

# Kingsclere CE Primary School Newsletter



March 2026 - Edition 8

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and productive term, it has been a joy to see classrooms at Kingsclere CE Primary School filled with purposeful learning, curiosity and growing confidence.

Today's Easter Cantata performance was a real highlight. We were incredibly proud of every child who took part, from the Samba Band's joyful rhythms to the whole-school singing, thoughtful readings, and the beautifully delivered Easter messages and prayers. Thank you to Mrs Bowden for organising the service, to all volunteers who supported the walk to and from the church, and to the St Mary's team for their continued partnership. Events like this reflect the strength of our school community.

This week we also welcomed our Lead Learning Partner (LLP) for our annual Local Authority review, and we are delighted to share that the feedback was extremely positive. The LLP noted the consistency of teaching across the school, the high expectations we set for all pupils, and the way our curriculum supports children to build strong knowledge and skills over time. She was particularly impressed by pupils' purposeful learning behaviours, the pride they take in their work, the respect they show staff and their peers and the confidence with which they talk about their learning. Our inclusive approach was also recognised, with praise for how staff ensure every child has the support and resources they need to succeed. Leaders and governors were commended for their strong understanding of the school and their commitment to ongoing improvement. The LLP also recognised the strong sense of community and the positive, respectful relationships that support pupils' learning and wellbeing.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is a privilege to work with your children each day, and we look forward to another term of learning, growth and shared success, when we return to school after Easter on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Have a lovely Easter.

Kind regards,  
Jo Messenger  
Headteacher





## Home Learning

We were delighted to present our Home Learning certificates today to many children who have shown real commitment, achievement and effort in completing their home learning outside of school.

A big thank you also to parents and carers for supporting your child(ren) with their home learning. Your encouragement makes a real difference to their progress and confidence.



## School Leaders

Our new School Leaders have embraced their roles with real enthusiasm and diligence. Being a School Leader means living our values of love, courage and respect every day, and they have already shown great commitment to this. Thank you for your hard work so far and for the support you've given in helping to organise school events School Leaders!



# Relationship, Sex and Health Education Updates

The Department for Education has updated the statutory guidance for Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE), which all schools will be required to follow from September 2026. You can find the full guidance on the DfE website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

In preparation for this, we are reviewing and updating our school's RSHE Policy in consultation with staff and governors. We would also like to involve parents and carers who would be interested in contributing to this work.

If you would like to take part, please let the school office know via 'Reach More Parents'. We will then contact you to arrange a time to meet with other parents, Mrs Messenger and Mrs Taylor. No previous knowledge is needed - just an interest and a willingness to be involved. This will be a warm, welcoming and friendly working-party meeting, and we'll make sure tea, coffee and biscuits are available too!



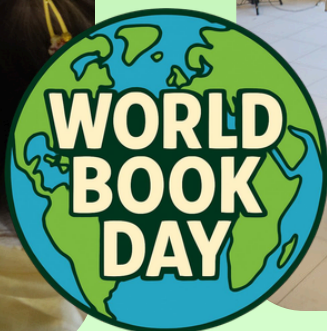
## Word Book Day at Kingsclere CE Primary School

Story characters truly came to life in school during World Book Day as our favourite book characters stepped out of their pages and into our classrooms. Costumes, giggles and shared reading moments filled the day with excitement. From superheroes and fairies to curious creatures of every kind, the school was alive with imagination, laughter and a wonderful celebration of reading.



We were also pleased to see some lovely photos in the Newbury Weekly News of some of our classes.





## Year 5 and Year 6 Trip to the Science Centre

Our pupils had a fantastic day exploring the Science Centre in Winchester. They enjoyed the hands-on exhibits and were especially wowed by the Planetarium.

A wonderful day of learning and discovery. The children embraced every activity with enthusiasm. A huge thank you to the staff and volunteers who supported the trip and helped make the day run smoothly.



## Lockdown Procedures

We want to let you know that this academic year we will be introducing a lockdown practice with the children. This is part of our ongoing commitment to keeping everyone safe in school and is in line with the upcoming requirements of Martyn's Law and the DfE's guidance on lockdown procedures for schools.

