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Primary School

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WEEK BEGINNING	DAY	EVENTS
WB 15 th June	Monday	No Y5 morning maths and no Y3/4 'maths club' after school Classes 3,4 and 5 Trip to Mountfitchet Castle GSSfS final club session to prepare for event Y3,4,5 and 6 football New KS1 football starts
	Tuesday	Great Science Share for Schools (small group Y5/6) Nexus Partnership Athletics (team from KS2)
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	
	Friday	Sports Day and Colour Run (PAFA)
WB 22 nd June Y6 TRANSITION VISITS WEEK	Monday	NO CLASS 5 PE
	Tuesday	Y3/4 cricket team at Northern Gateway all day CLASS 5 WILL HAVE PE ON THIS DAY INSTEAD
	Wednesday	KS1 Visit to Frinton The Gilberd induction Philip Morant induction
	Thursday	Stanway Induction
	Friday	PARENT ASSEMBLY and PARENT'S FORUM for classes 3 and 4 parents . Thurstable Induction
WB 29 th June LAST WEEK OF TUITION	Monday	Y6 Science Quiz online after school, at school
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	Dress Rehearsal for KS2 play to the school
	Thursday	New reception intake transition event pm
	Friday	KS1 Cricket Day KS1 and KS2 Assessment Summaries and EYFS reports coming home
WB 6 th July	Monday	KS2 show afternoon: Home visit new reception
	Tuesday	KS2 show EVENING Home visits new reception
	Wednesday	Y5 Thurstable Taster Day
	Thursday	New reception visits Whole school 'move-up morning'
	Friday	
WB 13 th July	Monday	'It's Your Move' for Y6 Y6 'Moving on Camp': after school event
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	Leavers' Tea for Y6 and Y6 families

	Friday	FINAL ASSEMBLY 2:30 OUTSIDE: ALL INVITED
WB 20 th July	MONDAY 20 th July is a non-pupil day	
Key dates to note for Autumn 2026		First day of new school year Wednesday 2 nd September

Dear All,

This week has seen the Year 6 children attending a play and workshop linked to situational awareness as they move towards greater independence in secondary school. As part of the day, they visited Castle Park and were fortunate enough to miss the heavy rain showers!

Year 1 children have taken part in the Phonics Screening Check this week, and Year 4 pupils completed the Multiplication Tables Check. Well done to the children for their hard work, and thank you to the staff and parents who have supported their fluency and confidence in these areas.

SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY 20th JUNE

Next Friday is Sports Day and, at the moment, the weather looks set to be warm and dry. Please ensure that children have hats, water bottles and sun cream with them on the day.

The event will follow a similar format to previous years, so many of you will already be familiar with the arrangements. However, here is a summary for our new families and a reminder for everyone else:

- All children should come to school in their PE kits.
- Parents may make their way to the field from around 9:00am.
- Children will come out in their teams, which have World Cup-themed names this year.
- There will be a circuit of activities, including two breaks.
- Siblings and family members will be allocated to the same activity group.
- Parents are welcome to follow their team around the circuit.
- Teams will collect points throughout the morning for an overall competition lasting just over an hour.
- At the end of the circuit, parents are asked to find a space by the running track near the fence. Classes will sit on the opposite side.
- Children will then be invited to take part in individual races.
- Toddlers and pre-school children are also invited to take part in a race.
- At the end of the races, the winning team will be announced.

- Children will then return to class, and the Year 6 children will help clear away the equipment.
- Families are invited to find a space on the lower field for a picnic if they are able to stay. The upper field will be used for playtime.
- Children will join their families at around 12:00pm for picnics if families are staying.
- Children will return to school at approximately 1:00pm, and families will leave for the afternoon before returning after school for the Colour Run.

OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

- Please cancel your SCOPAY meal if you are bringing a picnic for your child.
- No dogs, please.
- Please take care on the steep slope and use the sides if it is wet.
- Adults may use the toilet in the school reception area via the playground, but must not enter other parts of the school building.
- If families are unable to stay for a picnic, children will eat together in the hall. If you have arranged for your child to eat with another family, you must send permission in writing by Thursday next week so that we can collate a list. After this point, we cannot guarantee that emails will be seen in time, as the morning of Sports Day is very busy for staff.
- Families are asked to keep their picnics nut free and to ensure that food items are not swapped due to allergies.

ALSO NEXT WEEK

Monday

KS2 Mountfitchet trip

Tuesday

Great Science Share for Schools – a small group will represent Birch at this event.

Nexus Partnership Athletics – a larger group will be representing the school.

Friday

Sports Day

PAFA's Colour Run

Please note that our wonderful Year 6 pupils are running some stalls at the Colour Run. They would love to collect good-quality used books and toys for one of these stalls, so if

you have time for a quick rummage at home this weekend, any donations would be greatly appreciated.

...and please remember to bring some cash to the Colour Run to support their efforts. EcoBubbles will also be setting up their stall, so don't forget your refillable containers!

Hopefully, this mountain of Sports Day information makes sense! As always, please do get in touch if you need clarification on any point.

Have a great weekend!

Herbs harvested from our garden used in pasta and pizza dishes –it doesn't get more 'locally sourced' than that! BUDDY'S 1st BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY – cake for Buddy and cake for all today!



