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## A message from Mrs Tweed

*I hope that you have all had a great week.*

*This week we have been focusing on the word 'improve' on our learning line. It has been super to see so many children getting house points for improved concentration, handwriting and much more! Next week we look forward to some Halloween fun in our Forest School - every class will get the opportunity to participate.*

*Please do look out for Parents Evening appointments next week - these will be for after half-term. We would love to see as many of you as possible. We believe working together is the key to success and will be sharing next steps for your child during these dialogues.*

*Enjoy your weekend....*

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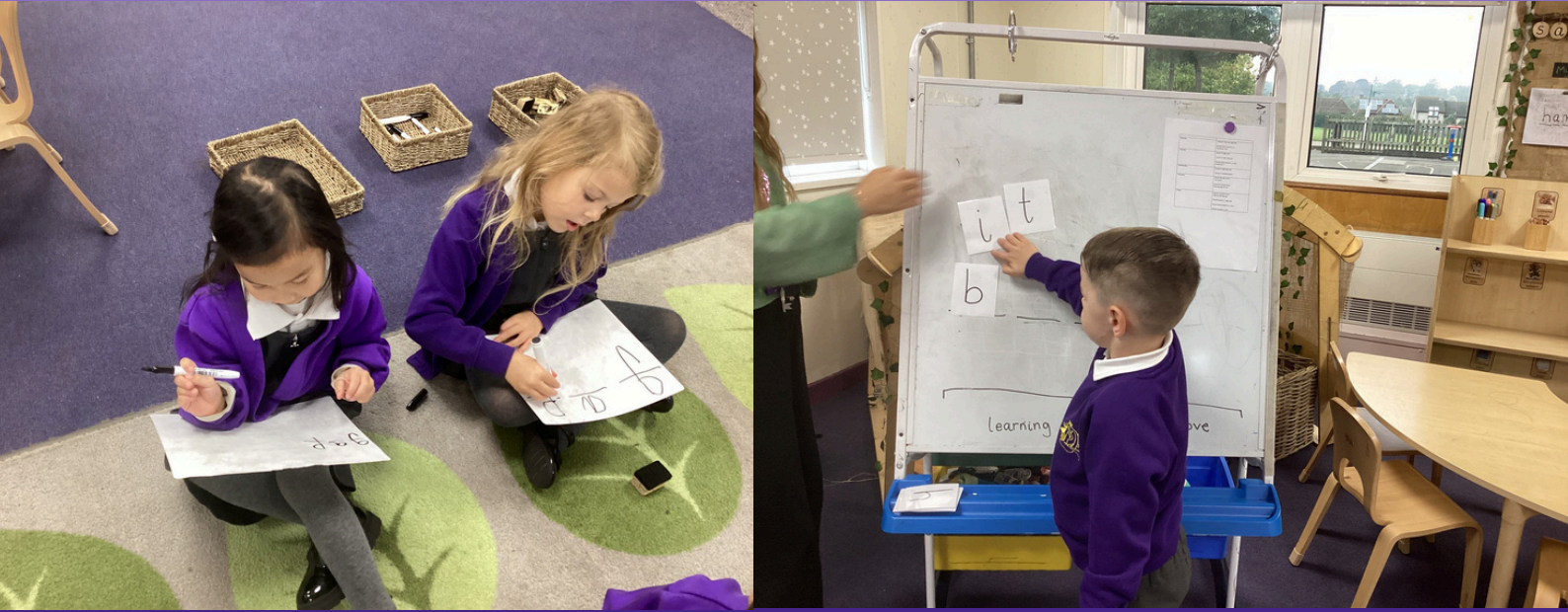


## *This week our class spotlight is on Year Six*

*Year 6 have been working hard across the curriculum this week. In Maths, we have been using different methods for division and thinking about when to use each method. We are nearly at the end of 'Rooftoppers' in Reading and we can't wait to see what happens! In Writing, we have been writing speeches about important world issues, focusing on using emotive language to persuade our audience. In Geography, we have been learning about how tectonic plates move and what happens when they collide, slide or pull apart. It was fun making Mexican burritos as part of our exploration of healthy snacks and world street foods in DT. In Science, we are enjoying learning about the circulatory system and have made blood using orange squash, jelly, marshmallows and rice. In RE, we have enjoyed celebrating the meaning of Harvest and are looking at the 'I am' metaphors when studying the works of Jesus. Keep shining and showing 100% Year 6!*



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## *This week our subject spotlight is Phonics*

