



UPDATE

A huge well done to the children and staff who have navigated a challenging week with the hot weather conditions. Thanks for your understanding and support with the adjustments to planning that were made when the weather became much hotter on the Wednesday. We are working to evaluate our response, as we are forced to deal with conditions like these more regularly, and would welcome any feedback from the wider community.

SUMMER FETE

What a great way to finish the week! I am extremely grateful to the PTA, people who volunteered to run stalls, companies who donated for the raffle and our team of staff volunteers who were able to make the event such a great success. We look forward to updating you on the amount raised in due course.

THANKS TO CLAIRE



I wanted to pass on my personal thanks, and the thanks of the whole school community, to Claire Lethbridge who is leaving the role of Chair of the PTA.

Claire has worked tirelessly, alongside the other brilliant PTA members, to provide opportunities and resources that the children may not have otherwise had. I wanted to recognise the huge impact that she has had over the last 5 years. We have been incredibly fortunate to have such a hardworking and committed person leading our team. Thank you!



YEAR 3 WRITING

A thick, foggy mist hovered over Chaya, Nour and Neel as they carefully and quietly picked their way through the damp undergrowth of the jungle. While Chaya struggled to hold in the pain Nour and Neel made their way further into the eerie rainforest. As they skipped through the forest they spotted a tall, thin tree with sticking out bark and bugs all over the roots. Ahead of them they heard the rumbling of a rushing waterfall. The pair cautiously continued trekking into the dark, scary forest. In front of them they noticed an unexpected visitor - a vicious, green crocodile wallowing in a muddy swamp.

Because of the pain Chaya decided to rest on some mossy, crunchy leaves. She admired the thick, glossy grass swaying softly next to her. Only tiny glimpses of sunlight peeked through the small gaps in the thick, waxy leaves. A cold wind blew over her. Out of the corner of her eye she spotted a flash of colour as an emerald green vine snake slithered up towards the crispy leaves at the top of an ancient jambu tree.

All of a sudden Neel heard a scary, pounding noise coming from behind them. What was it? He dashed through the curly, wet ferns which brushed against his legs like a paintbrush. Above him sat a sleepy, snoring monkey that was awoken by Neel's thundering footsteps. Leaves crunched beneath him.

The children in Miss Hart's class have worked really hard in English this week and she was really impressed with their outcome (particularly given the heat!). They have been working on our descriptive writing based on "The Girl Who Stole an Elephant". The children worked in pairs to create a detailed descriptive sentence on a strip of paper and then the class put all the sentences together to create a shared write as a whole class.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

We are very fortunate to be working with the Mental Health Support Team who provide support to individual, groups and classes of children across the school. Every year they send out a parent survey, asking for your thoughts on provision. They use this to put together an action plan for next year. Please access the QR code or click [here](#) to access the survey please.



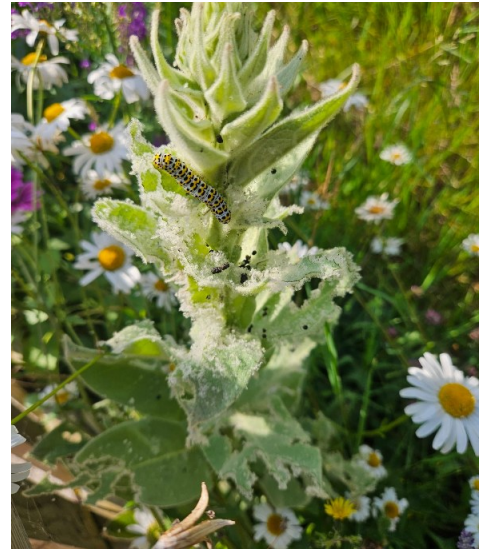
TENNIS YEAR 3 and YEAR 4

Recently some Year 3 and Year 4 children received professional tennis coaching at Exeter Golf and Country Club. We enjoyed the facilities, learned new skills and had loads of fun as you can see! Maybe with Wimbledon coming up, we have a few upcoming stars!



