

Newsletter

Hermitage Primary School

Summer Term 2026 Newsletter

Headteacher News

Well, here we are at the end of another exciting term and, indeed, another memorable year at Hermitage Primary School.

I always value the opportunity to pause at the end of each term and reflect on everything we have accomplished together as a school community. The first day of the 2025/2026 academic year feels as though it was only yesterday, yet the months have flown by. Looking back, it has been a truly remarkable year—filled with learning, enrichment, achievement and countless memorable moments.

I make no apology for referring to Hermitage as our *home*. It is where your children spend so much of their time, where our staff dedicate themselves each day, and where many of you, as parents and carers, are regular and valued contributors to our community. Every family is welcomed with open arms, whether you have been with us since Reception or have joined us more recently. Like any happy home, Hermitage is a place where we learn together, celebrate together, support one another and, perhaps most importantly, enjoy ourselves along the way.

It is a privilege to be Headteacher of such a special school, surrounded by colleagues who care so deeply about every child and who work alongside you to help our pupils flourish. Our motto, '**Focused on Excellence, Surrounded in Care,**' remains just as relevant today as it was when it was first created and continues to underpin everything we do.

Our pupils have once again achieved exceptionally well this year. We are incredibly proud of the high standards they continue to reach, with outcomes remaining above national averages across every subject. In particular, our Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Key Stage 2 SATs results reflect the dedication, resilience and hard work of our pupils, the expertise and commitment of our staff, and the invaluable support provided by parents and carers at home. These successes are something our whole school community can celebrate together.

Attendance News

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we would like to remind everyone that our aspirational attendance target for every child is **96% or above**. Excellent attendance plays a vital role in ensuring children make the most of every learning opportunity, build strong friendships and enjoy all aspects of school life.

The guide below shows how attendance percentages equate to days of learning missed across the school year:

- **98% = 4 days** absent
- **96% = 7 days** absent
- **95% = 9 days** absent
- **94% = 11 days** absent
- **90% = Approximately 1 month** of learning missed
- **80% = Approximately 2 months** of learning missed

We are incredibly proud that, as a school community, we achieved an overall attendance figure of **95.15%** this year. Thank you to all of our families for your continued support in helping children attend school regularly.



Of course, education at Hermitage extends far beyond the classroom. Throughout the year, our pupils have benefited from an exciting programme of educational visits and visitors, transforming learning into memorable real-life experiences. Residential visits to Ufton Court and PGL have once again been tremendous successes, while day visits have taken children to an extraordinary variety of places. From visiting places of worship—including a church, Gurdwara, Buddhist temple, mosque, synagogue and Mandir—to exploring Windsor Castle and Hampton Court Palace, every experience has broadened our children's understanding of the world around them. We even welcomed a working farm onto our school grounds and visited Sainsbury's in Uxbridge to support real-life learning.

Equally important is the work we do to prepare our pupils for life beyond primary school. Developing confidence, independence and resilience remains central to our curriculum. Opportunities such as pedestrian training, Bikeability, swimming lessons, projects with Chiltern Rangers and the Year 6 Junior Citizens programme all help children to develop valuable life skills.

Alongside this, Mrs Langford and Ms Aldons have led a wonderful programme supporting children in preparing for adulthood. Through activities such as shopping independently, preparing food, enjoying community outings and using their World Book Day tokens at Waterstones, children have developed practical skills while growing in confidence and independence. These experiences, together with the many opportunities embedded throughout school life, help equip our pupils with skills that will serve them well for years to come.

One of the greatest strengths of Hermitage is its sense of community, and this simply would not exist without your continued support. Whether through PTA fundraising events such as the Summer Fayre, attending productions, assemblies and celebrations, or volunteering on school trips, your involvement enriches school life enormously.

Our class assemblies remain one of my favourite parts of the school calendar. They provide children with the opportunity to share their learning while bringing families together to celebrate their achievements. Equally impressive are our performances. Whether it is our Nativity productions, Harvest celebrations or the unforgettable Year 6 production, the confidence, enthusiasm and talent displayed by our pupils never fail to make us proud. Behind every performance lies an enormous amount of dedication from both staff and children, and the end results are always something very special. Alongside these events, our teachers continue to create an abundance of opportunities that enable every child to discover new interests, challenge themselves and fulfil their potential.

