



Friday 28th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we find ourselves a week away from the end of term. For this update I am going to focus on families as we have Mothering Sunday this weekend.

Families come in all shapes and sizes; some of us live with a mum and dad, others with grandparents, or even with uncles, aunts, or close family friends. No matter what our families look like, they play a big role in helping us grow and learn.

Families are our first teachers. From the moment we're born, they help us learn about the world around us. Our parents teach us how to talk, how to tie our shoes, and how to be kind to others. As we grow older, families continue to guide us through school. They encourage us to do our best in our learning and help with homework when we need it. They celebrate our successes and help us stay motivated when things are tough.

Mother's Day is a special occasion to celebrate the love and care of the special women in our lives, whether it's our mothers, grandmothers, or other important female figures. It's at this time that I reflect on my own upbringing. Many of you will know that my Mum brought up four children on her own, holding down many a job whilst ensuring that we all had the very best education. Without her, I would not be the person that I am today. Thanks Mum!

Whatever you are doing this weekend, I hope that you are able to take some time to celebrate the people that make your lives special.

As always, I look forward to seeing you all on the different school gates in the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

Mr Stephen O'Brien - Executive Headteacher



Key Dates

School Closes for Easter Holiday

Friday 4th April at 1:00pm

Children's Start Date

Tuesday 22nd April

Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May

Families' Week

Week beginning Tuesday 6th May

Science Day / Science Fayre

Thursday 22nd May

School Closes for May Half Term

Friday 23rd May at 3:30pm

Children's Start Date

Monday 2nd June at 8:55am

Keeping Healthy Week

Week beginning Monday 23rd June

Parents Evening

Thursday 10th July - School closes at 1:00pm

End of Term Finish Date

Friday 18th July - School closes at 1:00pm

Orchard

This week, children in EYFS enjoyed a local walk to Well Street Common. They were lucky with the weather and learned all about the season of Spring. They have also been learning about St Patrick's Day and used the green grass to colour in a festive shamrock!



Southwold

This week, children in Year 3 took part in a gardening workshop where they learned all about germination. They planted a variety of vegetables and herbs like basil, peppers and potatoes which will be sold in the summer to raise money for the school in the upcoming social enterprise!



Hoxton Garden

This week, children at Hoxton Garden have been preparing for the Easter Bonnet Parade. It was an amazing opportunity to see children showcase their creativity and imagination. There were special prizes for the most creative and festive bonnets, well done to all who took part!

