



William Harding School

Harding Herald Newsletter



House Points

Here are the House Points results for the 2nd half of the Summer term. Once again, very close between all the houses but a huge well done to **Nightingale!**

Hampden: 4213 points **Rothschild: 4128 points** **Nightingale: 4421 points** **Guttman: 4358 points**

House Captains

Well done to all of our house captains who have done a brilliant job in their role this year and led their houses superbly. The house and vice-house captains have done brilliant jobs in leading their teams through the different sporting events this year, whilst also encouraging and including all children to ensure they do their best.

Our House Captains are responsible for supporting the teachers with inter-house competitions and encourage the children to cheer for and celebrate their house's achievements. We are excited to select our new Year 6 House Captains in September. Each house will have one Captain and two Vice Captains who will be chosen by the Year 6 team. In order to apply to be a House Captain, we are asking Year 6 to write a formal letter of application stating why they think they would make an excellent role model for their house. The letters will need to be addressed to Mr Stallwood and we would like them handed in by the end of the first week back at school. Don't forget to include what house you are in!

Head Teacher News

Dear parents and families,

As the school year comes to a close, we should all feel extremely proud of all the successes we have had both individually and jointly as a school team. As we look back and reflect on this academic year, I am proud of the great learning attitudes our pupils have shown when doing their best and also of all the additional experiences they have had.

Our sense of community is proudly at the heart of our school and has helped us to overcome challenges we've encountered across the school year, with great examples and displays of support for each other being shown using our school values of inclusion, respect, responsibility, perseverance, honesty and collaboration.

It has been wonderful to see so many pupils and parents enjoy our school events, such as Come and Read, Open Classrooms and our Sports Days which proved an enormous success in their revised format. It was fantastic to look out on to the field when we held the recent family picnic and see so many families sharing time together in the glorious weather we were blessed with whilst enjoying the array of stalls on offer.

We have seen some great successes for our pupils and staff recently in terms of end of year data at key points across the school.

In KS1 SATS Year 2, we saw pupils achieving well in Reading and Maths with 70% of pupils working at the expected level.

In KS2 SATS Year 6, we saw pupils achieving well in Reading with 73% of pupils working at the expected level and a huge 37% working at greater depth. In maths 79% of pupils are working at the expected level and 29% working at greater depth. In Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation 76% of pupils are working at the expected level and a huge 37% working at greater depth. *What does this mean for our pupils?*

- **For Reading, *William Harding pupils do as well as all other pupils nationally***
- **For Maths, *William Harding pupils do better than other pupils nationally***
- **For Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation, *William Harding pupils do better than other pupils nationally***
- **For Reading, Writing and Maths together, *William Harding pupils do as well as all other pupils nationally***

However, we are all clear that it is also not just about the data; it is also about the personal pupil successes and the fact we ensure our pupils are as ready as possible for secondary school. Writing will be our School Development focus next year to ensure our results continue to improve further.

We have been so impressed with how the children have persevered to settle into their new classes and year groups with "Move Up, Stay Up". They have displayed both courage and resilience, safe in the knowledge that a helping hand is never far away from their staff in the classroom, the year group and from our fantastic SEN and FLO Teams.

We say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils as they move on to their new secondary schools in September. We wish them all the very best of luck, and we are confident that armed with their William Harding values and all that they have learnt, they will all do us proud as they embark on the next stage of their academic journey.

We must also say goodbye to some of our staff members, who we thank for their hard work and commitment to William Harding. I am sure you will join me in thanking them and also extending a warm welcome to those new members of staff.

I hope you all have a wonderful break over the summer and enjoy spending time together and please do stay safe. We look forward to welcoming those returning to us in September, refreshed and ready to begin another school year. There is an inset for staff on Friday 1st and Monday 4th and therefore pupils return on Tuesday 5th September.

Thank you again for your support.

Miss Cotchin
Head Teacher

Governors

As the summer term comes to a close, it's time to reflect on all that's happened over the year and the achievements we've seen across the school. One thing that stands out to me as a governor is the effort that goes into making learning fun for our children – from themed days to trips and residentials, through to quizzes, projects and challenges within the classrooms. There's always a sense of excitement around these and plenty of new knowledge coming home as a result! There have also been plentiful achievements over the year including the netball team's first match, the Reception Christmas carols and the new format sports days which were well-received by pupils and parents alike. With our Year 6's moving on to their new schools in September, they (and their teaching team) deserve a special mention for the fabulous Buggy Malone performances, and the very strong SATS results. We hope you enjoy your well-deserved end-of-year activities and wish you all the best for September. We know you'll continue to work hard and will represent your new schools as well as you have done William Harding. I'd like to close by saying thank you to all in the William Harding community who have worked so hard to make this a successful year. This includes our pupils, teaching and support staff, and parents. On behalf of the Governing Body, I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and we will look forward to seeing you again in September.