Just as we regularly practise fire drills, a lockdown drill helps children and staff understand what to do if we ever needed to stay safely inside the building.

To support the children, we will be sharing a gentle social story called 'Alma and the Lockdown'. This explains the idea in a calm, age-appropriate way and helps children understand that this is simply another safety routine - nothing to worry about.

Before we carry out the practice, staff will talk to the children, so they know exactly what to expect. The drill will take place in the Summer Term.

Our staff team has been familiar with the school's Lockdown Policy for many years. Although we have regularly discussed the procedures, this will be the first time we have carried out a practical drill with the children. Introducing this now ensures we remain fully aligned with national guidance and helps children feel confident, calm, and secure.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch - we are always happy to talk things through. Please see below an extract from the Lock Down Social Story.

*'Yesterday, Miss M sat us down and told us that we were going to practice a 'lockdown'. She explained to us that it is similar to a fire drill, which we practise in case there is a fire.*

*Miss M explained that we do a lockdown practice so that we know what to do if something happens in the area outside the school, which makes it unsafe for us to go outside. It could be a heavy storm or smoke from a nearby fire. It could also be a person without a lanyard who the adults need to check out to make sure they are safe. Or maybe, it's a lion that's escaped from a zoo! But that's not very likely!*

*Miss M explained that whatever it is, the adults will take care of it. While they do, my friends and I do the lockdown.'*

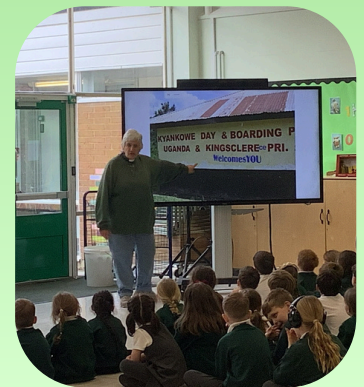


## Kyankowe CU Primary School Update

This month, we welcomed Canon Rev. Dodie Marsden, who shared stories from her recent visit to our partner school, Kyankowe Church of Uganda Primary School, in Uganda.

Canon Rev. Dodie spoke about the incredible impact of the support given to the community reflecting the values of caring, understanding and action. Together, we have raised funding to help them build a new kitchen and a new toilet block, creating safer and healthier spaces for their children.

We were also delighted to hear how much the children in Kyankowe enjoyed listening to the Aesop's Fables sent over and written by children from our school. It was equally lovely to hear some African Tales, during Dodie's visit to Kingsclere, written by students from Kyankowe. This exchange of stories continues to enrich both communities, and we are incredibly proud of the difference our partnership is making.



## West Berkshire and Hampshire Schools Cross Country

We took 56 children to represent our school, and every single one of them showed our values of love, courage and respect, not only to their own teammates, but to every competitor on the course.

We are so proud of their determination, teamwork and the way they supported others throughout the event. We would also like to thank all our parent helpers, who, without them, we would not have been able to attend.

Well done to all our runners, you represented our school beautifully.





**WOW!**



**AMAZING!**





# READING MORNING



A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Reading Morning.

We began the day with hot drinks and a presentation from our English Lead, Mrs Stephenson, followed by a session from the School Library Service, who shared fantastic tips and free resources to help families support reading at home.

Families then joined their children to see the work being carried out in their Shared Reading Lessons.

The PowerPoints and resource links have been shared with families via Reach More Parents. We also encourage parents and carers to explore the wide range of free reading books available through the SORA App, which offers a fantastic selection of books for children to enjoy at home.

# School Grounds Days at Kingsclere CE Primary School

There have been so many opportunities this March for children to enjoy our wonderful school grounds. Pupils have loved taking their learning outside and making the most of the Spring weather - whenever it decides to appear!

A huge well done to all our children for embracing outdoor learning with such enthusiasm. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a special environment that supports learning, curiosity and creativity in so many ways.



Grounds  
DAY

## Mothering Sunday

Our reception class had a wonderful tea party this term with the special ladies in their lives to celebrate Mothering Sunday!



## Easter Gardens



Year 1 and Year 2 have been busy creating beautiful Easter gardens as part of their RE learning this week. The children used natural materials to represent the Easter story, thinking carefully about symbolism and the meaning behind each element.



