



THE PERSE

PREP SCHOOL

CAMBRIDGE

6th July 2023

Dear Parents,

The last four days of term have rounded off a special year for the children who have all contributed to making the Prep a highly enjoyable and rewarding environment in which to learn, develop and have fun. It was lovely to see so many parents at last night's Leavers' Event, and to hear from the children on their special memories of the year and of their time at the Prep. Our Year 6 leavers deserved their special send off, and they have enjoyed their final farewells and thank yous today. Many thanks to all the Year 6 parents who contributed so generously to the Legacy Gift so that we can install the bespoke octagonal benches beside the new adventure playground by the lower playground ready for use next term.



Well done to all the children across our four prize givings this week, and in our *Myths & Legends* House Activity Day yesterday. My thanks to Cat Andrews for organising this event.

I would like to remind parents of staffing changes for next term, with Claire Cassidy taking on sole responsibility for Drama; Nicky Clark and Dan Nicholes becoming Assistant Directors of Sport (we are no longer having Heads of individual sports); Stef Abbott & Jess Evans sharing the 6A Form Teacher role and Dan Wansell & Jaime Dipple sharing the 5Alpha Form Teacher role. We welcome back Amie Montecalvo on a part-time TA basis and Gemma Turner as our Sports TA. Unfortunately, we heard yesterday that our Science TA will no longer be joining us next term. We have readvertised [here](#); if any parents have any connections or suggestions, please do get in touch at prep@perse.co.uk.

May I pass on my best wishes to all children and parents for the summer; we look forward to seeing most of you back in September. Please note the in-person Introductory Parents' Evenings from 7 – 9pm for Years 5&6 on Thursday 7th September and Years 3&4 on Tuesday 12th September. Drinks are available from 6.30pm.

For those leaving at the end of this term, I add a special well done and farewell to all of you – we will follow your future development with interest. Do click [here](#) for a special photo montage of all of our leavers which Mrs Piper has put together – plenty of memories for us all...

Housepoint Trophies

The half term Routledge House Trophy for housepoints was awarded today, with Barbarians coming out on top. Full results as follows: 1st: Barbarians (1,744), 2nd: Nomads (1,654), 3rd: Corinthians (1,631), 4th: Foresters (1,630). **Archie Barker** collected this as the highest scoring Year 6 Barbarian this half term.

The Cooper Inter-House Trophy was also awarded today, which took account of every single housepoint awarded over the course of the past three terms. Congratulations to 1st: Foresters (16,326), 2nd: Nomads: (16,080), 3rd: Barbarians (16,008), 4th: Corinthians (15,878). **Mia Bird** and **Ivy Chen** collected this as the highest scoring Year 6 Foresters of the year. This means that a staggering 64,292 housepoints have been awarded over the course of the year (an average of 227 per child)!

International House Trophy

Mr Bown was able to award the Globe Trophy to Nomads in Singapore during his visit last week. Combined scores for this term are as follows: 1st: Nomads (5,645), 2nd: Barbarians (5,551), 3rd: Foresters (5,110), 4th: Corinthians (4,598). **Cara Mannion** and **Noah Higham-Lee**, House Elders for Nomads, collected the award.

Year 6 Perse Independent Study Homework Exhibition

Tuesday morning saw the second Year 6 Independent Study Homework Exhibition in the Hall. The children have been working on a variety of personal projects this term for one of their weekly homework slots, exploring their personal passions and interests. 45 of the children were keen to become exhibitors, sharing what they had been working on, explaining their process and outcomes to others in their year group. The rest of Year 6 then attended the exhibition as visitors, learning about diverse projects such as a how to grow your own vegetables; write a screenplay in the style of Steven Spielberg; knit a rug; create a camera obscura; make a working motor; build a model of Cambridge or plan a trip around Canada's must visit spots! The children evaluated their learning, commenting they had developed a number of crucial skills including time management, effective research, independence, creativity, initiative, perseverance and public speaking.

