



# Newsletter

A warm welcome back to school for the Summer Term. I hope that you had an enjoyable break and were able to enjoy some family time and some exciting days out.

School will be closed on Monday 2nd May for bank holiday and the children return on Tuesday 3rd May.

As Ramadan is approaching the end, I would like to wish all the families that will be celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr this long weekend Eid Mubarak!

Please note only one day will be authorised for Eid.

## Diary Dates

2nd May	Bank Holiday – School closed
5th May	Eid Lunch
18th May	Book Fair
24th & 26th May	Y6 Conkers Visit
25th May	Summer Fair 2.30 - 4.30pm Parents invited.
27th May	School Jubilee Picnic
9th -11th June	Year 6 Residential to Crowden Education Centre in the Peak District.
7th July	Last day of summer term is Thursday – no school on Friday 8th July.



## Summer Fair

A reminder that the summer fair will be taking place on the 25th May, parents can join us from 2.30pm onwards. We will have a variety of fun stalls for both parents and children to enjoy. The money raised will go towards replenishing the books and library in school.

## Safeguarding

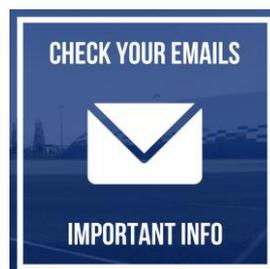
The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Gatherum, Miss Southwell is the Deputy Safeguarding Lead and SENCO, Mrs Raybould is a Deputy Safeguarding Lead.

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## Uniform

We expect all children to be in their correct uniform each and every day including their PE kit which must be worn from home on PE days. On a club days the PE kit must be bought to the school for children to get changed into.



It is important to check your email/app daily to keep up to date with the latest news, trips and changes to clubs.

## Class Attendance Winners

School attendance for this week was **96.8%**

Upper school Winner is class **5CS** and **5SR**

Lower school winner is class **4AG**



## Facts About Poor Attendance

Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.

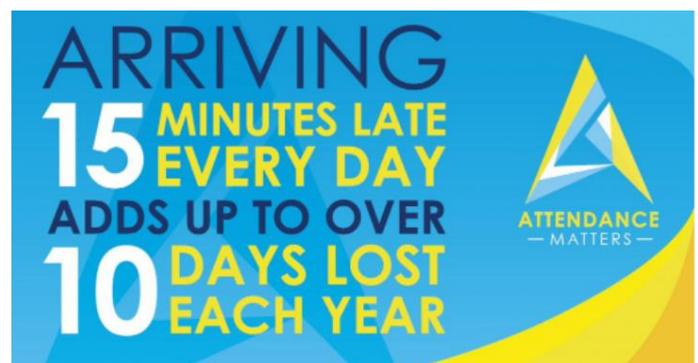
Raise your child's attendance - raise their chances!

**1 school year** at **90%** attendance = **4** whole weeks of lessons **MISSED!!!**

Research suggests that **17 missed school days** a year = GCSE grade **DROP** in achievement. (DfES)

The greater the attendance the greater the achievement.

- If a school can **improve** attendance by **1%**, they will see a **5-6%** improvement in **attainment**. (Department for Education and Skills)
- Please **help** us and your child by ensuring their attendance remains above **97%**, allowing them to **achieve** their potential.



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## Music Concert

Before the Easter holidays, at our Music Concert, we had a fantastic time celebrating all that our amazing musicians and singers had achieved during the Spring term. It was made it even more special that we could welcome back the parents of those performing for the first time since the pandemic.

Our Rock Steady bands were a sensation, playing 'Shotgun' by George Ezra and 'Happier' by Marshmallow.

The audience loved clapping and cheering them on. The choir performed beautifully, remembering their lyrics and performing the actions to their songs with precision. Our brave Year 5s also wowed us with their rap performance of 'Where is the Love' by the Black Eyed Peas.

A big thank you to all the children for their hard work last term and to parents who came to watch.



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## Ajay and the Mumbai Sun by Varsha Shah

A really great book; I read it in one go! This is a story set in Mumbai about a group of abandoned street children who start a newspaper to report on the injustices of child labour, poor workplace environments and corruption and to save their homes in the slums of Mumbai. The main character, Ajay, has an ambition to be a journalist and together with his friends they find an old printing press and create a newspaper called "The Mumbai Sun." There are also frequent references to cricket as a favourite pastime. The author writes about thought provoking topics in a sensitive and child friendly way but uses some wonderful descriptive language too. I would highly recommend this book for KS2 children.



