

# The Apple



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## Dear Parents/Carer

It has been great to see the weather improve (at points) this week. Being able to use the school field has made a huge difference to the pupils' enjoyment of break and lunch times.

Last Friday saw the Year 6 pupils diving into the activities for their Greek day. They had a fantastic time, carving their own pillars from soap, tasting food, making mosaics and much more! We also welcomed our local PSCO to our assembly on Friday. Beth came to introduce herself to the children and will be popping in regularly at breaks and lunches so that pupils know who she is and what she does.

On Saturday the school choir sang at a nursing home. They were so good that they have been invited back at Christmas! Well done to all involved and a huge thank you to the staff who gave up part of their weekend to ensure that it could happen.

There has been a huge amount of excitement in the Foundation Stage this week as the chicks have now all hatched and are being looked after in each class. They are doing a brilliant job and are now looking forward to seeing the caterpillars metamorphosis!

The children have really enjoyed the dance-a-thon today. Thank you to everyone who has donated £1. This will all go straight to the NSPCC. I hope that we have enjoyed the whole school Conga but if the weather hasn't allowed it then we will make sure that it happens soon.

I was delighted to be told of the amazing table tennis achievement of one of our pupils this week. Phoenix made it to the national table tennis final where she came third. I am sure that you would all join with me in congratulating her on the wonderful achievement!

Finally — don't forget to enter the flag competition. I have a number of entries but would love to see more.

**Paul Hill**  
**Headteacher**

## Dates For Your Diary:

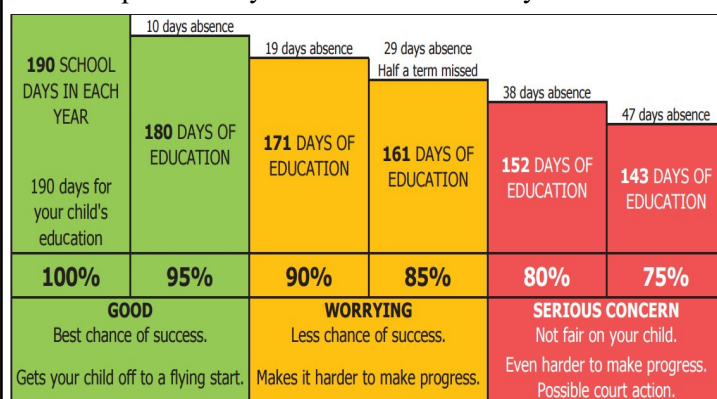
9 <sup>th</sup> May	FS to Wyville
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 trip
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 trip
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 trip
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 trip

## Accept You Place

Those of you with children who will start school next year should have received your offers. Please make sure that you accept them so that the place can be reserved. We would hate to be in a situation where a child misses out because the place has not been accepted.

## Attendance

Unfortunately we have had to send out another wave of letters about pupils' attendance here at school. Whilst the vast majority of children have brilliant attendance rates there are a number of children who have been absent from school for more than 10% of the year so far. This means that on average they are missing half a day a week and are considered persistent absentees by the Department for Education. It would be brilliant if these children were able to make it up to 95% by the end of the school year!



## SATs week

This Year the pupils in Year 6 will take their Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) on the following dates.

**Please ensure that all Year 6 children arrive on time during the week**

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Grammar test followed by: Spelling Test
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Reading test
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths Paper 1 (arithmetic) followed by Maths Paper 2 (reasoning)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths Paper 3 (reasoning)



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