

## Newsletter



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Dear Families and Board Members,

This week has been an important and busy one across school. Alongside SATs, we have also been recognising Mental Health Awareness Week.

### **Noticing Nature**

A group of children have been taking part in the Noticing Nature project with Mrs Ridley. This focuses on using the outdoor space to benefit the children in having the space to talk, time to explore and think and share how they are feeling. Some of the activities the children have completed include creating a journey stick, collecting different natural objects according to how they feel and taking photos of signs of Spring.



### **Year 6 SAT week**

This week in school has been SAT week for our Year 6 children. Every year our Year 6s take a set of very narrow national tests that test them only on their Maths, Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling knowledge. So many children feel an undue pressure, despite our best efforts. I want to take this opportunity to remind you and your children that what these tests do not measure are the wealth of skills, personality and talent our children all possess. We really do have an amazing group of Year 6 children in our school who do incredible things both inside and outside of school - we are so proud of them all. We have a huge number of children whose talents are just impossible to measure. We have those who are compassionate towards others, go out of their way to check in on their friends, support classmates in time of need and crisis and who just get on with life quietly and caringly and who are just super citizens. If our school was measured on kindness, we would be outstanding every single year!

We have watched our Y6s with pride this week and I know we will burst with pride when their results come through in July too! A special well done to the other

children in school, who were extra quiet walking around the corridors in respect of their peers.

### **The Big School Workout: Live with Joe Wicks for Mental Health Week**

Primary schools across the UK have had a fantastic opportunity to take part in an exciting live online event for Mental Health Week 2026 this week. Designed to get pupils moving, boost well being and promote positive mental health, the special live assembly brought one of the UK's most popular fitness experts straight into classrooms. It was the perfect way to encourage our children to stay active during Mental Health Week.



### **Year 4 Multiplication Check**

After the half term break, our Year 4 children will begin completing the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). This is a short online assessment designed to assess children's fluency and recall of times tables up to  $12 \times 12$ . The children have been working extremely hard in preparation and we are very proud of the progress they have made. We encourage families to continue supporting regular practice at home over the half term, as confidence and quick recall are key to success. Most importantly, we want the children to approach the check feeling calm, positive and proud of all their hard work. Please use our website link below to access any online learning to support your child with the test

[Multiplication Table Check | Walbottle Village Primary School](#)

### **Hairstyles**

We would like to remind students and families that hairstyles are considered part of our overall school presentation and uniform expectations. Extreme hairstyles, including excessively bright colours, shaved patterns, or styles that may cause distraction, are not permitted in school. Thank you with your support in maintaining our high standards and positive school culture.

### **KEY DATES**

22<sup>nd</sup> May – 9.10am – Year 1 Coffee Morning

22<sup>nd</sup> May – Break up for half term

1<sup>st</sup> June – School closed to children – staff training day - Children return to school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

W/C 1<sup>st</sup> June – Year 4 multiplication check

8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> June – Phonic Screen

19<sup>th</sup> June – Big Gig at Vertu

26<sup>th</sup> June – Bottle donation in exchange of Non Uniform

Kindest Regards  
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Deputy Head Teacher