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Thursday 2nd	New entrants coffee morning
Friday 3rd	FOP Summer Fair
Wednesday 8th	Year 6 performance
Wednesday 8th	Open Afternoon
Friday 10th	Reception trip to Firstsite
Wednesday 15th	Year 6 prom
Thursday 16th	Reception Sports Afternoon
Friday 17th	Last day of term
Monday 20th	Non-Pupil Day



Dear families,

What a difference a week makes! Thank you for bearing with us during the extreme weather we have been experiencing this week. Next week should be cooler! Children should wear uniform to school from Monday as normal.

We had a lovely day on Monday for our Year 5 and Year 6 sports morning, followed by our KS1 sports afternoon.

It was great to see so many parents and carers supporting the children during these events.

Year 5 and Year 6 - Sports Day Results

Tug of war : Venus

Year 5 relay : Jupiter and Venus

Year 6 relay: Venus

Overall results:

Venus 105

Jupiter 97

Mars 93

Pluto 53

Gold School Games Mark

We are delighted to share the news that our school has been awarded the **Gold School Games Mark** this year. This achievement recognises the wide variety of sports, physical skills programmes, and extracurricular activities we provide for our pupils. It also acknowledged as well as the dedication and hard work of our staff in creating opportunities for children to participate, develop, and succeed. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our parents and carers for their continued support over the years. Whether transporting children to sporting events, volunteering their time, or cheering enthusiastically from the sidelines, your encouragement has played an important role in helping our pupils thrive and enjoy their sporting experiences. This award is a fantastic achievement for our whole school community, and we are proud to celebrate it together.



Friends of Prettygate Summer Fair

We are looking forward to our summer fair next Friday 3rd July. We do hope you can come along. Follow this link to pre-order your games tokens and raffle tickets.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofprettygateschools/>

We still need more helpers on the day. If you can spare a little time, please follow the link . [VolunteerSignup - Online volunteer signup](#)



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School Meals

Week commencing 29th June we will be eating meals from menu 2. Menus can be seen on our website. <https://www.prettygateschools.co.uk/lunch-menus>

Schools in Bloom Competition 2026

Thank you to the families who represented the school at the award ceremony held at the town hall this week. We were lucky enough to receive a certificate in the 'Highly Commended' category and a Special Award for 'Good Use of Outdoor Space'. In addition to this, Violet an Eco-Warrior in class 3FJ and a member of the 'gardening gang', received her very own certificate for donating her winnings from the skipping competition to the school garden. The judges were so impressed that she wanted to buy a greenhouse for everyone to use. Congratulations to everyone who has been a part of our garden this year. A big thank you to Hollie Allen, Governor, and parents Marie and Carol for all their support this term.



Essex Schools Food and Farming Day

This week, Mrs Jowers and Mr Shaw took 29 children from years 4, 5 and 6 to the Essex Schools Food and Farming Day. We had a great day, despite the heat! Children experienced the farming machinery through a 'story of farming'. There were other zones including food, animals, countryside, environment and STEM. The children had lots of opportunities to try new things and talk to people working in the food and farming industries. The children were a credit to the school and we felt very proud to be their teachers. Thank you to Jayne and Sue for volunteering and supporting the children on the day.

