



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful year at Hawthorn, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of our highlights and thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

One of the biggest milestones for our school this year has been our successful transition into Symphony Learning Trust. It has been wonderful to work alongside other schools once again, sharing ideas, learning from best practice and benefiting from collaboration to further strengthen the education we provide here at Hawthorn.

Back at school, one of the standout successes this year has been our World Cup Project, which the children embraced with great enthusiasm! They enjoyed learning about different countries and cultures from around the world through a wide range of creative activities, from flamenco dancing and Portuguese tile art to Canadian cuisine, Brazilian carnivals and Ecuadorian crafts. It was fantastic to see such curiosity, creativity and excitement throughout the project, culminating in our whole-school World Cup Penalty Shoot-out competition, with guest goalies from across the Hawthorn community!

Our Hawthorn House System has continued to go from strength to strength, with some fantastic competitions throughout the year, including the Spelling Bee, Beanbag Challenge and the return of the Hawthorn Rockers for our Times Tables Rock Stars competition! It has been wonderful to present so many Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards this year. We have also been thrilled to present a small handful of very special Platinum Awards to children who have achieved an incredible **60 House Points**! We are so proud of the positive attitudes, teamwork and determination our children demonstrate every day.

It has also been wonderful to welcome so many parents into school during the year - we have enjoyed fantastic attendance at Toast and Tales, Celebration Assemblies and our end-of-year Growing Together events. We have also established **Little Hawthorns**, our parent and under-fives group, where we hope to meet many of the future members of our Hawthorn family!

A huge well done to our fantastic Reception children who have completed their first year at school! They have been an absolute pleasure to teach this year - we are delighted to have them with us and look forward to seeing their Hawthorn journey continue over the coming years.

Our Year 6 children have had an exceptional year, rounded off by their outstanding performance of *The Tempest* a few weeks ago. We are very proud



of the progress the children made in their SATs results, with some amazing individual performances!

Our EYFS outcomes, Phonics and Multiplication Timestable Checks outcomes continue to be well above national averages. These achievements are a testament to the hard work of our children, the dedication of our staff and the continued support of our families.

We continue to enrich our curriculum and invest in our learning environment to provide experiences that we hope our children will remember for years to come. Some of this year's highlights include:

- Reception's Forest School partnership with St Peter's School.
- Seasonal celebrations including Harvest Festival, Carols Around the Tree, May Day and Midsummer dancing, with particular highlights being our KS2 Carol Concert, EYFS Nativity and KS1 Christingle.
- Toast and Tales sessions, Celebration Assemblies and Afternoon Teas, Growing Together events.
- Sporting opportunities including athletics, swimming and our fantastic Sports Day hosted at St Peter's School.
- Residential visits to the Frontier Centre (Year 4) and Longtown (Year 6).
- Continued improvements to our outdoor learning environment, with dozens of new lunchtime activities helping children to stay active, develop friendships and enjoy their playtimes.
- Incredible support from The Friends of Hawthorn. From the Winter Fayre, Summer Fun Day and Break the Rules Day to the Mother's Day Stall and discos their fundraising has made a huge difference. Thank you to everyone who has supported these events throughout the year.

As we look ahead to September, we are delighted to have a strong and stable staff team. We warmly welcome Miss Harrison back to Silver Birches following her maternity leave. Mrs Tinto, our Deputy Headteacher, will be teaching for two days each week in Redwoods, while Miss Wills and Mrs Brown will be joining our Upper Key Stage 2 team to further strengthen teaching and learning in Years 5 and 6.

Finally, today we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. They have taken part in their Leavers' Ceremony and enjoyed a fantastic leavers' party last night. Thank you to all of the parents, carers and staff who helped make these occasions so special. By the time you receive this letter, they will have run through our school archway one last time, ready for their next adventure.

To our Year 6 children: We are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved. Leave Hawthorn with confidence, kindness and our Hawthorn values



at the heart of everything you do. Continue to dream big, work hard and believe in yourselves. We know you will go on to achieve amazing things, and although we will miss you greatly, we cannot wait to see what the future holds for each of you.

On behalf of everyone here at Hawthorn, thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year and for the many kind cards, messages and gifts that staff have received—they are all hugely appreciated.

We wish all of our families a safe, restful and sunny summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Thursday 3rd September**.

With warmest wishes,

Emma Jacox
Headteacher