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Parent/Carer,

Our Isle of Wight adventurers came back late evening on Friday, looking weary, but having had a wonderful time! They have many stories to tell and every one I have talked to have said they would recommend it to all the Year 5 children for next year, so that's great news. I also know that they were a credit to the school and wonderful company, so well done Smugglers and Pirates! Our Year 6 children who didn't go to the Isle of Wight, also had a super week, with a fun swim and trips to Oxygen, Mega play and worked on a project all about creating their own Theme park. They were a great help to have around school too. We are very lucky that so many of our staff are happy to give up their time to make sure the residential trips in Years 4, 5 and 6 can happen. A huge thanks to all involved.

We have been working on improving children's communication skills and oracy this year - and the impact was absolutely evident on Wednesday when our Year 4 children performed their class assembly to their parents/carers. They were fantastic - and I know everyone in the audience was exceptionally proud - well done staff and children in Year 4.

I have attached a poster all about screen addiction/screen time with Top Tips for parents. With two teenage boys, I am always looking for ideas and this struck me as having good advice.

If you haven't signed up for a Structured Conversation or Parent/Carer Consultation, please do so. If you have any problem with this, do let us know.

Have a wonderful week.

Miss E. Dawson
Headteacher

Attendance

For the week ended 6th June 2025 there were four classes who achieved 97% attendance or above. Well done to Kestrels who achieved 98.3%.

We have a number of children who have medical conditions which mean that they have to have time off school for appointments and therefore their data is not included in these figures.

Attendance figures:-

Class	Week
Chipmunks	97.4%
Dragonflies	93.3%
Butterflies	92.0%
Rabbits	96.3%
Ladybirds	94.7%
Robins	92.3%
Fireflies	83.9%
Owls	97.9%
Bears	95.8%
Sparrows	94.5%
Ants	92.7%
Kestrels	98.3%
Badgers	95.0%
Otters	97.1%
Squirrels	96.0%
Whole School	94.5%
Target	97.0%

Congratulations to this week's winners

KESTRELS

Aspirational attendance target set for the school for

2024 - 2025 is:

97%

Year 6 - Theme Park Project



Last week some of our Year 6 children took part in a Theme Park project where they were able to design two rides and a restaurant for the park. The children also participated in a fun swim, visited Laser Tag/Oxygen and made cookies. Freddie Troth-Olasebikan tells of his great week below:-

"On Monday, we had a fun swim. We played some games and it was very fun. I miss going in the pool here as I haven't been swimming for a while. We also started our Theme Park week where we could have two rides and a restaurant in each zone. On Tuesday morning we went to Laser Tag. My team won both games. It



was really fun. Then we went to Oxygen. We put our bags in the lockers, put our socks on and we were able

to go on the bouncy castles and trampolines. They also provided us with drinks. It was very interesting to do as it used to be Base Jump but it has changed a lot. Personally I liked the bouncy castles the best as we played hide and seek. When we got back, we had a chill afternoon doing some more to our theme park. On Wednesday, we worked on our theme park



and in the afternoon we had dance with Miss Lane. It was very enjoyable as I like dancing. On Thursday we made some cookies. We had two groups and we made them with Mrs. Wells. We had to mix the ingredients, add some vanilla extract and I got to break up the



chocolate chips into it. In the afternoon we went into the hall to play games with the parachute. It was very enjoyable and my favourite bit of the day

was eating the cookies we had made. They tasted amazing! On Friday, we finished off our Theme Park project and we got to make our little area out of Lego and I got to play songs on the computer. I thought the whole week was amazing and I would love to do it again.



Year 6 visit to the Isle of Wight



HMS Victory and when we entered we got an audio and scanned a little QR code and it told us loads of fun facts about each room when the ship was at sea.



