

Newsletter - 30/04/2026

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Dear Anthony Roper Community,

Hoping you have had a wonderful week and been enjoying the sunshine! Week Two of Term Five is nearing an end already and has seen the following successes:

- Year Five have been to Aylmerton for their residential. We are hoping they have had a fantastic time and look forward to welcoming them back next week! Thank you to everyone for your commitment and flexibility with this. Extra thanks to Mrs Haynes, Miss Moore, Miss Smith and Mr Nicholls for looking after the children this week whilst at Aylmerton.
- On Tuesday, our SLT team welcomed our leadership coach for our fifth leadership development day this year and on Thursday, they hosted a School Improvement Advisor from the local authority. Thank you for your continued commitment to our school.
- Developments in the Year R Garden have continued, including sourcing a mud kitchen and potion station. Thank you to our amazing parents as your fundraising has supported with this. Keep your eyes peeled for further developments in the near future!

Looking into next week, Monday is a bank holiday so we will be back in school on Tuesday – let's hope the good weather continues over the weekend. We also have a Year Six parent meeting about Bowles on Thursday afterschool in Coco classroom and Year Four attending Brandshatch on Friday.

Enjoy your three-day weekend,

Miss Gibson

Safeguarding

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This week's resource is the Lucy Faithfull

Organisation: <https://www.lucyfaithfull.org.uk/resources/>

This comprehensive guide from The Lucy Faithfull Organisation helps families better understand the risks posed to children by the internet and to keep them safe online.

As a school we believe that safeguarding is not only about protecting children and young people from abuse and neglect but also their families too. It is our intention therefore to support families by signposting them to universal services which may assist families when they are facing difficulties themselves. For reference, our Safeguarding Team is: Mr Adam Nicholls, Mrs Bouchera Khatib, Miss Jo Leadley and Mrs Jemma Sholl.

Attendance

Storey Class - 95.8%

Disney Class - 92.8%

Earhart Class - 94.3%

Peake Class - 97.4%

Pankhurst Class - 91.4%

Frank Class - 91.3%

Anning Class - 90.6%

Middleton Class - 94.1%

Coco Class - 95.7%

Moore Class - 91.5%

*Attendance matters - **The whole school attendance this year is 93.4%.** We aim for all children to achieve 96% attendance within the school year. For unexpected absences, due to illness for example, please contact the School Office so that we can record your child's absence correctly. All other absences must be requested using the Absence Request Form. A copy of our Attendance Policy can be found on the school website.*

Key Dates

Term Dates

Term 5: Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May

Term 6: Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July

Inset Days

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

Exhibition Afternoons

Wednesday 20th May 2026, from 3:20pm - 4:00pm

Parents Coffee Mornings

Mrs Khatib will be hosting Parent Coffee mornings which will run from 9:00am to 10:30am on the following dates:-

Tuesday 19th May 2026

Tuesday 7th July 2026.

PTA Events

Thursday 14th May - School disco

Friday 5th June - Colour Run

Sports Day

Wednesday 1st July

Notices

SWIMMING

We are pleased to have secured swimming lessons for all classes in KS2! They will run in the following terms:

Term 5 – Pankhurst

Term 6 – Frank

Each class will receive more specific information, such as dates and kit lists, as their turn approaches.

PAYMENT FOR CLUBS

Payment for clubs is now available on Arbor. Can you please ensure payment is made as soon as possible.

PARKING - IMPORTANT

We have noticed an increase of parents attempting to/parking on site, especially when the weather is bad. Please can we remind you of the below.

- Parking within the school grounds is not permitted at drop off or collection time unless it is for exceptional circumstances
- When parking around the school you must park considerately, not blocking pedestrian access, driveways etc
- Animals are not allowed on the school site at any time
- Please refrain from turning in the entrance

PICK UP

Can we please remind blue badge holders that they are only allowed entry into the car park from 3:20pm. Pedestrians should also remain on the pathways at drop off and collection

PTA UPDATE

Summer Disco – Thursday 14th May

Apologies for the typo in last week's newsletter, the Summer Disco will be taking place on **Thursday 14th May**. Please see the poster below for full details.

We're pleased to say we're on track to have enough volunteers for the event to go ahead. However, if you're available to help with one or both sessions, we would still love to hear from you—please contact **anthonyroperpta@gmail.com** or speak to your class rep.

Tickets will be on sale soon!

Colour Run – Friday 5th June

The PTA is excited to be hosting the return of the much-loved Colour Run on **Friday 5th June 2026**. Following last year's success, we're looking forward to another fun-filled, vibrant event for the whole school community.

In advance of the run, children are invited to take part in a special **medal design competition**, giving them the chance to see their artwork brought to life and worn by all participants on the day.

