Newsletter

Issue 18

End of Year 2026

Horndon on the Hill Church of England Primary School

End of Year Message from Headteacher Mrs. Bradley

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly remarkable year at Horndon on the Hill Church of England Primary School.

Throughout the year, our children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, courage and determination and we have celebrated many successes together. Year 6 children made us incredibly proud during both their SATs and residential visit. This last week has been a celebration of all that our year 6 pupils have accomplished during their journey through the school.

Our School Council and Eco-Cadets have made a real difference to our community, organising fundraising events, supporting charitable causes and leading projects such as Eco Day, which raised money while helping children learn how to care for our environment. Our pupils have shown that even the smallest actions can have a lasting impact.

Above all, this year has been about people. It has been about children growing in confidence, staff going above and beyond, governors and volunteers giving their time so generously, FOHS continually supporting the school, and families working in partnership with us every step of the way. Together, we have created opportunities, memories and experiences that our children will carry with them for years to come.

To our Year 6 pupils, we wish you every success as you move on to the next stage of your education. You leave us as confident, caring and capable young people, and we know you will continue to shine.

Finally, thank you for your unwavering support, kindness and trust throughout the year. We wish all our families a happy, restful and safe summer holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Warm regards,
Mrs Bradley

We have had a fantastic year at Wrap Around Club this year!

Each term the children have enjoyed a wide variety of activities including arts and crafts, jewellery making, cooking, drawing competitions, board games, table tennis, badminton, outdoor team games and themed events linked to celebrations and sporting occasions. It has been wonderful to see the children's creativity, confidence and friendships grow as they have taken part in so many different activities.

We have also welcomed new resources and equipment which have been a big hit with the children, and we would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work and enthusiasm in making the club such a fun and caring place to be.

To finish the year, we enjoyed a lovely end-of-term Summer Picnic on the field. The children had a wonderful time eating together, playing games and making the most of the sunshine as we celebrated a successful year at Wrap Around Club.

A special goodbye goes to our Year 6 children as they leave us for secondary school. We have loved watching you grow over the years and hope you take many happy memories of Wrap Around Club with you. We wish you all the very best for the next exciting chapter and know you will do brilliantly.

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support throughout the year. We wish everyone a happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back in September for another exciting year at Wrap Around Club.

Have a wonderful summer!
The Wrap Around Club Team

Nursery

We have come to the end of another year with our wonderful Nursery children and this week we said goodbye to our very clever pre-school children.

There was laughter and tears and joy as we shared memories and celebrated our class off 2026!

Our younger children have continued to have lots of fun too; in the water and digging in the stones.

We have been growing strawberries 🍓, potatoes 🥔, tomatoes 🍅 and pumpkins 🎃.
We emptied the potato buckets and found so many potatoes!

Year 1

We were all very brave and performed beautifully in the Wizard of Oz Year 6 Leavers Production. This is some of us waiting patiently backstage in class 4.

In maths, we have learnt about capacity and measures by experimenting with water and different containers such as measuring jugs, cylinders and bowls. We measured the volume and compared the different capacities of containers.

In DT, we designed, made and evaluated supermarket meal-deal style sandwiches. First, we spread plant-based spread on the bread, next we shredded lettuce and chopped cucumbers to add on top. Next, we layered wafer thin ham on top. Finally, we assembled the sandwich and cut it into a design of our choosing. Some of us thought the sandwiches were delicious!

Year 2

The children completed their shape poems.

Elsie said "I liked reading mine to Mr Speight. He said it was great. It was fun writing poems about animals."