Also last week, some of our Year 6 children visited the Isle of Wight on our annual residential. Macey Robinson (Otters) gives details of her week below:-



"On Monday morning we went into the Squirrels' and Badgers' huts and found out our groups and then we got on to the coach. It was a very long journey. On the way there

we played Uno on the coach and then we arrived a Portsmouth and we went on this massive ship



After that we had lunch and then got onto the ferry. We had a really good view because we were on the top deck and it was very hot and sunny. After the ferry we checked into our hotel and then found out which rooms we were in. My room was called the Penthouse and it was really big. I was sharing with Bella, Sophie and



Jasmine. After that we had dinner which was really nice and then went onto the beach. The beach was just outside and on



the beach there was lots of sand and the sea wasn't in. Lots of children were digging and making little rivers. After that we went back into the hotel and we had some time in our room and then went to sleep. I slept ok as I was really tired from my very long day. On Tuesday, we got up to a cooked breakfast which was really yummy and then as soon as we finished breakfast



we went out to Osborne House. The only



problem was that it was very rainy so we had to put our waterproof coats on. First of all we went outside to look at the grounds. Queen Victoria loved tropical plants and the environment so there were lots of tropical plants to see. Then we



went inside and it was really big. It was very posh. We went around in groups and there were some people in some of the rooms to tell us about them. After, we had lunch and then we did a role play



where we had to be servants. There were lots of activities to do - some people had to make beds, some people had to make paper twists for the fire. I had to stand very tall and we had to say to the head

servant 'Please Mrs. Smith, yes Mrs. Smith'. We were supposed to do paddle boarding but the sea was really choppy and it was raining so we couldn't do it. In the evening after dinner, we played some beach games which were fun. On Wednesday, we went to the Dinosaur Isle and got to hold fossils and some of them were 125 million years old. We held an elephant's tooth and lots of other fossils. It was really interesting and we did some



worksheets about it. After, we went to Appuldurcombe House and had a picnic lunch provided by the hotel and after we went inside the house (although it was only the remains because it was bombed in WWII). There was still a big fireplace which was there though. After, we went on a boat and we saw a view of the Needles



and it had very colourful sands although we couldn't see it as we were too far away. We went back to the hotel after this and had dinner. We had sausage and mash which was really nice. Then we went on a Smuggler's walk in the evening and we went down this steep hill. When we got to the bottom there was a big piece of land so we all sat down and Mr. Mackay told us a story



about two boys going out to sea and they weren't supposed to as the sea was choppy and in the end they died. The moral of the story is to listen to your parents as they had told them not to go. On Thursday we went to the Aqua Park. We had to get into wet suits and get all geared



up with life jackets. When we got into the lake it was really cold but then when we got onto the inflatables on the lake it was really fun but very challenging at the same time. I fell in! Bella and I pushed Mr. Wilson into the lake as he tried to push us in but he didn't manage to. We got 5 house points from Mr. Mackay for pushing Mr.





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Wilson in. It was so much fun and if we wanted to we could go down a really steep slide which was 15m long. Nearly everyone did. I was a bit nervous but it was fine. When we got back we had to hand our diaries in and then get ready for the disco. A professional DJ came in and the teachers had a dance off and Mr. Yorston won. All the children were chanting the teachers' names whilst they were doing the dance off. The disco was really fun and we went to bed at 11pm! On the last day, we played mini golf and on one of the holes I got 35 so I definitely lost by far. After mini golf we got onto the coach and got on the ferry but there was quite a big delay so we had to wait for a little while but when we got onto the ferry it was very nice weather and we got there in no time. I really enjoyed myself but at the same time I was excited to go home to see my family but I also didn't want to leave the Isle of Wight. I would like to say thank you to all of the teachers who took us as if they didn't, we wouldn't be able to go.



