



**Respect – Responsibility – Resilience – Kindness – Teamwork**

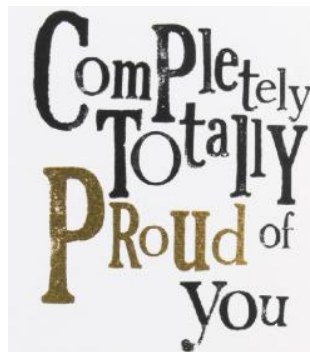
### **Mrs Thirkill's Blog 15.5.26**

Good afternoon,

I want to start by setting how very proud our Year 6 pupils have made us this week. Every child has demonstrated such a positive attitude towards their assessments. Our children go on a huge journey through primary school, and it is so satisfying to see how much they have learnt. Our children have tackled the assessments with rigour and resilience. Most importantly we want to ensure that our children are well-rounded, kind and curious individuals, as they prepare to leave us for secondary school.

**WELL DONE YEAR 6! WE ARE VERY PROUD!**

Screen time



### **Screen time**

I know I often speak to parents about the dangers of screen time. I found this video very informative and very accurate. We really cannot underestimate the dangers of screen time. This video also made me reflect on my own screen time as an adult and how much better I know I feel when I'm away from devices. I urge you to watch this video and consider how you monitor your child's screen time. Perhaps keep a log over a week of how much time children are spending on screens and this may further bring it to your focus.

<https://youtu.be/DX80laeS9d0?si=Dca3iNOzpmhInBHD>

I do of course appreciate that technology has some huge beneficial impacts too however I think as will all things it has to be balanced and in moderation.

### **Staff update**

Many of our children, particularly in Key stage 2, may have noticed that Mrs Dawson has been absent from school for a few weeks. Mrs Dawson is unwell but is having the treatment she needs, and we look forward to her being back in school with us again as soon as she is well enough. We all send Mrs Dawson our love and an extra hug which she may need at the moment.

### **Safeguarding**

I've been alerted to an online trend, involving the heating of squishies. Please read the information below and be aware that this trend is something your children may see online.

#### **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

Children and young people are microwaving squishy silicone toys after seeing online videos claiming this makes the toys softer and more pliable. When the toy is squeezed afterwards, it bursts and sprays boiling material, which reportedly has left children's hands and faces seriously burned.

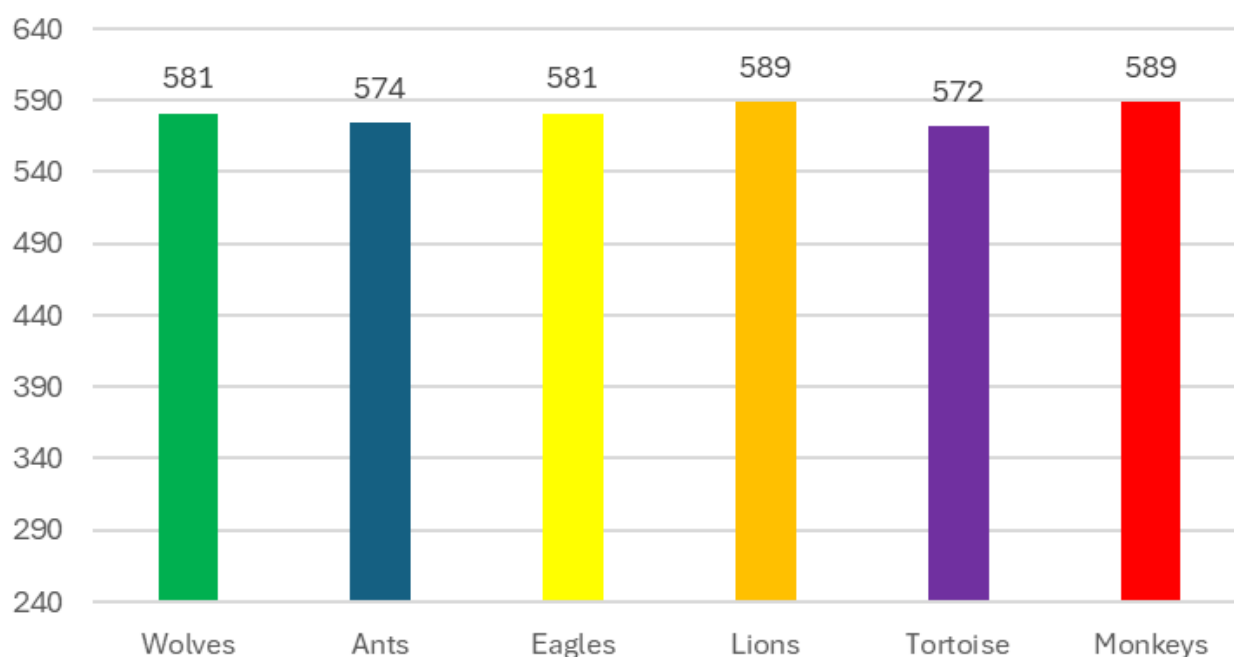
The toys are widely available in UK shops, and online stores including Amazon and TikTok Shop and are immensely popular for both children and young people. Often, the packaging for these toys provides a warning not to heat, freeze or microwave. Children are ignoring it because the online videos they watch encourage them to do the opposite. The child may no longer have the original packaging to even see the warning. The silicone casing insulates heat, yet the outside stays cool to the touch, all while the inside reaches boiling temperatures. In most reported cases, the child was unsupervised. There was no adult present to intervene before the injury occurred.

### **Nursery Open Day**

Come and see us in Action! In the next few weeks, we will be having a nursery open day. Date to be confirmed.

### **House Points**

Hoyle Court House Points - 2025 - 2026



## Attendance

Overall, attendance continues to be close to 96% with an average for this half term of 96.4. Please continue to do everything you can to get your child to school every day.

Target 96%	Owls	Beech	Aspen	Sycamore	Ash	Hazel	Birch	Willow	Rowan	Oak	Maple
95.9	96.0	94.5	96.2	99.2	94.5	87.3	99.2	96.0	94.2	95.2	97.5

Summer 1 (Target 96.0)	
Week 1	97.5
Week 2	96.9
Week 3	95.7
Week 4	96.0
Week 5	95.9
Week 6	

**Word of the week – Motivation**

**Have a great weekend. Mrs Thirkill**