

Friday 9th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we welcome our annual Families Week, I want to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful diversity that make our school communities so special.

At Viridis Schools, we believe that families are at the heart of everything we do. Families come in all shapes and sizes: some big, some small, some with grandparents, carers, step-parents, foster families, and siblings of all ages. Every family is unique, and every child brings with them a story that is shaped by the love and support of those around them.

This week, we are taking time to reflect on and celebrate the many different kinds of families that make up our school. Through special assemblies, classroom activities and story times, children will be learning that there is no one way to be a family. What matters most is the love, care, and respect that families show one another. This week also includes some special events, such as Bring a Significant Female to School Day, where we honour the important women in our children's lives, and our much-loved Grandparents' Afternoon Tea, where we welcome older generations to share in the joy of school life.

We want our children to grow up feeling proud of who they are and where they come from, and to appreciate and respect the differences in others. When children feel seen and valued at school, they thrive - not just academically, but socially and emotionally too. As a school, we are proud to uphold the British Values of mutual respect, tolerance, and individual liberty. These values are deeply connected to our whole school value of equality, reminding us that everyone deserves to be treated with kindness and fairness, no matter their background or family makeup. Families Week gives us a chance to put these values into action by celebrating what makes us different and recognising what brings us together.

Next week is Year 6 SATS week across the country. This is the culmination of our children's entire learning journey at primary school and a way of showcasing everything that they have learnt. Whilst SATS are very important to individual schools and for the Federation, let us not forget that they do not tell us anything we do not know already. Formal testing does not measure how fantastic and kind our children are.

As always, I look forward to seeing you all on the different school gates in the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

Mr Stephen O'Brien - Executive Headteacher



Key Dates

Science Day / Science Fayre

Thursday 22nd May

School Closes for May Half Term

Friday 23rd May at 3:30pm

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

Orchard

This week, Year 1 had a special visit from the Road Safety Officer for Hackney, who came to talk to them about how to cross the road safely. They discussed the importance of staying safe near roads and learned practical tips to help look after themselves when they are out and about.



Southwold

This week, Year 3 enjoyed an inspiring visit to the V&A Children's Museum for their Humanities topic. They explored the creativity of ancient Egypt and discussed how it continues to influence art, design and popular culture today!



Hoxton Garden

This week, Year 1 enjoyed a gardening workshop with one of the school's gardeners, Alice. They learnt about the different parts of a plant and identified which part of a plant they eat. They then got to taste some of the plants growing in the school garden.