Our commitment to working closely with families remains one of our key priorities. Throughout the year, we have welcomed parents into school for a wide variety of events, including phonics workshops, Nursery Stay and Play sessions, Look and Learn mornings and curriculum workshops. We have also enjoyed welcoming you to Sports Days, parents' evenings, assemblies and many other special occasions.

Your willingness to volunteer on trips, support school events and contribute to PATH activities enriches our children's experiences enormously and reflects the strong partnership that exists between home and school. We are incredibly grateful for the trust and support you continue to show us.

At Hermitage, we never stand still. We continually reflect on our practice and seek ways to improve for the continued benefit of our pupils. We are fortunate to have developed an excellent reputation for supporting trainee teachers and continue to work closely with Brunel University and St Mary's University. These partnerships encourage us to reflect critically on our own practice whilst ensuring we remain informed by the latest educational research and pedagogy. On this note, we are also delighted share that Miss Kandapah has been studying for an Open University degree and has just been awarded a First Class Honours degree in Psychology. An incredible achievement, especially whilst working!



Mrs Harling also continues to lecture at Brunel University, further strengthening the educational expertise within our staff team. Innovation remains central to our approach, and one excellent example is our Early Literacy Project, led by Mrs Gill alongside colleagues from EYFS and Key Stage 1. Together they have developed valuable baseline assessments that help shape a curriculum carefully designed to strengthen children's literacy foundations from the very beginning of their school journey.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to our wonderful PTA. Their energy, commitment and generosity continue to make an enormous difference to our school. Alongside the Summer Fayre, Bedtime Stories, the Christmas Bazaar, uniform sales and ice cream sales, they have once again given countless hours to support our school community.

This academic year alone, they have raised approximately **£7,000**—an extraordinary achievement for which we are incredibly grateful. These funds have enabled every class to purchase enrichment resources, significantly enhanced the range of books available in our school library and funded the wonderful new Year 1 mud kitchens, which are already proving to be a fantastic addition to our outdoor learning environment. If you would like to become involved with the PTA, please do contact Leanne Hobbs via the School Office. We are always delighted to welcome new members.

This year has also seen the welcome return of several valued members of staff from maternity leave. We have been delighted to welcome Mrs Carter and Mrs Madison back to school, while Mrs Miyamoto returned shortly after Easter and has already resumed her role as EYFS Phase Lead. It has been wonderful to have them back as part of the Hermitage team.

As one chapter begins, however, another comes to a close. This year we say farewell to Mrs Sissons, Mr Russell and Mrs Sabir, who have been valued members of the Hermitage family while covering maternity leave. Each has brought their own strengths, enthusiasm and commitment to our school, and their contribution has been greatly appreciated. We wish them every success as they move on to Harefield, Dr Triplett's and Hillingdon Primary School respectively, and thank them for everything they have given to Hermitage. Although they may be moving on, they will always receive a warm welcome should they choose to visit us in the future.

Finally, today we bid a very fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. You leave Hermitage having made a lasting contribution to our school community, and we are immensely proud of the kind, confident and resilient young people you have become. While we will miss you greatly, we know you are more than ready for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead, and we wish each of you every success as you begin the next stage of your journey.

To all of our families, thank you for your continued trust, encouragement and support throughout another successful year. It is a privilege to work alongside you in helping your children grow into happy, confident and ambitious young people.

We hope you enjoy a wonderful summer filled with rest, laughter and happy memories with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Thursday 3rd September 2026**, refreshed and ready for another exciting year at Hermitage Primary School.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, thank you for your continued support.

Have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer.

N.S. Higley



Welfare & Medical

As we come to the end of another busy term, I would like to thank all our pupils, families, and staff for their support in helping to keep everyone healthy and safe throughout the year.

