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Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend, with the added bonus of some sunshine for at least part of the weekend! Hopefully the sunshine will return again soon.

Thank you to all of you who completed our parent meeting survey last term. It was really useful to hear what works well for parents, the results were really positive for our current format. We will be sharing another survey relating to our online learning journals on Tapestry this half term. We would be really grateful if you could respond as we are keen to increase parent involvement with the app.

Statutory Assessment Tests begin for our Year 6 children on Monday. As assessments take place in the hall, we are making everyone aware in case you come into school. We ask people to try and avoid the area and keep noise to a minimum when passing. It is surprising how the sound of conversation in the car park can carry into the hall.

Just a reminder for those Year 6 parents who haven't seen the Tapestry post:

We are incredibly low key about SATs at Yaxham, but the children will be nervous/excited. This is because SATs are seen as a right of passage, something grown up that the Year 6 children get to do. We are very clear with them that they are well prepared and just have to do their best. We do not put a lot of unnecessary pressure on the children but we do accept that there will be some natural nerves. We are very experienced at dealing with this.

Year 6 children will be able to come into class from 8-30am Monday-Thursday. This isn't compulsory at all but gives them a chance to chat with their friends before we start assessments. We will provide them with toast to eat while they chat. If they do

not attend, please make sure that they arrive at school on time so that they have a chance to settle before they start.

All of the equipment, including water bottles, are provided for the children. They will not be able to take their own water bottles into their assessments.

The timetable for the assessments is as follows:

Monday 11 May 2026: English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Papers 1 & 2.

Tuesday 12 May 2026: English Reading Test.

Wednesday 13 May 2026: Mathematics Paper 1 (Arithmetic) & Paper 2 (Reasoning).

Thursday 14 May 2026: Mathematics Paper 3 (Reasoning)

As always, please do ask if you have any questions, and do let us know if you are concerned about anything.

The children are amazing; we know that they will do a great job!

Special Awards from last week



Hedgehog Class

Teddy for trying hard with his blending in phonics

Badger Class *Louie for working hard in all areas of his learning this week*

Fox Class *Jackson for working extremely hard for Mr Merryweather*

Writer of the week *Nathan for his fantastic writing including speech*

Book of the week *Thank you to George for sharing his book with us. Lilja, Jackson and Ethan have been chosen for next time.*



Other Messages

Toys and other objects

We have had a lot of problems relating to objects brought from home recently. Children have been bringing in toys, squishies, keyrings etc. This often leads to arguments and items being lost or broken. If adults see that children have these items they will be taken to the office for parents to collect.

Parking

Despite multiple messages, we also still have several people still using the staff car park. This is a concern for us, as on occasions children have been put at risk due to the number of vehicles moving with limited visibility. Please ensure you park safely and considerately on the road. We have recently received complaints due to driveways being blocked.

Shipdham Residents

Several of our families live in Shipdham. We have recently been made aware of support that is available to you. Financial assistance for heating and fuel in addition to other needs as well as school uniforms. I am including the link to the site and will also add this to our website.

<https://www.shipdham.org/clubs-charities/>

Please make sure that you carry on reading to hear from the chair of our friends association and catch up on the recently added diary dates.

Best wishes,
Jennie Müller
Headteacher

Friends of Yaxham School

Your School Needs You!

Hello everyone, I can't quite believe we are nearly into the last half term of the school year already and it's been a fun-packed year on the Friends of Yaxham School (FOYS). We are very much looking forward to holding our yard sale in June and our school fete in September, bring your family and friends for a summer afternoon of fun.

As we look forward, we are already thinking about next year and we are looking for the next group of people that will continue the FOYS.

The Friends of Yaxham School (FOYS) are a small group of friendly people consisting of parents, carers, and staff, all with busy lives but with one main aim, and that's to raise money to enrich our children's time at Yaxham School and provide some memories for experiences of the children whilst at the school. We do this by meeting up, organising events and setting up different ways to fund raise. This could be children's discos, school lottery, quiz nights and yard sales to name but a few.

We have forged some great friendships as well as having loads of fun. We've also had the satisfaction of watching everyone enjoying themselves and raising lots of money for our school.

It sounds simple enough, doesn't it? But the problem is there are only a few of us and we all work, have busy lives, have families and very little spare time. So,

it's not easy to get everything done, there's so much more we could do if our band of helpers was bigger!

This is where you come in and the good news is, you're already part of our school community so you're halfway there! We really need new members with fresh ideas and those willing to help organise our events. We have a board up at the entrance to the school so you can see who some of us are. Please grab us at the school gate or search FOYS Yaxham or email

friendsofyaxhamschool@yahoo.co.uk to let us know you're interested, and we can take it from there!

We will be holding our annual agm at school on 9th June at 3.30pm so would be great to see many new fresh faces there

The main roles that need filling are Chairperson, Treasurer and secretary or just come along and be a member.

If you're not able to help with any of that, don't worry, the greatest way of supporting our fund raising is to attend our events. We promise food, fun and friendship so you are all welcome!

We hope to see you soon 😊

Vicky - FOYS Chair

On behalf of the FOYS



Diary Dates

w/c 11th May KS2 Assessment Week

Tuesday 19th May - Fox Dereham Field Trip

Friday 22nd May end of half term

Monday 1st June - children return to school

w/c 8th June Curriculum Week

Tuesday 9th June 3.30 pm Friends AGM

Thursday 11th June Sports Day, families invited to attend the afternoon.

Further details to follow

Thursday 18th June - Meeting for new Reception parents 5pm

Thursday 25th June New Intake Year 7 Evening Neatherd High School

Saturday 27th June Yaxham Yard Sale

Tuesday 7th July KS2 Dress rehearsal

KS2 Evening Performance

Wednesday 8th July KS2 Evening performance

w/c 13th July Transition activities in school

Tuesday 14th July - Year 6 final day in school. Leavers Assembly 2.30pm

Wednesday-Friday 15th-17th July Year 6 Transition to High School

Friday 17th July end of summer term