



Primary High Notes Friday 19th June

Dear Parent,

In my Primary assembly yesterday, I shared two quotations with the children.

The first was from Sir Francis Bacon:

"Knowledge itself is power."

The second was a rather more light-hearted observation:

"Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad."

We spent some time exploring the difference between knowledge and wisdom. School is, of course, a place where children gain knowledge every day. Whether they are learning to read, mastering times tables, discovering the wonders of science or exploring the past through history, our children are constantly building their understanding of the world around them.

However, education is about much more than simply acquiring knowledge. It is also about learning how to use that knowledge wisely. Wisdom is about judgement. It is about making good choices. It is about understanding when and how to apply what we know.

As I reflected on Sports Day today, I was struck by how many examples of wisdom were on display. Children knew how to compete, but they also knew how to encourage others. They knew how to try their very best, but they also knew how to show resilience when things did not go according to plan. They knew how to celebrate success, whilst also recognising the achievements of their friends and teammates.

Most importantly, they demonstrated that sport is about far more than winning races. It is about courage, kindness, perseverance and supporting one another. It was wonderful to see so many parents joining us and helping to create such a positive atmosphere throughout the day. Thank you for your support and encouragement; events such as Sports Day are made all the more special by the sense of community that surrounds them.

As we move towards the end of the academic year, I hope our children continue to reflect not only on all that they have learnt this year, but also on how they use that knowledge to make positive choices, support others and contribute to our school community.

It is hard to believe that there are now just three weeks remaining of the academic year. Whilst there is much excitement about the summer holidays, there is still plenty to look forward to, including trips, activities, concerts, productions and celebrations and opportunities to reflect on a year filled with learning and achievement. A reminder that the Summer Term will end at 12 noon on Friday 10th July.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Accelerando Concert Celebration

On Thursday 18th June 2026, our Year 3 pupils proudly took to the stage for the culmination of this year's Accelerando programme, showcasing the remarkable progress they have made in just a few months of learning an instrument.

The journey began at the start of the academic year when all Year 3 pupils took part in a free musical assessment programme. Following the assessments, Mrs Cooke carefully collated the results and shared recommendations with parents during consultation meetings, identifying the instrument on which each child was most likely to make strong progress.

Pupils then began individual instrumental lessons in school in November and have worked incredibly hard throughout the year to develop their skills. Over the last term, they also rehearsed together as an orchestra every Monday lunchtime, demonstrating commitment, enthusiasm and teamwork.

The concert on Thursday was a wonderful celebration of their achievements. Each pupil confidently performed a solo item, showcasing their individual progress and growing musicality. The concert concluded with a fantastic orchestral performance of *Baby Shark*, bringing all the young musicians together for a fun and memorable finale.

We are immensely proud of everything the pupils have achieved and the confidence they demonstrated in performance.

A sincere thank you goes to our team of peripatetic instrumental teachers for their superb teaching, dedication and encouragement throughout the year. We would also like to thank parents for their ongoing support and commitment to helping pupils practise at home.

Congratulations to all of our Year 3 musicians on a truly wonderful concert and a successful first year of instrumental learning.



Primary Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Primary Sports Day such a wonderful success. It was a fantastic day filled with enthusiasm, teamwork and sporting spirit, with our Infants enjoying an exciting morning of events and our Juniors taking part in the afternoon.

Our Sports Day photo gallery will be available on the school website next week. Parents will receive a HighPost message containing the link and password to access the gallery.

We hope you enjoyed the day as much as the children enjoyed participating!



Primary Class Photos

We are delighted to announce the Primary class photos are now ready for you to view and order.

Here are the online instructions to purchase.

Please go to www.aletheasimpsonphotography.co.uk

Safeguarding Corner

Safeguarding Podcast, Episode 71 - In2 Ofcom's Report into Social Media

In this week's podcast Mrs Bellman and Mrs McBride discuss Ofcom's report on social media apps and safety provision for children, outlining that Ofcom has stated that many apps are "not safe for children". To listen, please [click here](#)

For further information and an updated report on this very topical issue please visit Ofcom's website by clicking here. [Keep underage children off your platforms, Ofcom tells tech firms](#)



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 22nd June – ABRSM Exams

Tuesday 23rd June – Year 4-6 House Swimming Gala

Wednesday 24th June – LAMDA Exams

Wednesday 24th June – Senior Summer Concert

Thursday 25th June – Reception Class Assembly

Thursday 25th June – Dance Show

Monday 29th June – Year 7 Induction Day & Primary move up day

Monday 29th June – Infant and Junior Parents' information evening

Tuesday 30th June – Year 6 Dinner and Disco

Monday 6th July – Primary House Cricket week

Tuesday 7th July – Year 5 & 6 Production

Tuesday 7th July – Primary Celebration Showcase

Wednesday 8th July – Primary end of term assembly

Thursday 9th July - Primary Summer Concert

Friday 10th July – End of Term 12pm Middyay

Useful Links