Ayra said **"I liked writing poems. It was fun and I joined my handwriting."**

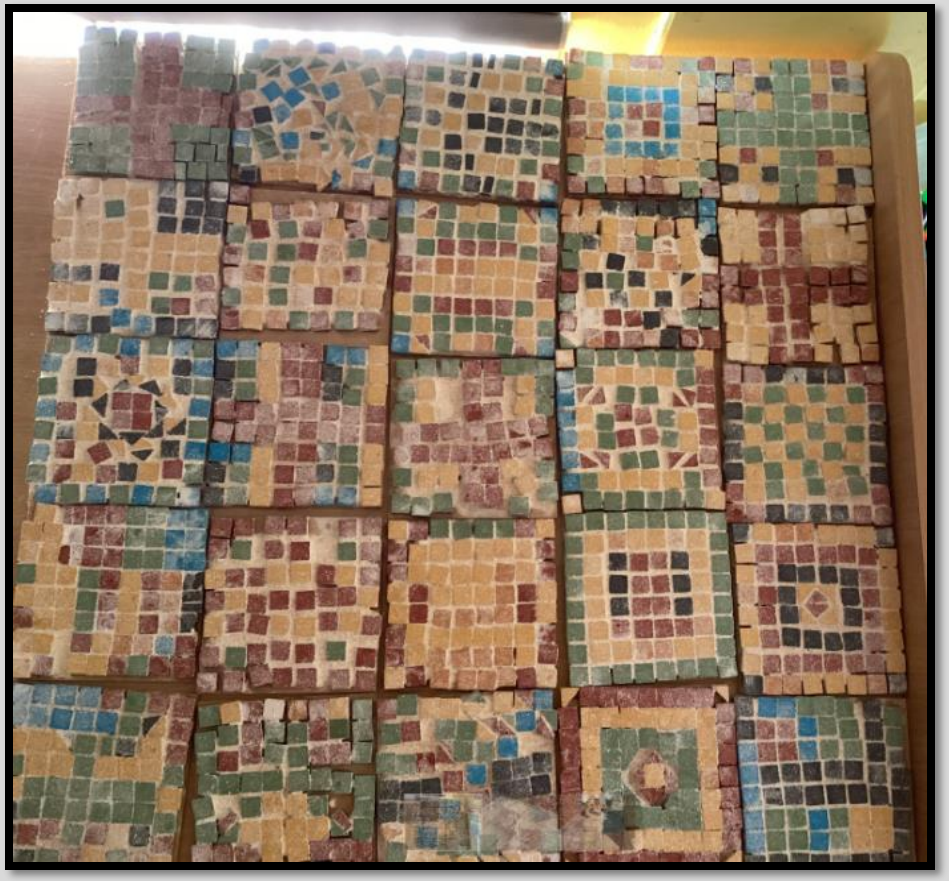
Brayden said "I liked writing poems about animals. It was fun. Mine rhymed."

They enjoyed acting out being their animals.

In PE we learned how to play cricket.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday!

Year 3

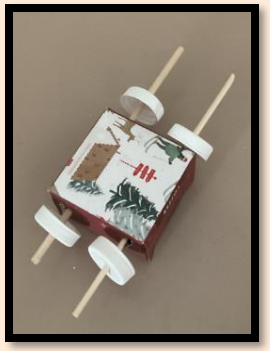


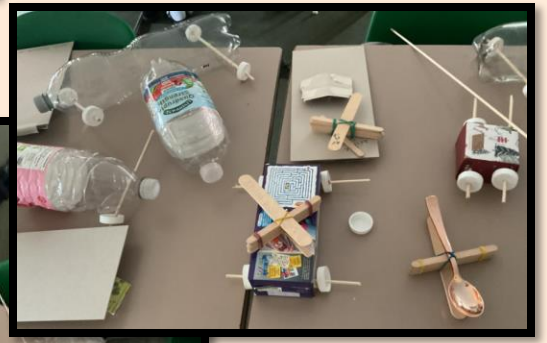
Year 3 finished the academic year in style with an amazing production performance that showcased the children's confidence, enthusiasm and hard work. We are incredibly proud of how they supported one another and shone on stage.

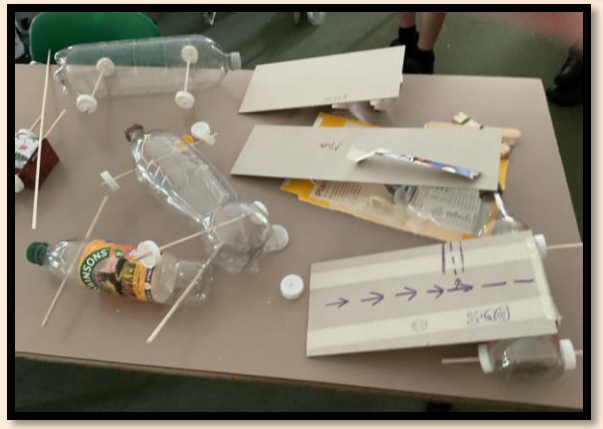
During our final weeks, we completed our Roman mosaics and continued learning about the lasting impact of the Romans, discovering many of the things they left behind that still influence our lives today. The children also enjoyed a range of creative writing opportunities, using their imaginations to produce some fantastic pieces of work.

