

HOLYWELL CLASS NEWS



Term 6, Summer 2026

Welcome back to Term 6 and the final term of this academic year! A term of celebration, reflection and transition.

RECEPTION – MAYFLOWER CLASS

I cannot believe this is my last term with my little Mayflowers. I am so proud of how far they have come this year and excited to start our new topics, **'Growing'** and **'Seaside'**.

Drawing Club:

The texts that we will be exploring this term are *'The Tiny Seed'*, *'Sam Plants a Sunflower'*, *'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'*, *'Clem and Crab'* and *'Look What I Found at the Seaside'*. This term we will be continuing to develop our independence at writing simple sentences and using a grapheme mat to support us with our spellings.

Maths:

In Maths, this term we will be continuing our topic of 'Compose, Decompose and Manipulate Shapes' where we will use resources such as **numicon** to practise rotating to fit in shapes and have created shape pictures using 2D shapes.



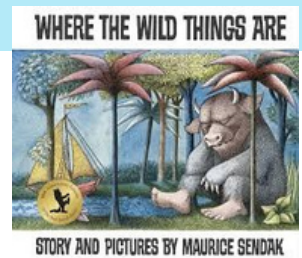
We will then move onto the topic 'Sharing and Grouping' where we will consolidate our knowledge of doubles and odds and evens and begin to investigate sharing by identify whether it is fair or not fair. They will also learn to group objects equally and begin to explain how they grouped them.

Understanding the World:

This term, we will begin to name what a plant needs and label parts of a plant. We will also explore the life cycle of a butterfly and use yoga to retell the life cycle. In RE, this term our question is 'What is Special about our World' where will be incorporating forest school into our topic to learn about the natural world around us.

We are very excited for our school trip to Wingham and having a wonderful last term to end our Mayflower journey together.





YEAR 1 – RICHMOND CLASS

We can't quite believe we've reached our final term – time really does fly when you're having fun! We have an exciting few weeks ahead, filled with creativity, discovery, and just a little bit of alien espionage...

In **English**, we'll be exploring the magical world of *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak. Inspired by Max's adventure, the children will plan and write their own imaginative stories, creating brand new creatures, wild worlds, and thrilling adventures. We will also turn our attention to non-fiction writing, producing non-chronological reports about the weird and wonderful 'Wild Things' we create.

We'll also be learning to tell the time (to the hour and half past) and developing our understanding of money by recognising coins and notes and solving real-life problems. It might be the perfect time to set up a pretend shop at home!

Our **Science** learning will focus on plants – what they need to grow, the different parts of a plant, and how some plants adapt to survive in challenging environments. The children will enjoy growing, observing, and recording.

In **Design and Technology**, creativity will be in full swing as we design and make our own puppets. From planning designs to learning joining techniques, there will be plenty of cutting, sticking, stitching and storytelling as we bring our wild creations to life.

This term also includes a very special top-secret mission... our Phonics Screening Check! The children have been working incredibly hard on their decoding skills, and we'll continue practising in fun, engaging ways to keep everything relaxed and positive. Think of it as our alien adventure – your children are phonics superheroes!

Here are some websites that have games and videos to help you practise at home:

www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

www.phonicsplay.co.uk/

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z2hckty

As always, thank you for your continued support. It's set to be a wild and wonderful end to the year.

Warmest wishes, The Year 1 Team

YEAR 2 – VIKING CLASS

Hello Viking Families,
We made it to Term 6!

I am so proud of my truly wonderful Vikings. What an incredible class, full of the most amazing little humans I have had the pleasure of teaching. I feel so lucky to have spent the last five terms with your fabulous children, who have worked so hard this year and grown so much as learners. They are more than ready for their transition into Year 3! It is hard to believe that we have reached our final term together in Year 2.

This term, we will be exploring *The Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog* in **English**. It is a fantastic story that I am sure the children will love and connect with. We will be using it as inspiration for our writing, including creating instructions on how to hibernate and writing diary entries from the perspective of a hedgehog. In **Science**, we will continue our learning about everyday materials through a range of exciting investigations and experiments. I am sure everyone will be pleased to know that Mr Potato is alive and well and thriving on his sprouting journey!

In **History**, we will be learning about our local area, Upchurch, and exploring the village's fascinating past. In **Art**, we will be developing our skills through sculpture, while in **RE** we will be learning about caring for others and why this is important. This links beautifully to some of the discussions we had following our visit to the mosque. In **PE**, we will be developing our tennis skills and enjoying lots of active learning.

