

Staff Changes We will be sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Ascott at the end of this term. Mrs Ascott joined Orchard in January 2011 and has taught in Years 2 & 5. We wish her all the best with her life beyond Orchard.

School Garden Project I would like to invite anybody who has helped with the school garden project and anyone who would like to help out to a coffee morning on Friday 3 July 10.00 - 11.00. We are especially looking for some families who can help water the 'Polytunnel' and garden during the summer holidays. If you can help out but cannot make the coffee morning do please email me and let me know, head@orchard.herts.sch.uk. Mrs Norton will be leaving us at the end of term as she is relocating to another part of the country - she has spent the last few years making the garden project a reality and she is keen to ensure there is a team of people who can take the project forward after she has left.

Paul Sutton

Year 6

On Monday 8th May Year 6 visited the Houses of Parliament. We set off on the coach to London, seeing such sights as Big Ben and Westminster Abbey. When we arrived at the Houses of Parliament we were met by Jenny and Yasmin, MP Richard Harrington's PAs. The children were then given an amazing guided tour of the House of Commons and House of Lords. They learnt so much about democracy and the history of the building. After, we were fortunate enough to have Question Time with Richard where he answered our questions in great detail. The journey back was a little eventful with a coach replacement needed. Apart from that a great day was had by all.

Mr Williams



Events Happening at Orchard

June 15 - 19	Phonics Screening Check Week: Y1/2
June 15 - 19	School Grounds Week
June 15	Watford Schools Trust visit Y6
June 16	Class RW: Assembly 9.00
June 16	Reception Induction - New Parents, 19.00
June 17	Class 4: Assembly 9.00
June 19	Education for all day: Richard Harrington MP to assembly
June 22 - 26	Sports Week
June 25	Year 2 Trip
June 24	Sports Day EYFS 9.15 start
June 26	Sports Day Y1-6 9.15 start, followed by whole school picnic, school meals will be a packed lunch
June 29 - July 3	Music Week
June 30	Year 2: Assembly 9.00
July 1	Year 3: Assembly 9.00
July 2	Year 6 outdoor athletics at Francis Combe
July 4	PSFA Summer Fayre 11.30 - 14.30
July 9	Y6 Transition Day & current children meet their new teacher
July 13	Governing Body Meeting, 19.30
July 14	Year 6 Performance, 19.00
July 16	Year 6 Gullivers Land
July 17	Last day of term, school finishes at 14.00

Girls Football Team

On Saturday 13th June the girls' football team took part in the WDPSFA Girls' 6-a-side tournament at Haberdashers. Despite the weather, the girls had a fantastic time and played some exceptional football. They showed how well they have all improved as a team this year and their excellent sportsmanship, with Emma Lumley picking up Player of the Match for one of the games. Well done to all the girls, you all played brilliantly! Thank you to the parents for taking the time to bring the girls to the tournament and standing around in the cold. Player of the Tournament goes to Emma Lumley she showed determination throughout and managed the team brilliantly.

Miss O'Neill



Afterschool Club

The school will be working with Adventure Club from September to provide after school care for children aged 3-11. More information about this service will be available soon. Look on www.adventureclubwatford.co.uk.



Uniform

From September school uniform will need to be ordered directly from the manufacturer's website www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com. A link to the site will be placed on our school's website.



Parent View

17 families have already completed the survey and the responses have been overwhelmingly positive, but as with any survey the more responses the better, as then we will be presenting a more accurate and impressive picture to Ofsted in advance of any inspection. Go to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>
Alec Thomas, Chair of GB