

10TH JULY 2026

I must start this newsletter by thanking everyone who has supported our children with their fundraising for our recent World Cup sponsored event: Mr O'Donnell announced the total in assembly on Friday once last week's newsletter had gone 'to print' so we could not include the news that, thanks to the hard work of the children and your incredible generosity, we have smashed previous years' totals and raised over £6100! I am sure that the children are all eager to be voted as the next School Council representatives for their class so that they can be a part of the decision making for how the money will be spent on the children, their rewards and enriching their learning next year.

We had a great time welcoming our next Year 3 cohort into school this week and children who will be staying with us next year also spent some time with their new teachers. By no means does this mean we are ready to say goodbye to our current Year 6 children yet—you still have a few more opportunities for some final walks to school Year 6 parents and we are looking forward to seeing you in school next week for the end of year production of The Lion King Jr. Please make sure your child is back in school for both evening performances, even if you only have tickets for one of the evenings—the children have worked hard to create a wonderful show for you all to see.

Once again, there are no major changes to our teaching teams this year:

Class 1—Mrs Trimbee

Class 3—Mrs Parsons & Mrs Orchard

Class 5—Mrs Aujla

Class 7—Mr Kettle

Class 9—Miss Lloyd & Mrs Hicks

Class 11—Mr Chapman

Class 2—Mr Butler & Mr O'Donnell

Class 4—Mr Ward

Class 6—Ms Hallam

Class 8—Mr Evans

Class 10—Mrs O'Donnell

Class 12—Miss Byrd

Please start to return any reading books you have at home so that we can collate them for next year.

I know that some of you will already be aware that Ridgeway will be saying goodbye to Mrs Dale when she leaves at the end of the summer term. Whilst I am looking forward to working with the incoming headteacher, Mr Beattie, I will be sad to see Mrs Dale leave, as I know many of you will too. Mrs Dale and I took over the headships at both schools around the same time and have become good friends; a friendship which has been important to nurture to ensure the smooth running of both schools through COVID and beyond. Please see the message below from Mrs Jackie Boswell, our Chair of Governors:

*We would like to invite you to join us for a celebration of Mrs Dale's time at Ridgeway on **Thursday 16th July** after school before she leaves Ridgeway on 23rd July. We hope this will be a chance to say thank you to Mrs Dale and to share memories as well as show our appreciation for everything she has done for the children at school. We will have refreshments and it will be a chance to share some of the many things Mrs Dale has achieved for children at Ridgeway. The event will start at 3.35pm and finish at 4pm.*

Kind regards,

Mrs J Hill

What's Coming Up

Next Week

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th July—Year 6 Production: Lion King Jr

Our Year 6 children will be performing their end of year production of Disney's Lion King Jr. to their families on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th July from 6pm. Children are expected to attend both performances please. Please see the letter that has come home for ticket details.



Friday 17th July—Year 4 Britain Since 1950s Day

Year 4 will round off their final topic with a celebration of all they have learnt about the decades since the 1950s. Please see information that has been sent home about ideas for outfits for the day—the fashion show for this event is one of the most memorable experiences of the year!

Friday 17th July—Year 5 Camp Night

Year 5 will be spending the evening of Friday 17th July under the stars on the school field! Returning to school after tea, children will pitch their tents (ably assisted by their parents) before some fun and campfire games, then settling down for the night with their friends! Please see the letter your Year 5 child has brought home for more information.

Friday 17th July—Reports Home

Your child will bring home their End of Year report on Friday 17th July. This is later than usual due to delays with KS2 SATs results which we have communicated to Year 6 parents this week. Year 4 Multiplication Check Results will also come home with reports.

Coming Up Later in July

Monday 20th July—Year 6 Leavers' Party

The Year 6 Leavers' Party will take place from 5-7pm on Monday 20th July. **Children must be collected by an adult please—no mobile phones allowed.**

Wednesday 22nd July—Leavers' Lunch

Our catering team will be putting on a special menu on for all of the children on Wednesday 22nd July. As well as the usual sandwich and jacket potato options, children will also be able to choose from the following menu:

Beef Burger/ Halal Beef Burger / Quorn Burger
Served with fries, sweetcorn and peas

Celebration cupcakes, fresh fruit or yoghurt

Wednesday 22nd July—Silver Reward Day

Weather permitting, Wednesday 22nd July is likely to be our Silver Reward Day: water fights on the field. This is the first of two non-uniform days. **Children will need to bring a water pistol, a change of clothes (including pants, socks and shoes) and a TOWEL.**

Thursday 23rd July—Gold Reward Day

The field will be full of inflatables for Gold Reward Day on the final day of term. Children can wear non-uniform again but must have socks to go on the inflatables and be wearing suitable clothing for bouncy castles—surfaces can get hot in the sun! Year 6 children may wear or bring school shirts for signing today.



There will be no school-run clubs in the final week of term. Only Cricket on Monday 20th July and Football on Tuesday 21st July will run as normal. There will be no Girls' Football, Homework Clubs, Lego, Warhammer or Choir during the week beginning Monday 20th July. Please arrange to collect your children as normal if they usually attend these clubs.

2025/26 DATES

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th July	6pm (finish time TBC)	Year 6 Production to Parents—ticket info to follow
Friday 17th July	All Day	Year 4 Britain Since 1950s Day
Friday 17th July	All Day	End of Year Reports Home
Friday 17th July	TBC	Year 5 Camp
Monday 20th July	TBC	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Wednesday 22nd July	All Day	Silver Reward Day—non uniform for all children
Wednesday 22nd July	12:15pm	Leavers' Lunch—see menu on previous page
Thursday 23rd July	All Day	Gold Reward Day—non uniform for all children
Thursday 23rd July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday

2026/27 DATES

Friday 4th September	All Day	INSET 1
Monday 7th September	All Day	INSET 2
Tuesday 8th September	8:55am	Autumn 1 Term begins
Friday 23rd October	3:30pm	End of Autumn 1 Term—break up for half term
Monday 2nd November	8:55am	Autumn 2 Term begins
Friday 27th November	All Day	INSET 3
Friday 18th December	3:30pm	End of Autumn 2 Term—break up for Christmas
Monday 4th January	8:55am	Spring 1 Term begins
Friday 12th February	3:30pm	End of Spring 1 Term—break up for half term
Monday 22nd February	8:55am	Spring 2 Term begins
Thursday 25th March	3:30pm	End of Spring 2 Term—break up for Easter break
Monday 12th April	8:55am	Summer 1 Term begins
Monday 3rd May	All Day	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Monday 10th May— Friday 14th May	All Week	Year 6 SATs—no authorized absences this week
Friday 28th May	3:30pm	End of Summer 1 Term—break up for half term
Monday 7th June	All Day	INSET 4
Tuesday 8th June	8:55am	Summer 2 Term begins
Friday 23rd July	3:30pm	End of Summer 2 Term—break up for Summer
Monday 26th July	All Day	INSET 5

School Dinners

School dinners **MUST** be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE** using your School Money account. Dinners cost **£2.90 per day** (£14.50 for a full week). Next week, we will be back on the new [Week 1](#) menu.

