

GRIMSDYKE NEWSLETTER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF GRIMSDYKE SCHOOL

MESSAGE FROM MRS BHUDIA

Dear Parent and Carer,

Summer Carnival

It has only been a week since our Summer Carnival and I would like to begin by thanking everyone for being so understanding and supportive of the changes we had to make this year. The exceptionally hot weather meant that a number of adaptations were needed at very short notice, but despite this, we still had a wonderful turnout and a fantastic afternoon enjoyed by our school and local community.

I have had many parents speak to me about how well FOGS organised the event and how much thought and care had gone into keeping everyone safe and comfortable. It was lovely to hear so many positive comments about the atmosphere on the day and how much families enjoyed being together as a school community.

A special mention and dedicated message of thanks to our amazing FOGS team can be found overleaf. The team have worked tirelessly for weeks and months in the run up to Carnival. Their commitment, hard work and flexibility played such an important part in making the event a success.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our staff and pupils for preparing such wonderful dances linked to our Carnival theme, 'Curtains Up – Carnival'. Although we had to postpone the performances to Sports Day, we are so proud of how positively and sensibly the children responded to this change. Thank you also to the premises team and staff across the school who worked from early in the day to prepare indoor spaces and help bring some of the Carnival atmosphere into cooler areas of the school.

A massive thank you must also go to all of our parents, carers, families and members of the local community who attended and supported the event. We were also very fortunate to receive support from a number of local businesses in and around Hatch End. As a school community, it would be wonderful if we could show our support for them in return.

We hope to confirm the final amount raised before the end of term. On behalf of the children and staff, thank you to everyone who attended, donated, volunteered, bought raffle tickets, supported stalls or contributed in any way.

The money raised will support the continued development of our outdoor spaces, including improvements to the playground, as well as the ongoing contributions FOGS make to enrich school life for all of our students.

Events like this really do showcase the special community spirit we have at Grimsdyke and this is something we should all feel extremely proud of.



CARNIVAL COMPETITION WINNERS

A few weeks ago, we held our Carnival competitions for the Carnival programme. We received an incredible number of entries and it was extremely difficult to choose the winning designs.

We are delighted to share the winning entries, along with a number of highly commended awards, which were given in recognition of the creativity, effort and the care that went into the programme designs.

A huge well done to all of the children who took part. I look forward to handing out the prizes during our final assembly before the end of term.

EYFS	KS1	LKS2	UKS2
Winner Vishvam D RLN	Winner Reya P, 2E	Winner Ami K 4K	Winner Vihana B 5BM
	Highly commended Kamran H 2CM Viroka P 1M	Highly commended Hiya B 3B	Highly commended Amelia E 5CM Asha R 6G

MEET THE TEACHER

On Monday 3rd July, we will be holding our annual 'Meet the Teacher' morning. During this time, children across the school will find out which teachers will be teaching them next year, as well as visiting the new classrooms they will be working in from September.

This is always an exciting morning, with a real buzz around the school as children meet their new teachers and begin to look ahead to the next academic year.

We will share this information with parents at the end of the school day and it will also be displayed on the A-frame outside the school.

We are also delighted that Mrs Varsani, who will be joining us as our new Deputy Headteacher from September 2026, will be in school with us for the day. Please do introduce yourself and say hello if you see her at the end of the day.



PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE



In November 2025, more than 61,000 pupils took part in the Primary Maths Challenge, including 90 children from Year 6 at Grimsdyke. This challenge is designed to test pupils mathematical thinking, reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Of those who entered nationally, 3,100 pupils who scored 21 marks or higher were invited to take part in the Bonus Round, which was held in February 2026. We are incredibly proud that two Grimsdyke pupils, Amelie 6R and Ibraheem 6R, qualified for this next stage.

Both pupils did extremely well in what is a very challenging maths competition. A special well done to Ibraheem, who achieved a Bronze award in the Bonus Round. This is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of them both.