# SIX TOP TIPS

For Parents To Keep Your Children Safe Online

## SafeguardED

Most parents & carers think their children and young people spend too much time on devices. **DON'T FEEL BAD!** Lots of it is perfectly healthy anyway. Instead, follow these tips to keep them safe, happy and healthy.

### Don't worry about screen time; aim for screen quality

Scrolling through social media isn't the same as making a film or story, or video calling Grandma. Use the Children's Commissioner's 'Digital Five A Day' to plan or review each day together.



### Check the safety settings are turned on

Whether it's your home internet, mobile devices, consoles, apps or games, there are lots of settings to make them safer. The key ones are - can they chat to strangers, can they video chat or 'go live', are their posts public? What about safe search and Youtube? See [parentsafe.lgfl.net](https://parentsafe.lgfl.net) for more.



### Get your children to show you their apps and games

You don't need to know all about the latest app or game, but if your child shows you what they are doing and with whom, you'll probably see if it's appropriate or not. Remember 18 games are not more advanced - they are harmful to children! For parent guides to apps, including recommendations for kidsafe apps and video platforms, search for **Common Sense Media** reviews.



### Don't try to hide news about scary things in the news

If you don't talk about it, your children might read inappropriate pages, believe scare stories or simply catastrophise in their heads. Why not watch **Newsround** together and talk about how they feel - there is guidance from **Childline** to help you.

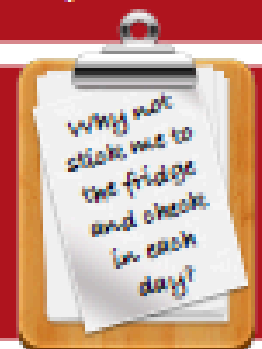


### Remind them of key online safety principles

There are too many to list, but remember human behaviour is the same online and offline. Remind your children to be a good friend, to ask for help if they are worried or if someone is mean, not to get undressed on camera and most important of all... if somebody tells them not to tell or ask for help because it's too late or they will get in trouble, **THAT'S A LIE!**

### If you aren't sure, ASK!

Your school may be able to give you advice, but there are plenty of other places to ask for help as a parent or a child, whether it is advice or help to fix something. Lots of sites are listed at [reporting.lgfl.net](https://reporting.lgfl.net), including ones to tell your kids about (they might not want to talk to you in the first instance).



## Ways you can be Parkwise

- Never stop or park on School Keep Clear zig-zag lines
- Avoid driving onto school grounds and never use school entrances to turn your car around
- Try and park at least 10m (33ft) from a road junction
- Don't park on yellow lines
- Never park on pavements or verges
- Ensure your passengers get out of and into the car on the side next to the kerb
- Do not wait or park in front of vehicle access points such as residential driveways
- Do not wait or park in bus stops or bus lay-bys
- Never double park or stop alongside a parked car
- Take extra care when carrying out manoeuvres, especially reversing, near to the school
- Drive at the appropriate speed (20 is plenty near a school)
- When stopping or parking on the road, face the direction of travel
- Never mount a pavement or verge to let another vehicle pass

### Car sharing

If you know someone in your neighbourhood who travels to the same school, why not arrange a car share?

By sharing the school run you can both save time and cut costs. You will be helping to reduce the congestion and air pollution outside school at peak times.

### Park and Stride

If driving your child to and from school is the only option, why not drop them off and pick them up away from the school, perhaps a ten minute walk away? This could be at a friend's house who lives closer to school. **There are lots of benefits:**

- Walking improves fitness and health for you and your child
- It will give your child an opportunity to be more independent and develop important life skills
- Your child will be more alert and more prepared for learning in class
- You will avoid any congestion near to the school and contribute towards a healthier, less stressful and safer school run
- You will help to make the air cleaner

### Further information

**School travel planning** visit [myjourneyhampshire.com/education](http://myjourneyhampshire.com/education)

**Parking rules and driver responsibilities** visit [gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code](http://gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code) (waiting and parking paragraphs 238-252)

**Reporting highway issues** e.g. street lights, faded lines, blocked drains or overgrown vegetation visit [hants.gov.uk/transport](http://hants.gov.uk/transport)

