



*Message from the Head*

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The sunny weather has continued, perfect for the class photos which took place yesterday afternoon. Despite the heat, we have continued to make progress with our outdoor space, particularly our vegetable patch and the sensory garden. With thanks to the donation of a hose pipe, we have been able to keep everything alive and growing. Thinking ahead, I am very keen to conserve rain water and use this throughout the drier months. If you have a spare or unwanted water-butt, this would be gratefully received. We also have a small number of pepper and tomato plants. These are free to good homes if you would like the opportunity to have a go at growing your own.

Last term the PTFA put out a plea for clothes, fabric and curtains for the clothing bin. Thanks to your donations, this generated £135 which is fantastic! This money will go towards a range of opportunities for the children. Funds so far have gone to support with transport costs for trips, a travelling pantomime company, as well as money for books. We are always grateful for your support and this extra money makes a real difference.

I am sharing a [video link](#) to the parent session led by the Two Johns talking about online safety. If you were unable to attend the live event, please take the time to watch. It covers such a wide range of topics and contains excellent advice around some rather worrying online trends.

Thank you to all of the parents who have already completed the survey. If you have not yet had the chance, the survey can be completed through [this link](#). We truly value the partnership that we have with you as parents and your opinions and suggestions are vital for us in developing further as a school.

Very best wishes,  
Ms Charlotte Brown



*Key Stage 2 Athletics*

As part of the Tiptree and Stanway Consortium, we are proud to be able to attend a range of events. This week, a group of Key Stage 2 children joined for the Consortium Sports Day. For many children, this was their first experience of taking part in such a large competition and as a school, we are very proud of their attitude and efforts towards competing.

Write up by Frankie and Esme

On Tuesday 20th June 2023 we went to The Garrison. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our sporting flair. The Garrison has a full sized olympic track and many other facilities including; high jump (which we did not participate in); long jump and discus.

The day started off with thunder and lightning which left us worried that the event may have been cancelled. Luckily, it turned into uplifting sunshine which meant that all schools could compete.

The 4 x 100m relay was especially fun. Frankie started the sprint, passing onto Sophie, who exchanged with Jenson and finally Esme sprinted to the finish. We came in 5th place out of 7 teams.

A special mention should go to Olivia, who despite having hurt her knee, heroically crossed the finished line in the 80m sprint. She demonstrated a great growth mindset!

In the field events:

Well done also to Jenson, for throwing his shot 39m, going beyond the measuring tape. It was very impressive. Frankie also threw beyond the tape measure with an amazing throw, winning 1st place. Kaebreyan competed in the long jump and we were proud of his integrity, telling the truth even though this meant he lost 1 point. In 1st place Erin's whopping jump of 2.38m won her 3 points.

On the track:

Esme won the 600m race an impressive time of 2m 12, an excellent achievement. Zach zigzagged into 2nd place, though he was incredibly close to coming in 1st.

Everyone did a fantastic job despite all of the nerves, and we were placed 6 out of the 7 schools. Shout-out to Mrs Southgate for taking our lovely school to this outstanding event.

600m Girls	Esme	1st Place
Shot put Girls	Frankie	1st Place
Long jump Girls	Erin	1st Place
80m Girls	Leea	4th Place
150m Girls	Gracie-Sue	
140m Girls	Rosie	
80m Girls	Olivia	
600m Boys	Zach	2nd Place
Shot put Boys	Jenson	1st Place
Long Jump Boys	Kaebreyan	3rd Place
400m Boys	Arlo	4th Place
80m Boys	Teddy	5th Place
400m Boys	Tommy	4th Place
140m Boys	Jacob	
70m Boys	Thomas	5th Place





## Spotlight on Sport

We are very proud of Zach, in Yr 5, for his excellent achievements in football. Zach is part of Tiptree Football Club and at a recent awards ceremony, received two trophies. One was for his commitment throughout the football season and the other, voted by teammates, was 'player's player. Zach plays on the right wing and has been playing for 6 years. He recommends football as it has a positive impact on his well-being and because there can be good career opportunities.

## Governors

At our Summer Term meeting on 13 June, the governors looked carefully at the school's budget for 2023-2024. We approved the Year 5 and 6 residential trip for September. We received a full report from Ms Brown, including pupil progress data for the whole school. We also discussed priorities for inclusion in the School Development Plan for next year.

This was my last meeting as Chair, as I will be handing over to Pip Parmenter for the autumn term. We now have vacancies for both parent governors and for governors from the local community. There will be further information soon about elections for parent governors. Community governors don't have to have a child at the school, but can be anyone who is willing to take an interest in the life of the school – maybe you know a work colleague, neighbour or friend who might be interested in doing this. If so, please put them in touch with the school office.

It has been a great pleasure to be the Chair of the Local Governing Body. I look forward to continuing to work with the school in my capacity as Vicar of All Saints' Church. The governors would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer. We send our best wishes with children who are leaving the school this year and look forward to welcoming our new EYFS intake in September.

You can contact the governors through the school office if you would like to speak to us about any queries or concerns you may have.

Anne-Marie Renshaw

## Transition

On Monday, children in Reception through to Year 5 had the opportunity to spend time in their new classes with new teachers. The focus of this time was on PSHE and getting an opportunity to know the teachers and routines.

### Teachers for September 2023

**Wrens (EYFS)**- Miss Imrie (Mon, Thurs, Fri) & Mrs Lewis (Tues, Weds)

**Robins (KS1)**- Miss Snodgrass

**Kingfishers (Yr 3/4)**- Mrs Southgate (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) & Miss Imrie (Wed)

**Owls**- Mr Pearce

There are a number of upcoming transition events for the Yr 6 pupils moving onto their different schools.

## Key dates for Summer Term

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

Year 5 Taster Day at Thurstable- 11th July

Reports due out- 13th July

Robin's trip to Layer Marney- 18th July

Leavers assembly- 20th July

Last day of term- 21st July

## Warm Weather

It is wonderful that the warm weather has made it to us! As always, we are not necessarily geared up to cope with it. We are doing our best to keep children cool and give them advice to stay hydrated. To support, please ensure your child comes to school with:

- Suncream already on their arms, face and legs
- A sunhat that they will wear
- Water bottle filled
- Long hair tied back to keep cool
- PE kits including shorts and red short sleeved top