Rocketman!

This morning we held the finals of the Activities Week Rocket Competition with the 12 Form representatives battling it out in front of the whole school! Very well done to all the children who took part with some very inventive rockets, many of which were beautifully designed and amusingly named. Congratulations to **Andy Ren** whose rocket travelled furthest with a new school record of 76.3m, ahead of **Eddie Carter** (60.1m) and **Elizabeth Kennedy** (59.5m).

3A: Andy Ren and Eddie Carter

3&: Thomas Simpson and Nick Warburton

3%: Ella McCabe and Alessia Fannon

4A: Ivy Green and Naomi Ellershaw

4&: Arabella Wallace and Anneliese Heck

4%: Elizabeth Kennedy and Felix McDonald

5A: Lucas Simpson and Adam Lee

5&: George Gregory and Adam Agarizaev

5%: George de Albuquerque and Samuel Hong

6A: Alexander Toutoungi and William Reddy

6&: Ivy Chen and Ethan Xu

6%: Hugo Jones and Alexander Daubeny



Athletics – National Finals

Congratulations to **Hugo Lindemann** for coming second in the National Finals for Long Jump. Fresh from smashing the Prep's 100m at Sports Day, Hugo jumped superbly in this event at the Prep School finals at the Nuneaton stadium. He led after two jumps but his distance of 4.46m was pipped by 8cm in the final round.



Quiz – National Finals

Well done to our Quiz team of **Eunice Stewart-Wallace**, **Steven Wang**, **Anneliese Heck** and **Shashwat Sharma** who came third in the country in the Prep School finals this week, held at Oxford University. My thanks to Will Bidwell and Cat Andrews for their support and work over the course of the year. Forty teams battled it out in the finals, having qualified from two previous qualifying rounds, with 832 teams taking part from 503 schools. Questions were on topics as diverse as: Which of the following flags does not feature a bird in its design (Dominica, Venezuela, Mexico, Egypt)? And how many spikes does Bart Simpson have on his head (15, 9, 4, 5)?



Myths & Legends House Activity Day

Children enjoyed a literal all-singing and all-dancing *Myths & Legends* House Activity Day yesterday, organised by Cat Andrews. Activities included a Greek Olympics (evading Charybdis, Cerberus and Polyphemus whilst hopping like Achilles or balancing the world like Atlas) and Roman Mosaic Making, a Global Mythology Quiz, Storytelling (Japanese, Australian and North American myths) and a showcase of dances from world mythology (Viking, Polynesian, Amazonian and Egyptian). The finale in front of the whole school even included a staff mash-up of all the dances, featuring Julia Halbert being dragged front and centre... Many thanks to all the staff who helped to make this a very special way to end the year and especially Cat Andrews for masterminding this in immense detail on her last full day at the Prep!

PODcast

POD, our School Council, have produced their final PODcast of the year [here](#). Many thanks to Mr Reston for overseeing the process (and Mr Bown for his slick radio skills!) but special thanks to all the children as POD is one of the main formal ways of listening to the pupil voice. Two of our Year 6 reps, **Ellie Cope** and **Nandika Prasad**, give an update of Pupil Organised Democracy activity over the course of the past year.

Sport

Well done to all the children and coaches for their hard work and enthusiasm in sport across a stellar year, and for creating so many special memories with friends. In total, across Years 3, 4 and 5, there have been 565 fixtures played this year. The Prep have won a staggering 75%, drawn 8% and lost 17%. For cricket, the Prep has won 81% of their fixtures, with 2% drawn and 17% lost.

Significant time and energy goes into providing sporting opportunities for all children and I am grateful to Ed McGregor for his tireless energy in organising so many fixtures for all children, as well as encouraging opportunities for some of our most elite sports players to perform on a regional and national stage. This year we had national champions with our Boys' Hockey side, Girls' Tennis, Boys' Tennis, Girls' Table Tennis and we had a Runner Up in Boys' Long Jump. All of these winners feature in this photo. We wish our Boys' Cricket side all the best in their National Finals today.