**Road safety education** visit [hants.gov.uk/roadsafety](http://hants.gov.uk/roadsafety)

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# Parkwise

Parking and driving safely near your school



[myjourneyhampshire.com/parkwise](http://myjourneyhampshire.com/parkwise)



## Why should you Parkwise?

**As a driver, you have a responsibility to think about whether you are parking in a safe and considerate manner. Whether you park for a few moments to let your child out of the car or for longer to wait for them, if you do not park with care you could be endangering the lives of your family and others.**

Through the success of travel planning activities, parents, teachers and pupils are making an effort to reduce car trips to and from our schools. Using alternatives to the car when travelling to school helps to provide pupils with regular physical exercise, reduces air pollution and congestion outside the school. It is often the first step for secondary pupils to become more independent.

However, it is appreciated that for some people driving to school is the only realistic option. This leaflet aims to explain to everyone who travels to and from school by car how to drop off and pick up your children safely and considerately.

Kids need at least 60 minutes exercise every day. Walking and cycling to school is a good way to do this.



## Parking enforcement

The County Council is responsible for on-street civil parking enforcement, in partnership with our service provider, NSL. To report an on-street parking contravention, such as yellow lines, visit [hants.gov.uk/transport/parking](http://hants.gov.uk/transport/parking) or scan the QR code, select 'Report a Parking Contravention' tile and complete the form.

### Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) can be issued for:

- waiting or parking on School Keep Clear zig-zag lines and controlled pedestrian crossings
- waiting or parking on single yellow lines during their times of operation, double yellow lines at any time and on pavements unless signs permit it
- parking in residents' or disabled parking bays unless you are entitled to do so and can display a valid badge
- stopping or parking in taxi ranks or on cycle lanes during their period of operation
- parking outside marked bays
- staying too long in time-limited waiting areas
- failing to pay and display a valid parking ticket where there is a parking charge
- obstructing pedestrian or vehicle access points where there are dropped kerbs
- double parking



If there are no parking restrictions and there is an obstruction or inconsiderate parking, please contact the Police on **101** or via **hampshire.police.uk/contact**

## Parking restrictions



Disabled badge holders only



Do not obstruct point of access



No waiting at any time



Keep school entrance clear



Do not stop or park at or near a bus stop



No waiting during times shown on sign



No loading at any time



No loading at times indicated on plate



## Other Information

Please find posters on the following pages with information about upcoming community events, school clubs, SEND support, wellbeing opportunities and music activities. The school calendar is included at the end of this section. Thank you.

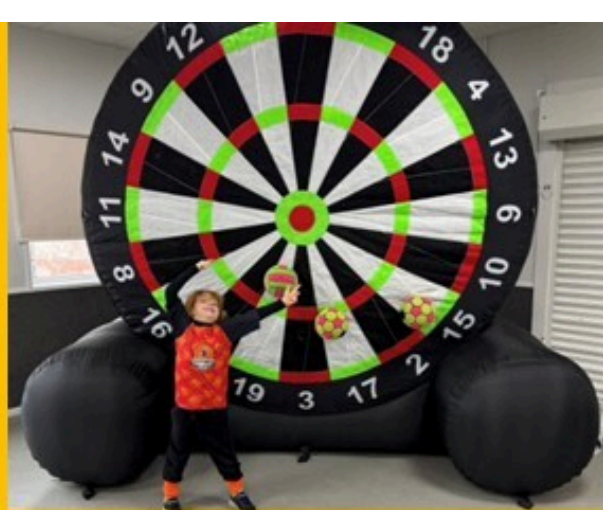
**KINGSCLERE SWIMMING  
LESSONS**

**KINGSCLERE CE  
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RG20 5RE**

**JUNE 2ND-JULY 18TH  
MON, WEDS, THURS  
3:30-6PM**

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KIDS**

**BOOKWHEN.COM/CALIKIDS**



## Football Camp

Dribble, pass, shoot, tackle and just play football all day

## Multi Sport Camp

Tennis, Cricket, Athletics, Archery, Hockey, Dodgeball, benchball, speed stacking – 6 different sports every day