Deborah Sin – Parent Governor

Premises Update

Here is a brief run down of some of the works taking place this summer:-

- KS1 Hall - refurbishing PLUS installation of a huge Interactive whiteboard and sound system to replace the projector.
- KS1 Outdoor play equipment i.e. pirate ship etc- being serviced and repaired for use.
- KS1 Year 1 repairs to skylights classrooms
- Main building - Medical room renovation
- KS2 PPA room - Complete refurb to become a teaching space
- KS2 kitchen - Complete refurb to become a more user-friendly food tech area.
- KS2 New Booster room
- KS2 Year 5 toilet - Complete refurb of both toilets
- KS2 new field pod - a multipurpose building that is being installed next to the Year 6 block
- KS2 new year 6 toilets - The current changing rooms are being converted to toilets. rather than just the one at the back, there will be additional cubicles, basins and hand driers plus a full refurb.
- Grounds Maintenance in general - lots of sprucing up the outdoor spaces to tidy, weed, mow and trim getting everything all nice ready for September.

PLUS - a full deep clean across the school and other bits of planned decorating. All of this is planned around 2 large lettings for a football camp and a tech camp too.

Exciting (and very busy) things coming up!

Miss Judge – Business Support Manager

Animal Advocates

This year, our animal advocates have continued to take great care of all the animals, they have been patient with Poppy who now loves to be handled! They have been fantastic role models when training up our new advocates.

The FLO Team

William Harding Attendance Cup

The winners of the William Harding Attendance Cup for the first half of the Summer Term were Lime in KS1 with 98.19% and Windsor in KS 2 with 97.67%. Congratulations to both classes who not only had the cup displayed in their class rooms but also had a mufti day on Friday 30th June.

FLO Team

School Council

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of the amazing School Council members this year. We have been blown away by how well the school representatives have taken on their role and shown maturity and confidence within their position as a School Council member. As a group, we met on regular occasions, looking at valuable methods to make William Harding the best it can be. We considered important fundraising initiatives, discussed ways to improve the school and ensured all children within the school were given the opportunity to contribute their opinion and their voices to be heard. We would like to personally thank each and every member of the School Council for their integral part in the team. Thank you for all of your hard work!

Miss Brown and Mrs Sharp

PE News

This term has been an amazing term for PE at William Harding. The whole school started off the term preparing and practicing for sports day. It was brilliant to see all children participating and competing in a variety of events.

The year 6 transition games saw the year 6 students who are transitioning into year 7 take part in a variety of sporting activities such as dodgeball, bench ball, foot golf and much more!

The KS1 football team, took part in their first tournament. They performed amazingly and showed brilliant sportsmanship throughout! Some of the year 4s took part in a sports festival, where they got to participate in a variety of fun activities.

We would love to see all your sporting adventures/achievements over the 6 weeks holidays, please feel free to email in telling us all about your sporting adventures/achievements.



Mr Rayner & The PE Team

Pre-School News

We have had lots of fun in our last term before the summer holidays! We have been learning about rainforests. We have been making animal masks, reading rainforest stories and learning about all the animals that live in the rainforest during circle time. We have been focusing on transition as many of us are going to big school. We met our new teachers and our role play area is a school to prepare us for September.

We have had lots of school events such as sports day, the whole school picnic, stay and play and come and read. We have all enjoyed having parents involved. We have also had so much fun celebrating national chocolate day. We made rocky road, cocoa powder playdough and we designed our own chocolates in group time.



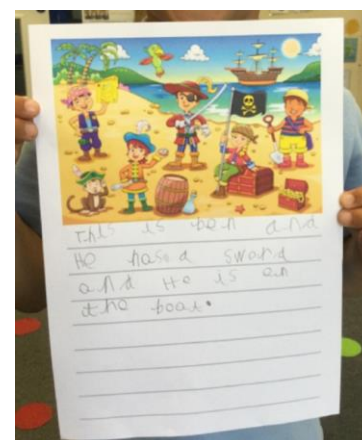
“I love chocolate” - Sybil

Reception News

In Reception this half term, the children have been learning about ‘Pirates’. The children have learnt about pirate adventures, sea creatures and how to look after our environment.

In English, we have been reading lots of pirate themed books and have been writing sentences about them. We have been challenging the children to include adjectives and conjunctions as well as writing their own stories. In maths, we have been thinking about doubling, sharing, addition, subtraction and number bonds to 10. This half term we have been map reading, looking at globes and going on pirate adventures!

