

Kings Worthy

Primary School

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We're back!

I'm delighted to be able to welcome back every year group to school after a tumultuous few months which we all could have quite simply done without. I hope you all had a fabulous summer and a warm welcome to a number of children and their families joining us for the first time in year groups across the school. The first two days have been fantastic and it has been amazing to see all the children back and smiling and getting to know their new teachers.

Year R of course start next week. I am sure that everyone will feel part of the Kings Worthy Primary School community very soon.

We also have a number of new staff to bring to your attention.



Mr Alex Watton joins us as class teacher for 2W.



Mr Adam Abraham joins us as class teacher for 3A.



Mr Oliver Rule joins us as class teacher in 5R.



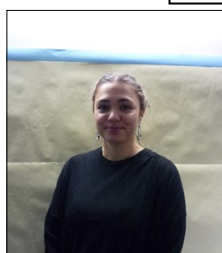
Mrs Rachael Cowling joins us as class teacher in 6C.



Mrs Veronique Anning joins our teaching team to provide PPA and catch-up.



Miss Emily Dabill joins 2S as Miss Singleton's School Direct trainee student for the year.



Miss Eliza Roadnight joins our fantastic LSA team.



Mr Jonathan Renfrey also joins our fantastic LSA team.

It's also brilliant to welcome back many of our staff who were not in school at all during the recent lockdown, but especially Mrs Katie O'Sullivan who has been away from school for many months and I know I speak for everyone when I say that we're delighted Katie is back and raring to get started. She will be working mostly in year 4 in the coming weeks.

Farewell to Mrs Caldbeck

We didn't get an opportunity to say goodbye at the end of the summer term to Mrs Caldbeck who retired after a marathon teaching career spanning 46 years. Mrs Caldbeck first worked in London, then as a supply teacher in several local schools before teaching at Kings Worthy for the last 32 years - our longest serving member of staff in recent years! I first met Mrs Caldbeck 28 years ago and will always remember her kindness and hospitality to me as a new member of staff. During her time at Kings Worthy, she's worked for numerous headteachers, taught every year group from YR to Y6, led English, History, Music and Art, mentored students on teaching practice, accompanied children on a variety of (still memorable!) day and residential trips, moved classroom at least 8 times and taught approximately 1000 children as a class teacher and many more in her part-time role.

Amongst so many memories over the years, Mrs Caldbeck remembers when there were just 7 classrooms in our main building plus a couple of huts as the numbers grew, moving into Hinton House with its stunning views but some less than ideal classroom layouts, and the subsequent construction of the new KS2 building. Throughout the years, Mrs Caldbeck has particularly encouraged the children to develop a love of both music and reading. She's enabled the children to participate in music-making in so many forms, from rehearsing end-of-term shows to singing with our choir at the Albert Hall, working with the late composer Martin Read to give the children the opportunity to compose original music and perform it with professional musicians, to more recently organising concert visits for our Y6 children, some of whom loved this so much that it was "their favourite part of the year". Past pupils remember both her kindness and how her love of drama, bringing books alive, 'got them into reading'. Mrs Caldbeck will now have more time to spend with her family (around whom the BBC drama 'Mrs Wilson' is based) and we wish her a long and very happy retirement. *(written by Miss Keeble)*

Drop-off and pick-up changes (part 2)

Thank you to all of you who have followed our guidelines for coming in first thing in the morning. Due to the nature of our slightly staggered morning drop off arrangements I feel that there is no need to change how we come in first thing in the morning. Miss Eggleston and I have been on both gates and feel that it has run very smoothly. I know that on the first day you are eager to see your child into the classroom, but I would urge parents of children from year 4, 5 and 6 to drop them at the gate and let them walk to class on their own.

I would prefer every one to follow the one-way system and exit through the top gate, but if you are a blue badge holder then you are able to return the way you came in, maintaining social distancing.