*The children from EYFS up to Year 2 have been very busy over the first half term in their phonics lessons. EYFS children have already learnt how to build and read CVC words containing the sounds: s, a, t, p, i, n, m, g, h. All these children are now bringing home a book with words so that they have the opportunity to apply their new knowledge at home! Year 1 have been working very hard on implementing the Extended Code of the Sounds-Write program. They have learnt the first 3 vowel sounds /ae/ /ee/ and /oe/. They have been building and reading words containing these sounds and exploring the different spellings for these sounds. They will be bringing home books with these sounds in so they can apply their new knowledge at home. Year 2 have been building on their Year 1 phonics knowledge by exploring more alternative spellings of sounds and also building polysyllabic words.*



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## House Points

*This Week's House Points Winner is :*

*Palace House - 235*

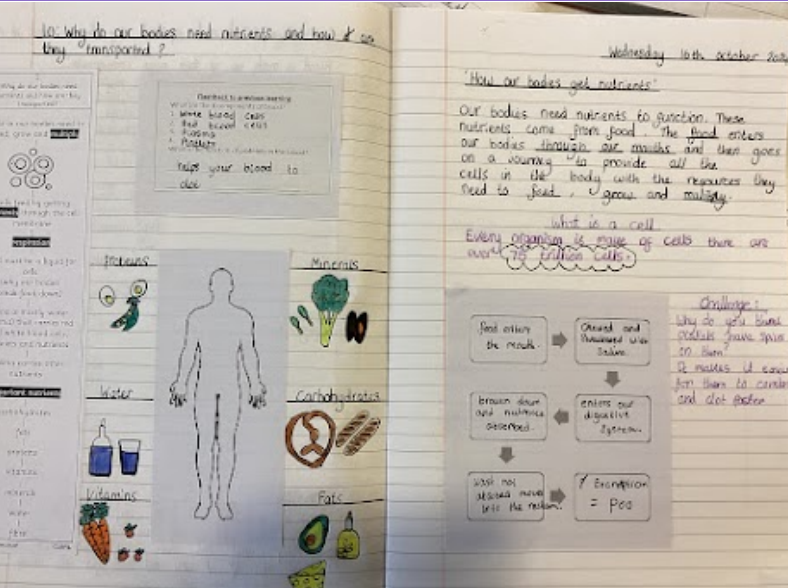
*Tattersalls House - 237*

*Severals House - 272*

*Hyperion House - 261*



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# Attendance



## This week's Year Group Attendance

Reception: 94.07%    Year 1 - 98.06%    Year 2 - 99%

Year 3 - 98.62%    Year 4 - 97%    Year 5 - 99.29%

Year 6 - 97.8%    Whole School Attendance - 97.69%



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## Diary Dates

*Thursday 24th October - PTFA AGM Meeting - 7.30 pm*

*Friday 25th October - Last day of Term*

*Monday 11th November - First day back*

*Monday 11th November - School photos*

*Monday 11th November - Bags 2 School Collection day*

*Tuesday 12th November - Parents' Evening (Years 3 & 5) - 3.30-6.00 pm*

*Wednesday 13th November - Parents' Evening (EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y4 & Y6) - 3.30-6.00 pm*

*Thursday 14th November - Parents' Evening (all year groups) - 3.30-6.00 pm*

*Friday 15th November - School Disco - 5.30-8.30 pm*

*Friday 29th November - Christmas Pop Up Shop*

*Tuesday 10th December - National Child Measurement Programme for Reception & Year 6*

*Tuesday 10th December - Reception and KS1 Dress Rehearsal - 1.30 pm*

*Wednesday 11th December - Reception and KS1 Performance - 1.30 pm and 5.45 pm*

*Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch*

*Friday 13th December - PTFA Christmas Fete - 3.30-5.30 pm*

*Tuesday 17th December - Reception and KS1 Christmas Parties*

*Wednesday 18th December - Annual Visit to Panto*

*Thursday 19th December - KS2 Christmas Parties*

*Friday 20th December - KS2 Carol Concert*

*Friday 20th December - Last Day of Term*



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## PTFA

*Just a reminder that we have our AGM next Thursday, 24th October, at 7.30 pm with drinks and nibbles! It would be lovely to see some new faces.*

*The pre-loved school uniform rail has been freshly restocked. This can be found in the foyer near the school office. Grab yourself a bargain!*

*Are you planning on having a sort out over half term?  
Look out for the Bags 2 School information coming out next week.  
Collection day is Monday 11th November (first day back).*