Sports Day

This week, we were delighted to hold our planned Sports Day, with the cooler weather providing ideal conditions for the children to enjoy the event.

It was lovely to see the children open Sports Day with their Carnival performances out on the field, before taking part in a range of activities and races in their House colours. The children showed great teamwork and sportsmanship as they participated and competed alongside one another.



We were also very fortunate to have students from Douay Martyrs School join us to support with some of the activities. A huge thank you also goes to our amazing Year 6 House Captains and Prefects, who supported children in the younger year groups and helped lead the different activity stations. Well done to all of the children who took part.

End of KS2 - Writing Moderation



Recently, we welcomed visitors from the Local Authority to carry out Writing Moderation in Year 6. This process provides an important opportunity for the school to have our assessments externally validated and to ensure that our assessments of pupil's writing is assessing pupils accurately against the National Curriculum expectations.

The feedback from the moderation was extremely positive. Moderators commented on the accuracy and detail of our assessments, as well as the clear procedures that support this work. They were, once again, impressed by how well our Year 6 staff knew the pupils and how confidently they could discuss each child's development over time.

A huge amount of recognition and thanks must go to Mrs Guram, Miss Rai, Mr Mamoojee and Mrs Dwyer, along with the wider Year 6 team. Together, they have supported the children exceptionally well, providing them with opportunities to demonstrate the very best of their learning and progress.

We look forward to sharing end of year data with you before the end of term.

Final Weeks of the School Year

Unbelievably, we now have just under two weeks left of the academic year before the start of the summer holidays.

There is still so much to look forward to and celebrate, including the second showing of Year 5 curriculum showcase performance, end-of-year reports, Behaviour Celebration Assemblies, the Year 6 leavers performance and Record of Achievement graduation ceremony and our Meet the Teacher event for the children.

It promises to be a busy but very special end to the year and we look forward to making the most of these final moments together as a school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bhudia



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO FOGS AND OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL COMMUNITY



As we come to the end of another busy and successful year, I would like to take a moment to say a huge thank you to our incredible Friends of Grimsdyke School (FOGS), our volunteers and every family who supported last week's Summer Fair.

The exceptionally hot weather meant we had to make several changes to our original plans at very short notice. Despite this, the FOGS team responded with positivity, flexibility and a commitment to ensuring the event remained safe, enjoyable and memorable for everyone. Their willingness to adapt, alongside the support of our staff and volunteers, made the day a tremendous success.

Although the extreme weather inevitably affected attendance, I am delighted to share that the event still raised a significant amount of money for our school. While the total is lower than in previous years, it is a fantastic achievement given the challenging circumstances and is a testament to the generosity of our families and the dedication of everyone involved.

Every penny raised goes directly back into improving the experiences and opportunities available to all of our children.

Over the years, FOGS has funded some truly wonderful additions to our school, including our school minibus, adventure playgrounds, reading huts, wall art, all IT equipment of the IT suite, Chromebooks and many other projects that have enhanced our learning environment and enriched children's experiences.

Alongside these larger investments, FOGS also funds many of the special experiences that our children look forward to each year. These include the whole-school Christmas pantomime trip, Year 6 leavers' books, our First News subscription, and many other initiatives that enrich school life and create lasting memories for our pupils. These are the little extras that make such a big difference, helping to ensure every child benefits from opportunities that they will remember for years to come.

Our current fundraising focus is the continued development of our outdoor spaces. I am delighted that FOGS has committed to funding Phase One of this exciting project, which includes:

- Resurfacing the Junior Playground play area, with works due to be completed over the summer break, ready for the children to enjoy in September.
- Installing new outdoor seating in both the Infant and Junior playgrounds, creating welcoming spaces for children to learn, socialise and enjoy the outdoors.

These improvements will make a significant difference to our children's daily school experience, and we are incredibly grateful to FOGS and our wider school community for helping to make them possible.

