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WEEK BEGINNING	DAY	EVENTS
WB 29 th June LAST WEEK OF TUITION	Monday	Y6 Science Quiz online after school, at school
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	KS1 Cricket - day change but all aware
	Thursday	New reception intake transition event pm
	Friday	Dress Rehearsal for KS2 play to the school 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 Open Classrooms after school- come in to take a look at your child's books and their work IN THE HALL: ECOBUBBLES SHOP OPEN FOR BUSINESS GREAT SCIENCE SHARE FOR SCHOOLS CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION – COME AND SOLVE THE MYSTERY!! Home visit for New Reception Intake
	Thursday	New reception visit am 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,

So, it's been a hot week! The children have been fantastic in the challenging conditions, and the measures we have put in place have adapted and evolved depending on the activities, group sizes, available spaces and predicted weather.

As you know, we will be closing tomorrow afternoon at 1:15pm, as we feel that with the increased temperatures, the activities planned, the group sizes and the available spaces, we will not be able to maintain a safe learning environment. My staff and I very much appreciate your support with everything we have tried to do this week in response to these challenging conditions. Many thanks.

I look forward to seeing Class 3 and 4 parents at our assembly at 9:10 am tomorrow. This assembly will just be class 3 and 4 children on this occasion to keep the hall a little cooler – I will have a 'Pause and Reflect' assembly with the other classes under the trees later in the morning. They are looking forward to sharing their magnificent castle models as well as photos of their trip. After this assembly, I invite parents to stay for a Parent Forum. I will take this outside for those who can stay to free up the hall for classes to use.

That being said, we have still managed to engage in lots of exciting learning this week. Some of our Year 3 and 4 children took part in a cricket competition on Tuesday and came second. Their behaviour and sporting attitude were evident throughout, as were their skills and determination. Well done!

Classes 1 and 2 were the lucky ones on Wednesday. A day at the beach, with some additional shelter constructed for shade, proved to be a more comfortable environment than a day in school. Nevertheless, the children who remained in school took some of their learning outside, and I saw some really lovely artwork linked to our KS2 play, *Robin and the Hoodies*.

GOING FORWARD

NEXT WEEK

This is the last week for tuition groups.

MONDAY

- No keyboard or guitar lessons today.
- After school: Science Quiz – Year 6 team.
- After school: Football Club.

WEDNESDAY

- KS1 cricket team at Northern Gateway.
- Keyboard and guitar lessons.

THURSDAY

- New intake visit to Class 1.
- New intake parent meeting with Mrs Vinters.

FRIDAY

- KS2 dress rehearsal for the school.
- Assessment summaries and EYFS reports will be sent out via INSIGHT.

JUST A COUPLE OF OTHER BITS

- Year 5 group: Final Bawdsey payments should be made by 1st July.
- Year 6: Could parents please work towards a zero balance on ScoPay by 15th July?
- Complimentary passes to Jungle Adventure for the summer holidays have been sent home in children's bags.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

CRICKET TEAM, BEACH TRIP





