

Headteacher Message

This week in our collective worship, we have been focusing on what it means to be a good friend. We explored the story of Jesus choosing his twelve disciples and reflected on how each one was chosen for different reasons. This has helped us to think about how we are all unique, with different strengths, qualities and gifts, and how these differences make our community stronger. As always, we have linked this to our vision of "Do everything in love," encouraging the children to show kindness, respect and understanding to one another in their friendships. You will have received your child's Learning Journey this week, which provides a summary of what your child will be learning this term. As always, if you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's learning further, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

A huge well done to all of our Year 4 children who have completed their Multiplication Check and to our Year 1 and Year 2 children who have taken part in the Phonics Screening Check. We are so proud of how hard the children have worked in preparation, alongside the dedication and support of our staff. Their commitment and resilience have been wonderful to see.

It was a pleasure to meet with our class reps this week. Thank you for taking the time to share such positive feedback, thoughtful suggestions and important questions. I know that reps will be feeding back to their classes and we will also be sharing a few additional points with parents next week to provide further clarity.

Beech Class enjoyed a fantastic trip to London, visiting the National Portrait Gallery and exploring some of the capital's most iconic landmarks, including Buckingham Palace. It was a truly memorable experience for the children and a valuable opportunity to bring their learning to life. My thanks go to the staff for organising such a rich and engaging trip and to the volunteers who supported the day. Our Saplings class also had a wonderful visit to Riverhill Gardens, which, as always, provided a fantastic outdoor learning experience full of exploration and enjoyment. We are very grateful to the staff for organising such a special trip that the children will remember.

Well done to Hazel Class for their brilliant assembly this week. It was lovely to see their confidence and enthusiasm as they shared what they have been learning.

Finally, it has been a joy to see the children embracing the weather this week! There is something very special about watching them stand together under

the shelters, taking in the downpours with such curiosity and wonder. These small moments remind us of the importance of slowing down and appreciating the world around us. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Vancols Photographers – Change of date

We would like to inform parents that Vancols Photographers will be visiting the school on **Monday 29th June**. Please note that this date has changed from the previously advertised 17th June. Children should come to school wearing their full Summer uniform, as both class photographs and individual portraits will be taken.

Beech Class Trip to London

This week, Beech class enjoyed an exciting school trip to London. Our first stop was the National Portrait Gallery,



where we explored a range of impressive artworks and identified famous Tudor figures. We then walked along Pall Mall towards Buckingham Palace, taking in the sights along the way. To round off our fantastic day, we spent time playing in the park and enjoyed a refreshing ice lolly before heading back to Charing Cross Station for our train journey home.

Reception Riverhill Trip

Saplings went to Riverhill Himalayan Gardens this week. Despite the pouring rain, we toured the gardens, learning about how the seeds were brought back to the gardens and planted a long, long time ago so now there are beautiful, mature shrubs



and trees. We tiptoed around the rock gardens so we didn't disturb the fairies and bugs, whilst enjoying the many varieties of ferns and towering wisteria that had grown up the trees. It reminded us of what the land would have looked like when dinosaurs roamed the planet! We discovered amazing sculptures and





had great fun in the adventure playground. We had time to dry off in the huge teepee whilst we ate lunch, listening to the rain hammering down above us! A wet and soggy day but we all had lots of fun!

Sports Day Reminder – Friday 26th June

Sports Day is fast approaching, and we're looking forward to a fantastic day of fun and teamwork! We would greatly appreciate the support of any parents who are able to help with the morning set-up.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with:

- Marking out and setting up the boundary lines
- Putting up 2 gazebos
- Helping with parking by directing cars into the field and guiding vehicles into parking spaces

Set-up will begin at 8:00am. If you are able to help, please let the office know.

Thank you for your continued support—we can't wait for a wonderful Sports Day!

Talent Show 2026

It's that time of year again – our School Talent Show will take place on 9th July!