Or pick and choose to do a bit of both

Open to boys and girls in school aged 4 -13  
All Coaches Fa Qualified and DBS checked  
Time – 10am – 4pm  
Early drop off 9am  
Late pick up 5pm  
Week, day or half day booking available  
20% Sibling Discount



### Easter Week 1

Newbury  
Robert Sandilands  
School

### Easter Week 2

Thatcham  
Francis Baily School

### Easter Week 2

Kingsclere  
Kingsclere School

**Bookings - [Footyskills4kids.class4kids.co.uk](http://Footyskills4kids.class4kids.co.uk)**

**Email - [Footyskills4kids@aol.com](mailto:Footyskills4kids@aol.com)**

**Free Workshops** - Please see below information from The Base at Greenham for families:

Join us for this welcoming series of free workshops for the whole family at the Lookout Studio in The Base at Greenham. Inspired by the themes and images of our fantastic art exhibitions, one of our fabulous artists will help you to get creative and have fun as a family.

To book a place for your family, contact the box office or email:

[lornac@cornexchangenew.co.uk](mailto:lornac@cornexchangenew.co.uk).

Duration: 1-hour sessions

Free, all materials included

These free workshops are especially for families who are new to the UK, or who may face financial or other barriers to experiencing quality visual art and related activities.



Spring 2026 dates:

Sat 28 Mar (2pm - 3pm or 3pm - 4pm)

Sun 12 Apr (10am - 11am or 11am - 12pm)

Sat 25 Apr (10am - 11am or 11am - 12pm)

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## Basingstoke SEND Parent carer Get Together

**At :The Viables Craft Centre, 19 The Harrow Way, Basingstoke RG22 4BJ**



10am-12pm

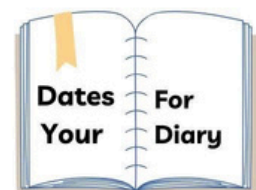
**11th March**

**15th April**

**13th May**

**10th June**

**8th July**



- Discuss Local Issues & Topics That Matter to You
- You are welcome to Share your Experiences and support your peers
- We will gather Feedback to help shape Services
- Enjoy a Warm Drink and Great Conversation!

For more information email us on : [participation@hpcn.org.uk](mailto:participation@hpcn.org.uk)

Follow us on our socials:



[linktr.ee/hpcn.org.uk](https://linktr.ee/hpcn.org.uk)



[participation@hpcn.org.uk](mailto:participation@hpcn.org.uk)



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# Well-Being Course



**A FREE 5 WEEK COURSE DESIGNED FOR  
PARENTS TO HELP MANAGE YOUR MENTAL  
HEALTH**

**MONDAY  
20<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**THE SARUM HILL CENTRE  
SARUM HILL  
BASINGSTOKE  
RG21 8SR**

**11:30am-12:30pm  
For more details email or  
call us on  
01256 242500  
[info@hsbd.org.uk](mailto:info@hsbd.org.uk)**





# Kingsclere Beaver Scouts

We currently have a limited number of spaces for 6 year olds in the Kingsclere Beaver Scout Group.

For those who have yet to turn 6 we can place your child on a waiting list for a place when one becomes available.

The group meets on a Monday Evening during Term Time at the Scout Hut in Strokins Road from 6 to 7 pm

If you wish to register for a place please email [kingsclerebeavers@gmail.com](mailto:kingsclerebeavers@gmail.com)

**BEAVERS**

# What if you could explore your SEND Local Offer in person, on one day?



Join us at an event near you to find out about your local special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) support. Our Discovery Days offer a welcoming space for families to explore the wide range of local services and support available. They provide the chance to speak directly with the teams who work with children and young people with SEND, helping families access timely information, early support, and meaningful connections within their community.

