



Dates for the Diary

Spring Term

Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May – Year 6 SATs

Thursday 14th May – Yr2 Tower of London Visit

Friday 15th May – **Wear it Green for Mental Health**

Thursday 21st May – Chicken Day – school meal

Friday 22nd May – Last day of term

Monday 25th May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May – School holidays

Monday 1st June – First day back for children
8:30am

Friday 5th June – Nursery closed due to Open Day for new intake

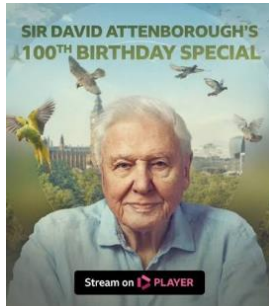
Monday 8th June – Phonics Screening Week

Thursday 11th June – Class/group/family photos

Friday 26th June – Reception early closure at 12:30 – collect via Rockwell Road entrance only

Friday 26th June – Year 1 to 6 Sports Day (weather permitting)

Happy 100th Birthday to Sir David Attenborough



Congratulations to the classes with 96%+ attendance.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Apologies that there has been technical difficulties this week with our online systems. This has affected communication being sent out and also for the ordering of school meals. We are hoping that the companies that we use have sorted the issues so that they do not happen again.

Last week it was a parrot, this week it was a scared, stuck squirrel that required rescuing when it found itself sandwiched between wooden fence panels. Thankfully the squirrel appeared unscathed and scurried away.

Have you heard about Benedict's Law?

Benedict's Law is a set of national protections designed to improve allergy safety in schools.

There are five main areas:

- **Whole-school allergy policies** setting out how schools manage allergies and respond to emergencies
- **Staff training** so teachers and school staff can recognise and respond to anaphylaxis
- **Access to emergency adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs)** where needed
- **Individual healthcare or allergy action plans** for pupils with diagnosed allergies
- **Improved communication and record-keeping** around allergies and allergic reactions

I would like to assure the school community that we have been working on these areas for a while and have embedded systems in place. This is one of the reasons why we ask that parents who want to celebrate their children's birthday send in a book which we will place one of our birthday certificates in and that parents do not send in party bags due to allergens.

One of the rites of passage for all Year Six across the country are the SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) and so next week, our current cohort will be taking part in tests that will check grammar, punctuation, spelling, reading, arithmetic and mathematical reasoning. The children and their teachers have been working extremely hard so that everyone is fully prepared.

This weekend, I ask that the children in Year 6 take Saturday and Sunday to enjoy themselves and relax. Whether it's spending time with family and friends, pursuing hobbies or interests, or simply taking some time to unwind, letting them have a fun and enjoyable weekend can significantly help reduce any stress levels.

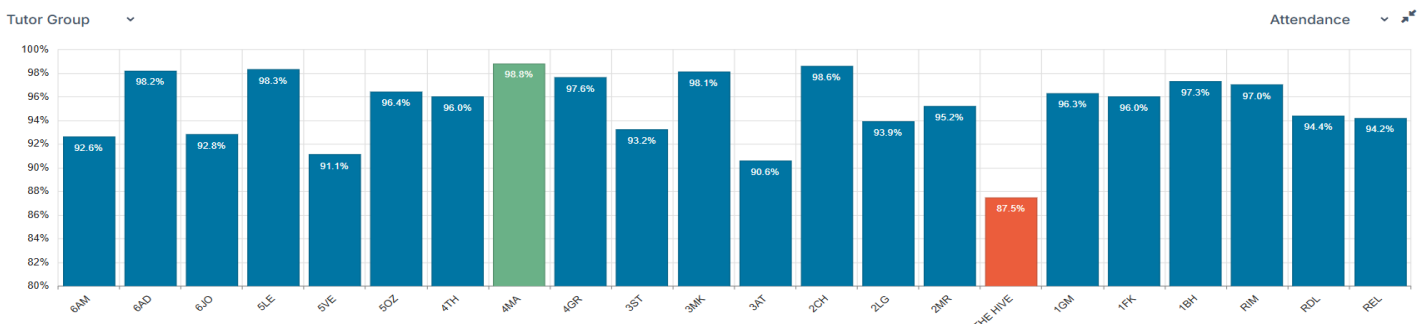
One of the many strategies that we employ to reduce stress levels is the Year 6 breakfast club – this will be taking place Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May and provides a space for eating and socialising with friends.