We would love to encourage all children to share their talents and take part. Musical performances are always very welcome, but we'd also love to see dancers, comedians, magicians, gymnasts, poets, storytellers, or any other special skill or talent your child would like to showcase.

Taking part is a wonderful opportunity to build confidence, have fun, and celebrate the amazing talents within our school community. We look forward to seeing a fantastic variety of performances!



Treasures of all kinds were enjoyed by Willows this week at a Forest School.

We learned about the names of the stunning clouds that passed us by as we played.

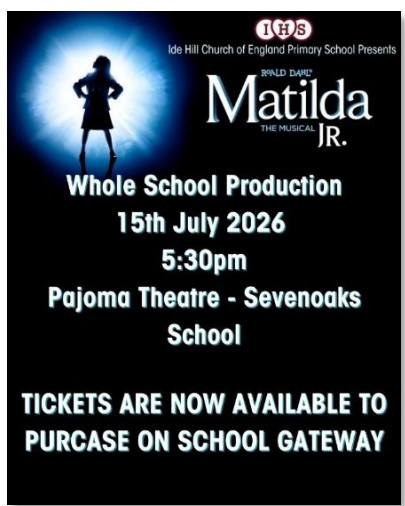
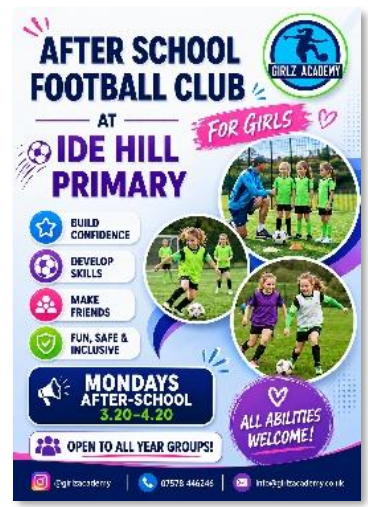
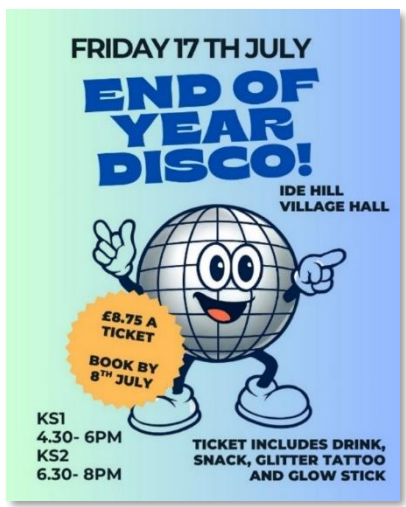
There was action, fun and togetherness in every corner - swings were made, trees were climbed, friends were captured with ropes, sticks were sawn, hammocks were crammed with friends, ninja tag was played, hammers made patterns on fabric, the 'mighty mud hole' was dug deeper and



little pottery treasures emerged from times gone by - all accompanied by chatter and laughter and the wind that brought the clouds, between warm busts of sunshine.



Enjoy a little time outside in nature over the weekend - it is so worth it.



Is my child too ill for school?



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
<p>A cough, cold or sore throat</p> <p>Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.</p> <p>Threadworms</p> <p>Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.</p>	<p>Cold sores</p> <p>Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.</p> <p>Conjunctivitis</p> <p>Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.</p> <p>Head lice & nits</p> <p>You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.</p> <p>Hand, foot & mouth disease</p> <p>If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.</p> <p>Slapped cheek syndrome</p> <p>Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.</p>	<p>Impetigo</p> <p>They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.</p> <p>Ringworm</p> <p>See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.</p> <p>Scarlet fever</p> <p>They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.</p> <p>Chickenpox</p> <p>Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.</p>	<p>Ear infection</p> <p>If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.</p> <p>Measles</p> <p>They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.</p> <p>Vomiting & diarrhoea</p> <p>Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).</p>

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