We hope all of our families have a happy, safe and healthy summer break. If you have any health or medical concerns that you would like to discuss with the Welfare Officer when school returns, please email office@hermitageprimary.org.uk, and a member of the team will be happy to help.

Looking ahead to the new academic year, the School Immunisation Team will be visiting school on **Friday 18th September** to administer the annual **flu vaccinations**. This is an important programme to help protect children and reduce the spread of flu within our school community.

Further information, including consent details, will be sent to parents and carers nearer the time.



Useful Health Information

Over the summer, the following websites provide trusted advice and support for a range of childhood health concerns:

- **NHS UK** – Advice on common childhood illnesses, first aid, vaccinations and when to seek medical help: <https://www.nhs.uk>
- **Healthier Together** – Expert advice for parents on managing childhood illnesses and knowing when to seek help: <https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk>
- **NHS Pharmacy Advice** – Information on how your local pharmacy can help with common illnesses: <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies>
- **NHS 111** – Available 24 hours a day for urgent medical advice when it is not an emergency: <https://111.nhs.uk> or call 111.

We wish everyone a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back refreshed and ready for another exciting school year.



Things to consider when managing work & childcare over the summer break





Do you have family and friends who have spare time over the summer and could help?



Could you talk to your employer about your options for flexible working?



Have you looked into tax-free childcare to help with costs?



Do local schools run holiday clubs or are there any privately run ones in your area?



Do you have friends who are also working parents? If so, could you arrange to support each other?



If you work remotely, can you do so with your child/children at home?

VLT Student Activities

We are absolutely delighted to announce that **Hermitage Primary School** has been crowned the **Vanguard Learning Trust Student League Champions for 2025–2026!**

Throughout the year, pupils have represented Hermitage in a wide range of Trust events, competitions and enrichment activities. Schools earn points for participating in these opportunities, with additional points awarded for competition winners and runners-up. Every point earned reflects the enthusiasm, commitment and talent of our pupils.

We are incredibly proud that our collective efforts have resulted in Hermitage finishing **top of the Trust league table**. The final standings were:

1st Place – Hermitage Primary School

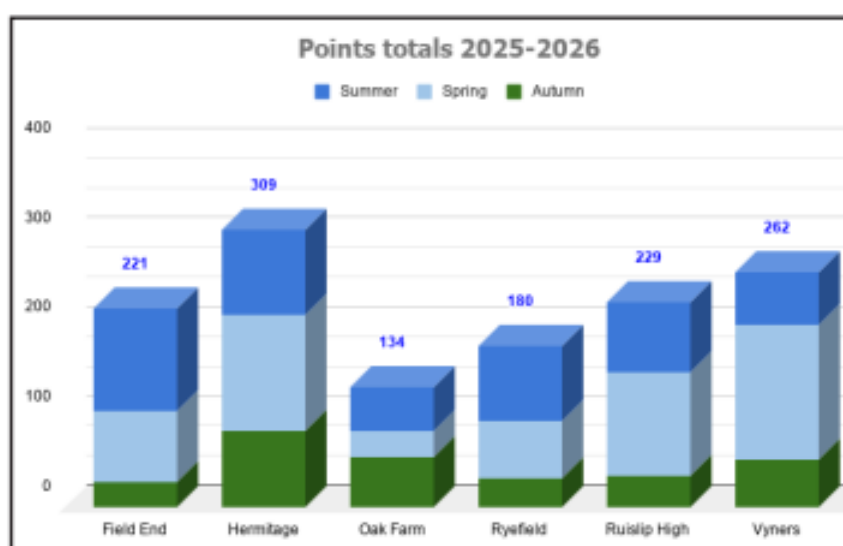
2nd Place – Vyners School

3rd Place – Ruislip High School

The prestigious **Vanguard Learning Trust Cup** was presented at the Trust's Annual Governance Day, recognising the outstanding achievements of our pupils across the academic year.

