



Chilton Primary School / Ramsgate Arts Primary School / Upton Junior School

## Term 5 Viking Newsletter

Dear Viking Families,

We reach the end of another hugely successful (but extremely short) term for all of the schools in the Viking Academy Trust and I would like to thank all of you who have contributed to the outstanding learning experiences of our pupils during the 23 school days. It has been a pleasure to work alongside parents, staff, governors, volunteers and our children and to witness such a thriving community at work.

This term saw our Viking family unite with our local community and communities across the country as the nation came together to commemorate VE Day 80. VE Day 80, on Thursday, May 8th, 2025, was an opportunity for Thanet and the wider UK to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe and commemorate the end of World War II in Europe. Viking children and staff observed the 2-minute silence to remember the sacrifices of those who fought in the war and to celebrate the peace that followed. Staff looked to our local community to bring history alive for our children, with first-hand accounts from great grandparents on life as evacuees, sharing wartime memories (Chilton); as well as members of Ramsgate's Harbour Heritage Team visiting the children at RAPS and a school trip to the Spitfire and Hurricane Museum (Upton).



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Year 5 children at Upton Juniors in Broadstairs visited the Spitfire and Hurricane Museum at the former Battle of Britain airbase in Manston.



RAPS



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Year 2 children at Ramsgate Arts Primary are setting sail to be part of a special commemoration to mark the 85th anniversary of Operation Dynamo which involved troops being evacuated from the beaches of Dunkirk during World War Two



Chilton



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Year 5 children from Chilton took a trip to Ramsgate Harbour where they learnt about the Harbours link to Operation Dynamo and the role of the Little Ships.



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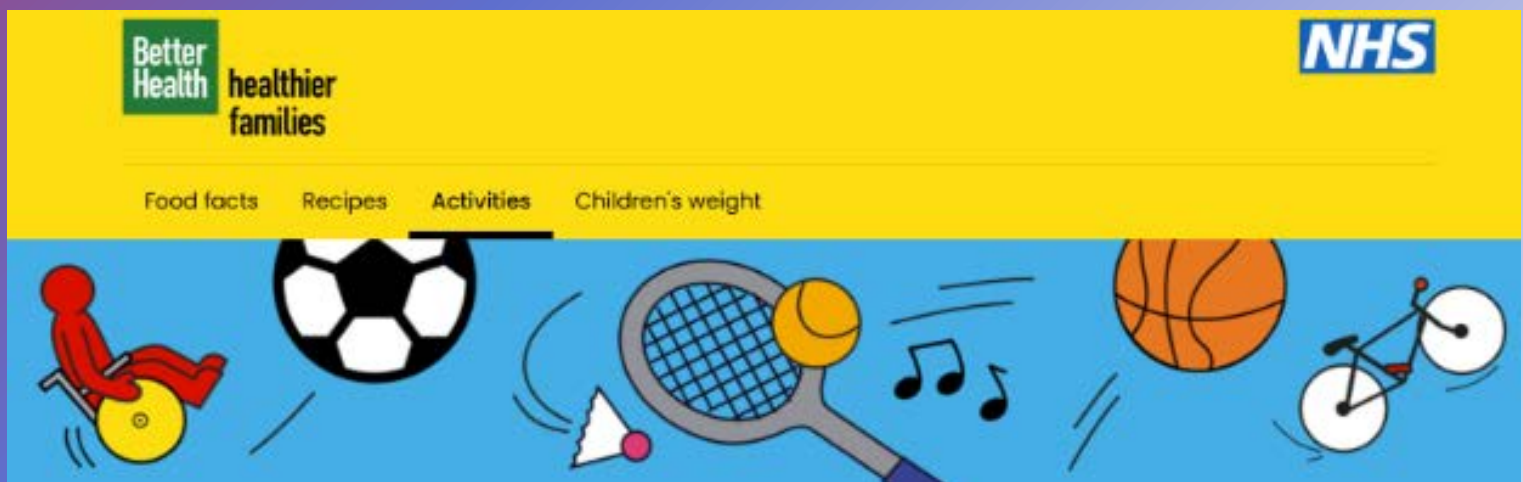




It seems unbelievable that we return after the holiday to the final (and my personal favourite) term of this academic year. Term 6 is the best time of year to work in primary education and to be a child in a primary school. I am sure you all remember the idyllic days with the sun beating down, children enjoying playtime on the field, with daisy chains and games with friends, leading to lifelong memories being forged. It is also the sportiest time of year with sports days, another time that I am sure you can all recall from your school days. Although sport is not for everyone, it is undoubtedly beneficial for all of us, if we are to maintain our health. Hopefully all of the sporting opportunities that the Viking children have will lead to a lifelong love of health and fitness, certainly a key aim of all the Viking schools.

The NHS have created a fantastic website for families which shares suggestions for activities for the whole family to enjoy alongside quizzes, games and recipes. Why not take a look to see if there's something you could try as a family across the half-term holiday.

[Click here](#) to view 'Better Health / Healthier Families NHS'





Term 5 marked the launch of our annual Viking Games, which is an opportunity to bring our Viking schools together within the field of sporting endeavour. Our family of schools come together under our 'Viking umbrella', where the children are able to perform with each other, and against each other, in a way that will foster collaboration, healthy competition, perseverance, whilst cloaked in a spirit of mutual respect for fellow performers.

The youngest members of our Viking family have taken to the sports field this week with Reception children meeting at Ramsgate Arts and our Year 1 and Year 2 children competing at Chilton. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children will get their chance to participate after the half-term holiday.



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Getting Better Never Stops is one of Viking's best used phrases. This is true for children, parents and staff alike. We know there are always things we could do better and we strive to seek to find the little things, the 1% marginal gains, that will continue to elevate the quality of education we deliver for our children across Viking. We are proud to involve our families in the future direction of our schools and ask you to please take 5 minutes to complete a short survey telling us what you believe has gone well this year and the areas that we can improve upon. Click [here](#) to complete the short survey.

On behalf of the staff teams working at Chilton, at RAPS and at Upton, I wish you a lovely half-term holiday. May the sun shine brightly, allowing us the opportunity to maximise Thanet's beautiful beaches and parks.

With my warmest wishes

Mrs M Lewis

Executive Headteacher



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**HOLIDAY REMINDER:** Emergency ‘Out of Hours’ Contact Form...At Viking, we appreciate, despite best efforts, not everything fits within the window of a school day and emergency situations may leave you urgently wanting to contact the school. Office and Head of School emails are shared on school websites – but, as you may have seen – staff are under no obligation to read or respond to work emails outside of the ‘working day’.

The message on all Viking email accounts reads as follows...The Viking Academy Trust respects the wellbeing of its staff. There is no expectation that emails are responded to before 8am or after 5pm Monday to Friday, at the weekend or during school holidays.

We have therefore created an ‘Emergency Out of Hours’ contact form for parents or carers to use if they feel they urgently need to share information / get in touch prior to the start of the next working day. To access this form, please click the ‘Contact Us’ tab on the school website and the emergency out of hours link can be accessed.

See the example below taken from Upton’s website:





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