

## Year 6

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We hope you all had a great Easter holiday. We have been so proud of how well the children have come back to school this term: their attitude and behaviour has been excellent.

The first three weeks of the summer term will be used for final preparations for the SATs tests, to ensure that our children are well prepared, confident and relaxed about them. We have been discussing calming strategies during our PSHE lessons with the children. May we remind parents that the tests take place during the week **beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – please ensure that your child attends school that week. As well as the tests themselves, the SATs week includes many light-hearted activities, to balance the concentration needed during the tests.

On 20<sup>th</sup> May, we will be going on our residential trip to Little Canada. We are all very excited! If you were unable to attend the meeting last term, the information Power Point can be found on our Learning Platform. We'd like to thank everyone for returning all of the forms in on time, this has been a massive help. If you have any important information about your child, of which we need to be aware, please make sure you have informed the office staff or one of the year 6 teachers. The sooner the better! If your child isn't coming on the residential, we will be talking to them about their timetable in school.

We are looking forward to entertaining parents and guests towards the end of term with our production. Preparation for the production will be woven into many lessons – i.e. Art (scenery), D&T (props), Music (music!) and English (play scripts, drama and acting). The children will be completing a school-based project based on the play itself. Auditions for main roles will be held in the coming weeks.

Once we have done the auditions, the children will be allocated a cast.

This year, the production week will be as follows:

<b>Date</b> Both performances will be in the evening. Exact timings will be shared nearer the time.	<b>Class Evening Performance to Parents</b>	<b>Choir</b>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Cast A	Cast B
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Cast B	Cast A

This is always one of the highlights of the school year and we look forward to some memorable performances. We will also welcome any offers of help with costume, props, etc, to make the production a success.

There are lots of creative curriculum activities planned for the final half term including Careers Week, a 'Newspaper Day' and a 'French Café' afternoon. We will also be carrying out a cross-curricular project based on 'Dragons and Dreams', which will involve history based learning about The Vikings and aspirations for their future selves. We are also looking forward to our final, end of year bowling trip on 18th July.

Finally, the move to secondary school draws ever closer. Most children will visit their schools at the end of June or beginning of July, and you will receive information about this from your child's chosen school. Moving to a new school is a big step – they go from being the oldest to being the youngest children in school – and it can be quite daunting. We spend time this term discussing the move with them, their expectations, worries, and fears, and they usually come back from the induction day full of enthusiasm. In order to aid this transition, we will also be organising some transition workshops.

As this is the last Teaching & Learning News you will receive through your Year 6 child, may we take this opportunity to say how much we have enjoyed teaching them. Many of them have produced excellent work and we have had many happy times together. We are sure they will continue to do well at their new schools and hope that they look back on The Hawthorns with affection.

**Good luck to them all!**