



MESSAGES FROM MR GALE

Headteacher's Introduction – June Newsletter

As we reach the end of another busy and productive month, I would like to take a moment to share some of the highlights from June and thank our whole school community for their continued support.



Our children have demonstrated great resilience, focus and determination throughout a range of national assessments this month. Pupils in Year 4 approached the Multiplication Check with confidence, whilst our Year 1 and Year 2 children tackled the Phonics Screening assessments with enthusiasm and growing independence. In Year 6, our Writing Moderation process was externally reviewed, and I am delighted to share that we received excellent feedback. Moderators praised the accuracy of our judgements and the rigour of our internal moderation systems – a testament to the high expectations we hold for all pupils and the expertise of our staff team.

We have also welcomed external colleagues into school as part of two peer review processes, which quality assured our provision and standards. These reviews focused on writing across the school and the strong foundations established within Early Years and Key Stage One. Feedback from both reviews was extremely positive, celebrating the consistency of practice and the high-quality experiences we provide for our children from the very start of their school journey.

Behind the scenes, staff have continued to invest in their own professional development to ensure the highest standards of teaching and learning. This has included training through Voice 21 professional development, Early Years briefings, Paul Longden's subject leadership training, Liz Mynott's teaching and learning coaching, and evidence-led training programmes. This ongoing commitment to development ensures that our children benefit from the very best classroom practice.



June has also been packed with exciting opportunities and memorable experiences for our pupils. Our Year 6 children enjoyed two fantastic trips – to Drayton Manor and Harry Potter World – celebrating the culmination of their primary journey. Year 5 pupils took part in an engaging HADO experience, while children across Key Stage Two represented the school brilliantly at events including Futsal, Paddlefest and Panathlon. Our younger pupils also had enriching trips, with Year 2 visiting the Botanical Gardens, Year 1 exploring the Transport Museum, and Reception enjoying a visit to Coombe Abbey as well as participating in a Classroom of Creativity event. We were also proud to host a Refugee Week Art Showcase, celebrating creativity and diversity across our school community, join in as a whole-school with the Coventry Children's Mile and of course the school photographer captured some of those all-important memories.

A particular highlight this month was our Oracy Open Day, where we welcomed colleagues from across the Midlands to observe the excellent oracy practice embedded throughout our school. Visitors saw first-hand the confidence, articulation and collaboration of our pupils in action. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, recognising both the impact of our approach and the enthusiasm of our children.

As always, I would like to thank our staff for their dedication, our pupils for their hard work and positive attitudes, and our families for their ongoing support. We look forward to another exciting month ahead as we approach the end of the academic year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Gale'.

Mr Gale
Headteacher

Free School Meal Eligibility: Anyone in receipt of Universal Credit is now eligible for their child to have free school meals. Please contact the school for further information.

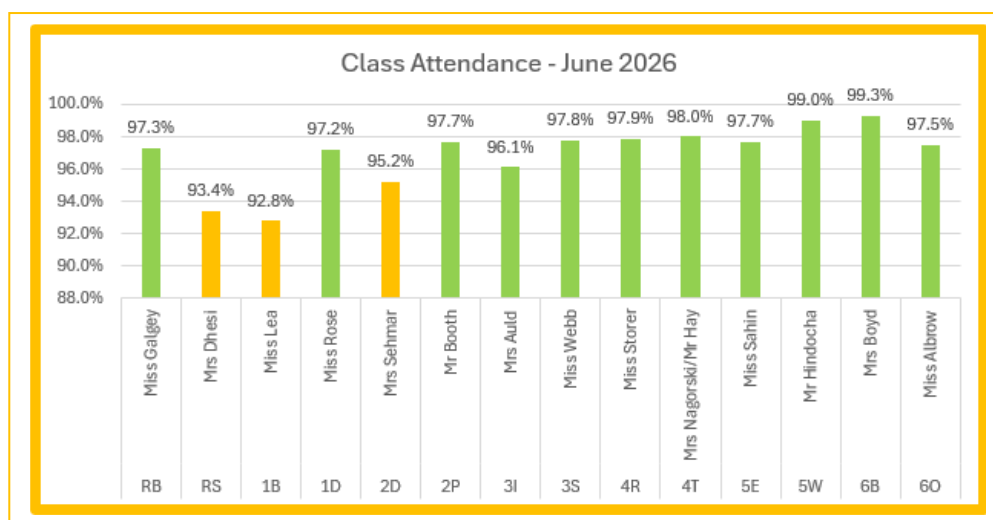
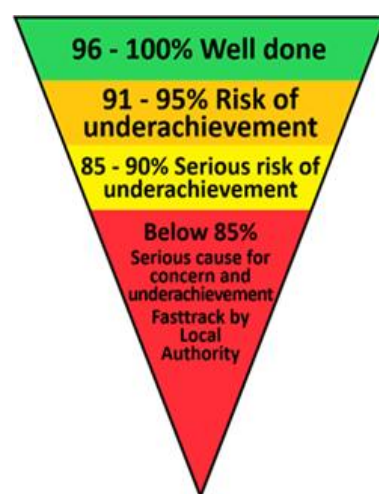




ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance Update - June Whole School - **96.4%**

The Attendance Target we have set is 96%!



A reminder **that it's fine to send your child to school** with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. Remember to encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

**The table below shows: Persistent Absentees
(Pupils who have Less than 90% Attendance)**

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
9	2	1	2	2	1

Persistent absence is when your child has missed so much time off school that they become categorised as PA or persistent absence (Attendance below 90% + persistent absent). Poor attendance impacts on a child's future not just academically but also on their social and emotional development.





ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Dear Parents/Carers

The Department of Education (DfE) **does not consider holidays or leisure travel** to be exceptional circumstances. All requests for Exceptional Leave of Absence must be completed in advance and forms are available from the school office. The Local Authority will issue fines where parents have taken their children out of school, and it has not been authorised by the Head Teacher.

Fines for unauthorised absence:

- **1st Offence** - £160 per parent reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days
- **2nd Offence** - £160 per parent
- **3rd Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)** - the third time an Offence is committed a Penalty Notice **will not** be issued, and the parent(s) may be prosecuted under section 444(1).

If fines are unpaid, parents may be prosecuted under the Education Act 1996.

Mr J Gale

Being Late is Never Great!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
2 hours 52 mins	4 hours 30 mins	1 hour 28 minutes	4 hours 7 minutes	1 hour 54 minutes	2 hours 58 minutes	3 hours 9 minutes

Total Minutes Lost - 20 hours & 58 minutes

A reminder that the school gates are open between 8.50 and 9.00am.

The knock-on effects being late has on a child's learning is massive. Children have commented on how they dislike being stared at when they enter classrooms late and the anxiety this causes.

Please be aware that if your child is late to school, they will now need to sign in using the monitor by the main office. A reason for the lateness will be required.

Thank you to all those parents who continue to ensure their children arrive on time every day.





School Sport, Clubs, & Competitions

We have had such a busy but successful month of Sport at Southfields.

Well done to the 59 children and 45 adults that took part in the wonderful Children's Mile at War Memorial Park. It is also such a lovely event, full of happiness, friendship and a little bit of exercise thrown in.

Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a HADO event. HADO is an augmented reality sport which blends Dodgeball with video game mechanics. Children wear a headset and wristband to cast energy balls and raise virtual shields, to score points and beat their opponents. Two of our teams – one from Year 5 and one from Year 6 won their tournament! Well done to those children – Firnas, Giovanni, Akhumzi, Vlad, Enoch and Kailen.

In November, a team of Year 6 children won their Coventry Panathlon heat! Panathlon is a carousel of adapted target and team games. On 15th June, our team attended the County Final against schools from Coventry, Solihull and Warwick. They showed our GARK value of kindness in abundance and walked away with the School Games Values award in recognition of their determination, honesty, passion, respect, self-belief and teamwork. We are so proud of Newcliff, Aldijana, Asya, Aya, Phoebe, Prince, Lexi and Natan.

We have also taken part in Futsal tournaments, Orienteering days and most recently Canoeing, Kayaking and paddling a Bell Boat at Coventry Canal Basin. We are so lucky to have these opportunities, and we are always so impressed with the attitude, politeness and joy that our children show.

Sports Days are due next week, which you are all welcome and encouraged to attend. However, we will keep a close eye on the weather forecast as there appears to be another heatwave approaching. We will let you know as soon as possible, if there are any changes.