Looking ahead, Phase Two of our playground development will focus on installing a permanent canopy over our fantastic EYFS outdoor learning environment. This investment will enable our youngest children to access high-quality outdoor learning throughout the year, providing shelter from both the sun and rain and ensuring this valuable space can be enjoyed in all seasons. It is another exciting step in our commitment to creating the very best learning environments for every child at Grimsdyke.

Projects like these simply would not be possible without the dedication of our amazing FOGS committee, who generously volunteer countless hours of their own time to organise events, seek sponsorship, plan fundraising activities and support our school community. Their commitment makes an enormous difference to the lives of our children.

Equally, none of this would be achievable without the incredible support of our families. By attending events, buying raffle tickets, volunteering, donating prizes and simply coming along to enjoy the day with your children, you are helping to create opportunities that benefit every child at Grimsdyke.

Our next exciting event will be the Happy Circus, returning to Grimsdyke on 14th and 15th October. This much-loved event is always a highlight of the school calendar, bringing our community together for two evenings of laughter, entertainment and fundraising. We hope to see as many families there as possible as we continue working together to invest in our wonderful school.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to each member of the FOGS Committee. Your dedication, enthusiasm and countless volunteer hours are truly appreciated. Thank you for everything you do to make Grimsdyke such a special place for our children. With grateful thanks to:

Keval Dodhia	Neesha Patel	Tanya Singh	Chanda Patel	Bhavisha Shah
Beejay Tailor	Aisha Subedar	Priya Patel	Dipika Patel	Raj Kothary
Priti Varsani	Nikul Sanghvi	Akash Kapur	Rajiv Modi	Hema Patel
Bindiya Patel	Steve Jukes	Sandeep Shah		

Your commitment as FOGS members are making a lasting difference to the lives of every child at Grimsdyke School

Kind Regards
Mrs Bhudia

IMPORTANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE

Eligibility for Free School Meals is changing.

More families may now be eligible for Free School Meals and those that already receive Free School Meals **must** reapply this academic year to continue receiving them from September.

For more information please use the following link to apply or reapply:
<https://fsm.lgfl.net/>

Even if you are unsure if you are eligible there is no harm checking using the link, as signing up for Free School Meals not only helps you and your child, but also helps the school and other families too (due to the associated funding we receive) so do have a look.



P.E

The children have been completing their dance units and performing in front of parents at the Sports Days this week. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents to see the effort the children have put in over the last 5 weeks.

Y6 HARROW BOROUGH ATHLETICS

As we move into the last few weeks of the school year, we also approach the final sports events of the year.

Unfortunately, both Tennis and Rounders have had to be postponed due to the extreme heat experienced last week.

Thankfully, the Harrow Borough Athletics tournament was cooler and therefore took place as planned. Children trialled to be part of the team and could compete in 1 race, 1 throw or jump and 1 relay. In total, 19 children attended. There were medals for the top 3 individuals of each event, whilst finishing positions also went towards a team score.

800m

First up were the 800m races which is arguably the hardest race. Reya and Elissia both performed really well for the girls, achieving 3rd and 5th place in their respective heats made up of 14 children each. Christian achieved 1st place whilst Vian got a respectable 5th in the boys races.

200m

In the 200m, Eleanor achieved 2nd place overall, with Jayna in 5th. For the boys, Ismael finished his race in 2nd place with Eric 3rd in his.

75m

In the 75m, Umika won her race with Anna-Maria coming 2nd in her heat. Aaron and Casey both achieved 2nd places in their heats.

Field Events

On to the field events where Grimsdyke were very successful. Casey achieved 3rd overall for boys long jump, Kaiya got bronze for girls chest push whilst Eleanor and Simar got silver and bronze in the girls vortex. Christian achieved 2nd place in the boys vortex too.

Relays

The boys relay team then achieved 3rd place overall with the girls narrowly missing out on a bronze in their heats. The mixed relay team came a respectable 5th overall. This meant that Team Grimsdyke came 2nd place. Overall. A fantastic effort. Well done guys!