We are so proud of how much the children have achieved this year and we know they will love it in Year 1! Thank you, Reception, for a brilliant year.



“I am going to miss my teachers in Reception but I am excited to go to Year 1! I want to play be in my new classroom and meet my new teacher”

- Delilah

Year 1 News

It has exciting end to the year in Year 1. In Maths, we have practiced telling the time to the hour and half hour, practiced adding money and reviewed the days of the week and months of the year. Our English work has focused on writing a variety of texts using adjectives, conjunctions and similes, in addition to practicing our inference and retrieval skills. In History this half term we have learned about famous explorers from around the world, considering how they have affected history and demonstrated our School Values. In Science we have learnt about plants and trees and in DT we have taste tested a variety of ingredients and made our own sandwiches. Finally, we learned about the Royals Family in our excellent visit to Warwick Castle. We wish you the best of luck in your new classes!

"Trees create the oxygen we need to breathe" - Jaxon



Year 2 News

The children in Year 2 have had a very busy term and have been working extremely hard. In Maths, they have been revising their Year 2 topics which have included learning about efficient methods, finding fractions of shapes and amounts and money. In English, the children have been working hard on their reading and have particularly enjoyed reading Dr Xargles Book Of Earthlets. In writing, they have been practicing writing sentences using a range of conjunctions. In Science, the children have been learning about the planets. They were fascinated to learn about the phases of the moon. Finally, of the children had a fantastic time during our camping day, taking parts in activities such as frisbee, golf, archery, fire lighting and creating animals out of clay and found materials. Good luck with your move to Key Stage 2!



"I have grown up so much this year!" - Cara

Year 3 News

What a lovely final half term we have had! It is fantastic to see how much the children have grown and developed. We are all incredibly proud of all the children. They have loved reading the BFG by Roald Dahl this half term, including learning new vocabulary that the BFG says, for example 'frobscottle' and 'whizzpopping'. In History, we have looked at Romans including having our very own Roman day where we learnt lots of new facts and took part in our very own Boudicca battle. We were very lucky to take part in different camp activities and we had fantastic fun! Overall, we have had a brilliant year in Year 3 and we are looking forward to see the children work just as hard in Year 4! Thank you for all your support throughout the year.



“During our science lessons, we have learnt about friction and that’s how the fire is being made” - Rayah

Year 4 News

In English, we have been reading *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. All the children have enjoyed learning about play scripts and have had the opportunity to write their own. We have been learning about measurements, coordinates and practicing our arithmetic skills in our Maths lessons.

Our topic in Science has been Electricity and we have had the opportunity to make our own circuits where we made our bulbs light up. We have been learning about the English Civil War in History and found out about The Gunpowder Plot.

The children have used our school value of perseverance when learning to sew during our DT lessons and made fantastic mini aprons.

It's been an exciting final term of year 4 and we enjoyed our family picnic and Sports Day.



“I enjoyed using the circuits and making our own. It was fun experimenting making the bulbs light up”- Finley

Year 5 News

Year 5 have had such a fantastic final term! Sports Day was a great success and the children loved taking on the responsibility of counting their points and competing against their class in their houses. During Math, the children have learnt lots about units of measurement and how to convert between them. In English lessons, the children have been focusing on how to add detail and it has been lovely to see their creativity come to life with these techniques! Although History has been challenging this half term, the children have enjoyed learning about The French Revolution and the events leading up to this. Science has also been tricky but the children persevered and engaged well, learning lots about the atmosphere and why we have different weather. A highlight of this half term has been DT and the children have enjoyed learning about then creating their own famous structures.



“This half term, I have really enjoyed learning lots of different things in math. I also enjoyed sports day and doing all the events with my house” – Adi

Year 6 News

Year 6 have had a fantastic final term at William Harding, getting ready to start their new adventures at secondary school in September. Children have spent two transition days meeting staff at their new schools and getting to know their classmates. In school, it has been all systems go! We had the massively successful school production, Bussy Malone, which the children absolutely smashed! On Friday night, we had our unbelievable prom and even the teachers were showing off some moves on the dance floor! Here and there, we've also been doing some filming for a special leavers' assembly video that we really hope you enjoy watching this week! For MUSU, Year 6 have been planning their stalls for Young Enterprise – a brilliant opportunity for us to raise some money for charity! Finally, this week, we have bowling, BBQ, inflatables and our leavers' assembly to finish off the year! Congratulations on a FANTASTIC year and we wish you all the very best as you move on to new challenges.



“We had a lovely time at the prom – eating Domino’s pizza, sweets, candy floss and fizzy drinks as well as the great music!” - Sofian