In Maths, we revisited and strengthened our calculation strategies to build confidence and fluency, while in Science we investigated shadows and explored how they change throughout the day. In Computing, the children further developed their programming skills, creating and debugging algorithms with increasing independence.

It has been a wonderful year of learning, growth and achievement, Year 3 wish you a happy, healthy and successful summer.







Year 4

We hope you all enjoyed the production last week; year 4 were fantastic! I have been really impressed with their final writing task they completed this year (working right until the end), they demonstrated a range of fantastic skills. In computing they finished off making their own games using Scratch and we're trying to find and correct and 'bugs' in the code. In music we got the glockenspiels out to identify and play different tunes. We also used this opportunity to practise rhythm. It has been a great end to the term and we wish you all a brilliant summer.

Year 5

Class 5 has had a fantastic end to the term. We have thoroughly enjoyed creating our own adventure stories and were delighted to share them with Year 2. It was wonderful to see the Year 5 children taking on such a caring, supportive and mature role as they read and discussed their work with the younger pupils.

We have also successfully completed our DT topic on **Ancient Greek architecture**, exploring how to design, build and test pillars for stability and stiffness. The children demonstrated great creativity and problem-solving skills throughout the project.

As we reach the end of the school year, we would like to wish all of our children a fantastic summer break. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their continued support throughout the year. It has been greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone in September!

Year 6

Shirt signing on our last day at school.

Year 6 leavers service at the church where every child received their own bible curtesy of St Peters and St Pauls Church.

Our leavers Assembly and yearbooks.

OPEN EVENING

ST CLERE'S SCHOOL

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WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER | 5.30PM - 8.30PM

"The school is committed to ensuring that every pupil achieves their full potential."

Ofsted Good Provider

An informative evening consisting of speeches from staff and students, with tours of the school.

HEAD OF SCHOOL SPEECHES AT 6.00PM AND 7.00PM

Open day tours with Senior Leaders: Monday 28th September I Tuesday 29th September I Wednesday 30th September.
9.15am & 11.30am I Day tours are for visitors who cannot attend the Open Evening. Appointments required. Contact 01375 641001.

September 2026

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd – non-pupil days
Thursday 3rd – return to school
Friday 11th – Curriculum powerpoint to be sent via Googleclassroom
Monday 14th – FOHS AGM
Friday 18th – Break the Rules Day
Friday 18th – Picnic with parents @ 2pm – Refreshments sold by FOHS

October 2026

Monday 5th – Harvest Festival at Church – 11:00am
Tuesday 6th – School Visits for Reception 2027 starters morning
Tuesday 13th – School Visits for Reception 2027 starters afternoon
Tuesday 13th – TLCs at 3:30pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday 14th – School Visits for Reception 2027 starters afternoon
Wednesday 14th – TLCs at 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Thursday 15th – TLCs at 3:30pm – 5:00pm
Monday 19th – Friday 30th – Half Term

November 2026

Tuesday 3rd – individual and sibling school photos
Monday 30th – Dress in Blue for St Andrews Day

December 2026

Friday 4th – Carols on the playground – 2:45pm with refreshments by FOHS
Monday 7th – Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 8th – Nativity for Senior Citizens and grandparents at 2:00pm
Wednesday 9th – Nativity at 2:00pm
Thursday 10th – Nativity at 2:00pm
Monday 14th – Christmas Service at Church – 1:30pm
Wednesday 16th – Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 16th – FOHS Christmas Disco – 4:30pm – 7:00pm
Monday 21st – Friday 1st January – Christmas Holidays

January 2027

Friday 8th – Book looks at 2:30pm – all parents invited

February 2027

Wednesday 10th – Ash Wednesday Service at Church – 1:30pm
Monday 15th – Friday 19th – Half Term
Monday 22nd – Non-pupil day