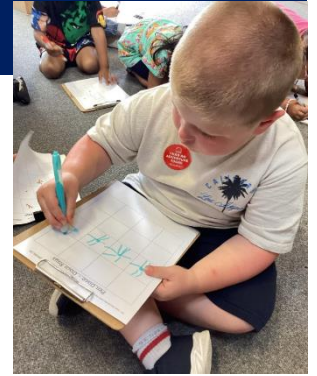
A huge congratulations to every child who has represented Hermitage so brilliantly. Whether through sport, the arts, academic competitions or enrichment events, your enthusiasm, determination and teamwork have helped us achieve this fantastic success. Thank you also to our dedicated staff and supportive families, whose encouragement has made these opportunities possible.

What a wonderful achievement for our whole school community!



Graph showing the schools' final scores

Nursery



What an incredible year it has been in Nursery! We are so proud of every child and all that they have achieved since joining us. It has been a year full of curiosity, exploration, laughter and learning, and it has been a privilege to watch each child grow in confidence, independence and enthusiasm.

One of the highlights of the year was watching our caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies. The children were fascinated by each stage of the life cycle and loved observing the changes before carefully releasing the butterflies into the wild.

Our classroom has been buzzing with exciting learning experiences. The children thoroughly enjoyed our Pen and Dough Disco sessions, helping to strengthen the muscles needed for early writing, and have made fantastic progress in writing their own names independently. We have also spent lots of time planting and caring for flowers and vegetables, learning about how living things grow and the importance of looking after our environment.

Our imaginative play has flourished too, with the Ice Cream Parlour becoming a firm favourite. The children loved serving customers, taking orders and creating delicious imaginary treats while developing their communication, language and mathematical skills.

We also celebrated **World Bee Day**, learning all about the important role bees play in our world and taking part in a range of fun, bee-themed activities.

This term has been packed with unforgettable experiences. The children took part in their very first **Sports Day**, showing wonderful determination, resilience and teamwork. They also enjoyed a magical **Peter Pan workshop**, bringing stories to life through drama, imagination and movement.

To round off the year, we enjoyed a fantastic end-of-year trip to **Ruislip Lido**, where the children had a wonderful time exploring, playing and celebrating everything they have achieved together.

We also shared a lovely **Teddy Bears' Picnic**, making special memories with friends before the summer holidays.

As we prepare to say goodbye to our Nursery children, we want to thank all of our families for their continued support throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of everything the children have accomplished and know they are more than ready for the exciting adventure that awaits them in Reception.

Reception

What a fantastic year it has been in Reception! It is hard to believe how much the children have grown since September. They have shown incredible enthusiasm for learning, developed wonderful friendships and become increasingly confident, independent learners. We are so proud of everything they have achieved.

One of the highlights of the year has been watching the children flourish in their reading and writing through our daily phonics sessions. Their confidence has grown enormously, and it has been wonderful to see them applying their phonics knowledge across all areas of learning. We are incredibly proud of the progress every child has made.

The children have also enjoyed sharing their interests and experiences during our regular **Show and Tell** sessions. These opportunities have helped to build confidence in speaking, listening and asking thoughtful questions while allowing us to celebrate each child's unique personality.

Creativity has been in abundance this year, particularly during our **junk modelling** sessions. The children have designed, built and proudly shared their imaginative creations, demonstrating fantastic problem-solving skills, resilience and teamwork.

We were delighted to welcome families into school for our **class assemblies**, where the children confidently shared their learning through songs, speaking and performances. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate just how much they have grown throughout the year.

Our learning extended beyond the classroom too. The children enjoyed a special visit to the local **post box**, where they posted letters they had written to their families, bringing their learning about communication and writing to life. Another memorable highlight was our fantastic trip to the **Natural History Museum in Tring**, where the children explored fascinating exhibits and deepened their understanding of the natural world.

This term also brought our exciting **Sports Day**, where the children demonstrated excellent determination, teamwork and resilience as they took part in a range of events. We were incredibly proud of the encouragement they showed towards one another and the enthusiasm they displayed throughout the morning.

Finally, the children thoroughly enjoyed their **Transition Day** with their new Year 1 teachers. It was lovely to see them embrace this exciting next step with such confidence and excitement, and we know they are more than ready for the challenges and opportunities that Year 1 will bring.

