

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first full week back at school after the summer break, it has been lovely to see the children enjoying themselves outside—especially after the rainy start to the week.

This week, Key Stage 2 took part in the **Learning Community Running Challenge**. Each child has now set a personal benchmark to build on throughout the year. I saw fantastic determination and stamina across all year groups, and I know many will be keen to improve their scores when Mrs Moran returns later in the year to repeat the activity.

One of the week's highlights was the return of **Forest School** for Year 2 and Year 5!

The children went on a fun hunt for “mouse tails” (size 1 sticks), “rat tails” (size 2 sticks), and “cat tails” (size 3 sticks), which they used to build a fire in the correct order. Everyone enjoyed a toasted marshmallow and had the challenge of making their fire well enough to toast it successfully!



Year 6 were also fortunate to begin their **mountain biking sessions** this week. Although it was a bit muddy, they had great fun on the field and are already looking forward to their future sessions at Haldon.

I've also been delighted to receive lots of lovely letters and drawings from children applying to join the **School Council** and **Ethos Team**, along with **Year 6 Sports Leader** applications. These roles will be finalised next week, and I look forward to sharing the results with you and working with these enthusiastic groups. **House Captains** will also be elected next week!

#### **A few updates and reminders:**

- **Wear It Yellow Day** – This will take place next **Friday, 19th September**. Please send your child in wearing something yellow, along with a **£1 donation** to support **Childhood Cancer Awareness**.
- **Beading Club** – This club will **not** run during the Autumn term.
- **Tapestry Journal Downloads** – If your child was in **Little Explorers or Reception last year (2024–2025)**, please ensure you **download their Tapestry journal before the end of September**, as access will be removed after that date.
- **Food Safety Update** – As shared last week, new guidance around food safety means we are **no longer able to share celebratory cakes** in school for birthdays or similar events. We appreciate your understanding.
- **Good news for preschool parents**. We are in the process of adding preschool children on to Bromcom, our management information system and parents should receive an email to set up a password for My Child at School (MCaS) in the next couple of weeks and this will enable you

to order and pay for school meals online; keep your contact details up to date and notify the school of your child's absence.

Warmest wishes,  
Ms Mansfield



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