A reminder that, next year, games sessions are at the following times:

Year 3: Monday and Thursday 11.15am-12.25pm

Year 4: Wednesday 11.15am-12.25pm and *Thursday 2.15 – 3.25pm*

Year 5: Tuesday and *Friday 2.15-3.35pm*

Year 6: Monday and *Wednesday 2.15-3.35pm*

U11 (Year 6), U10 (Year 5) and U9 (Year 4) fixtures will take place on the afternoons listed in italics. This might result in a later pick-up, depending on whether home or away fixtures.

House Match finals took place over the past two weeks; well done to all of our cricketers across the School:

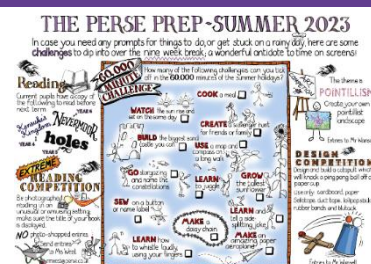
Mixed Cricket: Y3 Foresters Y4 Corinthians

Girls' Cricket: Y5: Barbarians Y6: Barbarians Overall winner: **Barbarians**

Boys' Cricket: Y5: Corinthians Y6: Barbarians Overall winner: **Corinthians**

Summer Holiday Challenges

We hope that the children all have a special summer holiday and create some wonderful memories in their time away from school. At the end of this newsletter you will find a list of various challenges that children may want to dip into over the nine-week break – your child has been provided with a hard copy of this to stick up in the kitchen or in their bedroom! Other than the reading (!), the challenges are completely optional; we hope you have some fun. Any suggestions for next year are most welcome!



School Office

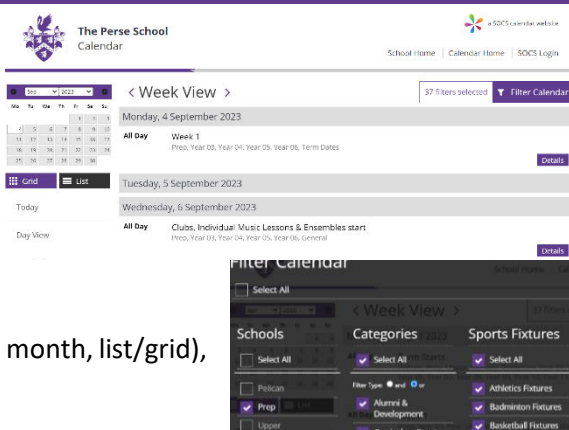
The Prep School Office will be closed from the end of Tuesday 11th July for the summer, and will reopen on Thursday 31st August (from 9.30am – 3.30pm), although post and messages will be picked up throughout the holidays. For urgent business, please contact the Upper School Office on 01223 403800.

3-18 School Calendar

Events are available to view in the online 3-18 School Calendar and can be viewed via the School website [here](#). The new calendar is intuitive and easy to use, and can be synced with personal calendars via the ParentPortal.

The calendar incorporates sports fixtures alongside all other calendar entries, allowing users to **filter calendar** entries by year group and category e.g. Year 3 Parents' Evenings / productions / events.

To navigate to a specific date or change the view (day, week, month, list/grid), click on the options on the left-hand side of the screen.



Valete

We say goodbye to **Catrin Osborne** who has really made the Library her own oasis of calm and friendliness in her role as maternity cover for Ros West as Library TA throughout the year. It is such a welcoming place and I know that hundreds of children will be forever grateful for her interest and enthusiasm, as well as her organisation of competitions, dress up days and visiting authors, and also her time helping out with Late Stay. Having come straight from a PGCE, Catrin has this year been busy finishing her Masters in Children's Literature and we are delighted that she will be joining Notting Hill Prep as a teacher in September.