SPORTS DAYS

KS1

Reception. Year 1 and Year 2 took part in 9 activities as well as performing their carnival dances in front of an encouraging crowd. We hope they all enjoyed the afternoon!

Y3/4

The Y3/4 Sports Day gave the children a little taste of competitive house fixtures with a dodgeball match, as well as Obstacle Relay, Basketball, Dice Relay, Football Relay and Balance Battle Relays. The children enjoyed a lovely morning, whilst they also performed their Carnival dances at the start of the day.

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Local Sports Clubs

If you are interested in your child joining a local sports group, please consider some of the clubs below:



Football
Parkfield
Northwood
 Ruislip Rangers

Cricket
 Harrow St Mary's CC
Bessborough CC
 Stanmore CC



Netball
 Hurricanes
 RV Leapers

Tennis
 Hatch End LTC
 Pinner LTC
 Chorleywood LTC



MUSIC

Last week, our Year 4 children enjoyed a fantastic visit from **The Mozartists**, whose mission is to make classical music accessible and relevant for young people.

From the very beginning, the children were fully engaged in an interactive workshop that combined singing, drama and music-making. Through a range of creative activities, they worked together to create a wonderful group performance. It was a joy to see the children embracing their creativity and growing in confidence through singing and musical expression.



As part of the workshop, the children explored the fascinating history of the flute. They were shown flutes from different periods in history, including one that was over **260 years old**, and learnt how the instrument has evolved into the modern flute we know today. The session concluded with a beautiful live performance for flute and piano, giving the children the opportunity to experience the rich sound of these instruments performed by professional musicians.

It was an inspiring morning that brought classical music to life and gave the children a memorable musical experience.



What a busy and exciting time it has been in Reception!

We were delighted to welcome a paramedic to our classrooms, who taught us all about their important role in helping people. The children enjoyed seeing some of the equipment, asking thoughtful questions and learning how paramedics care for people in emergencies.

As part of our learning, we also went on a local walk to observe the features of our surrounding area. The children looked carefully at roads, buildings and landmarks, using their observations to help create their own maps back at school. It was a fantastic opportunity to develop both their geography skills and their understanding of the local community.

Our annual school carnival brought lots of excitement, with games, activities and smiling faces all around. The children also took part in Sports Day, showing great enthusiasm, determination and teamwork as they competed in a range of events.

The Reception children have also loved performing their dances, confidently sharing everything they have been practising. Their energy, big smiles and growing confidence made the performances a real highlight.

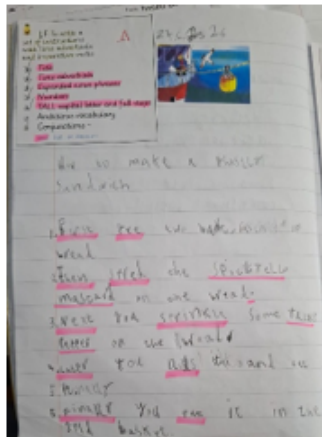
With the warmer weather arriving, we've made the most of our outdoor learning area. The children had great fun cooling off with some supervised paddling, splashing, playing and enjoying time together.