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week". We will be talking to the children about looking after their mental health and where they can get help if they need it. To raise awareness, we will be joining the "Wear it Green" on Friday 15th May. Children can come to school in non-school uniform, wearing something green.






Wishing everyone, especially our Year 6 cohort and their teaching staff, a restful weekend.

Michael Kaitell, Headteacher

Attendance Matters



Team Points**Uniform Shop Date****TEAM POINTS**

	Tigers	348
	Bears	480
	Wolves	400
	Sharks	512
	Komodo Dragon	389

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall on the following dates:



Wednesday 13th May
Wednesday 10th June
Wednesday 24th June

Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

Each week we publish any recipients of the new Gold Award Debit Card.

Gold Award Recipients

Name	Class
Melisa Revencu	4MA
Abhinav Sabith Pillai	4MA
Hamzah Elzeftawy	RDL
Liam Peposhi	REL
Presley Mitchell	4TH
Neitas Ligeika	4TH

Parent/Carer Handbook

Scan the QR code or visit <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/BeyF4UIXJ7IWwlv?ref=Link>



School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall. The dates vary throughout the year.

In a hope to reduce the cost of school uniform, from September, you will have the option to purchase iron-on badges for plain white polo shirts and plain red jumpers. Badges will cost £1.20 and should make uniform more affordable.

Uniform can also be purchased online: www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/

Or Telephone: 01992 763679 / Email: info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk



Parent Hub

We would like all parents/carers to join us on Parent Hub.

Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.



1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose "Add a School" and enter:

@HuntersHallPS

How to translate messages in the Parent Hub app (guidance for schools)

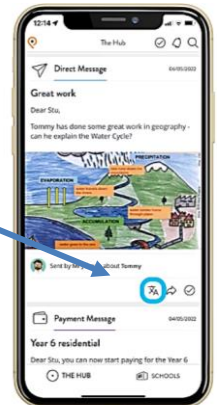
In the app, parents just tap the 'translate' button in the bottom right of a message.

This applies to old messages, as well as new ones.

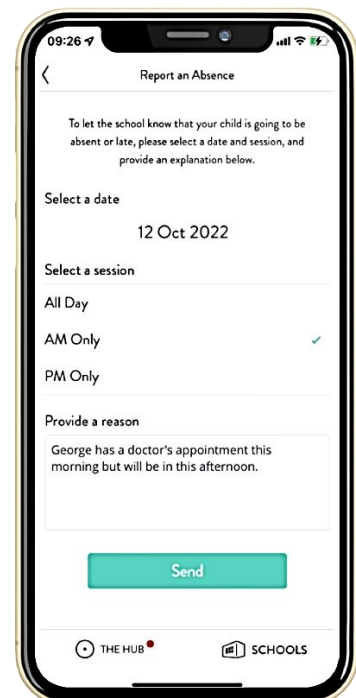
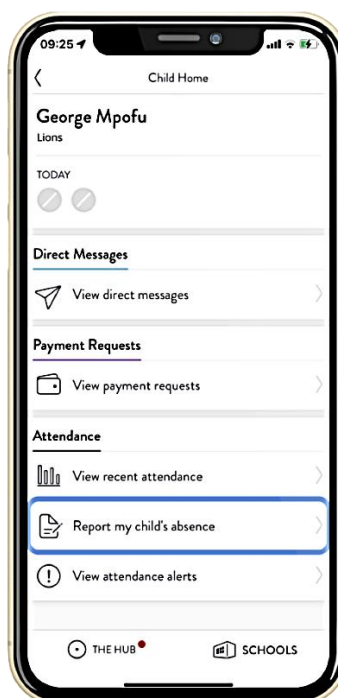
link below for a useful guide.

