



# Welcome to BARLEY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024  
Summer Term I  
Newsletter  
Our value this term is  
**Reflection**

## Dear Parent/Carer

We are now halfway through the term and the weeks seem to be passing us by very swiftly, with lots to complete as we race towards the final term of the school year. It has been wonderful to see some sunshine this week and feel the temperatures begin to warm up – Please do remember sun hats and to apply sunscreen before school on days where the forecast is brighter.

## Star of the Week

Our Stars of the Week and Attendance Cup winners for this week are listed below, congratulations to you all!

EYFS – Gabby, Leilani & Pearl	
Year 1 – Magnus, Butterflies Class & Millie	Year 5 – Dexter, Phoebe & Harper
Year 2 – Debbie, Ellie & Alice	Year 6 – Sophie & Ollie
Year 3 – Ellie & Jude	EYFS/KS1 Attendance Cup – Tadpoles (98.9%)
Year 4 – Harry, Ellie & Sienna	KS2 Attendance Cup – Dolphins (96.3%)

## Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

A polite reminder that Monday is a Bank Holiday and therefore school is closed on this day.

## Year Four – Multiplication Tables Check

The Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check will be taking place at the start of June. The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for all year 4 pupils registered at state-funded maintained schools, special schools, or academies, including free schools, in England. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It also helps schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided. We would like to remind pupils and their families of the importance of practicing their timetables - this can be done on TTRS. Below is the link for a 'practice' check which resembles the test that the children will be taking. I would encourage you to visit the site and regularly engage with this, with your child (at least once a week) so that they are familiar with the set up. The children will be practicing in school too.

[MTC - Multiplication Tables Check - URBrainy.com](https://www.urbrainy.com/multiplication-tables-check)

Thank you for your support.

## Save the Date – Open Afternoons Summer Term

Our Marvellous Monday and Terrific Tuesday are returning this term, this is an opportunity for you to come into school to learn alongside your child and for them to showcase their learning from the term. The open sessions commence at 2.00pm on the allocated afternoon for your child's year group – Please add the following dates to your diary and additional detail will follow closer to the time:

**Marvellous Monday: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2.00pm – Reception and Key Stage One**

**Terrific Tuesday: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2.00pm – Key Stage Two**

## Reception September 2024 School Places

Families with children who were born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, will now have received their school place offers for September 2024. Please remember to accept your school place directly with Oxfordshire County Council by 30th April 2024. We are very much looking forward to meeting the younger siblings from our current families, as well as welcoming new families to our school community.

## KS2 SATs

During week commencing Monday 13th May, our Yr6 pupils will be sitting their end of KS2 SATs assessments. The children have been working exceptionally hard throughout the year to prepare for these assessments and we have no doubt that they will all shine during this assessment period. As in previous years, we will be hosting a SATs breakfast, Monday to Thursday, to start the day in a relaxed and positive manner, and to help settle any nerves (communication relating to this was sent to parents this week). The children will continue to be supported and encouraged by staff as we approach SATs week – We are incredibly proud of them all for their focus and dedication.

## Year Six Events – Save the Date

As we are fast approaching the final term of the school year, please see below for key dates relating to specific events for Year 6:

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 7.00pm – 9.00pm: Yr6 Leavers' Party

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Production to parents, showings at 4.00pm and 6.30pm

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 9.30am – Leavers' Assembly to parents

Specific detail for each event will be published over the next few weeks, but for now, please add these dates to your diary.

As always, myself and all staff value parental engagement and very much want to work in partnership for the benefit of your child. Please do make an appointment to speak to the Class Teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team if you have anything you wish to discuss.

Kind regards

**Mrs Gemma Penny**  
Headteacher

## Upcoming Diary Dates:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Dolphins Class Assembly

Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May – Yr6 SATs Week

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Reception Vision Screening

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm – Reception and KS1  
Marvellous Monday

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2.00pm – KS2 Terrific Tuesday