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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 Dates for school tours for Reception 27: Wednesday 7 th October 9:30 and 11:00, Tuesday 22 nd October 9:30 and 11:00, Monday 9 th November 9:30, Tuesday 8 th December 9:30, 11 th January 9:30

Dear All,

I'm writing a little earlier than usual this week so that I can include a couple of reminders for the rest of this incredibly busy week.

Firstly, we are holding an **Open Classroom** event after school today. This is a chance to look through your child's books together and perhaps wander down to the hall to look at some photos, purchase some EcoBubbles products, and even have a go at solving the Great Science Share groups' "crime scene" puzzle.

May I also kindly ask that anyone who has parked at the village hall leaves by 3.55 pm, as the group hiring the hall will be arriving from 4.00 pm.

KS2 Performance

A huge well done to our KS2 children for their hilarious performance of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies. Everyone performed brilliantly despite the heat, and there were some incredible individual performances in both singing and acting. We definitely have some stars in the making!

A huge thank you also goes to the teaching staff, who put so much time and effort into providing this enriching opportunity, and, of course, to our behind-the-scenes support

staff for costumes, sets, props and ticket organisation. A fantastic team effort—well done to everyone involved!

Tomorrow is our **Move-Up Morning**, when the children will spend the morning with their new teacher in their new classroom.

For children moving into Year 1 and Year 4, this is when they will find out how they have been allocated across the two classes for next year. These classes are organised by age and carefully balanced to ensure they are as even in size as possible.

Children moving into Year 1 in September will bring home a note to let you know which class they will be joining next year, so please look out for this in their school bags tomorrow. It often takes a little conversation at home to help them understand that they are still in Reception for the remainder of this term, but that in September they will be Y1 and either move to Class 2 or remain in Class 1 as the older children. Thank you for your support in helping them understand this transition.

Children moving into Year 4 are also split across two classes, but they are generally much more familiar with the process. They will not receive a note home, so they can share their new class with you at the end of the school day.

On Friday, we are welcoming the Fire Service to school to deliver an assembly on water safety. With the hot weather this year and the increase in water-related accidents, they have asked schools to help reinforce these important safety messages. Please do speak to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Next Week

Monday: Year 6 Moving-On Camp after school, including a pizza tea. Please make your pizza donation via ScoPay as soon as possible.

Thursday: Year 6 Leavers' Tea after school for Year 6 children and their families. Please make your donation via ScoPay as soon as possible.

Friday: Our final assembly of the year. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for this outdoor assembly at 2.30 pm.

It's a little early to wish everyone a great weekend, so I'll simply finish by saying...

Best wishes

Rebekah May

ROBIN AND SHERWOOD HOODIES



