

## Headteacher Message

What a fantastic (and very warm!) week we've had. I want to celebrate the resilience, positivity, and achievements of our children and staff. Despite the hot weather, it's been wonderful to see everyone still participating so enthusiastically in school life. Thank you for making sure your children are well-prepared with suncream, hats, and water bottles – it really makes a difference, and the children have shown great responsibility in looking after themselves and each other.

Our class photos went smoothly this week, and we're all looking forward to seeing the finished pictures. It was lovely to be able to use the field as a backdrop and capture these special memories.

This week, Year 2 and Year 6 teachers took some of our children's books to external moderation and we're delighted that all teachers' judgements were agreed. This is a real testament to the quality of teaching and learning at our school and it's wonderful to see the progress our children are making over the year. Thank you to our staff for their dedication, and well done to the children for their fantastic work.

Thank a Teacher (and all staff!) Day was a real highlight. Thank you so much to everyone who sent in emails, cards, notes, gifts and goodies. Your kindness and appreciation meant the world to all our staff and made the day truly special. We are very lucky to work at such a great school!

Year 1 had an amazing adventure in London this week! The children were perfect ambassadors for our school – well-mannered, enthusiastic, and a real credit to Ide Hill. A huge thank you to the teachers and volunteers who made this trip possible.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sunshine – we're looking forward to another busy, exciting week ahead!

## Talent Show 2025

Last week we had our annual Talent Show at Ide Hill village hall. As always it was a beautiful sunny day which suited the joy of the day. It was a great success with some lovely acts. The children brought their best to that day performing on instruments, singing, dancing and doing gymnastics. We even had our first miming act filled with laughter and expression. It



takes a lot of courage to step up on to stage and perform no matter what you are doing and the children who did so, deserve praise for showing their talent. We were really

proud of them and they proved what we already know, Ide Hill School has many talented people within its walls. Thank you to all the staff and parents that helped to make this possible whether practising with their children, being roadies, putting out chairs, taking pictures or helping clear the hall at the end. All this was very much appreciated. I look forward to next year and any new or returning talent. – Miss Johnson



## Elms Class Trip to The Golden Hinde

Elms Class had a fantastic explorers day in London yesterday. We travelled to the Golden Hinde by coach and learnt a lot about what life on a ship in the olden days would have been like.



We then walked to the River Thames and caught a modern and fast boat to Greenwich! We then enjoyed ice creams in the shade next to the Cutty Sark before catching our coach home again. The children were an absolute credit to the school, with several



people stopping me to say what well-behaved and polite children we had!

"I liked the playing a game on the boat"

Juliette

"I liked going on lots of modes of transport"

Ezra C

"I liked going super fast on the modern boat"

Jacob

"I liked that I learnt more facts and used them to tell stories"

Lucas

"I liked it when we went to different places"

Jack W



## Upcoming Event: Smartphone-Free Schools – A Community Discussion

Following a recent parent survey revealing deep concerns about social media and bullying, a local event is being held to explore the impact of smartphones on children and education.

The event will be held on Thursday 3rd July from 6:30–8:00 PM at Sevenoaks School

The panel will feature education leaders and experts, including heads of schools with smartphone-free policies and representatives from Smartphone Free Childhood and Health Professionals for Safer Screens. The goal is to spark a collaborative conversation about healthier tech habits for young people. To register please click the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/smartphone-free-schools-tickets-1381802541599?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Along side this, We invite you to a presentation focused on one of the most pressing topics facing families today: social media and smartphones in the lives of children. The talk will be run by Regional Leader of the charitable organisation, Smartphone Free Childhood, Katherine Myatt.

This session will explore:

The risks and harms of early smartphone and social media use

The impact on mental health, attention, and development

Practical strategies to delay use and support healthier habits



Whether your child is already asking for a phone or you're thinking ahead, this presentation will offer valuable insight and tools to help you make confident, informed decisions.

Date: Wednesday 16 July

Time: 9am

Location: Ide Hill Church of England Primary School

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## FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY

# END OF YEAR DISCO

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£8.50 INC  
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**KS1  
4.30- 6PM  
KS2  
6.30- 8PM**

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**The PTA would be very grateful for some volunteers to help with the Disco on the 4<sup>th</sup> July. If you may be able to assist, please contact Sharon Taylor. Thank you.**