



Summer Term – 12th June 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

This week has been an important one across the school as pupils and staff have approached a number of external assessments with determination, resilience and positivity.

Our Year 4 pupils completed the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), demonstrating the progress they have made in developing rapid recall of their times tables.

Meanwhile, our Year 1 pupils, alongside some Year 2 children, took part in the Phonics Screening Check, approaching the challenge with confidence and enthusiasm.

We also welcomed an external moderator to review Year 6 writing. The moderation process was extremely positive and provided valuable recognition of the high standards being achieved by our pupils.

These successes are a testament to the hard work and ambition of both our children and staff. Teachers have worked tirelessly throughout the year to ensure every pupil was well prepared, while the children have shown excellent attitudes, courage and a real desire to achieve their very best.

We are incredibly proud of everyone involved and would like to thank our pupils, staff and families for their continued support in helping our children succeed.

Enjoy your weekend- it is supposed to be a sunny one!

Mrs J Tierney and the Primary Phase team

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Dates for the diary

June 2026

16th – Class 2/3 Berry Pomeroy trip

17th – Y6 Residential

18th – Y5 Activity Day

19th – Class 1/2 Assembly to parents @ 9.0am

22nd – Secondary Open Morning @ 9.30am

25th – Y7 Induction day/evening

26th – Class 2/3 Assembly to parents @ 9.00am

29th – Y6 Sailing

30th – Y6 Sailing

July 2026

1st – Y6 Sailing

2nd – House Cake Sale

3rd – Primary Sports Day @ 1pm

3rd – Reception/Y1 Assembly to parents @ 9.00am

6th – Secondary Open Morning @ 9.30am

6th – School Support & Snack

6th – Class 4/5 Assembly to parents @ 9.00am

7th – Y6 Sailing

8th – Primary Open classrooms @ 3.10pm

9th – Reserve Sports Day

10th – Y6 show to parents 9am

Celebrations

Attendance Matters

This year's attendance by Year Group:

Reception – 93.7%

Year 1 – 94.1%

Year 2 – 94.9%

Year 3 – 95.3%

Year 4 – 91.0%

Year 5 – 89.8%

Year 6 – 93%

Year 7 – 90.3%

Year 8 – 93.5%

Year 9 – 90%

Year 10 – 90%

Year 11 – 90.9%

School attendance for the year so far is currently

91.7%

Thank you for supporting our target of 96%

Primary celebrations

'Stars in our eyes'

Teddy R – Nursery

Sydney D – Reception/Y1

Ralphie J – Class 1/2

Lacey I – Class 2/3

Esme M – Class 4/5

Marcus G – Class 6



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We have noticed that more children are wearing hooped and drop earrings to school. As outlined in our school policy, pupils may wear up to two pairs of **small, plain ear studs** in the lower lobe only.

To help keep everyone safe during PE lessons, all earrings should be removed. If your child is not able to leave their earrings at home when they have PE, we would really appreciate your support in helping your child practise removing and replacing their earrings independently, as staff are unable to do this for them. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Also, as a kind reminder, pupils should not be wearing false nails.

Academy Policy

Jewellery, Hair & Make-Up

Wearing decorative jewellery is unsafe and not appropriate for a modern, active educational environment.

- Pupils may wear up to two pairs of small, **plain ear-studs in the lower ear lobe**.
- One 'discreet' necklace, bracelet and watch may be worn
- High fashion hairstyles including **shaving or shaved patterns and non-natural colours are not acceptable** for any pupil
- Make-up should be minimal
- **False nails are not permitted.**

Please note that the Academy reserves the right to make the final decision as to the appropriateness of dress, jewellery, makeup and hairstyle.

What have we been up to:

Some of our Nursery children enjoyed an exciting trip to Rare Breeds Farm this term. We saw so many animals; goats, pigs, rabbits and even a wallaby! We also got to have a cuddle with some of the guinea pigs. The children listened so well and were so kind to all the animals. We were so impressed with how brave everyone was, feeding the animals, holding the guinea pigs and stroking the owl. It was a brilliant day and we were all thoroughly worn out.



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The annual Sunflower Growing Competition is well underway, thanks to the fantastic organisation of the two Sues!

Our pupils began their sunflower journey with a visit to the community greenhouse, where they carefully planted their seeds and learned all about what plants need to grow. The seedlings then returned to school, where the children have eagerly watched them sprout and flourish over the past few weeks.

Recently, we took our growing sunflowers to Coronation Park and planted them in the planters outside Beth's Café. The children were excited to give their plants a new home and are looking forward to seeing how tall they can grow.

In July, we will return to measure our sunflowers and discover which school has grown the tallest one. We can't wait to see the results and find out who will be crowned this year's sunflower champion!



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CHILDREN'S SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS

Learn to Swim with Paul,
Level 2 ASA Swimming Teacher,
30 Years Experience teaching
swimming of all ages.

LESSON TIMES:

-  10.00am to 12.00pm
-  30 Minute Lessons
-  Groups **up to 4**
Children Per Class
Or
1-1 Class
Or
1-2 Class
-  Call the pool for the
availability and to book
your child's space.

LESSON DATES:



- ★ **Wed 5th August**
- ★ **Tues 11th August**
- ★ **Wed 12th August**
- ★ **Tues 18th August**
- ★ **Wed 19th August**
- ★ **Tues 25th August**
- ★ **Wed 26th August**

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