	Mrs Gregory-Smith
Y3	Mrs Gard
Y4	Ms Barton/Miss Blackburn
Y5	Ms Williams
Y6	Miss Raistrick



The PTFA summer fair was a great success, despite the rain!

Running a summer fair is a big undertaking at any time but it's made much more tricky when wet-weather plans need to be put into action at short notice. Despite the drizzle, our PTFA team did an incredible job of quickly rearranging the location of everything and was a roaring success.

Pupils, parents and teachers flocked to the school to take part in the nostalgic stalls, the busiest always being the bottle tombola! Other activities such as inflatables, martial arts, country dancing, traditional fair ground stalls and 'splat the teacher' all provided a good few hours of fun. It was also wonderful to be able to welcome members of our community such as George's Food Hub and Art Pop-Up which work tirelessly to support our local community and provide some great opportunities for all.

Over £4,000 was raised by the PTFA which will go towards supporting pupils with events such as workshops to enhance learning as well as iPads and playground equipment.

A big thank you to all of our PTFA team for the hard work they put in all year, but a special mention must go to Leah and Maggie who put themselves forward to run the summer fair having never done it before and their children only joining the school this academic year! Thank you also to Kirstie Kent, the outgoing Chair of the PTFA, who leaves us this year; thank you for all of your time and your commitment over the years! You have been brilliant!!



Max, Sam and William Carter splat the teachers Katie Blades and Chris Keenan. Photo: Chris Lowndes



Harriet and Esme Pearson with cake. Photo: Chris Lowndes



Liz Peggood, Sam Hammond, Leah Robertson, Maggie MacCormack, Katie Perry and Tristan Revell. Photo: Chris Lowndes

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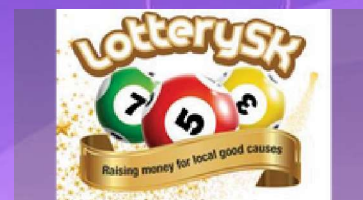


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Dates for the diary

September 2024

October 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Training days for all staff		1st day of the term for Y1-Y6 pupils			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	1st day of the term for EVFS pupils				11+ test Y6s	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
					11+ test Y6s	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	October Half-Term					
27	28	29	30	31		



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