Thank you to all of our Reception families for your continued support throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to be part of your children's learning journey, and we wish you all a wonderful summer break. We look forward to hearing about their many successes as they continue their journey into Year 1.





Year 1



What a fantastic year it has been for our Year 1 children! They have continued to grow in confidence, independence and resilience, embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm and a real love of learning. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved throughout the year.

This year, we have continued to develop our **Reggio Emilia-inspired approach**, recognising that children learn best through curiosity, exploration and meaningful experiences. Alongside more formal learning, the children have continued to benefit from **play-based and hands-on activities**, supporting kinaesthetic learning and encouraging them to investigate, collaborate, create and problem-solve across the curriculum.

One of the highlights of the summer term was our visit to the **Bhaktivedanta Manor (Hare Krishna Temple)**. The children enjoyed learning about Hindu beliefs and traditions, exploring the beautiful grounds and taking part in engaging activities that brought their Religious Education learning to life.

In English, the children particularly loved studying **Beegu**, using the story to inspire thoughtful discussions, imaginative writing and creative activities. They also thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the end of their learning around **The Queen's Knickers** with a wonderful tea party, which was a fun and memorable way to bring the story to a close.

Science has been another exciting area of learning. The children developed their knowledge of plants by identifying and labelling the different parts of a plant and exploring what plants need in order to grow and thrive. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity and scientific thinking develop throughout the year.

Our **No Pens Day** activities provided another opportunity for children to learn through practical experiences, developing their speaking, listening, teamwork and problem-solving skills while reinforcing key concepts in an engaging and active way.

This term also saw the children take part in **Sports Day**, where they demonstrated fantastic determination, resilience and excellent sportsmanship. We were so proud of the way they encouraged one another and gave every event their very best effort.

We are delighted to celebrate the children's outstanding success in the **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check**, with an impressive **90% of pupils meeting the expected standard**. This is a wonderful achievement and reflects the hard work of the children, the dedication of staff and the invaluable support of parents and carers at home.

As the children prepare to move into Year 2, they leave Year 1 with a wealth of new knowledge, growing confidence and many wonderful memories. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you all a happy, safe and restful summer holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.



Year 2

What a fantastic year it has been in Year 2! The children have continued to flourish, showing increasing confidence, independence and resilience as they prepared for the next stage of their learning journey. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and the enthusiasm they have shown throughout the year.

One of the standout moments this year was the children's approach to their **Year 2 SATs**. Every child tackled the assessments with maturity, confidence and determination, taking them completely in their stride. They all did brilliantly, and their achievements truly reflected the hard work, perseverance and progress they have made throughout the year. We could not be prouder of how they approached this important milestone.

In English, the children thoroughly enjoyed writing **non-chronological reports**, developing their ability to organise information clearly while using ambitious vocabulary and subject-specific language. It has been wonderful to see their writing become increasingly detailed and purposeful.

In Art, the children explored the work of **Piet Mondrian**, learning about his distinctive style before creating their own geometric masterpieces inspired by his famous paintings. Their creativity and attention to detail were fantastic, and the finished artwork brightened our classrooms.

Our Geography learning saw the children creating **human pictograms**, bringing data handling to life through practical, collaborative activities. This hands-on approach encouraged teamwork while developing their understanding of statistics and representation.

One of the highlights of the year was our visit to the **mosque**, where the children learned about Islamic beliefs, traditions and places of worship. They asked thoughtful questions and represented Hermitage beautifully throughout the visit.

In Science, the children became young gardeners by **planting their own pea seeds**. They carefully observed the growing process, learning about what plants need to survive and recording the changes they noticed over time.

This term also included our much-anticipated **Sports Day**, where the children demonstrated excellent determination, teamwork and resilience. We were incredibly proud of their encouragement towards one another and the positive attitude they showed throughout every event.

To celebrate the end of a wonderful year together, the children enjoyed a fantastic trip to **Ruislip Lido**. It was a lovely opportunity to spend time together outdoors, reflect on all they have achieved and make lasting memories with their classmates.