It was special to say thank you to **Cat Andrews** who leaves after two years as an outstanding Science TA, demonstrating a keen attention to detail, great care for all the children she has worked with as well as throwing herself into most of the good things that go on at the Prep – whether with trips, House Activity Days, dressing up days, teaching us all Sign Language or running her Myths & Legends club. I know that one of her special memories will be at Late Stay where she has built some special relationships with children and parents. We wish her all the best as she starts her PGCE at Jesus College, Cambridge next year.

We have been blessed with **Kendra Seed** in our lives over the last three years at the Prep. Kendra has been a part-time Sports TA as well as having time supporting in the classroom and with some Learning Support. She has utilised her significant TEFL experience as well as sharing her enthusiasm and boundless energy for hockey, cricket, trips, general knowledge, languages and general prep school fun. She is immensely caring and thoughtful and so many children will remember her fondly, especially on the sports pitches. We wish Kendra all the best at Homerton College, Cambridge as she embarks on a PGCE.

Julia Halbert leaves us after 104 terms at the Prep, having started here in 1978. She has worked under five different Heads at the Prep! For the past 11 years, Julia has overseen Learning Support, transforming the provision for those who need extra support; her care and attention to detail for children and also for parents are as evident today as they were when she started. It is this dedication that has enabled her to grow and shine throughout her 45 year association with the Prep as she has morphed from football coach to cricket umpire, and teaching recorder to Art to Maths to DT to PE and even Computing! She helped run the Cubs, even continuing as a volunteer during the period 1987-1997. She has run Wednesday Club since 1999 and more recently been Head of Year 3, Pre-Prep Liaison, Director of Admissions and a member of SLT for over 20 years. Julia is a lady of great integrity; it was no surprise to see so many staff back last week to say farewell to her. The decision to stop teaching after such a successful and rewarding career is not one that she has taken lightly but it will not be a complete farewell as I am delighted that Julia has agreed to continue running the Entrance Test process for one final year. She is looking forward to spending more time with her husband, Max, and her wider family. I know that she will miss the Prep very much, and we her.

Our thanks to Mr de Albuquerque for the following lyrics to the *Queen* song which the children sang to Julia in assembly today. A clip of the children singing is [here](#).

You've paid your dues, time after time.
You've done your sentence, but committed no crime.
45 years, that's quite a few.
You've done your share of entry test meetings,
But still you've come through.
And you mean to go on and on and on and on...

Chorus:
Julia Halbert, our friend.
And you've kept us learning till the end.
Julia Halbert,
You are a champion.
We're gonna miss you 'cos you are a champion
Of the Perse.

You've done it all: been Head of Year 3.
You've been form teacher, and the Head of RE.
Then umpiring cricket, teaching football too,
You've taught us Art, DT and Computing
To name just a few.
And we could really go on and on and on and on...

Chorus:
Julia Halbert, our friend,
And you've kept us learning till the end.
Julia Halbert,
You are a champion.
We're gonna miss you 'cos you are a champion
Of the Perse.

We wish you all a super summer ahead and best wishes for the future.



James Piper
Head



Thank you, Julia Halbert

The following awards are handed out termly; we endeavour to share these out over the children's time at the Prep.