With warmest wishes,
The Reception Team

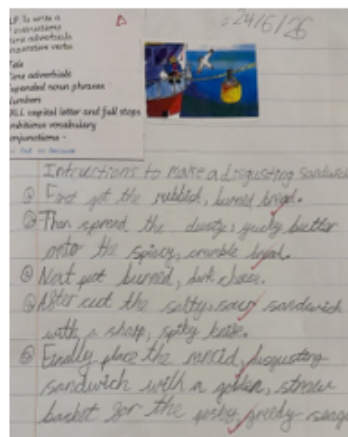




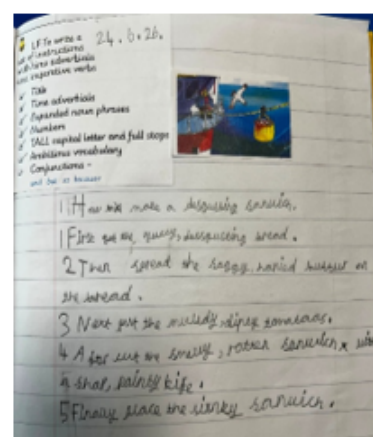
In English, our focus text for the past two weeks was 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by David and Ronda Armitage. It's all about Mr Grinling, a lighthouse keeper, who along with his wife, try to think of a plan to the pesky seagulls eating his lunch! Mr Grinling asked the year 1 children to write some instructions for how to make a ghastly sandwich that would repel the brazen seagulls. Some key features had to include; order, numbered instructions, title, verbs, capital letters, full stops, time adverbials. Some children attempted to include conjunctions and expanded nouns too! We are so proud of how their writing has come on over the year.



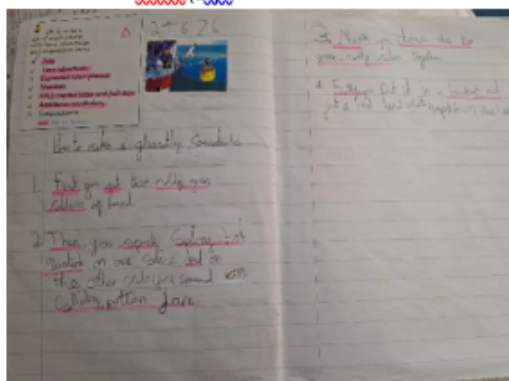
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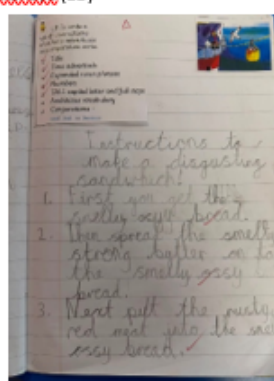
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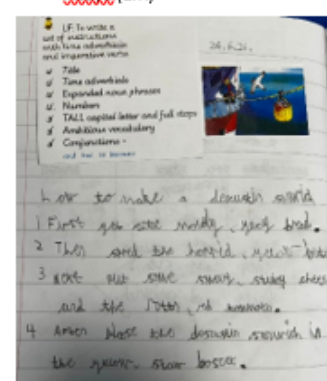
Aadya (1M)



Evie (1K)



Rishiv (1D)

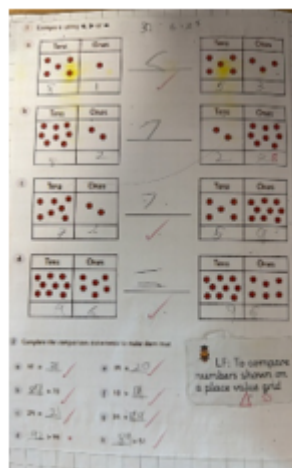


Arjun (1M)

In maths we are working on place value with numbers up to 100. We have been representing these numbers using tens and ones.



Netra (1D)



Viaan (1D)



Thiyaana (1M)



Penelope (1M)

QUESTION: Is 14 the same as 41?

Building with tens and ones show how two numbers can have the same digits but the place they are positioned in, give them a different value.

Year 2 – Over the past couple of weeks we have had some amazing learning opportunities. The children did a wonderful job recreating the 'Dancing Lady' in art. They loved learning all about scooter safety during our workshop. They also thoroughly enjoyed Caribbean day, sports day and the school summer carnival. We are now looking forward to the final two weeks of year 2!



It's been a busy couple of weeks for Year 3 culminating in Carnival and Sports Day!

Year 3 were finally able to give a fantastic performance of their Carnival Dance, inspired by the musical Matilda.

