

NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-
COLLABORATION - COURAGE



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Dear Parents/Carers,

You will have seen the letter sent from Ms Walker this week, regarding her forthcoming operation. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her a speedy recovery. I will keep her updated with news from Downham, and I am sure she will enjoy seeing photos of the children on Dojo while she is off. We are also sending our very best wishes to Miss Kaur, who is currently absent due to ill-health. We miss her presence around the school and look forward to welcoming her back soon.

Next week, the Year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs. They have been working incredibly hard over the last few months and made Mrs Suters and everyone here very proud. We know that they will do brilliantly and we wish them well! It is strange to think that this time next week, it will all be over, and then we have the residential and the production to look forward to!

We are also eagerly anticipating our celebration of all-things Eurovision next Friday! Don't forget to sign up for our wraparound care, which is launching in September.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Bailey, Executive Deputy Headteacher (NPQH)

OUR DOWNHAM 5C AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK:

EYFS - Winnie and Nellie for Collaboration

Year 1 - Summer for Creativity

Year 2 - Charlie for Courage

Year 3 - Louie for Critical Thinking and Creativity

Year 4 - Olive for Challenge with her handwriting

Year 5 - Theo - for Challenge in English

Year 6 - Jack for Challenge and Creativity



HEADTEACHER'S CUP



This week's Headteacher's Cup goes to Ada R in Year 2. Ada always demonstrates care, compassion and thoughtfulness to others.

Well done, Ada!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

EYFS - 99.4%
Year 1 - 87.5%
Year 2 - 98.9%
Year 3 - 94.0%
Year 4 - 100%
Year 5 - 94.0%
Year 6 - 97.4%
Total - 95.8%



WELL DONE KINGFISHERS!

MEET THE STAFF MEMBER!

This week, it is the turn of Mrs Crook to introduce herself:

"I moved to France when I was 11 without speaking a word of French and jumped straight into a French secondary school—an experience that definitely kept me on my toes and sparked my love of languages! I later studied French Literature at Royal Holloway, University of London, which included an amazing year living in Montreal, Canada.

I've been teaching for nearly 10 years, with the past 8 years happily spent at Downham. Life outside school is just as busy—I have a son, Harry, who is nearly two and a half and keeps me constantly on the go, along with my dog Peggy, who is always ready for a cuddle and my husband, Mike, who can often be found running for hours at a time training for different marathons (definitely not a hobby I share a passion for!)

In my spare time, I love going swimming and listening to music—especially Taylor Swift. She's quickly becoming Harry's favourite too, just like our chief Swiftie in school, Miss Bailey!"

IMPORTANT DATES:

11th - 14th May: Year 6 SATs
14th May (am): Year 6 Post-SATs treat
15th May: Eurovision celebration (am)
15th May: Junior Music Festival rehearsal (pm)
18th - 22nd May: Sports week (details to follow)
19th May: Mayflower School staff visiting Year 6 pupils
20th May: 9am Year 4 Class assembly
20th May: 10am Year 1 Class assembly
20th May: 12pm Sports afternoon/family picnic
21st May: 9.30-11.00am Year 1 Teddy Bears Picnic at Mayflower School
22nd May: Last day of Summer 1
1st June: First day of Summer 2
1st June: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check this week
8th June: Year 1 Phonics Screener Check this week
2nd June: Year 5/6 cricket at Wickford Cricket Ground (invited pupils)
10th June: EYFS trip to Barleylands
14th-17th June: Year 6 Residential
24th June: Class photographs

GOOD LUCK TO YEAR 6 AS THEY SIT THEIR SATS NEXT WEEK!

