



May 2023



Attendance (Spring 2)

Year 6 – 96.4%

Year 5 – 95%

Year 4 – 96.6%

Year 3 – 95.5%

Year 2 – 94.4%

Year 1 – 95.5%

Reception – 92.3%

Well done to Year 4!

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another half term is nearly over and with the extra bank holiday, it has felt very short! Year 6 pupils have just completed their SATS and we couldn't be prouder of the attitude, determination and maturity they showed – well done to you all, Year 6! Year 2 are also currently completing their SATS assessments in reading and writing and have worked very hard. Pupils' results will be shared with parents in July.

We really enjoyed our celebration of the coronation and the wonderful outfits the children wore – they certainly did dress in their royal best! Your creativity also shone through once more with the children's Easter bonnets – I have included a list of the winners.

Have a relaxing break and I look forward to seeing you in June – please do remember that the 5th of June is an INSET day, so children return to school on **Tuesday 6th June**.

Warmest wishes

Julie Ireland

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

What a busy half-term once more! At the end of last term, we enjoyed our Easter bonnet parade and at the beginning of this term, we celebrated the coronation. Classes have enjoyed trips out – and as always, have been perfect ambassadors for our school. Year 2 were incredibly lucky and went to Pizza Express where they had the chance to create their own pizzas – I hope they were tasty! Year 1 had a great time at the farm!



Maternity leave

We have had our very own mini baby boom at Bellenden! Mrs. Lorenz has started her maternity leave and is expecting her baby any day now. We are delighted that Miss Caires has returned from her maternity leave and is taking the Year 4 class until the end of the year. Miss Lincoln begins her maternity leave on June 6th and Miss Crandon will take Y6. Miss Davis is due to begin her maternity leave at the end of term. I will keep you posted on any baby news!

Easter bonnet winners

The Easter bonnets you produced with your child were AMAZING! It was very difficult to choose winning entries from each class, but congratulations to the following winners:-

Nursery: Zem Zem and McKenzie

Reception – Micah and Tyrese

Year 1 – Sophia and Leila

Year 2 – Jacob and Ava

Year 3 – Teddy and Joella

Year 4 – Eijah and Hayley

Year 5 – Phoebe and Joao

Year 6 – Aisha and Jayden

Packed Lunch Policy

Our school food champions have begun the next part of the project for creating a healthy lunch policy and are about to shoot a video to promote the policy. For parents of children who have packed lunch, please note that as soon as this policy is introduced, there will be big changes to what children are allowed to have in their packed lunch – this will include no pastries, no crisps, no sweets, chocolates or biscuits. We will be holding a parents' workshop once the policy is finalised – this will most likely take place next half term.

Holiday club

We will be providing a free summer holiday scheme. It will be based at Pilgrims' Way once more and will run for three days a week from 25th July-17th August. A letter will be sent out to parents once the scheme is finalised. It will operated on a first come first served basis, as there will be limited spaces available.

Reports and Parents' Evening

Your child's end of year report will be sent out on Friday 14th July. If you would like to meet your child's teacher to discuss the report further, there will be a drop in session on Monday 17th July between 3.30-4.30.

Playground changes

We have recently made changes to the playground, and the children are really enjoying it! We have now split the playground into zones: a construction zone; a creative studio; the stage; Bellenden Stadium; active adventure and a reading garden. Children have the chance to build things, enjoy role play activities; play a sport or chill out and read. Many thanks to Miss Phillips, Miss Crandon and Tian for all of their hard work in creating and organising the new zones.

Dates for your diary

w/b 5th June – Year 4 multiplication tables check begins

w/b 12th June – Year 1 phonics screening check begins

w/b 12th June – Year 6 school journey

14th June – meeting for new reception parents

w/b 19th June- Sports Week

23rd June – Year 3 class assembly @ 9.00- Year 3 parents/carers welcome to attend

25th June – Class photos

7th July – Year 1 class assembly @ 9.00 – Year 1 parents/carers welcome to attend

18th July @ 6pm – Year 6 production

21st July – break up at **1.30**.