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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Parent Survey: 66 (66%!) responses so far – 1<sup>st</sup> place across RHT Schools.**

Did you know there are exactly 100 families who attend our school?

**251 children and another 32 in our Nursery, it totals 283.**

Thank you to those who have already completed their survey. For those who haven't yet, please spend a few minutes completing the Annual Parent Survey – a chance for Parents to let staff and the RHT Directors know how our school is doing. We are looking for 70%+ responses and some hopefully positive outcomes!



[Online Questionnaire - Survey Manager](#)

### **Free School Meals – are you missing out?**

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, as well as any child in Years 3-6, who is entitled to Free School Meals can have a hot meal every day, 100% funded by the Government. This funding directly saves parents from buying packed lunches. **Following the recent meal-tasting session, all those who tried the food were impressed with the high quality of the nutritious food, without exception.**

On our website, photos of meals make it easier for parents and children to choose. Furthermore, with the weather turning colder, a hot meal is perfect. If you do not currently use the Free School Meal option, please pop into the office so we can show you how to order your meals. There are always 3 meal choices offering a good range.

### **Pupil Premium – are you missing out?**

Parents/carers who receive any of the following may be entitled to free school meals (and the Pupil Premium):

- *Income Support (IS)*
- *Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)*
- *Universal Credit with an annual household income of below £7400 after tax*
- *Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)*
- *Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.*
- *Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*

34% of our children currently receive this, and others may be eligible. Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMRC) of less than £16,190, as long as the family is not also in receipt of Working Tax Credit.

If you have recently become unemployed, but are still receiving Working Tax Credits, your child may be entitled to **free school meals** – please call us as we may be able to help you. This will also help reduce your food bills.

You can complete an online application using [this link](#) or ask us to help.



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### Assessment Week

This week, children have completed some assessments to analyse their progress, and to help inform teachers to plan their next steps. Children have tried their best, which is what we only ask, and we are proud of their efforts. The next step is for the children to understand how they can further improve, and how parents can support this. Thank you.

### Movember

Thank you for your contributions – **ends Sunday, finally!**  
£295 raised. Nearly at my target = £300 raising funds & awareness.



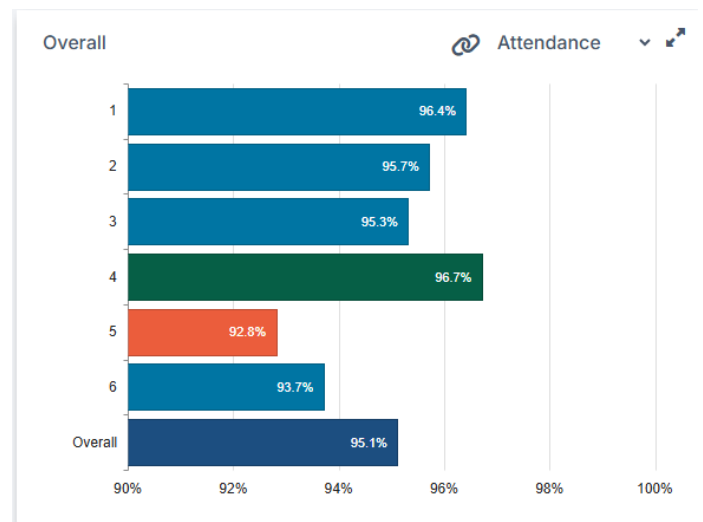
### Attendance

Latest data: 95.1%. Our attendance is slipping.

**Well done Year 4! The best year groups for attendance, followed by Year 1, then Year 2. Year 5 need to improve!**

It is vital we maintain high levels of attendance every day because it:

- *Establishes good routines – essential life skills*
- *Secures better relationships and friendships*
- *Supports progress in learning*
- *Good attendance improves motivation to achieve.*



### From the Sports Desk...

On Thursday, we hosted the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual RHT Cross Country event**. Children from our school, North Town, West Buckland, North Curry and Nerrols took part – it was quite challenging conditions. **A huge thank you to my staff who helped marshal and support, and especially to Mr Bawden who organised it.** What a great team!

There were many appreciative parents and a couple even suggested we do this every half-term! High praise indeed, but annually is enough as we need to spread the events across all schools.

### Good Luck Year 6 Maths Team

A team of Year 6 will be competing in the Annual Wellington School Maths Challenge on Saturday morning. It will be a great occasion with very challenging Maths problems to solve - we wish Avril, Dylan, Joshua and Robert good luck!

### Next week...

We enter December and with this comes a special visit (Tues), the Reception Nativity (Wed), Disco / Fayre (Fri). The following week it is the KS1 Nativity (Tues 9<sup>th</sup>) and the Golden Mile (Friday 12<sup>th</sup>). 3 weeks to go.

*Nick Arnold*