As the children prepare for the exciting move into Key Stage 2, we know they do so with the confidence, knowledge and skills they need to continue succeeding. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish all of our Year 2 families a safe, happy and relaxing summer holiday.

Year 3



What a fantastic year it has been in Year 3! The children have embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, curiosity and determination, growing in confidence as learners and becoming increasingly independent. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and the progress they have made throughout the year.

In English, the children thoroughly enjoyed studying **Dominic Grows Sweetcorn**, immersing themselves in the story through a range of practical experiences. They planted their own sweetcorn, allowing them to make real-life connections with the text while developing their writing, prediction and comprehension skills. It was wonderful to see their excitement as they watched their plants begin to grow alongside the story.

In Design and Technology, the children demonstrated excellent practical skills as they planned and made their own sandwiches. They learned about food preparation, hygiene and nutrition while evaluating their finished products with great enthusiasm.

Geography lessons focused on developing the children's **map skills**, where they learned how to interpret maps, use grid references and identify key geographical features. Their confidence in navigating and understanding maps has grown enormously.

One of the highlights of the year was exchanging letters with our **pen pals**. The children carefully planned and wrote thoughtful letters before experiencing the excitement of receiving replies. This wonderful experience developed both their writing skills and their understanding of the wider world.

In Mathematics, the children have worked incredibly hard to develop their multiplication knowledge, exploring the important links between different times tables, such as the 2s, 4s and 8s. This deeper understanding has helped them recognise patterns and build confidence as they prepare for next year's **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**. We have been so impressed by their resilience and determination as they practised and developed their fluency.

This term also included our exciting **Sports Day**, where the children showed fantastic teamwork, perseverance and sportsmanship. They supported one another brilliantly and gave every event their very best effort.

As the children look ahead to Year 4, they do so with growing confidence, resilience and a wealth of new knowledge and skills. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish all of our Year 3 families a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Year 4



What a fantastic year it has been in Year 4! The children have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm, resilience and willingness to challenge themselves. They have embraced every opportunity to learn and have made excellent progress across the curriculum. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved this year.

One of the highlights of the term was **Deaf Awareness Week**, during which the children enthusiastically learned **British Sign Language (BSL)**. They embraced the opportunity with great maturity and respect, quickly developing their signing skills while gaining a deeper understanding of deaf culture, communication and inclusion.

During **Equality Week**, the children reflected on the importance of respect, kindness and celebrating diversity. Working together, they created colourful **paper chains**, each link representing how our differences bring us together as one inclusive school community.

We are incredibly proud of the children's achievements in the **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**. Their dedication and hard work have truly paid off, with an outstanding **46% of pupils achieving full marks (25/25)** and **74% scoring 20 marks or more**. These fantastic results reflect the perseverance and commitment the children have shown throughout the year.

In English, the children became completely engrossed in **The Witches** by Roald Dahl. The captivating story inspired imaginative writing, thoughtful discussions and rich vocabulary, allowing the children to develop their creativity and writing skills while enjoying every twist and turn of the novel.

Science lessons were full of hands-on learning, with the children enjoying the opportunity to **build their own electrical circuits**. They investigated how circuits work, explored conductors and insulators, and developed their scientific enquiry skills through practical experimentation.

During **No Pens Day**, the children explored their creativity by working with **clay**, producing some fantastic sculptures while developing their communication, collaboration and practical skills. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for learning through hands-on experiences.

Our visit to the **Iver Environment Centre** was another memorable experience. The children enjoyed exploring the natural environment through a range of engaging outdoor activities, deepening their understanding of the world around them while developing teamwork and problem-solving skills.

This term also brought our annual **Sports Day**, where the children demonstrated fantastic determination, resilience and sportsmanship. We were incredibly proud of the encouragement they showed towards one another and the positive attitude they brought to every event.

As the children prepare to move into Year 5, they do so with confidence, resilience and a wealth of new knowledge and experiences. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

We wish all of our Year 4 families a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer holiday.



