



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrated our annual Families Week and we 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 included some special events, such as 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.

It is also most definitely gardening season again and children have been busy planting and sowing in our fantastic school garden. Teaching gardening in school offers numerous benefits for our pupils, encompassing academic, social, and emotional growth, as well as a deeper understanding of nature and sustainability. It fosters a connection with nature, provides hands-on learning experiences, promotes healthy lifestyles and can even improve academic performance. We look forward to our traditional home-grown vegetable and salad sales happening over the summer term.

Many thanks for all your support and enjoy the long Bank Holiday weekend.

Ms Ruth Grover - Headteacher

Chicks

Children in EYFS were fascinated as they watched chicks hatch this week. They carefully stroked the chicks, discussing their features and what they need to grow and stay healthy. This experience provided a meaningful and engaging way for the children to explore and the life cycle.



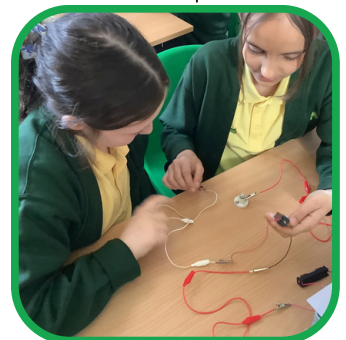
Measuring

This week in Maths, Year 2 used measuring jugs of different sizes to read and measure amounts in millilitres. They explored the capacity of different containers and practised estimating before measuring to check their predictions.



Electrical Circuits

Year 6 explored the key components required to build an electrical circuit. Through investigations, they observed how gaps in a circuit interrupt the flow and prevent devices from working. They also discovered that adding multiple power sources can improve the flow!



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Reminders

Book Bags & Reading Diaries

Remember book bags and reading diaries need to be brought to school every day. This teaches both responsibility and independence.



Packed Lunches

We are committed to healthy lunches. If your child does bring a packed lunch, this must contain healthy options. Please do not include chocolate bars, crisps or biscuits.



Significant Female Morning

As part of Families Week, we celebrated the important people in our lives with a special "Significant Female Morning." It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome mums, aunts, sisters, and other special women into the classroom, sharing meaningful moments together and strengthening our sense of community.



PGL

This week, children in Year 5 enjoyed an action packed residential trip to the Sussex countryside. They settled in quickly and jumped into a range of activities from raft building to archery and even had a go on the giant swing! It was a great opportunity to build confidence and their teamwork skills.



Key Dates

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 4th May - School closed

Year 2 Swift Class Assembly

Wednesday 6th May at 9:05am - Middle Hall

Year 2 Owl Class Assembly

Wednesday 6th May at 9:05am - Top Hall

Polling Station - EYFS Closed

Thursday 7th May

Class Photos

Friday 8th May

KS2 SATs Week

wb Monday 11th May

Year 1 Swan Class Assembly

Wednesday 20th May at 9:05am - Middle Hall

Year 1 Woodpecker Class Assembly

Wednesday 20th May at 9:05am - Top Hall

Science & Technology Day

Thursday 21st May

Science Fayre

Thursday 21st May at 3:30pm

School closes for half term

Friday 22nd May at 3:30pm

Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in Raven Room or the Lower Hall at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home. EYFS Workshops are held separately. Please see the dates below.

Date	Focus
Friday 22 nd May	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with my child at home? (Children can attend this session)

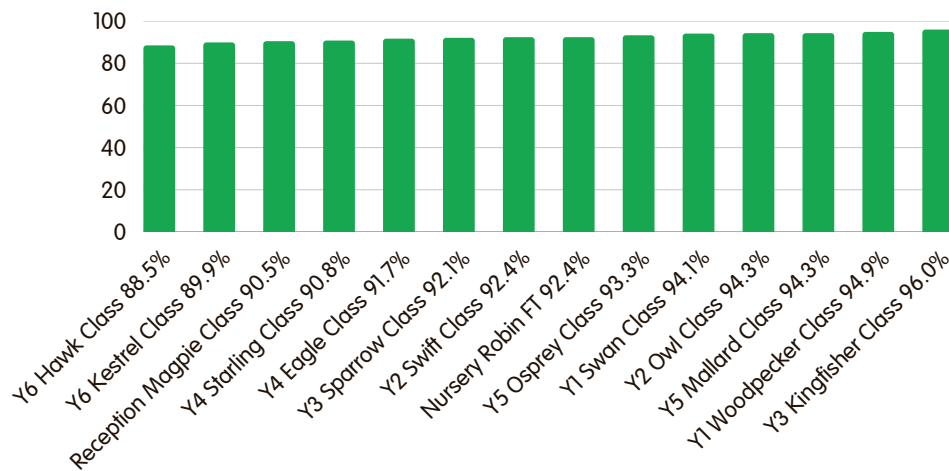
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.4%.

Well done to Year 3 Kingfisher Class, last week's winners with 96.0%.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



Term End and Start


The first half of the summer term ends on Friday 22nd May at 3:30pm. Please scan the QR code to view our 2025 -2026 term dates.




School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



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