March 2027

Monday 1st – Wear something Yellow for St David's Day
Thursday 4th – World Book Day
Friday 5th – FOHS Mother's Day Sale
Tuesday 16th – TLCs at 3:30pm – 5:00pm
Wednesday 17th – Wear something Green for St Partick's Day
Thursday 18th – TLCs at 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Monday 22nd – Easter Service at Church – 2:00pm
Thursday 25th – FOHS Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 26th – Friday 9th April – Easter Holidays

April 2027

Friday 23rd – Wear something Red for St George's Day

May 2027

Monday 3rd – Bank Holiday
Saturday 8th – FOHS May Fayre
10th – 13th – Year 6 SATs
Thursday 20th – Senior Citizens and grandparents Afternoon Tea at 1:30pm
Monday 24th – Friday 28th – Year 6 Residential – Stubbers
Monday 31st – Friday 4th June – Half Term

June 2027

7th – 18th – Swimming lessons
Monday 7th – Climate Change Exhibition after school
Tuesday 8th – New Reception Parents Evening – 6:00pm
Friday 18th – FOHS Father's Day Sale
Tuesday 22nd – Sports Day – Parents invited (KS1 @ 11.00am and KS2 @ 12.00pm and stay for picnic with children) – Refreshments sold by FOHS
Tuesday 29th – Teddy Bears Picnic – Nursery – 1:30pm

July 2027

Monday 5th – Production Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 8th – Production at 1:30pm and 6:00pm (all children to return at 5:45pm)
Friday 9th – Grab-a-Bag Lunch
Friday 9th Production at 1:30pm
Friday 9th – School reports to parents
Monday 15th – Leavers Service at Church –9:30am (year 6 parents/family invited)
Tuesday 16th – Leavers Assembly at school at 9:00am (year 6 parents invited)
Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st – Non-Pupil Days
Thursday 22nd – Summer Holidays

SEND Talent Showcase Competition

Shine Bright!

Do you have a talent you want to share?
Now's your chance to shine!

We're inviting children and young people in Thurrock with SEND to take part in our exciting talent showcase.

Show us your talent!
For example:
- Playing an instrument or singing
- Taking part in a sport
- Performing a magic trick
- Artwork, crafts, or creations
- Any other amazing talent!

Send us:
- A video of your talent
  OR
- A photo of something you've created
  AND
- A short description telling us about it

Who can enter?
Children and young people aged 5–16 with SEND living in Thurrock

Deadline: August 31st

Submissions must include full name, whether than have an EHCP or are on SEN support and name of setting. Submissions may be shared on Local Offer.

email to: QASEND@thurrock.gov.uk

thurrock.gov.uk

Thames Chase

Children's Art and Sculpture Competition 2026

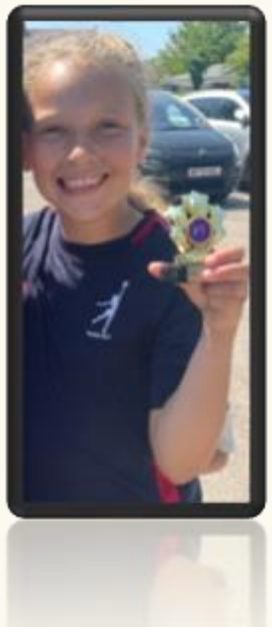
Enter and have your art work displayed at the Thames Chase Forest Centre
Winners will receive an art bundle worth £20

How to Enter

- Bring your art work to the Forest Centre with your name, age, parent or guardians phone number and email written on the back
- Our art exhibitors will vote for the winners on the 30th August.
- Entries will be judged in 3 categories: Ages 4-6, 7-10, 11-16 years
- All entries will then be displayed at the Forest Centre from the 31st August-10th September
- Closing date 27th August
- Please collect entries by the 20th of September

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Amelie was part of a netball tournament for her team Fusion Tigers this weekend, and received the Player of the Tournament award in the U9 category across all teams in that age category in the tournament.
Well done Amelie!



Thomas has been doing Meridian Kung Fu at St Clere's for 2 months now and has just been awarded his first white grade belt.
Bobby has just been awarded his silver belt.
They were awarded their belts & certificates from their Sifu.
Well done Boys!