<https://support.parenthub.co.uk/hc/en-us/articles/6172951020689-How-to-translate-messages-in-the-Parent-Hub-app>

To find out more, click the



Reporting absence



Uniform Reminder & PE Days 2025-2026

During the course of this academic year, we are phasing out some of our school uniform in an effort to make it more affordable for our parent body.

Our school uniform provider now sells school badges for £1.20 so that you are able to purchase plain white polo shirts/ plain red jumpers/cardigans and iron on the badge. (Our current provider will continue to sell their stock of red and grey uniform items and staff has been informed that it is a gradual phase out)

We have reduced the number of days that children require their school uniform by allowing them to wear their PE kit on two days of the week. (You will be notified if there is a special day such as school photographs so that you can ensure that children are dressed appropriately.)

School Uniform (only 2 branded clothing items necessary & 1 branded book bag)

White Polo Shirt (with logo/ iron-on badge)

Red jumper/ Cardigan (with logo/ iron-on badge)

Grey school trousers/ skirt/ shorts

Summer Dress

Plain black shoes/ trainers



PE Kit

Plain white t-shirt

Red shorts

Red/ Grey jogging bottoms

Red fleece

Black plimsolls



More and more children are wearing the incorrect P.E. kit. Proper clothing and footwear are essential in all P.E. lessons for reasons of health and safety and comfort.

◀ The permitted kit is advertised here.

PE Days 2025-2026

Year Group	PE Day 1	PE Day 2
Reception	Friday	
Year 1	Monday	Tuesday
Year 2	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday	Friday
Year 4	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday	Thursday

Swimming is part of the national curriculum. Children in Year 4 & non-swimmers from Year 6 are offered swimming lessons. From time to time, other selected pupils are given this opportunity.

Children must wear suitable and appropriate swimwear and a swimming hat. They must also have a towel, dressing gown and waterproof footwear.

This year, we will operate a mobile swimming pool on the school site.

Year 4

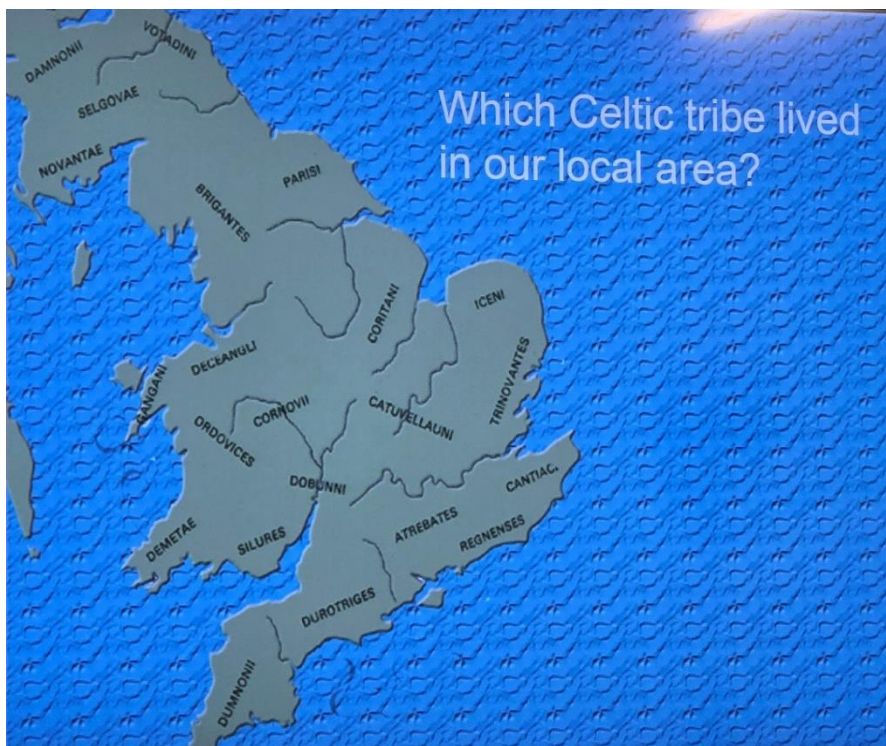
This half term Year 4 have been learning about the Romans. Last week they visited Valence House to learn more about the Roman invasion of Britain, the story of how Boudicca almost stopped them and they got to see some Roman artefacts found around the Barking and Dagenham area. 4GR have also been making Roman sandals in their DT lessons.