The children danced confidently and sang with great enthusiasm. Their hard work during rehearsals truly shone through, and they should all be incredibly proud of themselves.

Following the dance, we enjoyed taking part in Sports Day.

All three classes demonstrated outstanding teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the events.

Whether they were winning or losing, the children showed respect for one another, encouraged their teammates, and worked together with excellent collaboration. It was wonderful to see everyone giving their best effort while celebrating each other's achievements.

The points from all the events have now been collected, and excitement is building as we eagerly await the announcement of the winning house.

Well done to all of Year 3 for representing our school so positively and making us all proud! Thank you also to all those who came to watch, support and cheer us on!





It has been a busy and exciting fortnight in Year 4!

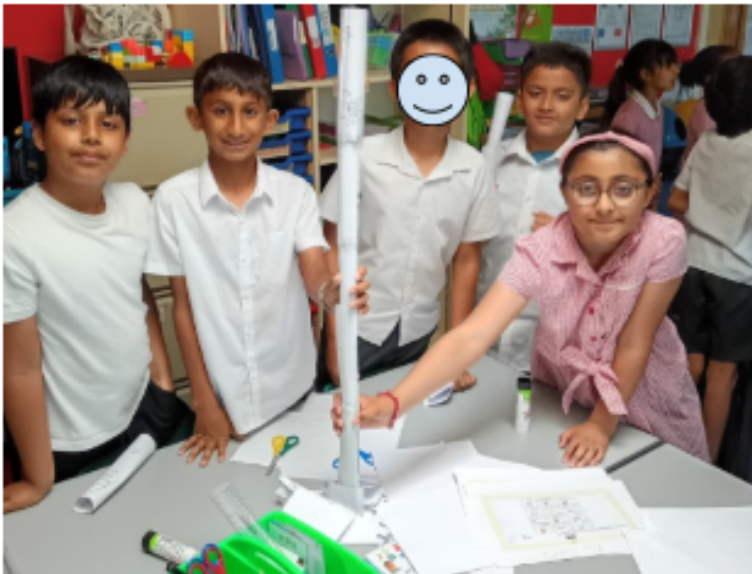
Despite the hot weather, the children have continued to show enthusiasm, resilience and a fantastic attitude towards their learning. We enjoyed a brilliant Sports Day, where everyone demonstrated great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship.

The children have also been busy preparing their energetic Carnival dances, and we loved their final performance.

In Maths, they have embraced a range of Taskmaster-style challenges, using problem-solving, teamwork and creativity to tackle a variety of tricky tasks. Meanwhile, in English, the children have brought their learning to life through acting, helping them to develop their confidence, expression and understanding of the playscripts we have been exploring.

Here is a collection of photos capturing some of the wonderful moments from the past two weeks.







SPORTS DAY



Our Sports Day was a huge success, and the children absolutely loved taking part! They enjoyed all of the different activities set up throughout the day and really showed their competitive spirit while having lots of fun.

We were incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, effort, and determination shown by every child. It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging and supporting their classmates, creating a fantastic team atmosphere.

A big well done to all of the children for making the day so enjoyable, and a special thank you to the parents who joined in and helped make the event even more memorable. Your support and enthusiasm were greatly appreciated.

GREEK SALADS



Year 5 had a fantastic time preparing their own delicious Greek salads as part of their DT learning. Before getting started, the children discussed the safe use of a variety of kitchen tools and demonstrated excellent awareness of kitchen safety throughout the activity. They were incredibly sensible and responsible while chopping the fresh vegetables.

Everyone enjoyed choosing and preparing the ingredients, before adding their own herbs and seasonings to create a unique flavour. It was wonderful to see the children developing their food preparation skills, working confidently and enthusiastically.

The finished Greek salads looked amazing and tasted even better! They were absolutely delicious, so much so that we all wanted seconds!

