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This Month's Focus Value: **ASPIRATION**

A note from Mrs Harrison:

Wow – what a year!

I feel truly blessed to be the Headteacher of a school with such a wonderful, supportive community. Together, we've achieved so much once again, and the children have enjoyed a wealth of incredible experiences – from the Stone Farm and Hindleap Warren residential, to The Look Out Discovery Centre, and even a magical trip to London's West End to see The Lion King.

Our amazing PTA has continued to go above and beyond, organising unforgettable events like the Light Show, Summer Fair, Easter Egg Hunt, discos, Colour Run, SATs breakfast and pizza party for Year 6, and providing planners for every child – the list goes on!

A heartfelt thank you to every single family who supports our school in so many ways. Your involvement and encouragement mean the world to us, and we truly value each and every one of you.

Good luck to our wonderful Year 6 children – keep living those values and go out into the world as the very best version of yourselves. We are so proud of you!

Wishing you all a very happy and safe summer holiday.

See you at the gate on Thursday 4th September!

Value of the month: Responsibility

Aspiration – a hope or ambition to achieve something.

What does it look like:

being full of hope for something better and working hard to make it happen.

House Points Winners

Summer Term Results:

1st - Attenborough

Annual Winners 2024 - 2025

Congratulations to **Farah** who enjoyed an ice pop and lunch break on the field.



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Attendance Cup

Congratulations to our attendance cup winners this month:

Week ending 06/06 - Birch 97.3%

Week ending 13/06 - Maple 97.3%

Week ending 20/06 - Maple 98.5%

Week ending 27/06 - Oak 99.2%

Week ending 11/07 - Cedar 100%

Week ending 18/07 - Cedar 99%

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Personal Development

Personal development at Knaphill School promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of our pupils.

It is how we prepare our children for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.



OPPORTUNITIES TO NURTURE AND STRETCH PUPILS' TALENTS AND INTERESTS:

- After school clubs
- School sports teams
- Inter-school sports events
- Swimming (Pop-up pool)
- Primary Mathematics Challenge
- Themed weeks, days and competitions
- Artist of the Term
- Trips and visitors to school
- School productions and performances
- Weekly celebration assembly
- Year 6 - Apprentice
- Residential





Our amazing Year 6 Production has provided our pupils with another amazing opportunity for personal development.

The children worked so hard to create an absolutely show stopping performance.



School Production 2025

Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies



Year 6

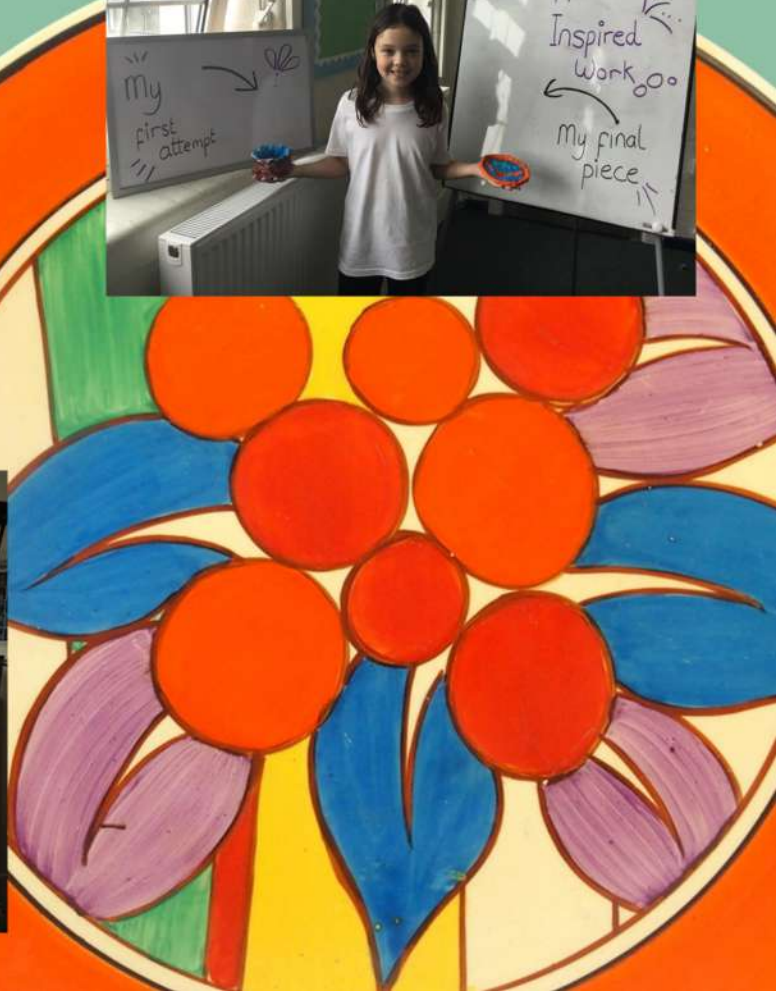
The young entrepreneurs of year 6 worked hard to raise enough money to fund their stylish Leavers' Hoodies.

