



*Message from the Head*

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to our final term of the year. Hopefully you managed some rest over the half term break. Summer term is always jam packed, full of events and celebrations. We are thoroughly looking forward to the summer performance from Owls, sports day and a range of school trips that are coming up. Wrens are particularly excited for their first big trip out, and they will be visiting Walton-on-the-Naze, using their geography skills to compare it to Messing village. We are also pleased that our children in Year 2 will be having some taster lessons at New Hall School swimming pool over the next few weeks.

There has been an update of photos on the website [linked here](#) which I hope you enjoy looking at with your child/ren. Photos from all of our Coronation celebrations will be uploaded very soon. The term dates for next year are not yet on the website, but can be [accessed here](#). I will make sure that they are on the website as soon as possible. Children will also come home with a printed copy.

In the next few weeks I will be sending out a parent survey via a Google Form. This will be to gather your views on the school, as well as share any suggestions you have for the school development plan for next year. I am working out a few technical difficulties in the hope that it run smoothly.

Teachers are in the full flow of report writing, and these will be shared with you on Thursday 13th July.

Very best wishes,  
Ms Charlotte Brown (Headteacher)

*Attendance by Class*

As of 26/05/23 (before half term)

Wrens - 94.23%

Robins - 93.50%

Kingfishers - 94.20%

**Owls - 94.50%**



Congratulations to Owls on the highest attendance. As you can see, it was very close between all classes.

*Summer Fete*

Plans are well underway for the Summer Fete on Friday 7th July. Thank you to all of the parents/carers who brought in a bottle for the non-uniform day before half term. We have quite the collection! Thanks also to those who are rallying around for raffle prizes.

If you are a business owner, friendly with a local business, or have any connections then please do reach out to help us gather some excellent prizes for the raffle. This is a real community effort.

*Recommended Reads*

Ms Metcalf- *The Angel Tree* by Lucinda Riley

Mrs Eagland- *Ella Minnow Pea* by Mark Dunn

*Lunchtime Reviews*

We have been working hard on transforming the dining experience for the children. As you will already know, we have changed from the plastic trays to white china crockery. Thank you to all of the parents and staff who have made this possible by scouring charity shops and car boot fairs for us!

Here is some of the feedback so far from the children:

*"It's created good vibes."*

*"It feels new and fancy and a bit more special."*

*"People are more careful and conscientious because they are worried about dropping them."*

*"I think it's good for us to not have our main and dessert at the same time."*

*"They're more aesthetically pleasing to look at and eat off."*

*"It feels more grown up and I enjoy the different patterns."*

*"I like it because it feels more like when you eat at home and people have slowed down and chat."*

*"There's more room on the plate so it means the beans don't have to touch anything and the cucumber doesn't have to be in the cup holder."*





## *Key Stage 2 Football at Baynards*

On Monday 22nd May, Messing Primary School faced Baynards Primary in an away match. Unfortunately, for Messing, the scoreline was 6-1 to Baynards. Despite the scoreline, Zach, who bossed the wings; Teddy who performed a beautiful assist; Steven who scored a beautiful volley, which left the keeper in pieces; Leea, who destroyed players who were running down the left wing; Jenson who kept the opposition from scoring countless times; Jacob who closed down several attacking opportunities; Ethan who destroyed the right-back position and Kaebreyan who had many attempts on goal.

Everybody who took part in Messing football match would like to thank Sam, our trainer, and Mrs Southgate for making this all possible.

We hope to win more games in the future.

COME ON MESSING!

Written by Jenson



## *Key dates for Summer Term*

Healthy Eating week and Year 1 Phonics Screening- W/B 12th June

Two Johns Online Safety for parents- 13th June

New EYFS intake parent talk - 14th June

Wren's Trip- 15th June

KS2 Consortium Sports- 20th June

School Photos- 22nd June

Yr 6 Crucial Crew- 26th June

Owl class orienteering- 27th June

Yr 6 transition for Thurstable and Honeywood- 29th June

PTFA Frozen pop Friday- 30th June

Summer Performance- 4th/6th July

Sports Day & Summer Fete- 7th July

Leavers assembly- 20th July

## *The 2 Johns Online Safety in School*

As part of our links with the Tiptree and Stanway Consortium, the children joined other local schools online this week for live lessons run by 'The 2 Johns'. Here is a summary from each class about their learning. This is also a reminder that the parent session is on Tuesday 13th June. I urge you to join as there are many new risks with children's increased use of unsupervised time online.

### **Robins (Ben and Shyla)**

We learnt about keeping safe online. If someone is asking online about your name or school then you should not give it. If you're scared or sad about something you should tell your mum or dad, or a teacher. You might see TikTok videos that are scary, like people fighting or a horror film.

On Roblox, you can play multiplayer and chat with strangers and so you need to be very careful.

### **Kingfishers (Agatha and Margot)**

We learnt a story about playing on a street corner, and there's a man with a van who has sweets. You should never accept the sweets from strangers, or any gifts as it's not safe and you might get taken. You shouldn't chat to people that you don't know in games online as they might be unkind. Stay away from Youtube and TikTok unless you're of the right age. You might see things that make you feel upset or worried. It's important to tell an adult if you feel upset or worried.

### **Owls (Cody and Erin)**

The 2 Johns showed a video about bullying. Online, it's much easier for people to bully others because they don't know the other person, and feel braver to say unkind things.

On general games or apps or social media, you should check your privacy settings. There are ways that people can easily check and find your location, which isn't safe. Quick Add is a feature on Snapchat that is recommended to be turned off as it makes your account easily discoverable.

On Youtube, there are so many fake videos and giveaways. This can mean that people interact because they want the prizes, but the challenges are really not safe and you could become seriously harmed. We also got told about Omegle which is a website for live video and chats. There could be really upsetting content to see and some Youtubers use the site. Challenges are sometimes given and there are forfeits if you fail, such as taking off an item of clothing. This is a serious risk for children.

We won the quiz, which was great, but it was all about Youtube stars and as a class we knew a lot. So on reflection, maybe we watch too much Youtube as a group.

It is really very shocking for the ways some of these sites are being used to target children. Year 5 and 6 learnt about the risks in using Omegle. The 2 Johns have issued a recent concern about Omegle. The short article can be found on their website- [linked here](#). If there's one thing you do today, please read it.