Year 5



What a fantastic year it has been in Year 5! The children have continued to mature into thoughtful, resilient and enthusiastic learners who have embraced every opportunity with confidence and determination. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and the progress they have made throughout the year.

One of the highlights of the year was our exciting **Ancient Greek Workshop**, where the children were transported back to Ancient Greece through a range of interactive activities. They explored Greek culture, mythology and history in an engaging and memorable way, bringing their history learning to life.

In English, the children have developed their writing significantly by making excellent use of our **Writer's Toolbox**, carefully selecting ambitious vocabulary and writing techniques to enhance their work. It has been wonderful to see them becoming increasingly reflective and independent writers.

Reading has been another real highlight this year. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring **The Hobbit**, immersing themselves in Tolkien's rich world of adventure while developing their comprehension, vocabulary and discussion skills. They also studied the graphic novel **When Stars Are Scattered**, which inspired thoughtful conversations about resilience, friendship and hope. As part of this unit, the children loved designing and creating their own comics, showcasing both their creativity and storytelling skills.

During **No Pens Day**, the children explored **volume and capacity** through practical, hands-on activities. Working collaboratively, they investigated mathematical concepts using real equipment, demonstrating excellent reasoning and problem-solving skills while learning through experience.

As the children prepare for greater independence, they have also taken part in important learning around **internet safety** and keeping themselves safe online. With many children beginning to use mobile phones and social media, they have had valuable discussions about responsible digital behaviour, recognising risks, protecting personal information and making safe choices online.

This term also brought our annual **Sports Day**, where the children displayed fantastic determination, resilience and teamwork. They encouraged one another throughout every event and represented their houses with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

As the children look ahead to their final year at Hermitage, they do so with growing confidence, resilience and a wealth of knowledge and skills. We are excited to see them continue to flourish as they take on the responsibilities of being Year 6 role models.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish all of our Year 5 families a safe, happy and relaxing summer holiday.

Year 6



What an incredible year it has been for our Year 6 children. As they reach the end of their journey at Hermitage Primary School, we could not be prouder of the remarkable young people they have become. They have approached every challenge with maturity, resilience and determination, and have been exceptional role models for the rest of the school.

The children truly **smashed their SATs**, and their outstanding results are a testament to the hard work they have put in throughout their time at Hermitage. We are delighted to celebrate:

- **Reading: 81%** achieved the expected standard, with **36%** achieving Greater Depth.
- **Writing: 81%** achieved the expected standard, with **14%** achieving Greater Depth.
- **Mathematics: 83%** achieved the expected standard, with an outstanding **41%** achieving Greater Depth.

These results are something the children, staff and families should all be incredibly proud of. More importantly, they reflect the perseverance, resilience and positive attitudes that this cohort has shown every single day.

Following the SATs, the children enjoyed a well-deserved visit from the **ice cream van**, celebrating the end of a week in which they gave nothing less than their very best.

One of the standout moments of the year was their spectacular adapted production of **Six: The Musical**. The confidence, talent and dedication shown by every child made for an unforgettable performance, and we know it is a memory that will stay with them for many years to come.

As the year drew to a close, we came together for our emotional **Leavers' Assembly**, reflecting on the many memories, friendships and achievements that have shaped the children's time at Hermitage. It was a fitting celebration of an incredible group of young people.

The Year 6 **Leavers' Disco**, kindly organised by **Lucy and Luke (Teddy-May's parent)**, was the perfect way to celebrate the end of primary school. Thank you for helping to create such a memorable evening for our children.

Although the children are more than ready for the exciting challenges of **Year 7**, they will always remain a special part of the Hermitage family. We have watched them grow from young children into confident, caring and ambitious individuals, and it has been a privilege to be part of that journey.

To all of our Year 6 pupils: believe in yourselves, work hard, be kind and never stop aiming high. We know you will go on to achieve amazing things. Please remember that the doors of Hermitage will always be open to you, and we hope you will come back to visit and keep in touch. We cannot wait to hear about all of your future successes.