THE APPRENTICE



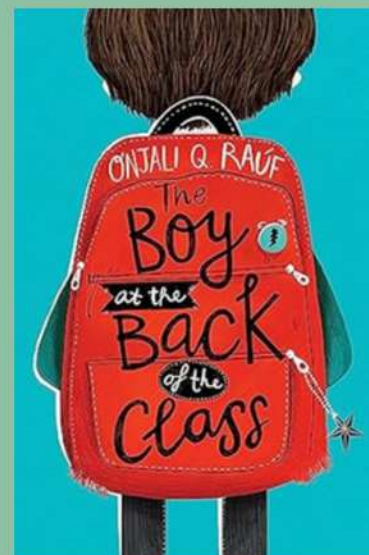
Year 5

The gifted potters of Year 5 have crafted stunning ceramics this half term, channeling the spirit of Clarice Cliff! With each week, their skills leveled up, and I know you'll be amazed by the transformations in their artistry!



Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic half term filled with creativity, imagination and fun! After school, our Year 4 and Year 5 children loved snuggling up with their friends for a special movie night watching Dog Man and munching on delicious popcorn – there were lots of laughs all around! In class, Year 4 have been exploring the vibrant and colourful work of Brazilian artist Beatriz Milhazes, using her bold patterns and swirling shapes to inspire their own amazing creations. As part of their writing, they've stepped into the shoes of Ahmet from 'The Boy at the Back of the Class', crafting thoughtful and emotional blog posts that show great empathy and understanding. It's been a week full of excitement and expression!



Year 3

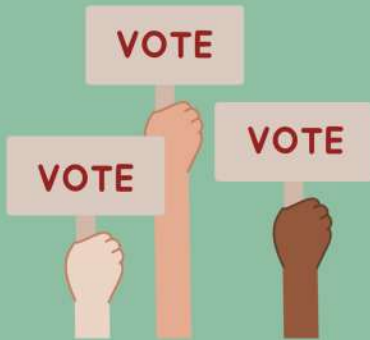
Written by Isabella (Oak Class):

This half term in Year 3 has been really fun! We loved Ancient Egyptian day and made lots of fun artwork like clay scarab beetles and Usekh collars. In cooking we practised our slicing and chopping skills to make some delicious tomato and basil bruschetta and in art we sketched self-portraits inspired by Frida Kahlo.



Year 3

Year 3 have been writing persuasive speeches, inspired by the book 'The Accidental Prime Minister'.
Would Aris have your vote?



If I were Prime Minister by Aris (Oak Class)

Imagine a country where everyone is kind and we greet people with smiles. If you vote for me, there will be more green spaces, more parks and more marathons. Can you picture a world where everyone has a house, has food and water and lives happily together?

Kindness can make people happier- studies show that doing kind things for others releases a chemical in your brain called oxytocin, which boosts happiness. Don't you want happiness and kindness? Imagine if we wish everyone to be happy and not argue. In my opinion, everyone should be kind!

Secondly, trees are important for our health- one large tree can give enough oxygen for four people to breathe in one day. In my opinion, no one should cut trees and litter. Litter harms animals and nature- over one million animals die every year from eating plastic waste. Do you want the animals to die?

Finally, children have invented amazing things. Louis Braille was 15 when he invented the Braille system for blind people. If I am Prime Minister, I will limit screen time to 2 hours so that people don't get bad eyesight. I that time you could colour, read or talk to family members. Don't you want to be healthy?

In conclusion, vote for me if you want more support for charities! Vote for me if you want more parks! Vote for me if you want improved technology! Let's run the world together! Thank you for listening.

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Attendance Policy

We are taking this further opportunity to share our Attendance Policy with you that came in to effect on Monday 19th August 2024. As you will be aware, our Attendance Policy was amended to include the new procedures, as directed by the Department for Education (DfE) and can be found on our school website.

