

Viridis Schools Executive Headteacher Update

Friday 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy few weeks across our schools. Our Year 6 pupils sat their Key Stage 2 SATs tests, a huge well done to them all for getting through the week and showing excellent resilience. We have had two groups of Year 5 pupils travelling to Tenerife as part of The Turing Project, a big thank you to all the adults that facilitated and made those trips possible. We also had 'Grandparent/Significant Older Person Afternoon Tea' at all three schools. The afternoon tea events are always so well attended. Inviting significant older people into schools creates an intergenerational learning experience and opportunity to develop empathy, communication skills, and a broader understanding of different perspectives.

This half term we have also marked VE Day across the schools with various events. VE Day, or Victory in Europe Day, is celebrated on May 8th to mark the end of World War II in Europe in 1945. It was the day when people around the world cheered because the fighting in Europe had stopped after many years of war. Soldiers came home, and families celebrated with street parties and dancing. It's a time to remember the bravery of those who fought and the importance of peace. VE Day reminds us how valuable freedom is and why we must protect it, particularly in these uncertain times.

In other news, last week our governors on the Finance Committee met to discuss the budget for the coming year. I am pleased to report that our schools are in a positive position financially (you will be aware that this is not the case for many schools in London), being a Federation does mean we are stronger collectively than standing alone.

Last of all, I wish you all a lovely half term. The break is a perfect time to relax and recharge. Whether you're spending time with family, exploring new places, or simply taking it easy at home, make the most of the time away from school and come back refreshed ready for the last half term of the academic year!

Kind regards,

Mr Stephen O'Brien - Executive Headteacher



Children's Start Date

Monday 2nd June at 8:55am

Keeping Healthy Week

Week beginning Monday 23rd June

Parents Evening

Thursday 10th July - School closes at 1:00pm

End of Term Finish Date

Friday 18th July - School closes at 1:00pm

Children's Start Date

Wednesday 3rd September

Meet The Teacher

Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th September

Bring A Significant Male to School Day

Wednesday 24th September

World Week & Democracy Day

wb Monday 13th October

School Closes for Half Term

Friday 24th October at 3:30pm

Children's Start Date

Monday 3rd November

Parents Evening

Thursday 11th December - School closes at 1pm

End of Term Finish Date

Friday 19th December at 1:00pm

Orchard

To commemorate VE Day, children in EYFS came to school dressed in red, white and blue reflecting the colours of the Union Jack. They took part in a variety of themed activities, with one of the highlights being a role play tea party complete with bunting, tea and cake!



Southwold

Year 5 pupils enjoyed a trip to Tenerife as part of the Turing scheme. They had a busy few days visiting the partner school, giving them the opportunity to learn about Spanish culture and the way of living. They also enjoyed a hike to see the volcano and beach and pool days!



Hoxton Garden

In celebration of Families week, children enjoyed a tea party with their grandparents! They had cakes, sandwiches and enjoyed some friendly competition by taking part in a quiz. Thank you to all the grandparents who traveled near and far!