To make the event a success, we will need a number of volunteers to support with set-up, the main event and tidy-up. Whether you can give a little time or stay for longer, every contribution makes a big difference.

Please see the attached posters (which will also be appearing on WhatsApp class groups) for full details on how to get involved and competition entry information.

SUMMER DISCO

THURSDAY 14TH MAY

RECEPTION & KS1 DISCO
END OF SCHOOL - 4:30PM

KS2 DISCO
4:45-5:45PM

**£4 TICKET INCLUDES ENTRY, FRUIT SHOOT AND SNACK
ITEM OF THEIR CHOICE.**

**£6 TICKET INCLUDES ENTRY, FRUIT SHOOT AND SNACK
ITEM OF THEIR CHOICE & £2 TO SPEND AT THE TUCK
SHOP AND TEMPORARY TATTOO STAND.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS
IS A CASHLESS DISCO!

TICKETS GO ON SALE SOON

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**COLOUR RUN
2026**

**FRIDAY
5TH JUNE**

COLOUR RUN 2026 MEDAL DESIGN COMPETITION

CALLING ALL CREATIVE SUPERSTARS!

LAST YEAR'S COLOUR RUN WAS A HUGE SUCCESS, AND THIS JUNE, WE'RE BRINGING IT BACK - BIGGER, BRIGHTER AND EVEN MORE COLOURFUL. BUT THIS TIME, WE WANT YOU TO DESIGN THE OFFICIAL MEDAL THAT EVERY RUNNER WILL RECEIVE!

HOW TO ENTER:

CREATE YOUR OWN MEDAL DESIGN - BOLD FUN, COLOURFUL
AND FULL OF ENERGY

HAND YOUR ENTRY AND £1 INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
BY FRIDAY 22ND MAY 2026

THE WINNING ARTWORK WILL BE TURNED INTO THE REAL MEDAL GIVEN TO EVERY PARTICIPANT AT THE COLOUR RUN. IMAGINE HUNDREDS OF RUNNERS WEARING YOUR CREATION!

GET CREATIVE. GET COLOURFUL. GET DESIGNING!

COLOUR RUN 2026 VOLUNTEERS

WE'RE EXCITED TO BE PLANNING A COLOUR RUN AT THE SCHOOL THIS JUNE, AND WE'D LOVE YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT A FANTASTIC EVENT FOR OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

IF YOU'RE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER—WHETHER IT'S HELPING SET UP, HANDING OUT COLOURS, SUPPORTING ON THE COURSE, OR ASSISTING WITH TIDY-UP AFTERWARDS WE'D BE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL - HERE ARE THE SLOTS WE NEED HELP TO FILL ON THE DAY, IF YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR ANY, PLEASE DO LET A MEMBER OF THE PTA KNOW

9-12 SET UP

12-3 SET UP

3-5 MAIN EVENT

5-7 TIDY UP

9-7 ALL DAY

EVENTS LIKE THIS SIMPLY WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF OUR AMAZING PARENTS, CARERS, AND COMMUNITY. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED, PLEASE LET US KNOW. EVEN A SMALL AMOUNT OF TIME MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. WE CAN'T WAIT TO BRING THIS COLOURFUL EVENT TO LIFE!

Awards

Numbots Champions

Storey Class -

Disney Class - Robyn

Earhart Class - Rhiaan, Barnaby, Oliver

Peake Class - Iris, Chloe, Lara

Pankhurst Class - Theodore, Hudson, Karter

Frank Class - Edison, Juno, Fenton

Anning Class - Lydia, William, Rory

Middleton Class - Sophia, Harry, Olivia

Coco Class - Robert, Rudy, Lucienne

Moore Class - Sienna, Elliot, Maisie

Times Tables Rock Stars Champions

Storey Class -

Disney Class -

Earhart Class - Brody, Dougie, Oliver

Peake Class - Chloe, Iris, Elliott

Pankhurst Class - Alina, Jenson, Karter

Frank Class - Jacob, Emily, Edison

Anning Class - William, Belle, Edie

Middleton Class - Jude, Harry, Owen

Coco Class - Jessica, Rudy, Lucienne

Moore Class - Poppy, Marguerite, Arissa

Achievement Awards

Storey Class - Edie

Disney Class - Milan

Earhart Class - William

Peake Class - Delphi

Pankhurst Class - Hudson

Frank Class - Edison

Anning Class - Lucy

Middleton Class - Lola

Coco Class - George

Moore Class - Noah

Skills Academy - Iulia

[House Points](#)

Knole - 121

Chartwell - 148

Penshurst - 114

Ightham - 134