Please note that the main changes are listed below:

If you take your child/ren out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Any leave of absence for absences from Monday 19th August 2024, will follow the new procedures.

In line with the new DfE guidance, we are now obligated to request medical evidence and flight/ holiday confirmation when an illness occurs just prior or after a holiday request.

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Sports News

Year 5 boys have played two cricket matches this summer. We played against Pirbright and St, John's. At Pirbright we played two matches. We won a match and lost a match. We are getting stronger as a team because we won when we played St. John's. I took an amazing catch, which made me proud. I hit a six and a four and took a wicket! I'm looking forward to playing again next season. Thank you to Mr. Alderton for organising the matches. Sports' Day was hot, but a lot of fun. I am in Windsor and we won the cup. I was pleased with my medal.

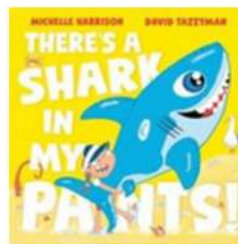
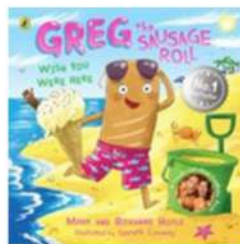
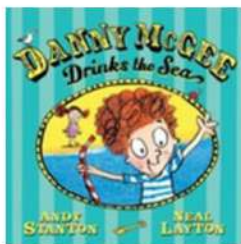
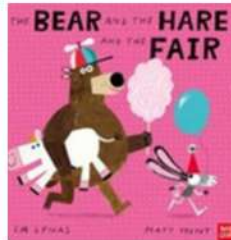
By Jack G - Year 5



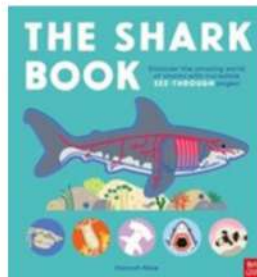
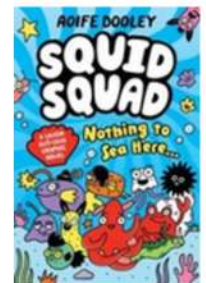
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Your



**Ages
3-5**



**Ages
5-7**



For more booklists themed by age or topic, visit booksfortopics.com



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Summer Reading Challenge

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2025

Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Visit your local library for more details!



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Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love** of reading
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library**
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at
👉 summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

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Our Stars of The Week

We are so proud of our wonderful stars who have been living our values.

06/06/25

Year 3 -Beth, Noah, Aiden

Year 4 - Imogen, David, Lola

Year 5 -Oliver G, Subaan

Year 6 - Shenaya and Sam

13/06/25

Year 3 - Amir, Mina and Orla W

Year 4 - Stan, Fleur and Onosa

Year 5 - Marc and Frankie

Year 6 - Aiden and Lucy

27/06/25

Year 3 -Isobel, Animonyam and
Khadiyah

Year 4 - Jayden, Valentina, Mark
and Zara

Year 5 - Tim and Sienna

Year 6 - Eli and Leo

11/07/25

Year 3 -Cara, Autumn, Jaxson
Year 4 - Imogen, Toby, Freddie
and Max D

Year 5 - Enzo and Sophia S

Year 6 - Bailey and Ella

18/07/25

Year 3 - Elisha, Amelia and Reilly

Year 4 - Lola, Libby

Year 5 - Ollie B and Ava K

Year 6 - Evie F and Natalie P

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All dates are kept up-to-date on the school website: kfos.co.uk/news/calendar/

Date	Event	Year Group
Wednesday 3rd September	INSET	All
Thursday 4th September	First Day of Autumn Term	All
Monday 15th September	Year 5 Curric-u-learn Evening and residential meeting (incl. MHST) - 3:30 - 4:30	Year 5
Tuesday 16th September	Year 6 Curric-u-learn Evening and residential meeting (incl. MHST) - 3:30 - 4:30	Year 6
Monday 23rd September	Year 4 Curric-u-learn Evening and residential meeting (incl. MHST) - 3:30 - 4:30	Year 4
Thursday 18th September	Year 3 - welcome meeting Evening Nibbles & New Beginnings - 5:30 - 6:30	All
Friday 26th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning - Year 5/6 KS School Chosen National Charity	All
Wednesday 1st October	Flu Vaccines	All
Friday 3rd October	Year 3 Stone Age Day	Year 3
Monday 6th October - Friday 10th October	Bikeability - year 6	Year 6
Wednesday 15th October	Open Morning for prospective parents	Prospective parents Year 3 2026-2027
Friday 17th October	Year 6 Victorian Day	Year 6
Monday 13th October	SEND Parents Evening	Invited Parents
Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October	Parents' Evenings	All
Thursday 23rd October	Harvest Festival year 4 and 6 - 9am Year 3 and 5 - 2:30pm	All
Friday 24th October	INSET	All
Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October	Half Term	All
Monday 3rd November	INSET	All
Tuesday 4th November	First Day back after half term	All