SUMMER TERM DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATES

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Art	Jacob Painter	Tilly Crosby	Maggie Rowan-Robinson
Computing	Thomas Simpson	Yiliang Lu	Hanzhe Wang
DTE	Scarlett Smith	Naomi Ellershaw	Hanqi Lu
Drama	Annelie de Kock	Fred Brisby	Arabella Sedgemore
English	Olivia Wang	Léonie Ricciardi-Baquié	Samantha Payne
French	Samaira Bedi	Miriam Ponder	Hannah Omori Rison
Boys' Games	Francis Thaventhiran	Lucas Cheng	George Pullan
Girls' Games	Evelyn Taylor	Araballa Wallace	Elissa Skeete
Geography	Imogen Ham	Lily Liang	Jacqueline Danesh
History	Poppy Potter	Aarav Shadakshari	Sophie Oldfield
Maths	Nina Nguyen	Elizabeth Kennedy	Benjamin Keen
Music	Maria Seega	Cecily Hirzel	Marissa Ojha
PE	Eddie Carter	Lucia Whelan	Sherry Shao
PSHE	Olivia Betts	Annousheh Sayed	Noah Scourfield
RE	Leeladharahas Kanchi	Florence Haughton	John Cowley
Science	Ella McCabe	Angie Che	Kumara Sathiaseelan
A Library	Ptolemy Brown	Jana Batuwangala-Mallorqui	Dhruv Sajog
Alpha Library	Chloe Flynn	Lara Daubeney	Adam Agarizaev
Aleph Library	Joseph Alexander	Felix McDonald	George de Albuquerque

SUMMER TERM VALUES AWARDS

Valuing One Another & Our Environment

3A Ruohan Zhu	3Alpha William Wiseman	3Aleph Ziyun Lu
4A Annabel Griggs	4Alpha Liam Veness	4Aleph Tom McDade
5A Thea Wiseman	5Alpha Elizabeth Davies	5Aleph Samuel Hong
<i>The Richards Cup for Valuing One Another & Our Environment</i>		
6A Nishtha Tiwary	6Alpha Anna Keith-Roach	6Aleph Nandika Prasad

Breadth & Balance

3A Moer Sha	3Alpha Charlize Church	3Aleph Ilyas Khan
4A Billy Norton	4Alpha Aurora Short	4Aleph Alexis Wu Williamson
5A Marianne Gouliouris	5Alpha Eilidh Sinclair	5Aleph Anamaya Kumar
<i>The Clarke Bowl for Breadth & Balance</i>		
6A Léon Corne	6Alpha Sophia Alexander	6Aleph Jago Vindis

Endeavour

3A Luyang Peng	3Alpha Olivia Zhang	3Aleph Isaac Marshall
4A Leopold de Ris	4Alpha Arthur Davis	4Aleph Peter Rimell
5A Miriam Ponder	5Alpha Hugo Magliano	5Aleph Isla Riddoch
<i>The Carey Quaich for Endeavour</i>		
6A Jamie West	6Alpha Henry Potter	6Aleph Atharv Kurade

Intellectual Curiosity & Scholarship

3A Max Nowozin	3Alpha Teddy Broodbank	3Aleph Hamish Sills
4A Jake Juniper	4Alpha Dhruv Ghildyal	4Aleph Harry Kelliher
5A India Short	5Alpha Steven Wang	5Aleph Ronak Sinha
<i>The Gahlaut Trophy for Intellectual Curiosity & Scholarship</i>		
6A Anvita Adapa	6Alpha Sophie Newhouse	6Aleph Ellie Cope

The following awards are handed out at the end of the year; we avoid members of Year 6 being awarded multiple awards.

YEAR 3, 4 & 5 FORM ACADEMIC PRIZES

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
A	Neha Sathiyamoorthy	Elliot Woolley	Sophia Hardcastle
Alpha	Andy Ren	Daniel Teng	Anaiya Gupta
Aleph	Sakina Amin	Iris Candea	Julia Saklatvala

YEAR 6 FORM ACADEMIC PRIZES

6A	Ethan Liu	Alexander Toutoungi
6Alpha	Husayn Jawaid	Eunice Stewart-Wallace
6Aleph	Sophia Lee	Daphne Siampis

