

Newsletter

5th June 2026

A message from Mrs Brown

Welcome back to school for Summer 2!

I do hope you all enjoyed the gorgeous weather during half term and, whether you went away or stayed at home, I hope you had a wonderful time. Tragically, the sunny weather has ended in tragedy for multiple families of children who have gone into water. Please see the attached posters with information on to share with your child about the dangers of open water. We have been discussing this in school also.

This half term is packed with events and activities so please do keep an eye on the diary dates and the website.

We started the half term with a Year 5 workshop at Woodhey and the start of our transition visits for our Year 6 pupils. Today we are off for the weekend on our residential with Ash class and looking forward to lots of fun and teamwork!

Hope you all have a great weekend (with more sleep than I suspect we will get!)

Mrs Brown x


Forest School Sessions – Summer Term

We are really pleased to be able to offer a series of Forest School sessions for some of our classes during the second half of the summer term. These sessions provide wonderful opportunities for children to learn outdoors, explore nature, build confidence and develop teamwork and problem-solving skills.

Acorn Class (Forest)

 Friday afternoons: 12th June, 19th June, 26th June, 3rd July

Blossom (Copse Corner)

 Friday afternoons: 12th June, 19th June, 26th June, 3rd July

Ash Class (Forest)

 Sessions: 24th June (pm), 1st July (pm), 15th July (pm), 21st July (am)

For Forest School sessions, children will need to come to school with:


 Appropriate footwear (old trainers or wellies are ideal)

 Suitable clothing for the weather that can get muddy or dirty

 A named bag with spare clothing if needed

Children can bring their Forest School clothes and footwear into school in a bag and we will support them in getting changed before the session.

We are really looking forward to seeing the children enjoying these experiences outdoors and sharing their learning with you.

Thank you for your support! 

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Please always be in touch with any questions or concerns.

Worship Centre

EPWORTH WORSHIP TOGETHER.

This week's big idea

Nutgrove Week 34
Transformation
Service and Justice



Matthew 20: 26-28
'Whoever wants to be great must be a servant.'

Bible verse of the week

Exploring further

Matthew 20:26-28 is about how true greatness is found in serving others selflessly, following the example of Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.

Prayer of the week

Dear Jesus, thank you for being our guide and friend. Help us to follow your example of servant leadership each day.
Teach us to care for others and to always choose to do good.
Fill our hearts with kindness, patience and love.
Help us to make a difference and bring positive change to the world.
Help us to shine your light wherever we go. Amen

BIKEABILITY ASH CLASS

This is scheduled for the 15th - 18th June. Please do see the information regarding getting bikes checked and road ready sent on the information shared by Bikeability. If you have any queries, please contact the office.



Parent Forum

17th June 5pm

Please come along and join us. If you have any thoughts for the agenda, please let us know.



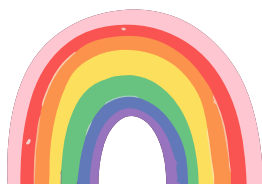
Weather permitting, we will be holding our sponsored Rainbow Run on the cricket field on Monday 8th June at 1.30pm. This event will help us raise money for Edukid, a charity that supports children around the world to access education.

Children should come into school wearing their Rainbow Run clothing. We suggest a white T-shirt where possible, along with shorts or tracksuit bottoms. Please also ensure your child wears footwear that they are comfortable running in.

Please be aware that clothing and footwear are likely to get covered in paint during the event, so we advise sending your child in clothes that you do not mind becoming marked.

We are very much looking forward to a fun, active and purposeful afternoon supporting a charity that is making a real difference to children's lives.

Please ensure that you make payment of all the wonderful sponsorship money you have raised.



Diary Dates

8 th June	Phonics screener Bamboo Tamboo music workshop for all school Rainbow Run
9 th June	Swimming lessons commence for Beech
10 th June	Teddy Bear's Picnic for all new nursery and reception
11 th June	Freddie Fit workshops for whole school
15 th - 18 th June	Bikeability Ash class
19 th June	Father's Day Shine worship
19 th June	Sleep Under the Stars - Year 6

Water Safety

BE WATER SAFE

STAY SAFE. STAY SMART.

Rivers, canals, lakes, reservoirs and the sea can be lots of fun to visit – but they can be very dangerous. Stay safe and enjoy the adventure!

REMEMBER THESE RULES

- Don't jump into open water.
- Don't encourage your friends to go in.
- Never try to rescue someone by going into the water.
- Stay on paths and away from the edge.
- Follow warning signs and safety notices.
- Tell an adult where you are going.
- Look out for your friends and keep each other safe.