Year 4 Assembly

On Thursday, the Year 4 children showcased their topic work on the Romans to their proud parents/carers during an assembly. Emily Duggan (Bears) and Charlie Baker (Sparrows) give their respective accounts of the assembly below:-



"It was a Roman assembly and there were different parts that we could play for example, I was Boudicca. I had to wear a red wig, a long black skirt and a black t-shirt. As Boudicca I had to object to the Romans taking over the school. At the end, I couldn't take it any more so I drank the poison which was just a water bottle. We also sang some songs. My favourite part was when the army had a sword fight because it was really funny. I had a really fun time doing it in front of our parents and I think they all enjoyed watching us." (Emily Duggan)

"At the start I felt very nervous but when we got on with it, we got into the rhythm and it ended up being really fun. My role was Army Lead 6 and I had to start a sword fight. We had to practice quite a lot to get all of our lines right. From my point of view, it looked like the parents were really enjoying it. My favourite part of the assembly was where we sang the songs. My favourite song was the Roman Numerals. We've learned a lot of interesting facts about the Romans and my favourite fact was how sometimes they not only invaded but they enforced taxes onto residents. I really enjoyed learning about the Romans and I would recommend it to other people." (Charlie Baker)

Numbots Certificates

Well done to all children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 that have used NumBots to help support their fluency in Maths. Certificates were given during Celebration



Assembly. The following children were our NumBot superstars this week.

EYFS - Elizabeth White (Chipmunks)
Year 1 - Arthur Lloyd (Rabbits)
Year 2 - Jack Muir (Robins)

Well done to you all!

Polite Reminders

Medication

Please note that children should not have any medication on them in school to administer themselves - thank you.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day in order to stay hydrated - thank you.

Honesty is the best policy!

We would like to congratulate the following for handing in money they found recently.

Eleny Grover (Fireflies)
Perla Puckey (Owls)
Jaxon Bellinger (Owls)

Well done - you should be very proud of yourselves!

Thanks

This week's Think is:-



What would you like to learn more about?

eSchools App

We kindly ask that you to download the



eSchools and eSchools Lite apps (free of charge), in order that any messages we send you are not charged to the school and you will be able to access the calendar, newsletter and website easily.





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Twitter

Please keep checking our Twitter feed for various updates/messages:-

@Thundersley_P_S

Early Birds Breakfast Club & Treetops After School Club



We offer a Breakfast Club (7.45am to the start of school) and an After School Club called Treetops (3.15pm to

6.00pm) each day.

If you are interested in a place for your child and would like more information, please speak to Mrs. Hayward in the main School Office.



Treetops this week:-

This week, some of our activities will be based on Trooping the Colour which this year is on 14th June 2025. The children will also be able to play outside and there will be the opportunity to make a Father's Day card if they wish.

Uniform Shops

We would like to advise that we now have two uniform shops as follows:-

Penn UK,
15-17 Kents Hill Road,
South Benfleet,
Essex, SS7 5PN.

Telephone:- 01268 751724

www.pennuk.com

Danielle's Uniform,
Claydons Lane,
Rayleigh,
Essex, SS6 7UP.

Telephone 01268 967542

www.daniellesshop.co.uk

PTA News

Next Meeting

To be confirmed.

Community News

ACL First Aid Kit

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Mega Camps Summer 2025

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

Colchester Royal Grammar School 11+ Open Evening

Please find attached a flyer in respect of the above.

School Calendar - Dates

<https://www.thundersleyprimary.co.uk/web/home/86964>

or eSchools app Lite

Future Term Dates

18/07/25 - Last day of Term

01/09/25 - Start of the Autumn Term

27/10/25 to 31/10/25 - Half Term

22/12/25 to 02/01/26 - Christmas Break

05/01/26 - Start of the Spring Term

16/02/26 to 20/02/26 - Half Term

30/03/26 to 10/04/26 - Easter Break

13/04/26 - Start of the Summer Term

04/05/26 - Bank Holiday

25/05/26 to 29/05/26 - Half Term

17/07/26 - Last Day of the Summer Term
(due to non-pupil day on 20/07/26)

******NON PUPIL DAYS******

21/07/25

22/07/25

01/09/25

24/10/25

24/11/25

23/02/26

20/07/26