Year 4 continued

On Thursday and Friday last week, Year 4 visited Valence House Museum to supplement their learning for their topic on Ancient Rome. The children were split into three groups and took part in three different activities: a walk around the museum learning about how archaeologists find artefacts and looking at genuine Roman objects, a role play based on the life of a retired Roman soldier living in Camulodunum (Colchester) and a workshop on Roman weaponry. The children learned a great deal from the visit and the staff were incredibly knowledgeable. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who accompanied us and made the trip possible.





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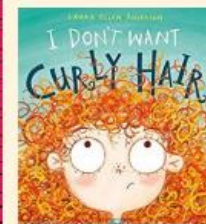
THURSDAY, 21ST MAY!

CHICKEN DAY



Author of the Week

LAURA ELLEN ANDERSON



Not only does Laura write her own books, she illustrates them as well! Her first series, 'Amelia Fang' now has 7 books, while her most recent series, 'Rainbow Grey', has 3!

If you like Abi Elphinstone or Jenny McLachlan, you'll love these books!



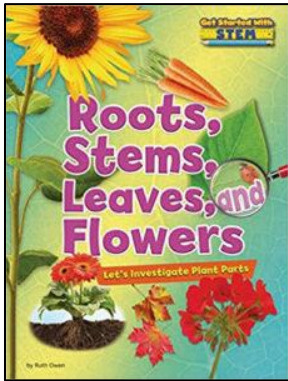
Let your hair down and dig your fangs into a whole spectrum of **POWER!**

One of the 'Amelia Fang' series was Waterstones Book of the Month for October 2019.

Laura Ellen Anderson says:

Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall

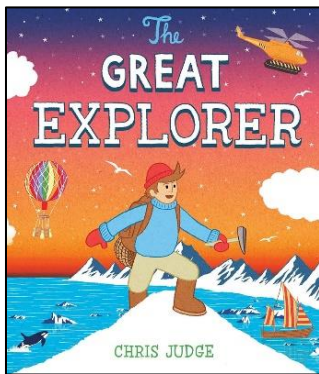
Welcome back to our summer term! As part of our commitment to our school values (Collaboration, Motivation, Preparation, Resilience, Creativity & Curiosity), children continue to experience a broad and balanced curriculum based on our carefully considered topics. In every year group, pupils can be historians, geographers, artists, philosophers, empathisers and critical thinkers. Each week we will showcase a different year group, suggesting books that will support and extend current learning. This week we are focusing on Year 1!



Science

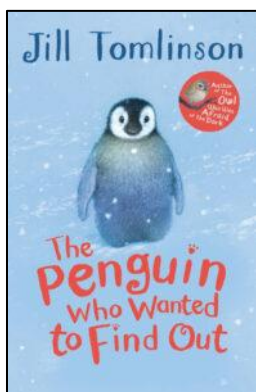
In science we are learning about plants.

This non-fiction book introduces the parts of a plant for KS1 readers. Learn all about common wild and garden plants, including flowering plants, vegetables and trees. Investigate the basic structure of plants (including roots, stems, trunks, branches, leaves, flowers, petals and fruit).



Key text in literacy

'The Great explorer' by Chris Judge is our key text in Literacy. This story follows a young boy who sets about to find his father, an explorer who appears to have gone missing in the North Pole. The boy has to prepare himself for the Arctic terrain by sourcing a map and packing his rucksack with all the things he thinks he might need. If you are enjoyed this book, then why not try 'The Brave Beast' by the same author?



Storytime

In story time we are enjoying "The Penguin who wanted to find out" by Jill Tomlinson.

This story follows a young penguin chick called Otto who finds that it is not easy being small and living in the South Pole! He learns about the importance of responsibility and cooperation. This is our first look at longer chapter books. It is by the same author as the wonderful The Owl who was afraid of the dark.



