



PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear parents

THIS WEEK'S NEWS



Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. Another term is whizzing past – we will soon be entering Term 6 and the count down to the summer break. Please do check on our website for all key dates – you don't want to miss anything important!

Our Year 6 pupils took their SATs this week – they all remained calm and gave the tests their very best – that is all we can ask of them. I am very proud that they can demonstrate resilience as well as determination – well done to them all.

You will have seen in the news that pupils in secondary schools will very soon not be allowed their mobile phones during the school day. We already have a robust mobile phone and smart device policy in school – this can be found on our website. In a recent conversation Rev'd Lisa signposted me to an interesting podcast that discusses the impact of mobile devices on reading – I would encourage you to take a listen – it provides some excellent food for thought. We provide our pupils with a rich reading curriculum and a well stocked library with the aim of fostering a love of books and reading.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m002sdyn?partner=uk.co.bbc&origin=share-mobile>

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Sue Elliott, Headteacher.



Well done to all our Year 6 pupils who took their SATs this week – they were all superstars – remaining calm throughout and giving the tests their best! I am very proud of them all. Thank you to all the staff involved in making the tests run smoothly – a great team effort!



National Year of Reading 2026

We're excited to share that our school is proudly taking part in the National Year of Reading! This nationwide initiative celebrates the joy and importance of reading, helping children build strong literacy skills and a lifelong love of books.

Throughout the year, the children will take part in special reading events, themed activities, author spotlights, and opportunities to explore new genres and stories.

Own Clothes Day
Friday 22nd May 2026



Many thanks to those parents and carers who gave up their time to marshal the Tunbridge Wells Half Marathon. Special thanks to Hayley Bareham for co-ordinating this. The Tunbridge Wells Harriers have made a very generous donation of £840 to the PTFA.

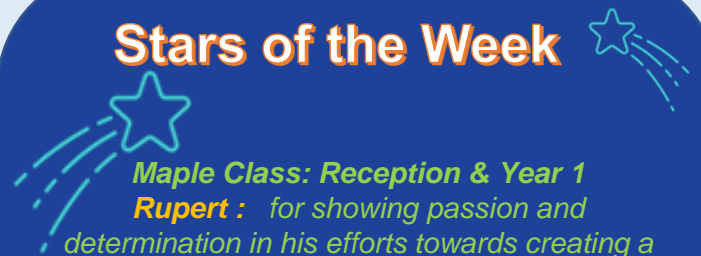


Continuing the running theme. Hayley is also organising, on behalf of the School a Cross Country Competition for pupils in Years 3-6. This will take place on Monday 8th June at the grounds of Penshurst Cricket Club. The first race will start at 4pm.

More details of timings and how to enter will be sent out early next week. We will also be inviting local schools who are part of our Sevenoaks Partnership of Schools to enter. Many thanks go to Hayley for her hard work with this. I am sure it will be a great success and become an annual event.



Stars of the Week



Maple Class: Reception & Year 1

Rupert : for showing passion and determination in his efforts towards creating a better environment.

Dennis : for an amazing effort with his reading – which is already showing great results!

Elm Class : Year 2

Raffy: for wonderful manners and showing great effort with his work.

Teddy W for showing great determination in all his work .

Beech Class Year 3

Aurora : for showing great speaking and listening skills this term

Harrison: for his creative work in both the making and designing phases.

Beech Class Year 4

Poppy: for her determination to improve her writing – great story writing!

Freida : for showing great positivity and resilience across the curriculum

Oak Class Year 5

Coco: for showing kindness to everyone and being a great friend

Barney: for his great enthusiasm and passion for reading

Oak Class Year 6

Layla: for showing great focus and striving for excellence

Amelia : for showing a positive attitude to her learning as well as being a great friend !

Well done to them all.

