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Message from Mrs Jenkins

Welcome back after a half term of glorious sunshine — quite the contrast to this week's weather! As we step into Term 6, we're heading full steam into one of the busiest and most exciting parts of the school year. Staff are juggling report writing, end of year performances, sports day preparations, statutory assessments, and of course, the daily responsibility of teaching and caring for the children. It's a huge amount to fit in, and supporting wellbeing of staff is essential so they can continue doing the incredible work they do each day.

The school office is also exceptionally busy at this time of year. Hannah is managing the day-to-day organisation while also putting key arrangements in place for the next academic year — an enormous task that keeps everything running smoothly behind the scenes.

We kindly ask for your continued support in helping the term run smoothly. Below is a list of things for parents that really help school staff continue to do the best job they can:

- **Arrive on time** — helps children start the day calmly.
- **Collect promptly** — at the end of the day and from clubs.
- **Check emails & Friday bulletin** — stay up to date with key information.
- **Add dates to your diary** — avoid last minute surprises.
- **Respond to permission requests** — supports safe and efficient planning.

Book & pay for lunches — keeps lunchtime running smoothly. Please also continue encouraging your children to take increasing responsibility for having what they need in school, looking after their belongings, and completing reading, spellings, and homework. This shared team spirit is what makes our school a happy, organised place where children and staff thrive.

Many thanks as ever for your support — it is very much appreciated by all of us in school.

Stars of the Week, Value Champion & Golden Cutlery Award Winners!

Reception : **Oscar**

Years 1&2 : **Leo**

Years 3&4: **Willow E-P**

Years 5&6: **Alfie B**

Values Champion: **Ivy B**

Golden Cutlery Award Winner:

KS1— Margot

KS2—Alfie H

Reception



The children have fully engaged with our new topic this week and we kicked things off with a minibeast safari in the Wild Garden. The children were armed with magnifying glasses and

torches for looking in the darkest nooks and crannies and we searched high and low. We were delighted to discover so many minibeasts in dark and damp places under logs that we carefully turned over, spotting centipedes, slugs, snails, spiders, worms and woodlice. However, we noticed that when we walked through the sunny part of the Wild Garden where the ox eye daisies grow, we saw different types of flying minibeasts like hoverflies, bees, beetles and flies.

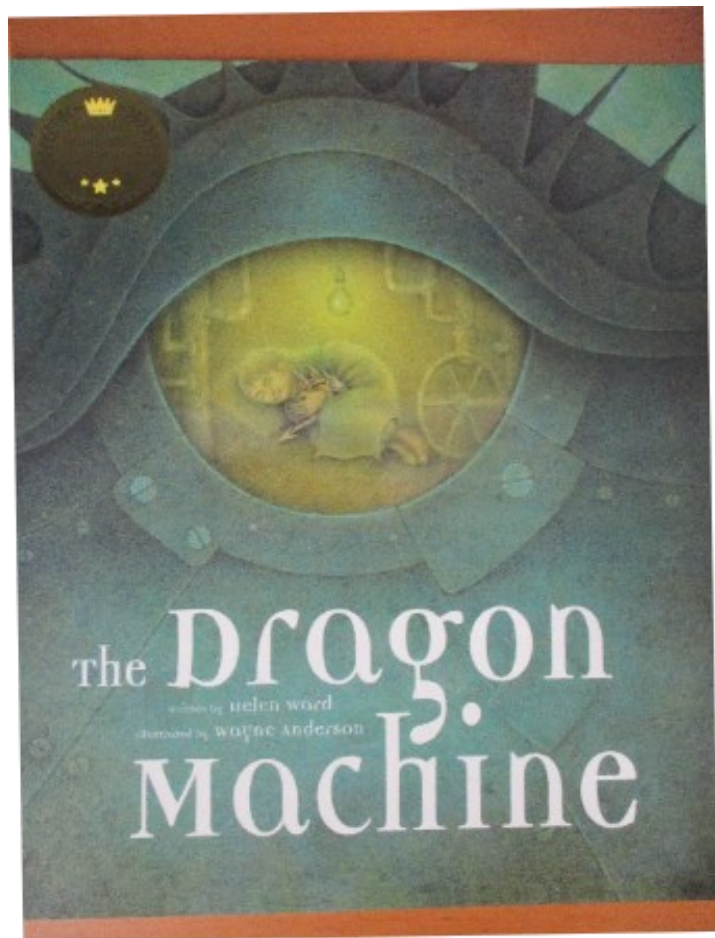


Attendance

Our school: 95.6%. National average: 93.3%.

