



**20th June 2025**

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## Headteacher's insight

I want to start by saying how brilliantly the children have coped with the heat this week. It's been wonderful to see them staying hydrated with their water bottles, keeping cool in their sun hats, and protected with sunscreen — thank you for your support in helping them manage so well.

I'd also like to say a big well done to our Year 1 children, who have now all completed their phonics screening check. This marks the end of all government testing for this academic year — an achievement they should be very proud of.

### Science Fair Reminder – Projects Due Soon!

Our first-ever School Science Fair is just around the corner, and we can't wait to see the brilliant ideas our young scientists have been working on!

Project Submission Date: Wednesday 25th June

Children should bring their completed science projects to school next week. Projects can take any form – posters, models, pictures, PowerPoints, or other creative displays. Teachers will review all entries and select a number of standout projects to be showcased at our Science Fair Showcase. If your child has not started your project yet, there is still time to take part. As ideas, they could do an experiment and record your results, make a poster or slide show about climate change, make a diorama about your favourite habitat or investigate how long it takes an ice lolly to melt. Every entry will receive a certificate.

Science Fair Showcase: Friday 4th July, 3:15–4:15pm

Parents, carers, family members, friends and neighbours are warmly invited to attend this special event after school. Children selected to present will share their projects in the school hall. Visitors will be able to tour the displays, speak to the young scientists, and vote for their favourite project! Winners will be announced in school the following week.



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Thank you for supporting your child's curiosity and creativity – we're looking forward to a fun and inspiring celebration of science!

If you have any questions, please speak to your class teacher or our science lead, Mrs McLachlan.

I wish you all a sunny and restful weekend, and I am very much looking forward to enjoying our Sports Day together next Thursday.



*Mrs Thompson*

Mrs Emily Thompson  
**Executive Headteacher**



## News from our classrooms

### Hercules

This week in Hercules Class, we've delved into some fascinating new learning across our subjects!

In **English**, we embraced the haunting mood of **The Raven by Edgar Allan Poe**. The children explored the dramatic tone and rich language of this classic poem before crafting their own powerful letters in a similar gothic style. Their creativity and flair for the dramatic truly shone through!

In **Science**, we began our brand-new topic: the **Human Timeline**. We discussed how humans grow and change over time, mapping out key developmental stages from infancy all the way to old age. There were some brilliant discussions about milestones and what we learn as we grow.

Over in **Geography**, we've been investigating **global energy use**, with a spotlight on the USA. Using Google Maps on the iPads, the class zoomed in on Midland, Texas—a hub for oil production. Pupils explored the landscape dotted with oil pumps and power plants, sparking thoughtful conversations about how energy is sourced and used.

It's been a week of curiosity, creativity and some deep thinking in Hercules Class—well done to everyone!





## Vulcan Class

It's been another exciting week in Vulcan's Class.

In **English**, we've been diving into the world of adventure stories! The children have been exploring exciting tales complete with mysterious settings, and thrilling journeys. We can't wait to see where their imaginations take them as they begin planning and writing their stories next week.

In **Science**, we've been learning about natural and non-natural materials. We've had some great discussions about where materials come from, how they are used, and which ones are made by people. The children really enjoyed sorting clothes into natural and non-natural.

In **Geography**, we've been exploring the coastlines of the UK. We've looked at features like cliffs, beaches and sand dunes, and have been learning to find different coastlines on a map. Lots of us have been sharing our own seaside experiences too!





## Comets Class



What a colourful and creative week we've had in Comets Class!

This week, we've been learning all about the Hindu festival of Holi. The children were fascinated by the story and traditions of this celebration. We had lots of fun making our own coloured rice, which we then used to create beautiful Rangoli patterns. The children worked brilliantly together, showing great teamwork and care as they measured, mixed, and shared the colours – it was lovely to see how well they supported each other.

In Maths, we've been exploring repeated patterns. The children have been busy designing and building their own patterns using colours, shapes, and even actions – we've seen some really imaginative ideas!

In Literacy, we've been reading the story Oliver's Vegetables, which inspired us to talk about our own favourite fruit and vegetables. The children made fantastic lists and used some brilliant describing words. We've even designed our own fruit salads, ready to chop and mix next week – we can't wait to taste them!

Well done, Comets – what a fantastic week of learning and teamwork.







### **Smart watches**

Smart watches with messaging and camera capabilities are not permitted in the school, please ask children to remove them before school starts.

## **Hall, room and pitch hire**

Looking for a space to host your weekly yoga class, five-a-side football game, or community group?

We're exploring interest in regular lettings of our school facilities outside of school hours and would love to hear from you. If you're considering booking a room, hall, or pitch on a recurring basis, please let us know by completing our short [expression of interest form](#).



## House Point Totals

113	107	116	175
Turing	Johnson	Einstein	Cartwright

## Key upcoming dates

Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b><u>Anglian Learning Dance Festival</u></b> Invited children to attend school in their PE kit.
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b><u>Sports Day</u></b> 9:30am start. Parents and carers are invited to join us from 9:15am, with the event running through to 11:30.
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b><u>Linton Zoo trip</u></b> Comets class trip, please make payments via MCAS.
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b><u>Year 6s visit their secondary school</u></b>
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b><u>Transition morning - details to follow</u></b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<b><u>Year 6 Residential Trip</u></b>
Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<b><u>Science Fair</u></b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b><u>Vulcans trip to Cambridge City Centre</u></b>

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

Giulia - Comets





## Term Dates 2024/25

### Spring term

Monday 6th January to Friday 4th April

Half term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April

Easter holidays: Monday 7 April – Friday 18th April

### Summer term

Tuesday 22nd April to Wednesday 23rd July

Back to school Wednesday 23rd April

Bank holiday Monday 5th May (school closed)

Half term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Back to school Tuesday 3rd June

Last day of term 23rd July

### INSET Days (closed to pupils)

Tuesday 22 April

Monday 2 June

## Term Dates 2025/26

### Autumn term 2025

Thursday 4th September to Friday 24th October

Half term: Monday 27th October – 3rd November

Tuesday 4th November to Friday 19th December

Christmas holidays: Monday 22nd December to Tuesday 6th Jan

### Spring term 2026

Tuesday 6th January to Friday 13th February

Half Term: Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February

Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th March

Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April

### Summer term 2026

Monday 13th April to Friday 22nd May

Half Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Monday 1st June to Friday 17th July

Summer Holiday: Monday 20th July onwards

### INSET Days (closed to pupils)

Monday 1st September

Tuesday 2nd September

Wednesday 3rd September

Monday 3rd November

Monday 5th January

Monday 20th July



# School Uniform Donations

## Spring cleaning?

Think about donating your old school uniform to the PTFA!



## What to donate?

- Branded and non-branded uniforms in good condition (no stains or holes)
- Bookbags
- PE bags

## Where to donate?

- School Reception
- **Sports day**-Thursday  
26<sup>th</sup> June

## Where to buy?

- **Science Showcase**-  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Promote sustainability by donating or buying pre-loved uniform and help raise funds for the PTFA!**