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Our school song: "Believe" highlights the characteristics and attitudes which we, as a school, feel are essential to achieving greatness.

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Parent/Carer Handbook



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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-safeguarding-children-in-out-of-school-settings/using-after-school-clubs-tuition-and-community-activities>

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To celebrate May Mystery Month you're invited to solve **The Ultimate Mystery Trail**

Step into the shadows this May and test your wits!

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Threads of the North: Viking Weaving Workshop
26 May | 11am & 1.30pm
Suitable for 7+ | £5 per child | Book online

Museum Minis: Vikings
27 May | 11am
Under 5s | FREE | Drop in

Photography Walk
28 May | 11am
FREE | Book Drop in

Clash of the North: Viking Re-enactment
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Thames Chase
May Half Term Children's Activities

Come and join us at Thames Chase during May Half Term

- 26th May - Bug & Flower Stone Painting: 10.30-11.15 and 1.30-12.15
- 26th May - Pond Life Identification and Badge Making: 1.30-2.30
- 31st May - Meet the Nocturnal Animals: 10.30-11.10 and 1.40-2.20

Children are to be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Please book online via Ticket Tailor or scan the QR Code below
tickettailor.com/events/thameschase



For more information call 01708 642970 or visit the Thames Chase Forest Centre, Pike Lane, Upminster RM14 3NS.
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- Roding Primary School Dagenham 9am - 3pm (26th - 29th May)**
- Manor Junior School Dagenham 9am - 3pm (26th - 28th May)**
- Park Academy Rainham 9am-3pm (26th - 29th May)**

Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your children entertained over the half-term holidays.

Our camps are a fantastic place for children to meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories!

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Directions: From Dagenham Heathway Station, take the **173, 174** or **175** bus to Oxlow Lane/Wantz Road, then it's a short walk to Grace to Grace International Centre.



SCHOOL NURSE ADVICE SESSIONS



Sessions are being run on the following dates between 8:30am-9:10am:

- ~~Monday 12th January 2026~~
- ~~Monday 9th February 2026~~ **Cancelled**
- ~~Monday 9th March 2026~~
- ~~Monday 13th April 2026~~
- Monday 18th May 2026
- Monday 15th June 2026

They can offer advice on the following topics:

- Keeping Healthy
- Advice about immunisations
- Emotional Health and Wellbeing
- Weight Management
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Smoking

If you would like to see the School Nurse, please book a time slot at the school office:

They provide a confidential service. This means you can discuss personal information in confidence. They will not discuss your personal information with anyone else without your permission. They would only pass on information to protect you or someone else from serious harm. Qualified: School Nurses or Specialist Community Public Health Nurses are qualified nurses or midwives with specific graduate level education and they work with a team to support you. Non-Judgemental: They are here to help, not to judge.

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- **Infected insect bite**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
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(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)



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BREAKFAST CLUB



Our breakfast club is open term time only Monday to Friday, 7:45 to 8:30am.

No booking is required, you can turn up on the day and pay.

The charge is **£3** per day, you are required to accompany your child into our breakfast club and stay with them until they have been marked in on our daily register.

You are required to have the correct money for payment.

Please note that payments in advance are non-refundable and non-transferable therefore if you choose to pay in advance and your child does not attend you lose that money.



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DONATIONS NEEDED

A big thank you to everyone who has previously donated. We always need more good quality pre-loved uniform items. Has your child grown out of theirs? Please donate to the school and come along to one of our sales for bargain replacements!

Winter coats and shoes also welcome.

Please bring any donations in a bag to the school office.



Thank you



DHP Scheme

Are you struggling to afford your rent payments?



Do you have rent arrears?

Do you need help with a deposit?

Help is available through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) scheme

Visit <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/discretionary-housing-payments-dhp>

To find out more and apply online

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Barking & Dagenham

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Are you struggling with the rising cost of living?



Do you have utility debts?

Help is available to support the rising cost of living for energy & utility costs, food and other emergency need through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Hardship schemes

Visit <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/hardship-payment-schemes/household-support-fund> to find out more and apply online



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