

Headteacher Newsletter June 2024



Dear pupils and parents,

It is hard to believe that we are now in the final term of the year.

Well done to all the pupils in Year 6 who have worked so hard on their recent assessments and a special 'thank you' to the rest of the school pupils and staff who helped to accommodate the room changes with minimal disruption.

This is an exciting time as the children prepare to move into the next year group. For some this will even mean moving classes and of course we will be saying goodbye to our Year 6 students.

Thursday 4th July is transition day for the whole school where the children will get the chance to spend the day in their 'new' year group and classroom.

Diary Dates

Please see below a reminder of the events planned for the rest of this half term and for the start of the new academic year.

Wednesday 12th June	Class 3 - British Red Cross Workshop
Thursday 13th June	Y3 / Y4 / Y5 Swimming (return to school on bus)
Thursday 13th June	No Science After School Club
Tuesday 18th June	New Reception for the morning
Wednesday 19th June	Year 5 - HVC STEM Day
Thursday 20th June	Y3 / Y4 / Y5 Swimming (return to school on bus)
Monday 24th June	PTA Meeting
Tuesday 25th June	Class 2 Trip to Hollowford Centre
Wednesday 26th - 28th June	Class 3 - Whitehall residential
Thursday 4th July	Transition Day
Thursday 11th July	Sports Afternoon
Friday 12th July	Class 2 & 3 Summer Musical Showcase
Tuesday 16th July	Whole School Trip
Thursday 18th July	Reserve Sports Afternoon
Monday 22nd July	Class 2 & 3 Performance 1.30pm and 5.30pm
Tuesday 23rd July	Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 23rd July	Last Day of term (No After school care)
Wednesday 4th September	Inset Day (school closed to children)
Thursday 5th September	First Day of Term



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2024-2025 Term Dates

4th September 2024 to 25th October 2024 (NOTE Children start on 5th September)

4th November 2024 to 20th December 2024

6th January 2025 to 14th February 2025

24th February 2025 to 4th April 2025

22nd April 2025 to 23rd May 2025 (Monday 5th May 2025 is a bank holiday)

2nd June 2025 to 24th July 2025

2024-2025 INSET Days (School Closed)

Wednesday 4th September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Friday 14th February 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

Thursday 24th July 2025

Relationships and Sex Education

We are aware that there has been some discussion in the media regarding the content of some school's RSE lessons. We are confident this issue does not affect our school. Our curriculum is carefully planned and is supported by a validated scheme of work. If any parents are concerned, please speak to your class teacher in the first instance or Mrs Crease or Mrs Gemmell.

Primary Science Quality Mark



We are pleased to share that we have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark. PSQM is a comprehensive evidence-based professional development programme that effectively develops science leadership, ensuring teachers have the knowledge, capability and support they need to transform science education and shape future generations.

Whooping Cough Update from Derbyshire Health

There has been an increase in cases of Whooping Cough across the country.

Vaccines for infants and children do include Whooping Cough, but cannot be given until a baby is 8 weeks old, leaving them vulnerable.

If anyone has whooping cough they should stay at home and not go to work, school or nursery until 48 hours after starting antibiotics or 3 weeks after symptoms start if not having antibiotics.

Please see below a link for further information.

[Information for individuals diagnosed with whooping cough - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/whooping-cough-consultation)

School Information

During this week the children will be coming home with Student update forms. These are completed every year to ensure that the information we have is correct and up to date. Please could these be completed and return to the office as soon as possible.

Works over Half Term

During half term the large larch tree was removed from the trim trail area. This has really opened up the space and lightened up the area. Thank you to the PTA who has supported school and paid for the work.

New Mud Kitchen



We are very excited to inform you that we have a new mud kitchen and base being fitted at the end of term which will be ready for the children to enjoy in the new year.

This installation is being funded by the PTA. We would like to say a massive thank you to you all for all the fundraising and support. We can't wait to share pictures of the final installation and the children enjoying getting dirty!

As for future developments we have been consulting with a local architect who is looking at possible developments for the outside area. We have been looking at different shelter ideas that would provide an outside learning space as well as an area that can be used during lunch and play times.

As always thank you all for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'KL Gemmell'.

Kate Gemmell (Headteacher)