COLD WATER SHOCK CAN AFFECT ANYONE!

Even on warm days, water can be very cold. It can take your breath away and make it hard to move. It can happen in seconds.

THAT'S WHY IT'S SO DANGEROUS.

IF YOU FALL IN... FLOAT TO LIVE

- Lie back in the water.
- Keep your ears in.
- Spread your arms and legs.
- Stay calm.
- Control your breathing.
- Call for help when you can.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE IN TROUBLE

- CALL 999**
Ask for the Fire Service (inland) or the Coastguard (at the coast).
- TELL THEM**
Tell them to float on their back.
- THROW IT**
Throw something that floats, like a rope or a plastic bottle.
- DON'T GO IN**
Never enter the water yourself.

DID YOU KNOW?

Around 50% of people who get into trouble in water never intended to go in. Be aware. Be safe. Be Water Smart!

WHAT MAKES OPEN WATER DANGEROUS?

- Very cold water can cause cold water shock.
- Currents can be strong and pull you under.
- Banks can be steep, slippery and hard to climb.
- Weeds and plants can get caught around your legs.
- Mud and deep water can make it hard to stand.
- Hidden dangers like rubbish, branches or machinery.
- Water levels can change quickly and be unpredictable.

BE SMART. BE SAFE. ENJOY THE OUTDOORS! **STAY SAFE AROUND WATER**

OPEN WATER SAFETY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

We have been asked by the Local Authority to share this safety information with families as we approach the summer months.

Warm weather often means spending more time outdoors with family and friends. Whether visiting the beach, a river, canal, lake, reservoir or other open water location, it is important to understand the risks and know how to stay safe.



STAY SAFE AROUND WATER

- Stay on designated pathways.
- Follow warning and safety signs.
- Never jump or dive into open water.
- Avoid swimming in rivers, canals, reservoirs, quarries or other unsupervised locations.
- Let someone know where you are going and when they expect to return.
- Look out for friends and make safe choices.
- Never enter the water after a pet or another person.

WHY IS OPEN WATER DANGEROUS?

Many people assume that if they can swim, they will be safe in open water. Unfortunately, this is not always the case.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Around 50% of drowning fatalities involve people who never intended to enter the water.
- Open water can be dangerous regardless of swimming ability.
- Water temperatures can remain extremely cold, even on the hottest days.
- Reservoirs rarely rise above 11°C, which is cold enough to cause a life-threatening physical reaction.



UNDERSTANDING COLD WATER SHOCK

One of the greatest dangers is cold water shock. When a person suddenly enters cold water, the body reacts immediately by:

- Causing an involuntary gasp for air.
- Increasing breathing rate dramatically.
- Raising heart rate and blood pressure.
- Making it difficult to control breathing and movement.

Even strong swimmers can quickly become exhausted, disorientated or unable to stay afloat.

HIDDEN DANGERS BENEATH THE SURFACE

Open water may contain:

- Strong underwater currents.
- Sudden drops in depth.
- Underwater plants that can become tangled around limbs.
- Hidden objects such as shopping trolleys, metal debris or broken glass.
- Machinery associated with locks and reservoirs.
- Deep mud and slippery banks.
- Steep, slimy banks with no easy way to get out.
- Water-borne diseases and bacteria.
- Strong currents, especially near locks and fast-flowing water.



IF SOMEONE GETS INTO DIFFICULTY

REMEMBER:

CALL – TELL – THROW

- CALL**
Dial 999.
- Ask for the Fire Service if the incident is in inland water.
 - Ask for the Coastguard if the incident is at the coast.

- TELL**
Encourage the person to float on their back.

- THROW**
Throw something that floats to help them stay buoyant.

NEVER ENTER THE WATER YOURSELF.

FLOAT TO LIVE

If you unexpectedly find yourself in difficulty in the water:

- Tilt your head back with your ears in the water.
- Relax and try to control your breathing.
- Move your hands gently to stay afloat.
- Spread your arms and legs.
- Stay calm.
- Call for help when able.

The instinct to swim hard can make the situation worse. Floating helps your breathing recover and gives you the best chance of survival.

WATER SAFETY AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURES



As a school, we encourage children to enjoy outdoor learning opportunities, including activities near water such as our upcoming residential visit to the Anderton Centre. These experiences help children develop confidence, resilience and teamwork while learning how to assess and manage risk safely.



By understanding the dangers of open water and following simple safety advice, we can all help ensure that children enjoy the outdoors safely throughout the summer.

BE AWARE. BE PREPARED. BE WATER SAFE.