I am really looking forward to making many more wonderful memories together as we finish a year full of friendship, growth, curiosity and a real passion for learning. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Here's to a fantastic final term together!



YEAR 3 – OAK CLASS

Dear Oak Class Families,

What an incredible year it has been!

As we begin our final term together, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what a truly wonderful journey this year has been for both Mrs Martin and me. Watching Oak Class grow in confidence, independence, and enthusiasm has been an absolute privilege, and we are so proud of every single child.

From the very first day, the children have impressed us with their kindness, determination, curiosity, and willingness to embrace new challenges. They have supported one another, celebrated each other's successes, and approached their learning with enthusiasm and resilience. It has been a joy to watch them flourish, and we know they will continue to shine as they move on to the next stage of their learning journey.

Term 5 was particularly memorable as we celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday! The children threw themselves into the celebrations, decorating our classroom beautifully and taking part in an exciting online Picture News event with another 1 million kids from all over the world. These experiences helped bring learning to life and gave the children meaningful opportunities to connect with important events and ideas beyond the classroom.

Now, with our final term ahead of us, we have lots of exciting learning opportunities to look forward to!

English We will be exploring the fantastic book *Wolves* by Emily Gravett. This imaginative text will inspire the children to write engaging informal letters and create their own informative leaflets.

Maths Our learning will focus on time, shape, and statistics, allowing the children to apply their mathematical understanding to real-life situations and continue building their confidence as mathematicians.

Science Our new topic is rocks. The children will become young geologists as they investigate different types of rocks, discover how they are formed, and explore the secrets hidden beneath our feet.

Design & Technology Creativity and problem-solving will be at the heart of our learning as the children design and build their own pneumatic toys, combining science, engineering, and plenty of fun!

History We will travel thousands of years back in time to discover the fascinating world of the Ancient Egyptians. To bring this topic to life, we are thrilled to be visiting Maidstone Museum on Friday 12th June 2026, where the children will have the opportunity to explore artefacts and learn more about this remarkable civilisation.



YEAR 4 – CAMBRIA CLASS

We're heading into our final term of the year, and it's packed with exciting learning and new discoveries!

In **English**, we'll be reading *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, a powerful story about friendship, kindness, and welcoming others. We'll be doing some brilliant writing too — including writing our own letter and creating interview questions inspired by the story.

In **maths**, we'll be exploring three exciting topics:

Shape: We'll learn to recognise and describe 2D and 3D shapes, identify angles, and understand symmetry.

Statistics: We'll collect data and learn how to read and create bar charts, pictograms, and line graphs.

Position and Direction: We'll use coordinates to describe positions on a grid and give directions using turns.

In **geography**, we'll be learning all about rivers. We'll find out about the water cycle, how rivers are formed, and where we can find rivers around the world. We'll also explore how people use rivers – for travel, farming, and energy – and why they are so important to communities.

In **science**, we'll dive into the world of electricity again. We'll learn how circuits work, investigate conductors and insulators, and even build some simple circuits of our own.

It's going to be a fun, busy and brilliant final term — let's make the most of it together!

YEAR 5 – PIONEER CLASS

As we begin our final term in Year 5, we are filled with excitement for all the fantastic learning experiences ahead. Pioneer Class have a busy and creative few weeks in store, packed with adventure, discovery and imagination. We are looking forward to finishing the year with enthusiasm and making the most of every opportunity to learn and grow.

English – Secret Agents and Spy Gadgets!

This term, we will be diving into *Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz, a gripping and fast-paced novel following the adventures of teenage spy Alex Rider. Inspired by the thrilling storyline, the children will be writing their own action narratives, creating suspenseful stories packed with daring missions, clever plot twists and exciting characters.

Alongside this, pupils will become inventors as they design their own spy gadgets before writing clear and precise instructions explaining how their inventions work. This will allow them to develop both their creativity and their technical writing skills.

Maths – Measuring the World Around Us

Our maths learning this term will focus on:

- Negative Numbers – understanding numbers below zero, including temperatures and real-life contexts.
- Converting Units – developing fluency when converting between different units of length, mass and time.
- Volume – learning how to measure, compare and calculate volume and capacity through practical activities.

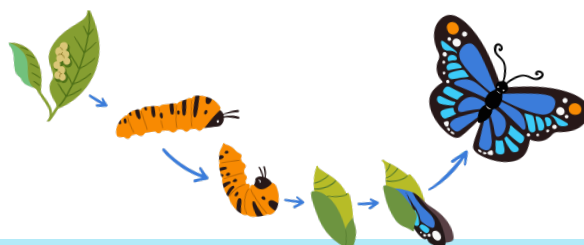
Geography – Desert Dwellers

Our enquiry question this term is: Would you like to live in the desert?