BUTTERFLY GARDEN

We had a visitor to our butterfly garden early this week! The garden, supported by our PTA, is looking amazing at the current time but we have been desperately looking for evidence that the area was becoming a regular site for some amazing wildlife. According to Mrs Crone, our residential bug expert, we have a Great Mullein Moth residing in the garden. Fantastic!



VET VISIT



Casper's dad came and gave a talk to the EYFS classes this week on being a Vet. He talked about his job as a vet with farm animals. He had a range of quizzes to help the children learn about looking after their pets and showed the children lots of equipment which he needs in his job as a farm vet. At the end of the talk the children loved getting dressed up and role playing being a vet. We would like to say Thank You to Mr Van den Meijdenberg for coming and spending time with the children and taking time to plan his talk with them.



HEADTEACHER AWARD



Well done to Chloe for receiving a reward in the recent netball presentation, to Robbie for the massive improvement that we have seen in his phonics in recent weeks, to Rowan for some incredibly reading, to Jackson who was nominated by his brass teacher because of an amazing trombone recital that he performed recently, to Marcie for passing her STANley 6, to Zachfor passing his STANley 7, to Rosa and Evelyn for some brilliant writing and illustrating, to Millie for passing her Goldfish 1 and Goldfish 2, to Noah for having a really successful season with Copplestone football club, to Malaki for the massive improvement in his writing, to Kaius for achieving 105 stickers on his chart, to Grace and Evangeline for receiving awards at the recent netball festival, to Fleur for some excellent angles work and to Fred for the effort that he is putting into his writing recently. Well done everybody!

KEY DATES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Wednesday 1st July '26	Sports Day—KS2 (am) and EYFS/KS1 (pm)
Thursday 2nd July '26	Reception Vision Screening Visit
Thursday 2nd July '26 at 6pm	Parents' Information Evening for children in Year 6 attending QE in September 2026 - find out essential transition information
Fri 3rd July 2026	Year 1 Poetry Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 7th July 2026	Year 6 Play Performance One
Wednesday 8th July 2026	Year 6 Transition Day – students will attend the Barnfield Campus, meet staff, experience lessons and complete orientation activities
Thursday 9th July 2026	Year 6 Play Performance Two
Fri 10th July 2026	EYFS Poetry Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 14th July 2026	EYFS Cake Sale (3:30pm)
Thursday 16th July 2026	Year 6 Graduation Evening (at the Boniface Centre) 6pm
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Water Fight (children bring a change of clothes for the water fight—including underwear and shoes)
Tuesday 21st July 2026	Last day of the Summer Term 2026

SPORTS DAY UPDATE

We are hopeful that our Sports Day will go ahead as planned next week, on Wednesday 1st July 2026.

A reminder about the plans:

- Key Stage 2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) will be having their Sports Day in the morning and EYFS and KS1 (Y1 and Y2) in the afternoon. We are inviting families to stay over lunchtime and to bring a picnic (weather permitting). The menu will be adjusted for the children (see poster below) and lunch will arrive in a bag.

What do I do when I arrive?

8:45am – 9:15am arrive at the front playground to get signed in by staff and our PTA helpers.

11:45am – 12:00pm Families who are not staying for the picnic will need to leave during this time. Families who are coming for the picnic should arrive during this time.

12.30-1pm—Families who have stayed for the picnic but are not staying for the EYFS/KS1 Sports Day need to leave during this time. Families who are arriving for the EYFS KS1 Sports Day, but did not come for the picnic, will need to arrive during this time.

3:10pm EYFS and KS1 Sports Day is over and children return to their class for the end of the day

A reminder that there is no access to the school during the day, other than toilets which will be in the mobile classroom on the Dean Street slope.

Families are reminded that the Hayward's school site is a no smoking/vaping site, we ask that photographs are taken of your own child and photographs of others are not shared on social media and that, inspite of the warm weather, people dress appropriately for being on a school site. Thanks for your support with this.

