



# School News

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### Welcome

Welcome back to our Summer term, I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break – I think we had weather of every kind!

The children have come back to school full of enthusiasm to learn. I was so impressed and proud yesterday as I walked around school during lesson time and noticed how focussed all the children were on their learning. The atmosphere within school felt so positive. At the end of last half term I was fortunate enough to meet our Bishop's Visitor and she was very complimentary about the children's behaviour, particularly how each child said good morning to her.

**Morning Routine:** Just a reminder that the children will go straight to their classrooms when they arrive at school. The gates will open as usual at 8.35am and close promptly at 8.45am. Anyone arriving after the gates are locked will be marked as LATE in the register. The intention is to help the children settle into class in a more relaxed way, allowing them to focus more quickly with their learning. When they enter the class their class teacher will be there to greet them and settle them with an independent activity ready to start formal learning promptly at 8.45am, maximising their learning time in class. Please support your child to achieve their best by having them arrive at school on time to settle and begin their learning.

### In Classes

This is always a fantastic time of year for every class. They are entering their final term in their current year group and the change is so noticeable as they show more confidence and maturity in their daily tasks. We are also very mindful of the Year 6 pupils preparing for their transition to secondary school and all mix of excitement and emotions this brings. As well as their SATs assessments in May, they have their weekly swimming lessons, a visit to PGL, Leavers' Service at the Cathedral and of course the end of year Production – enough to keep them busy.

This week all classes start the term with science week, a fantastic week being scientific investigators, starting with their learning question:

**Swallows:** The children in Reception are looking forward to planting some seeds and watching them grow, thinking about the best conditions to help the plants and flowers grow.

**Skylarks:** Why aren't windows made of wood? This unit focuses on materials and their properties, and how these properties make them suitable for a purpose.

**Goldfinch:** Where did the ice really go? This unit focuses on the water cycle. The children have already been discussing where puddle water goes. They have set up experiments, putting containers of water inside and outside the classroom to measure the rate of evaporation.

**Swift:** How can I make my heart beat faster? This unit focuses on animals and their circulatory systems. The children will be learning about how the heart pumps blood around our body and the impact, and importance, of exercise.

## **School Events**

You hopefully noticed the wall between the playground and carpark has been repaired over the Easter break, this looks so much better and of course is much safer now.

I would like to take the chance to say thank you to the members of FoLS who spent the day clearing and levelling the mud before laying some new turf next to our Magic Garden. They also cut back brambles and nettles and cleared the flower beds in the Magic Garden. The weather was really on our side as the sun shone on the workers and thoroughly watered the grass the following day!

We would like to invite the children to enter a letter writing competition to ask local garden centres for some donations to help brighten up our newly tidied garden and make it magical once more. We have discussed how part of the garden is well shaded while the other end gets a good amount of sunlight. Once we have some things to plant we will be inviting children to sign up to help maintain and tend to the garden. If you have any tools, plants, bulbs or even time to help that you are able to donate, please do let me know. Here are some photos to show the difference:



Our FoLS would also like to invite you all to take part in our next fundraising event. To link with London Marathon and also tying in nicely with Swift's science topic, the children will be encouraged to get active outside for a minimum of 20 minutes per day. School will be helping the children achieve this by running a daily mile (or 10 minutes walking/running round the field each day). This will be a personal challenge for the children, can they improve upon what they achieved the day before. It is not the distance that is important, but being outside (and away from screens) – other activities could be skipping, reading or crafting. We look forward to hearing from each of the children telling us about what they chose to do outside. In return for just 20 minutes outside, FoLS are asking for children to collect sponsorship. More details will follow from our FoLS team before the event kicks off. Thank you to everyone who supports the FoLS to raise money for our school.

### **Bikeability**

Our Year 5 children have been learning how to cycle safely on the roads around school. They started with some 'routes' around the playground before heading off out on to Chatter Street, learning how

to safely look over their shoulder before passing a parked car and how to safely pull out of a junction. They were all super sensible and looked to be enjoying themselves very much.

### **Scootering**

Thank you to Miss Woolway for organising scootering lessons for KS2 pupils. These will take place in school every Thursday afternoon for this half term. We will have a specialist come to school to demonstrate and help the children grow in confidence – scooters will be provided for the children. More pictures and information to follow in our next newsletter.

Dates	Events
13/4/26	Year 5 Bikeability
16/4/26	KS2 Scootering starts – every Thursday
20/4/26	FoLS Sponsorship – Get Outside
27/4/26	FoLS cake sale 3:10pm
1/5/26	Swift swimming
4/5/26	May Day Bank Holiday
8/5/26	Swift swimming
11/5/26	Year 6 SATs week
11/5/26	FoLS cake sale 3:10pm
15/5/26	Swift swimming
21/5/26	PGL parent information session 3:30pm (Swift Class)
22/5/26	Swift swimming
25/5/26	HAPPY HALF TERM
1/6/26	RETURN TO SCHOOL
2/6/26	New Reception (Sept 2026) Meeting
5/6/26	Swift swimming
10/6/26	Year 6 Leavers Service at Cathedral
15/6/26	Swift Class go to PGL Torquay
15/6/26	FoLS ice-lolly sale 3:10pm
29/6/26	Sports Day 9.30am – 12pm
2/7/26	Moving up Morning
17/7/26	Year 6 Leavers Service at school LAST DAY – HAPPY HOLIDAYS