Year 6 children took part in finance workshops designed to develop their understanding of money management and everyday financial decision-making. During the sessions, they explored the importance of budgeting, saving and making informed choices about spending. The workshops also introduced key vocabulary such as income, expenditure and change, helping children to build confidence in discussing financial matters. This valuable experience supported pupils' wider personal development and reinforced the importance of financial literacy as they prepare for the next stage of their education.



Year 6 children took part in a transition workshop to support their preparation for high school. The session focused on helping pupils understand the changes they may experience next year, including new routines, expectations and opportunities for greater independence. During the workshop, children engaged in practical activities designed to build confidence and resilience. They discussed strategies for organising their belongings, managing their time effectively and asking for help when needed. The workshop also provided time for questions, enabling pupils to share any thoughts or concerns about moving on to secondary education.



This term, Year 6 children have been developing their understanding of manga as part of their art learning. Following an exploration of key stylistic features, including expressive facial features, bold outlines and dynamic character design, the pupils used their new knowledge to create their own manga inspired versions of the Macbeth story.



This week, Year 6 children took part in our annual Sports Day, demonstrating excellent teamwork, perseverance and sporting spirit throughout the event. Children approached each activity with enthusiasm and determination, showing real commitment to doing their best and supporting one another. It was a pleasure to see such positive attitudes, both when competing and when cheering on their classmates.

In addition to their sporting achievements, Year 6 also delighted the school community with their dance and samba performance. The children performed with confidence, rhythm and enthusiasm, creating a lively and memorable experience for families and staff. Their preparation and hard work were evident in the quality of the performance, and they should be proud of what they achieved.



SUMMER TERM 2026

Mon 6 th Jul	Whole School Meet the Teacher Y5 Showcase - 2pm
Tues 7 th Jul	Digital Citizenship Presentation
Thurs 9 th July	Y6 Production and Presentation - 6pm
Fri 10 th Jul	Y6 Activity Day and Picnic Y4 - Fun swim
Last week	No external clubs
Tues 14 th Jul	Leavers Assembly - 9:30am - Y6 parents only
Thurs 16 th Jul	Y6 finish at 1:45pm Rest of school finish at 1:30pm
Fri 17 th Jul	PDD - children are not in school
Mon 20 th Jul	PDD - children are not in school

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Wed 2nd Sept	PDD - children are not in school
Thurs 3 rd Sept	Start of Autumn Term
Fri 11 th Sept	Y4 Swimming starts Parent Forum - 9am
Thurs 1 st Oct	Pupil Census
Tues 6 th Oct	Individual and Sibling Photos
Tues 13 th Oct	Flu Vaccinations
Wed 14 th Oct	FOGS event - Happy Circus
Thurs 15 th Oct	FOGS event - Happy Circus
Mon 19 th Oct	Y6 PGL
Fri 23 rd Oct	Y6 PGL return Last day of this ½ term.
Mon 2 nd Nov	PDD - Children not in school
Tues 3 rd Nov	Back in school
Tues 17 th Nov	Catchup - Flu vaccinations
Fri 18 th Dec	Last day of Aut Term - school ends at 2:30pm
Mon 4 th Jan	PDD - children not in school
Tues 5 th Jan	Half Term Break

TERM DATES

Summer Term
Mon 1 Jun—Mon 20 Jul

PDD dates
Fri 17th Jul
Mon 20th Jul

2026/27 TERM DATES

Autumn Term
Wed 2 Sept - Fri 23 Oct
1/2 term break: Mon 26
Oct - Fri 30 Oct
Mon 2 Nov - Fri 18 Dec

Spring Term
Mon 4 Jan - Fri 12 Feb
1/2 term break: Mon 15
Feb - Fri 19 Feb
Mon 22 Feb - Fri 25 Mar

Summer Term
Mon 12 Apr—Fri 28 May
1/2 term break: Mon 31
May—Fri 4 Jun
Mon 7 Jun—Thurs 22 Jul

PDD dates
2nd Sept, 2nd Nov, 4th Jan,
28th May, 22nd Jul