Head Teacher Awards

Neive, Erin, Matilda

Stars of the week and Mrs Bradley's Star

FRIENDS OF HORNDON SCHOOL

FOHS

WHAT DO WE DO?

Friends of Horndon School are a group of parents/grandparents who arrange fund raising events throughout the year. We are all volunteers. The funds raised go into the school and are much needed to help towards the children's education or for fun activities.

WITHOUT HELP WE CAN'T FUNCTION

School discos are run entirely by FOHS, without volunteers they can't run the events as we need the correct amount of people to maintain a safe environment for your children to have lots of fun!

CHRISTMAS MARKET & MAY FAYRE

Again, these events are put on by FOHS, there are about 10 regulars that help to arrange the event, set up and clear away. But we need more help during the event. 1 hour of your time makes a big difference!

FILM NIGHTS

These are run by FOHS, please look out for future dates.

PAMPER NIGHTS

These are arranged by FOHS, we hope to start these up again very soon as the children have loved these in the past.

WISH LISTS....

The school have a wish list of items they need help to purchase.
These can vary from electronic equipment.
(If anyone has any old iPads in working order that they no longer use, please consider donating these to the school)
Redecoration work, memberships, school books and help towards school trips... etc

WE NEED MORE HELP!

More helpers make a task much easier, as we know many hands make light work!

COMMUNITY

FOHS raise thousands each year.
But we cannot do it without your help.
Please e-mail F.O.H.S@outlook.com to register yourself as a volunteer

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School Council News

We would like to express our thanks to our amazing school council this year who have made such a positive impact on our school. They have raised lots of money for charities and for our school with their brilliant ideas. We look forward to welcoming our new school council members next year.

School Uniform

We expect all children, including those within the Nursery, to wear uniform in the school colours: red, black, grey, and white. We believe wearing school uniform echoes our school vision by helping the children to feel part of the school community. It also looks smart, is economical and wears well. Although uniform with the school logo is available, this is not compulsory.
Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled; it may be necessary to check that the name has not faded after washing.

Whole School

- White shirt with a red and silver striped tie
- White polo shirt (tie is not required)
- Red crew neck jumper/ red V-neck jumper or red cardigan
- Black or grey trousers or shorts
- Black or grey **knee length** skirt or pinafore
- Red and white gingham summer dresses (summer only)
- Black, grey, or white tights or socks (no over the knee socks)
- Sensible black shoes – **not trainers**

PE

- T-Shirt in school House Colour
- Black Shorts – **NOT CYCLING SHORTS**
- Black tracksuit top and black jogging bottoms
- Plain black trainers - **no logos**

All pupils must keep a pair of black plimsolls in school as part of their PE kit.

- Pupils are not permitted to wear jewellery or watches to school.
- They are however, allowed to wear **one pair** of small gold or silver ball earrings which must be removed for PE. School staff are not permitted to remove a pupil's earrings or apply tape to a pupil's ears.
- **Make-up, nail polish and henna style tattoos are not permitted under any circumstances.**
- Hairstyles are expected to be neat and tidy without extremes of style or design.
- Hair colours should be natural and conventional with no dyed colours.
- Shaved or partly shaved heads are not acceptable.
- Long hair **must** be tied up in a **neat ponytail or plait** with plain hair accessories that follow the school's colours of red, white, grey, and black.

Storage space is limited in classrooms, so just a school book bag please – no keyrings attached

THE PARISH OF

HORNDON ✣ ORSETT ✣ BULPHAN

Knowing and sharing the love of Jesus in the Church and community.

Click the link below for the latest parish notices

Parish Notices

The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Edward Bear Toddler Group

We meet every Friday in term time from 9.30am to 11am at the Orsett Churches Centre. Enjoy a friendly space with crafts, free play, stories, singing and simple prayers.

There is no charge and no need to book ahead, we're always happy to see you.

This toddler group is for anyone in the community, not just church-goers.

All little ones below school age are welcome, along with a parent, grandparent or carer.