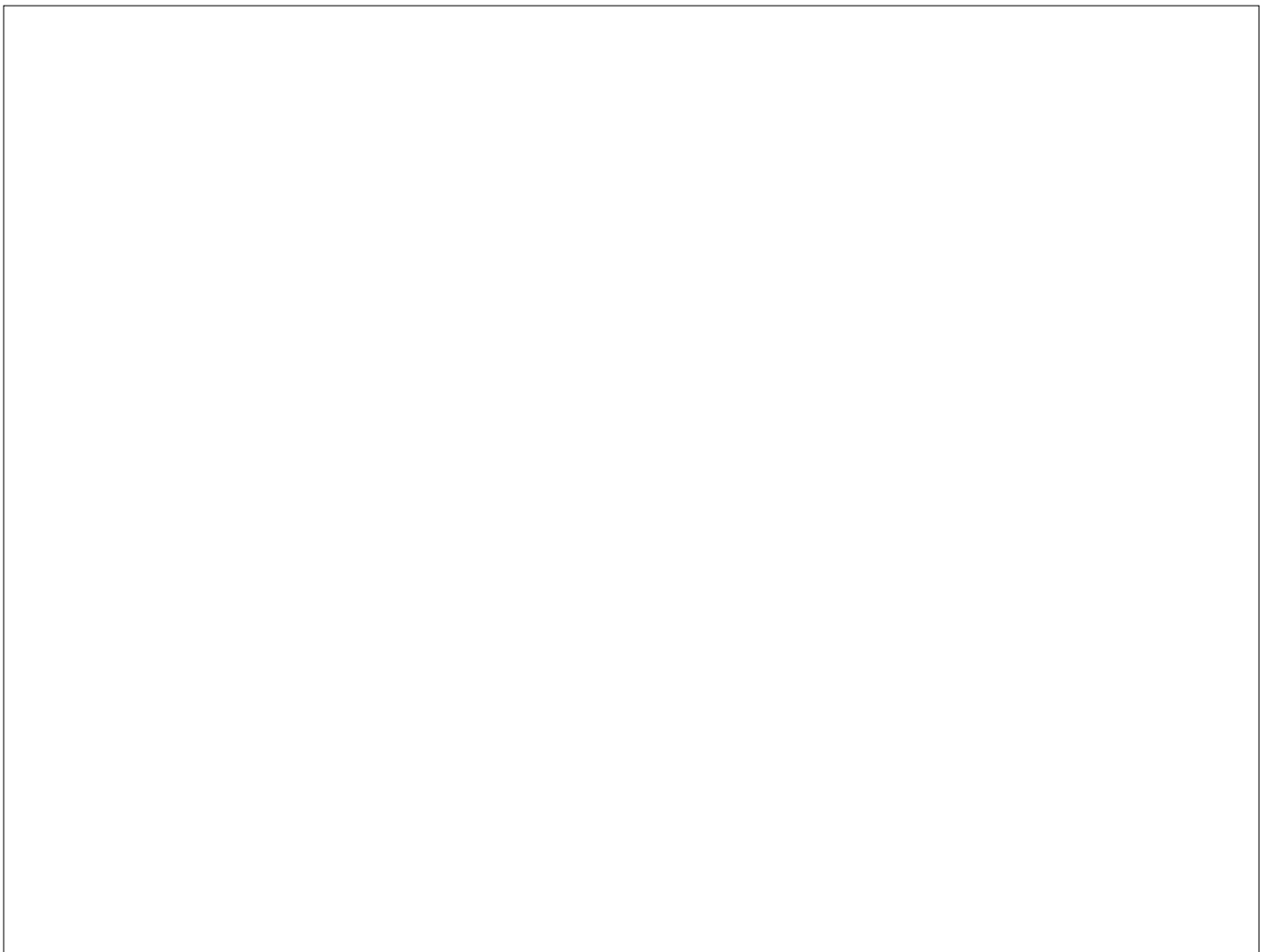


Competition Time!

The Learning Council have been discussing how to make travel at Prettygate Schools more sustainable. As a school, we would encourage children to walk, cycle or scoot to school. However, we realise that this is not always possible, as parents then travel to work after dropping children off at the school gate.

This competition is to design a poster for our school gates to remind car drivers to switch engines off to reduce the air pollution caused and to park with consideration, as our neighbours in the local area often contact us to say that people are parking across their driveway.

Design your poster here:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for students to design their poster. It occupies the central portion of the page below the introductory text and above the submission details.

Please return all entries by Friday 3rd July 2026.

Prizes are available for the most creative entries.