



Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

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We've had a fantastic few weeks in school, filled with sunshine, smiles, and a real sense of togetherness. The beautiful weather has lifted everyone's spirits, and we've enjoyed making the most of it during playtimes and outdoor learning.

We also took time to celebrate Pentecost — a moment of reflection and joy that reminds us of the power of growth, community, and new beginnings. Just as the disciples were filled with hope and purpose, we too continue on our journey of learning and faith together.

As we look ahead to the rest of the half term, we're excited for more sunshine, meaningful learning, and plenty of memorable moments.

Ms Braithwaite

Year 1 Phonics Check

A big thank you to all our fantastic Year 1 pupils who completed their phonics check this week. We're so proud of your hard work! Thank you also to the dedicated staff who supported them and to our wonderful parents for all your efforts at home — it truly makes a difference.

Multiplication Check

Well done to our brilliant Year 4s for completing their multiplication checks this week! Your determination and dedication have been outstanding. A special thank you to the Year 4 team for your continued support and encouragement throughout.

Art Competition Winners

Congratulations to Tia (Year 2) and Tia (Year 5) for winning our art competition! The judges described your work as "wonderfully joyful" and "beautifully painted" — we couldn't agree more. Thank you to Ms Cridland for organising this inspiring event.

Year 6 Leavers Service

We had a wonderful time at the Year 6 Deanery Leavers' Service at St. Mary's Church, Islington. We are incredibly proud of all our Year 6 pupils. A special well done to Gelila for your excellent reading — you represented us beautifully.

Social Media and Primary-Age Children: Setting Healthy Boundaries

We're seeing more school issues stemming from children's use of social media — from friendship fallouts to exposure to inappropriate content. While most platforms have a minimum age of 13, some younger children are already using them.

At this age, children are still developing the skills to manage emotions and online interactions. Social media can be overwhelming without the maturity to handle it safely.

We encourage families to set clear limits around online use and to talk regularly with children about their digital lives. With your support, we can help keep both school and home environments safe, calm, and respectful.

School Trips – Can You Help?

Thank you to parents who've helped on recent trips! If you're able to support an upcoming one, please let your child's teacher know — your help makes a big difference.

...Weekly Attendance Report...

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance	90%	96.3%	96.7%	93.8%	95.5%	95.4%
Lates	3.6%	2%	5.9%	3.4%	5.5%	2.1%

...Dates for your Diary...

18.06.25	Whole School Photos
02.06.2025	INSET DAY
03.06.2025	Children return

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Psalm 119 Vs 105: Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.