Sports Superstars

Athletes of the Month:

Giovanni, Firnas, Akhumzi, Musawir and Yaqub (Y5), Vlad, Enoch and Kailen (Y6)

Sports Classes of the Month:

Year 5 HADO Team, 1B, Year 6 Panathlon Team, Year 6 HADO Team





Southfields Superstars of the Month

Y1 Daisy	Seif – GL Cur	Fatima – GL Col	Josh Neto - Kindness	Sedra – GL Res
Y1 Buttercup	Whole class	Celeste - GL	Alice - GL	Mohammed - K
Y2 Daffodil	Ved – GL (Curious)	Madeira – GL Perseverance	Dima - GL	Vivaan -R
Y2 Poppy	Greatchild – Res	Abubakaar Res	Khoshbo (Resp)	Prayaga – GL Res
Y3 Iris	Afriyie - GL resourceful	Grisha - Kindess	Fathir – GL (curious)	Jeremiah – GL Res
Y3 Sunflower	Udita – GL collaborative	Khrithya - respect	Asher - GL - reflective	Lawin – GL resilient
Y4 Rose	Jahnvi – GL Collaborative	Esther - curious	Shamanth - respect	Shaktheeth – GL collaborative
Y4 Tulip	Fikayomi - resourceful	Lia - resilient	Aadya - kindness	Humaira – GL resilient
Y5 Elm	Annam GL resourceful	Kritin respect	Nathan – GL resilient	Giovanni - respect
Y5 Willow	AJ – Gl – resourceful	Mrwan - GL - Curious	Khaled – GL - Resilient	Aryam – GL all
Y6 Birch	NO CERTIFICATE: CLASS NOT IN ASSEMBLY (SWIMMING)	6B - Resilience	6B – Respect and Resilience	6B Respect at Drayton Manor
Y6 Oak	Lexi – GL Resilience Denuola – GL Resilience	Amir - resilience	Whole Class - Respect	Natan – Acceptance





Reading with your child



Each month we award children in each class for REMARKABLE READING. We place reading at the centre of our curriculum and are determined to encourage a love of reading in all of our children. At the end of each month we award our 'Readers of the month' with a book of their choice!

Congratulations to our amazing 'Readers of the Month' for their superb dedication to reading. These children will all receive a book of their choice! Great work!

Year 1: Joshua and Nali

Year 2: Melania and Archie

Year 3: Mina and Elanique

Year 4: Doose and Lazo

Year 5: Cali

Year 6: Makhilini and Vlad



Key Diary Dates

- Thurs 2nd July Year 3 Camping Trip to Lunt Fort
- Tues 7th July Year 4 Trip to Warwick University – RBO Dance for Rights
- Mon 13th July Years 1 to 5 Musical Showcase, details to follow
- Fri 10th July Non uniform day – dress up as your favourite sports star
- Thurs 16th July 3I Trip to Ryton Pools
- Fri 17th July 3S Trip to Ryton Pools
- Mon 20th July School closed for Summer Holidays

Sports Days:

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| • Mon 6 th July | 9:00am | Class RB & Morning Nursery |
| • Mon 6 th July | 1:00pm | Class RS & Afternoon Nursery |
| • Wed 8 th July | 9:00am | Year 1 & 2 |
| • Thurs 9 th July | 9:00am | Year 3 & 4 |
| • Thurs 9 th July | 1:00pm | Year 5 & 6 |





Pastoral Team Updates


Coventry and
Warwickshire Partnership
NHS Trust

Protect your child from flu

The School Immunisation Team need your correct contact details



Have your email address or mobile phone number changed within the last year? If so, please get in touch with your team:

Coventry schools:

- ✉ bewise.immunise@covwarkpt.nhs.uk
- ☎ 02476 961422

North Warwickshire schools:

- ✉ NorthImms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk
- ☎ 02476 321550

South Warwickshire schools:

- ✉ SouthImms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk
- ☎ 01926 353899



Our Junior PCSO Scheme gives pupils the chance to act as **young community leaders**, helping to promote safety, responsibility and positive behaviour in school and the local area.

Our pastoral team are here to support you and your child during their time at Southfields. If you would like to contact the team please email / phone:

Email: pastoral@southfieldsprimary.org
Phone: 02476 226810

If ever our children are concerned about anything in school or at home, we encourage them to share these with trusted adults. We let children know that our school website has a 'Virtual Worrybox' where children can share their concerns directly with key professionals in school. This can be found under the 'Key Info' tab.





This month in pictures!

It's been another remarkable month – here are some photographs to show the wonderful learning experiences our children are having...