YEAR 6 SUBJECT PRIZES

Hutchinson Art Cup	Mia Bird	Geography Cup	Adam Roth
Art Cup	Georgia Knoop	History Cup	Reina Brogan
Classics Award	Max Brisby	History Cup	Noah Higham-Lee
Classics Cup	Lanxi Li	HSR Lindemann Maths Cup	Samit Salaunkey
Computing Cup	Hugo Jones	Cheng Maths Cup	William Reddy
Computing Cup	Kirill Smirnov	Kim Maths Cup	Cara Mannion
DT Cup	Carla Williams	Ronco Maths Cup	Luke D'Arcy
Engineering Cup	Alice Yang	PE Cup	Lara Addis
Oscar	James Mead	PE Cup	Archie Barker
Drama Cup	Daria Minasyan	Crichton Maitland PSHE Cup	Rosie Colvin
David Mein English Cup	Ivy Chen	Miss McD PSHE Good Egg	Alastair Griffiths
Brimer English Cup	Toby Rayner	Halbert RE Cup	Aurelia N
Wentzell English Cup	Aditi Shadakshari	RE Cup	Ethan Xu
English Cup	Oli Taylor	Gregory Science Trophy	Seb Warburton
French Cup	Rhea Sethi	Biology Cup	Fred Woodman
French Cup	Amelie Wansell	Chemistry Cup	Deniz Yakici
Bousfield Geography Cup	Savvas Fronimidis	Physics Cup	Nivedh Vinodhkumar

YEAR 3, 4 & 5 PROGRESS PRIZES

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
A	Katherine Elvidge	Maria Antonik	Eryn Jonas
Alpha	Veronica Wilson	Mia Wei	Linus Chin
Aleph	Nikolas Hardcastle	Joseph Lilley	Sam O'Reilly

YEAR 6 PROGRESS CUPS

6A	Anna Lindner Santinoli	Hector Borno	Zak Khan
6Alpha	Ollie Denny-Gouldson	Charlotte Gower	Wren Myers
6Aleph	Beau Martínez-McCune	Alexander Daubeney	Hannah Omori Rison

YEAR 6 GREG HARPER SPIRIT OF THE PERSE AWARD

Helena Harter

YEAR 6 SPORTS PRIZES

Abbasi Girls' Cricket Cup	Sophie Hull	Adams Netball Cup	Lara Polonius
Abbasi Boys' Cricket Cup	Henry Bowler	Lynden Long Boys' Football Cup	Etienne Lamb
Boys' Hockey	Hugo Lindemann	Athene Ross Girls' Football Cup	Eda Tunca
Girls' Hockey	Willow Sutherland	Tysome Rugby Cup	Jack Robertson

YEAR 6 MUSIC PRIZES

Francesca He Music Cup	Daniel Shenker
Hirzel Music Cup	Jack Jarman
Shenker Music & Merriment Cup	Robert McFadzean-Ferguson
Li-Yan-Hui Music Cup	Francesca He
McFadzean-Ferguson Music Cup	Oliver Roland

SPORTS DAY PRIZES

New school records highlighted in **purple**. 75/100m and Ball Throw records started in 2016; 300/400m records in 2019.