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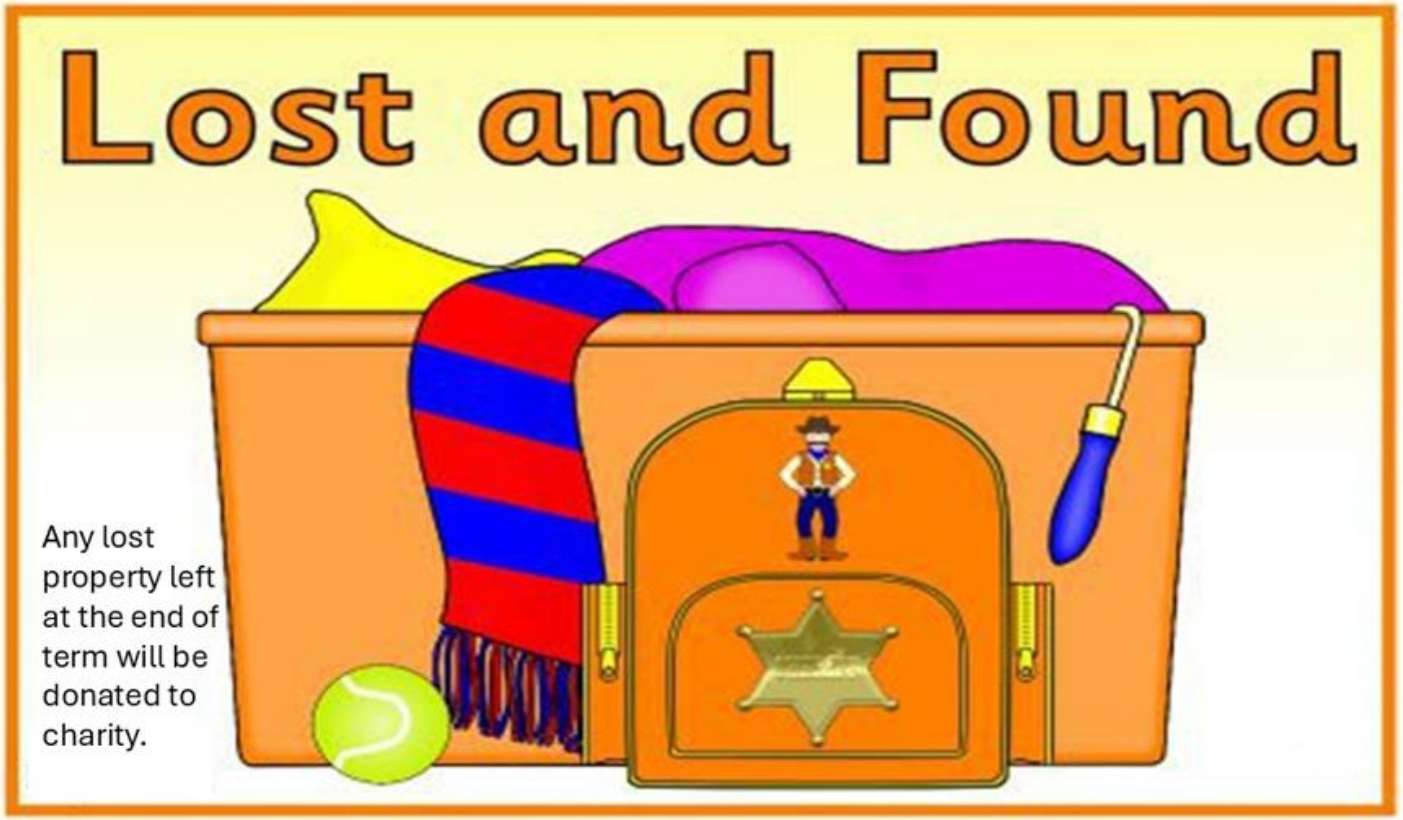
SUMMER PRAYER

Dear God our Father,

Thank you for summer! Thank you for the longer days and the beauty around us. Thank you for the slower pace and the time to be with family and friends.

Draw us closer to You this summer. Make us aware of your presence around us and teach us to pray wherever we are. As we enjoy Your creation, give us a hunger and thirst for You.

We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Lost property is in the main entrance – please take anything you have lost/need.

Anything left at the end of the year will be donated to the 180 project.