As we come to the end of another successful year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on some of the amazing activities and achievements this remaining half term.

It has been a full year of learning, laughter, resilience and memorable experiences Catton Grove style! Across the school, your children, with both family and school support, have continued to make us all incredibly proud. The children have worked hard in their learning, with excellent achievements in Phonics, the Multiplication Times Tables Check and Year 6 SATs to name a few. Their determination and positive attitudes have shone through, and as the end of year reports went out, everyone should feel immensely proud of what they have accomplished. Well done!

Our curriculum continues to bring learning to life in exciting ways. Year 4's Food Discovery project ended with a delicious feast where the children enjoyed food they had grown themselves alongside delicious fruit kebabs they had prepared, truly taking their learning from the ground to plate! Jamie Oliver would have been proud! Year 5 enjoyed the popular trip to Cromer and our Nursery children had a wonderful day exploring Waterloo Park, both having nice weather to make the most of these outdoor learning opportunities.

Sport alongside the ARTs has once again played a huge part in Catton Grove life. We were delighted to welcome cricket coaches as well as coaches from Norwich City and Mulbarton Football Club, who inspired our pupils with their enthusiasm and expertise. We were also awarded both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 cups for the highest achievements at the athletics competition at the UEA, which I have to say we dominated- sorry other schools but we can't help having so much talent in Catton Grove! This was an outstanding accomplishment that reflects the hard work and dedication of our children and sports staff. Our inclusive Sports Days were another roaring success, combining fun participation with competitive events and best of all, welcoming our biggest turnout of parents and families to cheer the children on.

Year 2 children and staff enjoyed a magical evening of twilight craft activities, finishing with toasted marshmallows and songs around the campfire- a memory we'll all treasure for years to come, whilst our oldest pupils in Year 6 embraced every challenge during their fantastic PGL residential, showing courage as they tried new and exciting outdoor activities and challenges. The legendary Year 6 production delivered again. This year it was 'Matilda', a complete sell-out with some families attending more than once! It showcased not only the children's talents but also their confidence, teamwork, enthusiasm and pure joy of doing something they love, together as a Year group in their final few days at Catton Grove. What a memory to cherish! All the Year 6 children are without doubt, ready for their next stage at High School and should be super proud of themselves because we certainly are!

We are also proud to announce that we were awarded third place at the Lord Mayor's procession this year with our wonderful nature-themed entry. The creativity, teamwork and community spirit were demonstrated by everyone involved, as well as the much appreciated level of support in the crowds with families, staff and school friends contributing loud cheers and whoop whoops along the way!

So as we come to the last few days of the year, I would like to thank our fantastic staff for their dedication and commitment, our governors for their continued support and our parents for the encouragement and partnership you always provide through-out the year. A definite Catton Grove team effort! A gold star for everyone!

I wish you all a happy, healthy fun packed summer holidays and see you all back on Thursday 4th September ready for an amazing 2026-2027!

Mrs Lorne

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