



ORCHARD

PRIMARY AND PRE-SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and carers,

What an incredible year we've had at Orchard Primary and Pre-school! As we break up for the summer holidays, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful things our pupils have achieved and experienced.



Our end-of-year school production at Theatre Number 8 was absolutely spectacular. Every single child took part, and their performances were outstanding — I genuinely think they're ready for the lights of Broadway! It was such a joy to see our pupils shine on stage and showcase their talents.



This year has been packed with enrichment opportunities for all our children. Every pupil has accessed free of subsistent trips, from Reception's visit to the Butterfly Farm and Tiddler Town, right through our Year 6's bell-boarding and Conover Residential Trip. This break is recommended for both first-time parents and pupils. It's a particular benefit of the theatre trips to see the BFG and We'll Rock You, visits to Think Tank, and a whole host of other memorable outings. These experiences truly enrich our curriculum and create lasting memories for our children.



Congratulations to all the pre-school children who enjoyed a lovely sports day and graduation. We look forward to them joining us all in big school.



Our after-school clubs have also been hugely popular this year, offering everything from football and cricket to quidditch, drawing, mindfulness and construction. It's wonderful to see so many pupils engaging in activities that develop their interests and talents beyond the classroom.



I'm delighted to share our assessment results, which demonstrate the progress our pupils have made. In my Stage 2, 71% of our pupils achieved the expected results in reading, writing, and comprehension. In the National average of 62% of our pupils, 79% of our pupils achieved a good level of development surpassing the national average of 72%. These results reflect the hard work and dedication of our entire school community.

Our phonics screening results were also excellent, with 92% of our Year 1's pupils passing.

In the multiplication tables check, 56% of our pupils scored full marks of 25/25 however 75% of the children achieved greater than 10%.

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Well done to Pears house, who claimed first place in our house points competition, followed by Plum, Apple and Cherry. Our attendance has also been impressive, with **16** pupils achieving 100% attendance and 125 pupils reaching 95% or above. Each year, we have also offered to you a small percentage of our pupils to enjoy your attendance book vouchers! Let's aim for 97% next year.



I must also extend my heartfelt thanks to all our staff and governors for their unwavering dedication to our children. Your commitment, passion and hard work have been instrumental in making this such a successful year. We truly couldn't do what we do without you.



As we head into the summer break, I want to thank you all for your continuous support. It makes such a difference to our school. Finally, best of luck to our amazing Year 6 children as they move on to secondary school. We're so proud of you all.

Have a wonderful holiday !



A YEAR TO REMEMBER!

Spectacular school production at Theatre Number 8

Fantastic trips, visitors and music tuition

Pre-school sports day and graduation

Popular after-school clubs for everyone

Excellent assessment results across all year groups

Pears house winners
Great attendance

Thank you for your continued support — it makes such a difference!



Sarah Bitcon
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