



Although it has only been a four-day week, we have still crammed a lot into our week at Hawthorn, with the most exciting event probably the EYFS visit to Mini Meadows on Wednesday. Although the weather did its best to put a dampener on the day, the children all had a wonderful time. The children had the opportunity to feed the animals, pet some lambs and goats, hold a baby chick and have a play in the indoor play barn. They also had a talk from Farmer Ben about seeds and plant growth. They saw lots of animals during the trip including: goats, sheep, cows, pigs, horses, alpacas, llamas, rabbits, guinea pigs, turkeys, chickens and they even saw some chipmunks! What a fabulous day we had, despite the rainy weather! All of the work in EYFS this week has been focused around the visit, with the children thinking of questions that they wanted to ask Farmer Ben, writing recounts of their trip and painting their favourite farm animals.



Back in school things have been gearing up towards our end of key stage SATs tests. The year 2 children have completed their spelling and grammar tests this week and although we have played down these tests to the children and have tried to keep them as low-key as possible, they have all responded really well. Following on from their exciting measuring focus in KS1 last week, this week the children have been turning their attention to weighing. They have had practical experience of weighing items using non-standard measures, and have looked at identifying and comparing the weight of items using a set of scales. They have found out that not all scales count up in the same values, and have used their number skills to work out unlabelled divisions. They have also been fascinated to learn that the larger items are not always the heaviest!

Next week it will be the turn of the year 6 children who have all been working incredibly hard over the last few weeks. I am sure that they are all looking forward to this time next week, when the pressure will be off and they will all be able to relax a little! UKS2 have continued to work extremely hard this week. In English, all the children have started to develop their new characters based on 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. The characters they have created have been extremely good. It has been brilliant to read and mark their work as they have made us laugh with how they have portrayed their new characters. There are definitely some authors amongst the UKS2 children. In Maths, the years 6's have revised lots of mathematical concepts they know and understand, and the year 5 children have developed their understanding of decimal numbers.

This week Years 3 and 4 have been using their understanding of money to calculate different totals, work out change and solve a variety of problems. Please continue to encourage your child to talk about their money when they visit the shops, and to discuss the change they will receive. We have almost finished our own version of 'Voices In The Park' and will be writing our own 'voice' next week. In RE, we have been looking at local charities and have asked the children to bring something they no longer use which will be collected and then donated to a local charity shop.

House Points for this Term		
	Weekly total	Termly total
Rockingham	118	246
Salcey	119	275
Sherwood	152	315
Thetford	121	249
Well done to everyone in Sherwood this week.		
This term's leaders are: SHERWOOD		

PFA News

Thank you to all who supported Cherries and Apples cake sale last week including the helpers, the bakers and the buyers!

Don't forget on Friday 14th June we will be holding a FUN NIGHT where the children can play games and have a dance with their friends. This will be free of charge to thank everyone for their help in raising funds for the school at our PFA events.

Our SUMMER FAIR is on Saturday 7th July. Donations towards the raffle and tombola are welcome as well as old crockery for the crockery smash.

Please let us know if you are able to help on the day, as the more helpers there are the more successful and fun the event will be.

Thank you for your continued support.
The PFA x

School absences

Please remember that it is important to contact the school if your child is absent for any reason. You can call our 24-hour absence line, 01536 512204 or text 07807 941646 leaving your child's name, class and the reason for absence. Thank you

BE SAFE, BE READY, BE RESPECTFUL!

Unfortunately we have noticed that a small number of children are not always following our 3 school rules. We would appreciate your support in encouraging your children to always show show respect. Thank you!

"Treat people the way you want to be treated.
Talk to people the way you want to be talked to.
Respect is Earned,
Not given"

- Hussain Khan



Dates for Your Diary:

May	
w.b 13 th	KS2 SATs Week
21 st	Year 6 to Rothwell MCLP schools sports morning
24 th	Bottle Muffi Day
24 th	End of Term 5
June	
3 rd	Start of Term 6
4 th	MCLP Archery at Loatlands School (Y1-4)
10 th	MCLP tri-Golf tournament at Montsaye
11 th	KS1 group to Visit St Anne's Residential Home with Mrs Billingham
11 th	KS1 Tennis Festival at St. Peters (am)
11 th	Y3/4 Tennis Festival at St. Peters (pm)
12 th	Y5/6 Puberty Talk with the School Nurse
13 th	Kettering school's swimming gala (pm)
14 th	Jam Jar Muffi Day
14 th	Tag Rugby Festival at KRFC (pm)
14 th	PFA Fun Night (details to follow)
w.b 17 th	Y5/6 Residential to the Isle of Wight
24 th	MCLP Tag Rugby tournament
July	
2 nd	MCLP Athletics Event at Montsaye
4 th	KS2 Mid-Summer Dancing (pm)
5 th	Chocolate Muffi Day
6 th	PFA Summer Fare
16 th	KS1 Choir to St Anne's Residential Home
24 th	End of Term 6 – school closes for the summer break
September	
4 th	Start of new academic year

Hawthorn Holiday Playscheme Tuesday 26th May – Friday 31st May

Our holiday playscheme will be in operation during the next school holiday between the hours of 7.45am and 5.30pm.

Please contact us on 01536 529059 or 07813 478205 to book a place or for further information. Hawthornosc@gmail.com



Attendance Update

This week's whole school attendance was: **95.8%**

EYFS and KS1 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week	KS2 CLASSES	Total for week	Change from previous week
Cherries	97.5%	+ 0.6	Willows	98.4%	+ 1.6
Apples	91.3%	- 3.2	Silver Birches	98.0%	+ 0.3
Ash	91.1%	- 7.3	Redwoods	96.3%	- 0.4
Bay	92.2%	- 2.2	Maples	96.4%	- 0.7
Elm	94.2%	+ 1.3	Cedars	97.4%	- 1.2
			Oaks	97.5%	- 1.2

SAM Weekly Winner: WILLOWS

MIA Weekly Winner: WILLOWS