

# NEWSLETTER

8th May 2026



## Celebrating Who We Are: This Is Me Day!



Last Friday, we celebrated our wonderful ‘*This Is Me Day*’ and what a fantastic day it was! It was truly amazing learning more about the children’s different heritages and cultures, and seeing how passionate and proud they are to share their identities with others. The children looked incredible in the beautiful clothing they wore to represent themselves and their backgrounds, and it was wonderful to see our school community come together in such a meaningful way.

A particular highlight of the day was welcoming parents and family members into classrooms to share experiences, stories and traditions with the children. These visits were greatly enjoyed by both pupils and staff, and it was lovely to see the children so engaged and excited to learn more about one another. The fantastic celebration after school was another real highlight, where families and staff had the opportunity to sample a variety of delicious foods from different cultures. It was such a joyful event and a wonderful reminder of the diversity, unity and strong sense of community we have here at Chase Bridge. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make the event so special.

Next week, our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, determination and maturity they have shown throughout the year. They have truly demonstrated our school values of *resilience* and *practice makes progress*, taking real responsibility for their learning and always striving to do their very best. We know how much effort they have put in, and we wish them all the very best for the week ahead. Everyone at Chase Bridge is extremely proud of them already.

We are also very excited for our Year 5 children, who will be visiting Thames Young Mariners next week for what promises to be a fantastic and memorable experience. We hope they have a wonderful time and make many lasting memories. The trip will provide them with opportunities to develop important life skills such as teamwork, self-belief, confidence and independence, and we look forward to hearing all about their experiences when they return.

Miss Dougan Cleary

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## Times, dates and places for your diary

- **Monday 11th May** - Year 6 SATs
- **Tuesday 12th May** - 4C swimming; Year 6 SATs
- **Wednesday 13th May** - Year 5 at TYM; Year 6 SATs
- **Thursday 14th May** - Year 5 at TYM; Year 6 SATs; NO lessons with Grace (RMT)
- **Friday 15th May** - Year 6 SATs; Year 1 to Kew Gardens; Nursery - traditional tales workshop; Year 5 at TYM; Reception cake sale & uniform sale
- **Tuesday 19th May** - 4C swimming
- **Wednesday 20th May** - NO Guitar lessons
- **Friday 22nd May** - Class photographs (full uniform to be worn)

### Holiday dates for the academic year 2025-26

- Monday 25th - Friday 29th May - **HALF TERM BREAK**
- Thursday 16th July - **TERM ENDS**

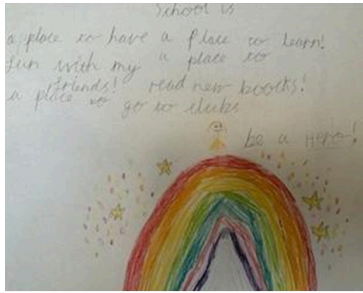
## Celebrations and Achievements



Congratulations to **Matilda (Acacia class)** who recently completed the 'Walk 5K in April Challenge' for the National Autistic Society.

She managed to walk 65km during April and raised over £300.00 to support the charity. An amazing achievement!

## Attendance Celebration Day Winners!



By Zoe (Acacia)



By Neve (Acacia)



By Ellie (4B)



By Orla (4K)

A massive congratulations for the winning Super Hero designs and Poem from the Attendance Celebration Day. Well done to the winners who receive 300 bonus points for the class, their work will be published in the next addition of the Attendance Leaflet 26/27.

It was hard to judge, as all the children produced amazing designs and poetry!

Thank you all again for your help with the first ever Attendance Celebration Day! Mrs Pyke

## Kinship Carers

Kinship care is when a child is raised by a relative or close family friend instead of their parents. This could be grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings, or trusted friends who step in to provide a safe and stable home. Kinship carers play an important role in keeping children connected to their family, culture, and community.

There is an opportunity to share experiences, gain support, and meet others in similar situations at Buckingham Primary School (please see attached flyer).

## Reception visit Bocketts Farm



Reception thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Bocketts Farm. The children enjoyed having the opportunity to both feed and stroke the animals. The staff were incredibly proud of their behaviour and how they wanted to learn lots of new facts about the animals they saw.

## Year 3 to Lookout Discovery Centre



The children had a fantastic time during their visit to the The Look Out Discovery Centre. Throughout the day, they took part in a range of exciting hands-on science and nature activities that sparked lots of curiosity and enthusiasm.

One of the highlights of the trip was the bug hunt, where the children were thrilled to discover lots of spiders hiding in the woodland areas. They also enjoyed learning about animals and were fascinated to see the shed skin of a snake up close. Another memorable moment was exploring how hot air can make a hot air balloon rise and fly, which amazed many of the children.

The children represented the school brilliantly, showing excellent behaviour, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the day.

## Year 6 to 7 Transition day

In preparation for your child's transition to Secondary school, please can you let us know if and when your child is attending a Year 7 transition day next half term.