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Dear Parents and Carers

September 3rd 2025 *'Those long, uneven lines'*


The autumn term commences on Wednesday 3rd September. It is crucial that all pupils attend on this first day.

2024/2025 Highlights

Ultimately, there are far too many 'highlights' to describe on one sheet of paper. I've opted to share just a few, a modest number but each one important.

- We are, officially, the borough's Mathematics Challenge Winners for the second year in a row – a remarkable achievement.
- SATs – hard to comprehend that it is 2025 and after all these years, nothing has replaced it. But, and it's a massive 'but', we have done what we do best – turn an unpalatable situation on its head and make it work for us on our terms. It is no exaggeration to describe the Year 6 scholars' assiduous approach and aspiration as humbling.
- Progress made by pupils from across the school.
- Both of the 2025 Sports Days were sublime – evocations of Thomas Jones' pupils and families at their absolute best.
- Pupils excelling in violin, cello, piano and drama in 2025.
- Year 6's staging of Treasure Island in July – a superlative rendition.
- Nursery's summer term Teddy Bears' Picnic.
- The landscaping of the raised beds in the Key Stage One playground – a transformation – affording opportunities for play and interaction.
- May's School Journey – for Year 6 a magical experience – archery, abseiling and raft building, and a unique sense of camaraderie, that only a residential visit of this kind can instil.
- The fact we remain financially robust. At a time when many schools are struggling to fill places, we continue to be oversubscribed, with long waiting lists for every class.
- Sustaining the overtly positive ethos, culture and overwhelming calmness of the school – commented upon by our many visitors and the effusive views of a large and diverse number of individuals – contained within the 2025 'What They Say' folder.
- Continued involvement of the Grenfell Wellbeing Team has supported pupils in focussing on their emotional health.
- Last term's inter-schools' chess tournament – we did not win; we were not runners up - but we were singled out for praise for our composure and the manner in which we accepted losing – with dignity and grace in abundance – a rare quality.

Yours sincerely,



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