Book review by Mrs Carlisle



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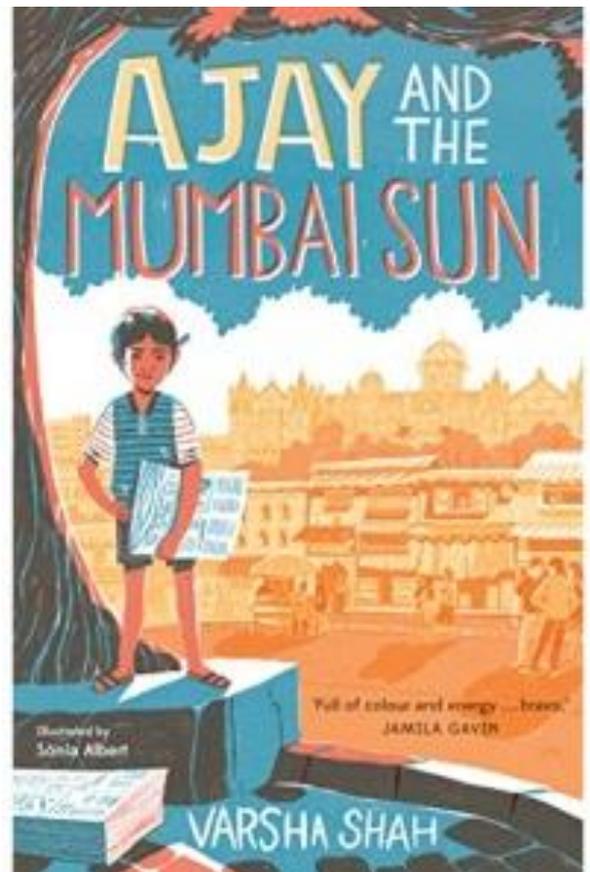
Ajay felt very bad for this Mr Raz, but even worse for himself. The ink! It was gone. What was he going to do now? He looked up accusingly at Mr Raz, his voice filled with bitterness. 'Why didn't you look where you were going?'

'Ajay!' Mr Sandhu sounded a bit breathless.

Mr Raz's eyebrows shot up, his eyes catching the light from the sun. He took a deep breath then spoke calmly, his voice sounding rich and mellow, taking the tissues Mr Sandhu handed to him. 'Given that you have just ruined my suit, don't you think that you are the one who owes an apology to me?'

Ajay stared at him. 'You do not understand. I

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## Book Fair comes to town!

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May Uplands will host the Roving Bookshop in school

The Roving Bookshop creates a real bookshop like no other with around 3000 titles. Fiction, picture books, graphic and challenging novels, poetry and non-fiction across the curriculum. They aim to be open from 8.30am for parents and children in the hall and then all classes will visit through the day. They remain open after school until all purchasing is completed for those who want to visit after.

There is an incentive as well to buy from the bookshop because the school will receive commission for all books sold, which will allow us to buy more books for our expanding library.

In advance of their visit, they will send a leaflet for each child with a free prize draw ticket (the winner getting £7.50 to choose a book from the Roving Bookshop), and 'bookshop wallets'. These are envelopes that parents can use to send in cash or cheques for children to make purchases, and to receive any change.

Many of the books are sold cheaper than you would find in stores around the city or on Amazon so it is a great chance to get a bargain. Children who may go to the infants are also welcome to purchase some of the books so bring the little ones along as well.

Please see their website for pictures and more information:  
<http://www.rovingbooks.com/>

Thanks for your continued support with reading and we hope to see you all there on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Mr Deacon (Reading lead)



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# The Roving Bookshop



The Rugby League World Cup 2021 is coming to England this year and it will be the biggest, best and most inclusive Rugby League World Cup ever.

RLWC is led by its values of being:



BOLD AND BRAVE



INCLUSIVE



WORLD CLASS



AUTHENTIC

## Rugby League Mascot Challenge 2022

Children need to design ONE Mascot for the Rugby League World Cup and give their mascot an exciting name. Your mascot needs to move and have an interesting Story. Include your name and Uplands Junior LEAD Academy on the back of the entry form. If you are using a normal piece of paper please remember to include your name, age, school and adult contact details as well as the name and backstory to your mascot. Further details can be found on the school website.

### YOUR DESIGN SHOULD...



REPRESENT ALL 3 TOURNAMENTS (MEN'S WOMEN'S AND WHEELCHAIR)



BE EYE-CATCHING AND RECOGNISABLE



REPRESENT THE VALUES OF RLWC2021



BE FUN AND FRIENDLY



HAVE A GREAT NAME AND BACKSTORY

### HOW TO ENTER

The competition closes at 5pm on 1st June 2022.

Do not worry if you cannot print the design sheet, use any piece of paper but remember to include your name, age, school and adult contact details as well as the name and backstory to your mascot.

The winning design will be selected by RLWC tournament ambassadors and notified XXX

The winner will get to visit the studio to see their winning entry being designed as official tournament mascot. They will also win 2 tickets to the RLWC2021 Final, some RLWC2021 merch and the chance for their entire class at school to attend a match of their choice (non-Final).

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**YOUR CHALLENGE IS TO DESIGN THE OFFICIAL MASCOT OF RLWC2021!**



NAME:	AGE:
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SCHOOL AND TOWN:
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MASCOT NAME: _____
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WHY DID YOU DESIGN THIS MASCOT?
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If you are the lucky winner, you will have your mascot created to be the **official tournament mascot**. As well as this, you and all your classmates will be invited to a RLWC2021 game. **All entries must be sent to [mascot@rlwc2021.com](mailto:mascot@rlwc2021.com) by 1st June 2022.**



**All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development!**

The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so.

Every child that registers will receive a backpack full of goodies!



# Big Moments of summer fun!

**Sign up today at**  
[allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk) or at the centre

**Join us at:** 'Oadby and Wigston All Stars' - Beauchamp College, Oadby, LE2 5TP

**Session dates:** Sat 7th May - Sat 25th June (8 weeks)

**Session timings:** 10.00am - 11.00am

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