## Families can expect

- Opportunities to meet professionals from key SEND services
- Information stands from charities, providers, and community organisations
- General support and advice for children and young people aged 0 to 25
- Signposting to early help, assessment pathways, and inclusive activities
- A welcoming, relaxed environment where families can explore at their own pace



[connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer](https://connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer)

# Calendar of events this spring

Lyndhurst Community Centre, Main Car Park, Lyndhurst SO43 7NY	Friday 20 March	2pm to 6pm
Leigh Park Community Centre, Dunsbury Way, Leigh Park, Havant PO9 5BG	Saturday 21 March	10am to 1pm
Andover Community Church, Charlton Rd, Andover SP10 3JH	Thursday 26 March	2pm to 6pm
Farnborough Library, Pinehurst Roundabout, Farnborough GU14 7JZ	Tuesday 14 April	2.30pm to 6pm
Hampshire County Council HQ, Elizabeth II Court, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UJ	Monday 20 April	1pm to 5pm
Xperience Youth Centre, 70 Trinity St, Fareham PO16 7SJ	Tuesday 28 April	12pm to 4pm
Gosport Discovery Centre, High St, Gosport PO12 1BT	Thursday 30 April	2.30pm to 6pm
Alton Maltings Centre, 2 Maltings Close, Alton GU34 1DT	Thursday 7 May	2pm to 6pm
Basingstoke Discovery Centre, Potters Walk, Basingstoke RG21 7LS	Tuesday 12 May	2pm to 6pm
Pavilion on the Park, 1 Kingfisher Rd, Eastleigh SO50 9LH	Friday 15 May	2pm to 6pm
Petersfield Festival Hall, Heath Rd, Petersfield GU31 4DZ	Monday 18 May	

To find more details on these events, or for further information on the Hampshire Local Offer, visit [connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer](https://connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer) or scan the QR code.



# Hampshire County Youth Choir

## Open Rehearsal

Friday 17 April 2026

The United Church, Jewry St, Winchester

- 5-7pm - Show Choir (Y7 to Y13)
- 5:15-6:30pm - Junior Choir (Y2 to Y6)
- 7:30-8:45pm - Training Choir (Y7 to Y10)
- 7:30-9pm - Youth Choir (Y10 to Y13)

For more info and to  
sign up, please [Click  
Here.](#)



HAMPSHIRE COUNTY  
*youth choir*

[hcy.c.hmsensembles.org.uk](http://hcy.c.hmsensembles.org.uk)



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EDUCATION  
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## School Calendar Dates 2025 - 2026

Date	Event	What pupils should wear please or other
Monday 30th April to Friday 10th April	Easter Holiday	
Monday 13th April	Children return to school	
Tuesday 21st April	Year 3 and Year 4 Greek Day at Ufton Court	Permission Deadline 31.3.26 Lunch order by 28.2.26.. Children should wear their PE kit and trainers, bring wet weather gear and wellies please.
Thursday 23rd April	Year 5/6 Calshot Meeting at 3.15pm	School Hall
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday	School closed to pupils
Wednesday 6th May	Book Fair after school 3.30pm to 4pm	School hall / courtyard
Thursday 7th May	Class Photographs Book Fair after school	School hall / courtyard
Friday 8th May	Book Fair after school	School hall / courtyard
Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATS week	
18th – 22nd May	Year 5 and Year 6 Residential	
Monday 25th – 29th May	Half Term	School closed to pupils
Tuesday 2nd June	Swimming Begins	Bag, towel, swimming costume, flipflops.
Monday 8th - 11th June	Phonics Screening Checks	

Friday 5th June	Year R Trip to Wellington Country Park	School uniform and lunch
Friday 12th June	Sports Day Year R + KS1 am @ 10am then picnic lunch followed by KS2 pm 13:00.	PE Kit House colour t-shirt
Friday 19th June	Back Up Sports Day	
Monday 29th June	INSET Day	School closed to pupils
Monday 6th July	Last week of school teacher led clubs	Fee paying clubs continue
Wednesday 8th July	Year 5 and Year 6 Performance at 13:15	Tickets on sale in June
Thursday 9th July	Year 5 and Year 6 Performance at 18:00	Tickets on sale in June
Monday 13th July	Year 3 and 4 Swimming Gala 10:00 – 11:30	Swimming kit and two towels needed
Tuesday 14th July	Grounds Day	Outdoor clothes
Wednesday 15th July	Year 5 and 6 Swimming Gala 10:00 – 11:30	Swimming kit and two towels needed
Friday 17th July	Disco and Y5/6 Oscar's night	
Wednesday 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers' Service at St. Mary's	
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of the Summer Term before the Summer holiday begins on 23rd July	