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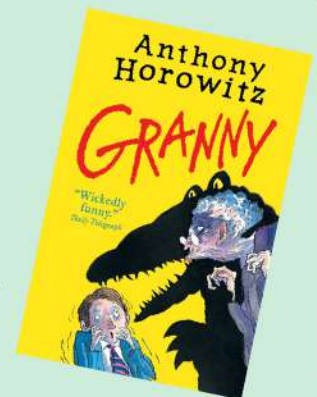
Recommended Reads

Here is this months selection of recommended reading books.. as selected by Mrs Bowry and Daisy...

Year 3 - Granny

Anthony Horowitz (author)

Anthony Horowitz, creator of the bestselling Alex Rider series has written a wickedly funny story, with hilarious illustrations by Tony Ross. Twelve-year-old Joe has an unbelievably evil Granny. Not only is Granny physically repulsive and horribly mean, but she also has the look in her eye of a predatory crocodile. Soon Joe starts to suspect that she has unpleasant designs on him. But what are they and how can he foil them?



Year 4

The World's Worst - Superheroes

David Walliams (author)

GET READY FOR SOME SUPERSIZED FUN!

When is the queen not just the queen? When she is WONDERQUEEN!

KAPOW!

Is that an especially large bird? Is it a weirdly small plane? No: it's

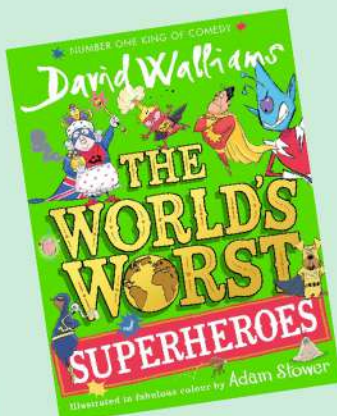
THUNDERHOUND!

BLAM!

When her schoolteachers turn into deadly dinosaurs, who can possibly stop them? Why, DINO-KID, of course!

ROAR!

Be amazed by these ten thrilling adventures, featuring the bravest, strongest and silliest superheroes the world has ever seen, alongside more secret lairs, disguises and surprises than you will believe possible!



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Year 5 - A Box Full of Murders

Janice Hallett (Author)

Recommended by Daisy



The first children's murder mystery from number-one bestselling author Janice Hallett, perfect for fans of Robin Stevens and Rhian Tracey.

When Ava and Luke discover a mysterious box of papers in their attic they are instantly curious about secrets it might hold. As they read through letters, diary entries, newspaper cuttings and listen to secret recordings, they realize that a decades-old, still unsolved, murder mystery is unfolding right in front of them . . .

Ava and Luke decide to try and crack the case themselves. But as they work through the clues, it soon becomes clear that the mystery isn't something left in the past: the killer is still be out there - and might be closer than they think...

YOU know the facts. YOU have all the clues. Can YOU solve the mystery before they do?

Year 6 - Ghostlines

Katya Balen (author)



On the Island of Ayrie, everybody knows everyone. They know each other's stories as they know every road, every hill and the coming of the tide. In the summer, there are bonfires to celebrate the migration of the puffins. Everything is familiar, nothing much changes, and for Tilda, nothing ever should - it is beautiful, it is perfect and it is home.

When newcomer Albie arrives at the island, Tilda wants to show Ayrie off - Albie wants her to leave him alone. She learns quickly that it'll take more than a tour and some seal viewings to win him around. Then, she remembers stories of the old island just an hour's boat ride away from the shore.

The old island is a death trap. The journey there is treacherous. Trips across to it are strictly forbidden. And there's a rumour it's haunted by the ghosts of those left there to die. But with all else having failed, the old island is the only way for Tilda to make Albie see what she sees in Ayrie.

Besides, it's a different kind of ghost that worries Tilda. The ghost that's been following her, now, since her brother left the island .