

Newsletter - 07/05/2026

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Dear Anthony Roper Community,

I hope you have had a good week and enjoyed the long weekend! Since last writing, we have had the following successes:

- A group of our Year 5 children went for their Aylmerton residential! We are so proud of your growing independence and ability to persevere! Our thanks go to our families and staff for their support of this adventure.
- We welcomed our School Improvement Advisor who came to work with leaders, Governors and pupils on our school development. They highlighted strengths in phonics and improved adaptive teaching, and pointed us towards writing as an area to develop.
- We hosted STLS (Specialist teaching & Learning Services) for a learning walk and some training around emotional regulation and being 'ready for learning'.
- Governors completed a monitoring visit related to school outcomes, looking at the attainment and progress of our pupils!

Looking ahead, Y4 children are completing a Brands Hatch experience tomorrow (08.05.26), the PTA are hosting their Summer Disco (14.05.26, check Dojo for further information and contact anthonyroperpta@gmail.com if you're able to volunteer some time) and our Year 6 children are taking their SATs tests next week, which are nationwide, Government-issued exams to check for secondary-school readiness. Good luck everyone!

Thank you for your continued support of our development.

Keep safe,

Mr Adam Nicholls

Safeguarding

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This week's resource is S4K: <https://safety4kids.com.au/>

Safety 4 Kids provides tips for children on road safety, stranger danger, bullying, pool safety, and internet safety via fun activities and games.

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 - 98.4%

Disney Class - 95.6%

Earhart Class - 97.2%

Peake Class - 97.5%

Pankhurst Class - 98.5%

Frank Class - 93.2%

Anning Class - 94.3%

Middleton Class - 97.8%

Coco Class - 97.1%

Moore Class - 97.2%

*Attendance matters - **The whole school attendance this year is 96.7%.** 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

Tickets for the Summer Disco are **NOW ON SALE** until 13th May at the following link: [Anthony Roper PTA](#).

Following the success of our spring event, the disco will once again be **cashless**. To simplify arrangements, there will now be **one ticket option priced at £5**, which includes entry, a drink, a temporary tattoo, and an accessory.

Please note that **tickets will not be available on the day**, so we encourage you to purchase in advance.

If you're able to help at one or both sessions, we would love to hear from you. Please contact anthonyroperpta@gmail.com or speak to your class representative.

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
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**£5 TICKET INCLUDES ENTRY,
DRINK, TATTOO AND ACCESSORY
OF THIER CHOICE**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS
IS A CASHLESS DISCO!

**TICKETS GO ON SALE NOW UNTIL
WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY**



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 - Belle, William, Edie

Middleton Class - Jude, Harry, Owen

Coco Class - Jessica, Rudy, Lucienne

Moore Class - Poppy, Marguerite, Arissa

Achievement Awards

Storey Class - Hazel

Disney Class - Joshua

Earhart Class - Louie

Peake Class - Jack

Pankhurst Class - Freya

Frank Class - Albert

Anning Class - Whole class

Middleton Class -

Coco Class - Uthman

Moore Class - Nathan & Jake

Skills Academy - Dougie

MDS - Albert

House Points

Knole - 189

Chartwell - 191

Penshurst - 179

Ightham - 184





