

This week

- Sun 12 May – FOTC Happy's Circus
- Mon 13 – Fri 17 May – KS2 (Yr6) SATS week

Dates further ahead

- Mon 20 – Fri 24 May – Yrs 3/4/5 assessment week
- Mon 27 – Fri 31 May – Half term
- Mon 3 June – Pupils return to school – Yr 6 and class photos

[A full calendar is available on our website](#)

Notices and reminders

This week, our whole school worships have been led by Olivia and 5RM. Our theme this week has been 'giving with no strings attached.' As a school we have been reflecting on how we can follow Jesus' example; we too should give without expecting any reward. We were reminded at the service given by Nelson Mandela, Emmeline Pankhurst, Malala Yousafzai and Martin Luther-King.

Many Year 5 pupils have been participating in Bikeability training this week. They have completed Level 1 (cycle check and skills exercises, with integrated theory based on the highway code) and started the Level 2 training (building up their experience of travelling on relatively quiet roads, with a focus on road junctions) before the weather conditions caused the training to be curtailed. The children hope to complete their training later in July when the weather has hopefully improved.

Offering cycle training is one of the objectives the school set itself in our school travel plan. With our school travel plan, we aim to significantly reduce the number of car trips on the school run; increase the number of pupils and adults travelling actively to school; make school journeys safer; reduce school gate congestion; reduce pollution in and around school sites; improve the health and fitness among the whole school community and increase road safety skills. Over the past couple of years, we have offered scooter training for Year 3 and pedestrian skills for Year 4. We are hoping to secure our Bronze Travel Award by the end of this academic year.

To this end, we are participating in Walk to School Week (20 – 24 May) and Clean Air Day (20 June). 2019 is Hertfordshire's Year of Physical Activity Legacy and we would like all our pupils to either walk, scoot or cycle to school to complete Buster's walking challenge. Clean Air Day is a chance for our school community to come together and improve air quality. The children will be asked to make an active pledge and name a green space or park they have visited during June.

This week, Darcey in Year 3 was Head for the Day. She presented pupils with their Stars of the Week during whole school worship. She also participated in a RE pupil voice group led by our RE Link Governor. Darcey writes "Today I have clipped the stickers onto the stars of the week, calculated the house points and written the bulletin. The house with the biggest increase is Pankhurst, with a 190 points increase! I supervised Year 6 setting up the gym for SATS. After break I went on a learning walk to see what the classes were learning about".

Next week is an important week for our Year 6 pupils as they take the KS2 National Tests. They have all been working very hard in preparation and we look forward to sharing their achievements with you later this term. We would like to remind Year 6 parents and carers of the importance of full attendance during this week and request that the Year 6 pupils arrive at school on time. Late arrivals will hinder the administration of the tests. Alongside their preparations, they have still had time to enjoy other curriculum subjects, particularly art. We are delighted that some of their artwork is being displayed by the Berkhamsted Art Society at the Civic Centre next week.

Final payments for Devon were due by Friday 10 May.

Recent letters

Last week we sent out these letters, which are also available on our website:

- No letters

Today we're attaching:

- No attachments

This week at St Peter's –

BOOK FESTIVAL May 12, 9:30am – 6pm. The Friends and Cemetery Project are supporting the Book Festival, to be held in the Town Hall and Rectory Lane Cemetery. **Meet authors, take part in interactive workshops, children's writing competition.** See flyers and posters for more details. Kate Campbell needs volunteers to help on the day - everything from checking tickets to escorting authors. www.BerkoFest.com for ticket information.

BERKHAMSTED WALK raising funds for The Children's Society. Sunday 12 May. Choose the walk that suits you: 6, 12 and 18 miles. For details go to www.berkhamstedwalk.com

We are hosting a children's Book Fair (from Travelling Books) in the library from 21 to 24 May. It will be open to pupils at lunch time and to parents, carers and pupils from 3.15pm to 4.00pm after school.

Once again, Travelling Books is offering three books for the price of two; the cheapest book being free. It's a fantastic opportunity to stock up on books for your summer holiday! Our school receives commission on all books sold, which is spent on new books for our library.

Payment for purchases can be by cash, cheque (payable to The Thomas Coram CE School), or by phone over a secure payment telephone line. Any cash should be in a named envelope and handed to your child's class teacher at morning registration for safe keeping.

FOTC are looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday at Happy's Circus for an afternoon of brilliant entertainment and fun. Gates open at 12.30