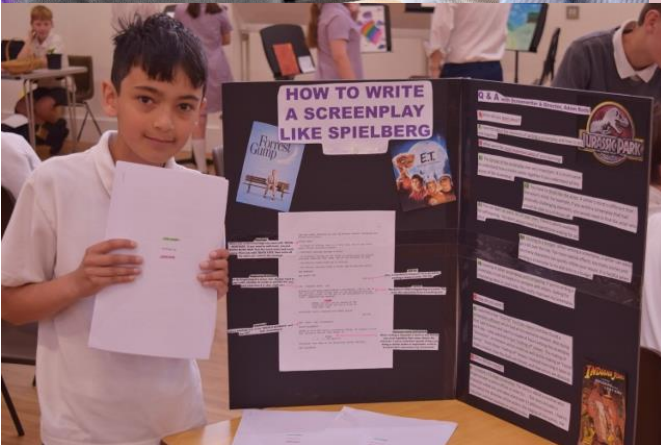
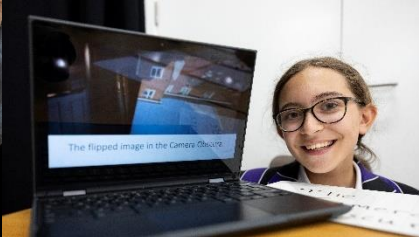
Competition	Boys	Girls	House
Year 3 75m	Max Nowozin 11.56s <i>2022 Andrew Villaverde 11.42s</i>	Charlize Church 12.92s <i>2019 Sophie Lewis 12.69s</i>	C
Year 4 75m	Nicky Williams 10.76s <i>2016 Tobias Franklin 11.40s</i>	Aurora Short 12.26s <i>2018 Elodie Bowen-Sanders 12.20s</i>	C
Year 5 100m	Tom Kelliher 15.35s <i>2022 Hugo Lindemann 14.12s</i>	Eryn Jonas 15.34s <i>2019 Elodie Bowen-Sanders 15.28s</i>	N
Year 6 100m	Hugo Lindemann 13.38s <i>2020 Jonathan Tan 14.02s</i>	Carla Williams 14.98s <i>2020 Elodie Bowen-Sanders 14.09s</i>	N
Year 3 300m	Max Nowozin 56.93s <i>2022 Nicky Williams 1:00.58s</i>	Juliette Prewett van Beesten 1.05.10s <i>2019 Maggie Kent 1:02.98s</i>	B
Year 4 300m	Nicky Williams 55.31s <i>2019 Zachary Shkarupa 54.56s</i>	Aurora Short 1.02.18s <i>2022 Eryn Jonas 58.55s</i>	C
Year 5 400m	Tom Kelliher 1.14.55s <i>2019 Cassius Abood 1:11.15s</i>	Marianne Gouliouris 1.25.94s <i>2020 Jasmine Christmas 1:16.76s</i>	B
Year 6 400m	Hugo Lindemann 1.10.94s <i>2020 Jonathan Tan 1:10.06s</i>	Eunice Stewart-Wallace 1.18.18s <i>2021 Jasmine Christmas 1:15.73s</i>	N
Year 3 Ball Throw	Max Nowozin 29.10m <i>2021 Thomas Lance 34.00m</i>	Ella McCabe 18.50m <i>2021 Lillian Ke 23.60m</i>	C
Year 4 Ball Throw	Alexander Freeborough 31.75m <i>2017 Nico Gilchrist 41.80m</i>	Arabella Wallace 25.00m <i>2019 Athene Ross 27.50m</i>	C
Year 5 Ball Throw	Tom Lance 41.00m <i>2018 William Barker 41.55m</i>	Arabella Sedgemore 27.80m <i>2020 Athene Ross 36.65m</i>	N
Year 6 Ball Throw	Henry Bowler 43.30m <i>2019 Nico Gilchrist 46.10m</i>	Sophie Hull 32.50m <i>2020 Elodie Bowen-Sanders 40.30m</i>	C
Year 3 Tug-o-War	Barbarians	Corinthians	
Year 4 Tug-o-War	Corinthians	Corinthians	
Year 5 Tug-o-War	Nomads	Foresters	
Year 6 Tug-o-War	Foresters	Foresters	
Whole School Relay	Corinthians		
House Sports Day Cup	1st Corinthians (835pts) 2nd Nomads (795pts), 3rd Barbarians (650pts), 4th Foresters (620pts)		

COOPER HOUSE POINT TROPHY FOR THE WHOLE YEAR

1 st	Foresters	16,326
2 nd	Nomads	16,080
3 rd	Barbarians	16,008
4 th	Corinthians	15,878



Year 6 Independent Study











Thank you to Mr McGregor,
Mrs Clark, Mr Nicholes and
the rest of the staff for
organising such a brilliant
Sports Day.