Yrs 1 & 2

This week Year 1 and 2 have started reading a new book called *The Dragon Machine* by Helen Ward. We have only read one page of the book, so far, but found out that the main character (George) keeps spotting little tails everywhere; could they be dragons' tails...? To the children's surprise George spotted his first dragon tail on a wet Thursday from his bedroom window (drum roll please...) and as I read the book during our El Nino induced weather it RAINED and it was a Thursday. So, the scene was set as we ventured outside to bag 10 dragon tails dotted around our beautiful playground. Here's some of our dragon detective photos. We're excited to see where this books takes us next week.



Yrs 3 & 4

As the children returned on Monday, their eyes lit up seeing their newly painted classroom. They are enjoying their new English unit based on *The Zebra's Great Escape* and, in Maths, they have been learning about angles and types of lines. On Wednesday, the children were taught by a supply teacher called Mrs Roberts. She was full of praise for the class at the end of the day and said how welcoming, polite, and enthusiastic the children were.



Yrs 5 & 6

Year 5 and 6 have returned from half term full of energy and excitement for the busy summer term ahead. This week, we have enjoyed auditioning for our upcoming play, and the children have impressed us with their confidence, enthusiasm and creativity during the audition process.

In English, we have begun exploring our new text, inspired by *The Island*, which has sparked some thoughtful discussions and imaginative ideas. This has also linked to our art lessons, where the children used charcoal to create dramatic sketches inspired by the themes and atmosphere of the story.

In PE, we have started a new unit on orienteering. The children have enjoyed working together to solve challenges, follow maps and develop their teamwork and problem-solving skills outdoors.

It has been a fantastic start to the half term, and we are looking forward to all the exciting opportunities and experiences that Year 5 and 6 will enjoy over the coming weeks.

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We are pleased to share that we have arranged an in-person session for parents on the important issue of children and smartphone use. Kate M, who previously delivered highly valued smartphone education sessions for Great Tew, will be returning to lead this workshop. Kate is an experienced consultant with extensive knowledge in this area, and we are delighted to welcome her back.

Please make a note of the date: **Wednesday 8th July at 9am**.

There will be a minimal cost for parents to attend, to cover the cost of the trainer and Tew Centre hire. Further details about the parent session will be shared next week. In addition to the parent workshop, Kate will also be running a session for our Year 5 and 6 children to support their understanding of safe and responsible smartphone use.

A huge thank you to Liv (mum to Lily, Talulah, Cici and Margot) for supporting the planning and organisation of these sessions. To help ensure the benefits of this work continue beyond the workshop, we are also creating a small focus group of parents who are particularly passionate and committed to the issues surrounding children and smartphones. Following the main parent session, Kate will hold a short discussion for any parents interested in joining this group, exploring strategies to maintain momentum and continue raising awareness within our school community. Liv has kindly agreed to be part of this group. If you might be interested in joining the focus group, please speak to Liv, contact me via the school office, or catch me at the gate.

COLOUR RUN on Sunday 21st June

For those that haven't yet booked their tickets to the Colour Run here is the link to buy your tickets!!

<https://great-tew-school-supporters-club.hooplatickets.com/event/635061230>

Knight Frank are kindly offering to advertise our Colour Run using their marketing boards outside peoples houses. The boards will not say 'For Sale', they will display details of our event! For every board we display outside a house they will pay us a fee! So, advertising plus money directly in the bank... win win!

If you are happy to have a board outside your home and help us hugely by advertising this event, please get in touch with Hannah or Tats.

Thank you for your continued support – every little bit helps us raise more for our school community. 🙌👥💡🏠📢

Thank you...we need to confirm with Knight Frank ASAP, so the quicker it can go out, the better please!!

Diary Dates

June

8th	Yr 4 Pottery Workshop, CNS
12th	Reception Assembly in Reception Classroom—all parents and carers in Mrs Platt's class warmly invited
17th	Yr 2 Cricket Festival
17th	CNSP U11 Cricket Festival
21st	Father's Day Colour Run
23rd	Moving Up Morning
24th	Sports Day for the whole school (reserve date Wednesday 1st July), Great Tew Centre

July

14th	KS2 Performance 6pm (not 2pm)
15th	KS2 Performance 2pm & 6pm
17th	End of Year Leavers' Service for all parents