We will investigate desert environments around the world, exploring their unique climates and landscapes. The children will learn about the challenges faced by those living in these extreme environments and discover the remarkable ways that people, plants and animals adapt in order to survive.

Science – Animal Life Cycles

In Science, we will explore the fascinating life cycles of a variety of animals, comparing their stages of growth and development. One of the highlights of the term will be observing our very own class caterpillars as they transform into butterflies. This exciting hands-on experience will bring our learning to life and help us better understand the process of metamorphosis.



EKC Trust Speaking Competition

This term, Pioneer Class will also be taking part in a Trust-wide Speaker Competition. The children will be developing their public speaking, debating and persuasive writing skills as they prepare arguments around the question:

Should computers replace teachers?

The class have already been working incredibly hard on this challenge and have impressed us with their thoughtful ideas, confidence and speaking skills. We are fortunate to have some truly talented public speakers in Pioneer Class, and it is going to be very difficult to select just one pupil to represent our school at the competition.

Looking Ahead

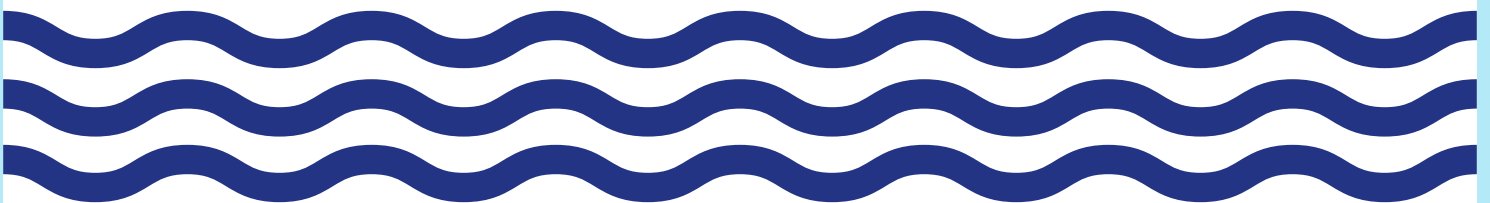
We are incredibly proud of everything Pioneer Class has achieved this year. The children have shown resilience, responsibility, respect and readiness throughout their learning, and this final term promises to be a brilliant conclusion to an unforgettable Year 5 journey.


Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing all of our exciting learning with you throughout the term.

YEAR 6 – CHALLENGER CLASS

I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and have fully recovered from the excitement (and perhaps exhaustion!) of Sports Day at the end of last term. Whether you were running races, cheering from the sidelines, or simply trying to keep up with the energy of Year 6, I'm sure a well-earned rest was appreciated by all.

It is hard to believe that we have now reached the final term of your child's journey at Holywell before they take the next exciting step on to secondary school. Whilst this term will undoubtedly be a busy one, we are determined to make it a memorable farewell, packed with opportunities to celebrate, reflect and create lasting memories that will stay with the children long after they leave our school gates.





One of the highlights of the term will be our Year 6 production, **Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies**. The children have already begun learning the wonderfully catchy songs and have thrown themselves enthusiastically into the audition process. Roles will be cast shortly, and excitement is certainly building! The production will take place on **Friday 17th July**, so please keep an eye out for ticket information which will be shared in the coming weeks.

As we approach the end of the year, there will also be several important events to mark this special milestone, including our **Leavers' Assembly** on the final day of term. This is always a memorable occasion and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements and their time here at Holywell.

Alongside these exciting events, learning will very much continue. We will maintain our structured Maths, English and wider curriculum lessons throughout the term. Children thrive on routine and structure, and continuing with our normal learning helps prepare them for the expectations and routines they will encounter when they begin secondary school in September.

We will also be spending time completing a range of transition projects and activities designed to reassure, support and prepare the children for the next stage of their education. By now, many of the children's secondary schools have been in contact with us, and we have had discussions on how their new school can best support and welcome the children into their new surroundings. Moving to a new school is a significant milestone, and we are committed to helping every child feel confident and excited about the opportunities ahead.

It promises to be a fantastic final term, and I look forward to sharing these special moments with the children as we celebrate the end of their primary school journey together.

As always, thank you all for your continued support. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch!

It's set to be a busy, exciting term—and we can't wait to get started!

