



FRIDAY ROUND UP



22nd May 2026



MESSAGE FROM MR FARRELL

What a fantastic first half of the Summer Term we have had! The school has been full of energy, enthusiasm and positivity and it has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning and wider school life. We are incredibly proud of our pupils, staff and families, who continue to make our school such a caring, supportive and vibrant community.

As the weather continues to become warmer, please can we remind all families to ensure children come to school prepared for the heat. Children should arrive with sun cream already applied before school, a named water bottle and a hat for outdoor learning and playtimes. Please note that sunglasses should not be brought into school unless there is a specific medical need.

We are also very excited about the upcoming PTA World Cup Fancy Dress Day, which was launched in Celebration Assembly last week. This fun event is linked to supporting our Summer Fayre and gives children the opportunity to celebrate football and countries from around the world. Children are invited to dress in their allocated class country colours or football-themed outfits if they wish to take part. Participation is entirely optional and we want all children to feel included whether they choose to dress up or not. If children would like to participate, we are asking families, where possible, to donate an item towards the Summer Fayre raffle hampers. Suggested donations include self-care items, toiletries or drinks. A huge thank you to our PTA for organising what promises to be a brilliant community event.

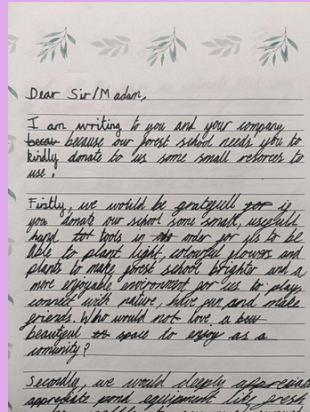
Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable half-term break and Bank Holiday weekend.

Best wished
Mr Farrell

CLASSROOM NEWS

CLASS 3

Class 3 Garden Centre Letters
In English, we have been using our knowledge about plants in Science to help write persuasive letters to local garden centres, encouraging them to donate to our school's forest school space. They will be posted later this week and we hopefully have some replies after May half-term.



CLASS 4

In Design Technology, Class 4 have been learning to build stable pavilion structures by selecting materials and building frame structures to support weight.



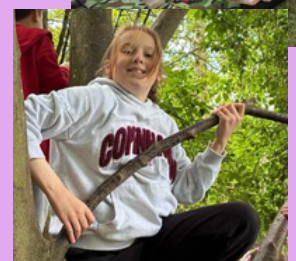
CLASS 5

Year 5 had a full day of fun on Tuesday with Forestfest '26. The 'Chillax Tent' was popular for watercolour painting and snoozing and a number of impressive dens and settlements were built with genuine co-operative spirit. The children also had wonderful ideas like making flower wands and bubble wands with real bubbles. Fire lighting was also popular and we had not one but two campfires: firstly to fry elderflower fritters (yum!) and secondly to cook cookies! Thanks so much to our wonderful volunteers for helping the day to run so brilliantly. In Forest School sessions it is always so wonderful to see children coming out of their shells and embracing new opportunities and challenges. Well done Team 5!



CLASS 6

Year 6 had a wonderful time in Forest School as a well-deserved reward for completing their SATs. After all their hard work and dedication, it was the perfect opportunity to unwind, have fun, and reconnect with nature. The children enjoyed exploring the outdoors, taking part in engaging activities, and spending quality time together in a calm and natural environment.



E Safety: Protecting Ourselves Online

■ Parental Controls Made Simple

Parental controls can feel overwhelming, but they don't have to be complicated. Most devices, apps, and games have built-in settings that allow you to manage what your child can see, who they can talk to, and how long they can spend online.

You don't need to set everything up at once—start small. For example, you could begin by setting a daily screen time limit or ensuring your child's accounts are set to private. Parental controls are not about spying—they're about creating a safer online environment while children are still learning. For step-by-step guides, organisations like Internet Matters and NSPCC offer simple, parent-friendly advice.



The PTA would love your donations of small plastic toys!

Do you have a drawer or box in your house full of those little plastic toys and trinkets your child manages to acquire wherever they go? Maybe from party bags, Christmas crackers, or small prizes from a 2p machine at a seaside arcade?

We would love your donations of toys similar to those pictured for a new stall we plan to run at this year's Summer Fayre. Anything small and 'fun' would be gratefully received - bracelets, marbles, trading cards, stickers, tattoos, small pens and pencils, funky rubbers, you name it! Just as long as it is still in 'as new' condition.

During half term, please could everybody have a little rummage and a clear-out and send any small plastic toys into school (hand in at the office please or to the class teacher). I managed to gather everything in these two photos in the space of about 5 minutes. Thank you.

Other Donations Needed

The PTA would also love your donations of bottles (soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, shower gel, cans, etc.) for the bottle tombola, any pre-loved re-giftable items, and clean teddies/soft toys for the Teddy Tombola. Please hand them to the class teachers or to the school office. Thank you.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 25th - Fri 29th May - HALF TERM

Fri 5th June - Big Breakfast

W/C 8th June - Phonics Screening

Thurs 11th June - Dress down World Cup Day - Please bring in a raffle prize

Fri 12th June - Class R Fathers Forest Session

Wed 17th June - Year 4 Faith Tour

Thurs 18th June - Class 1 Assembly 2.50pm start