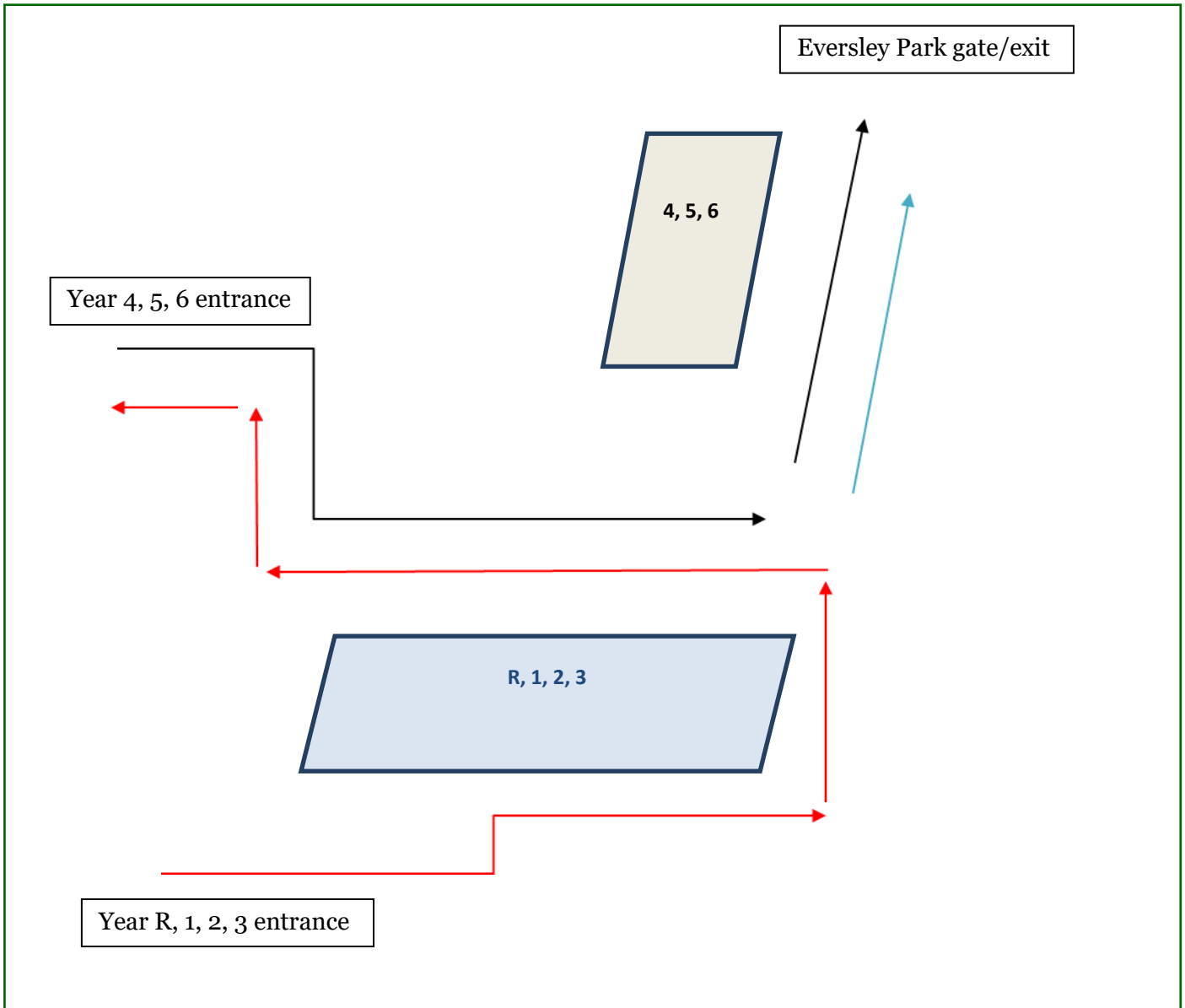
Pick-up arrangements proved a little more difficult.

From Monday I would like all parents who are collecting children from year 4, 5 and 6 to come in the way they come in first thing in the morning.

If you are collecting from year R, 1, 2 and 3 then please enter through the bottom gate. If you have no siblings to collect then simply walk round and out through the 4, 5, 6 entry gate – there should be minimal crossover as parents picking up will likely already be on the school site.

If you are picking up siblings from 4, 5 and 6 as well as a child from R, 1, 2 and 3 then follow the blue route and exit through the top gate which will be open.

This will hopefully maintain our one-way system much better and ease congestion through the top gate exit point.



Black route – Year 4, 5 and 6 parents collection route

Red route – Year 1, 2 and 3 collection route

Blue route – 4, 5 and 6 siblings collection route

Apologies for the simplistic map and updated plans, but if we encounter problems then we will of course adapt as necessary.

Why not a staggered start or end to the school day?

This seems to be the most common question that I am being asked at the moment so I thought I would provide you with our reasons for not doing this.

The guidance around staggered start and finish times is that schools should consider it and it isn't one of the 'musts' that we have to put in place.

Before full re-opening to all year groups in the second half of the summer term we were able to operate a successful staggered start and finish time. This was due to a reduced number of children on site and we were able to shorten the school day to allow this for all year groups.

The full re-opening guidance states that if we were to operate staggered drop-offs and pick-ups for all year groups then all children must retain their usual daily amount of teaching time. This means we would have to reduce break-time and lunch-time length to still ensure that everyone could be off-site by 3.30pm. Our break-time and lunch-time has already taken significant planning as we have to keep all our year groups separate. We of course have many year groups with siblings, meaning that we would require some parents to enter the school site for one child at one time and then return to the school site a significant time later to collect the other children. We could potentially have people waiting on the playground or congregating outside and around the school site.

I'm sure you can also appreciate that we have many adults in school who also have their own children at different schools. We have to make reasonable allowances for them so that they are able to fit in with their own child's school plans. Inevitably I would have to change the start and end times for all year groups which would cause issues in how we are able to cover classes.

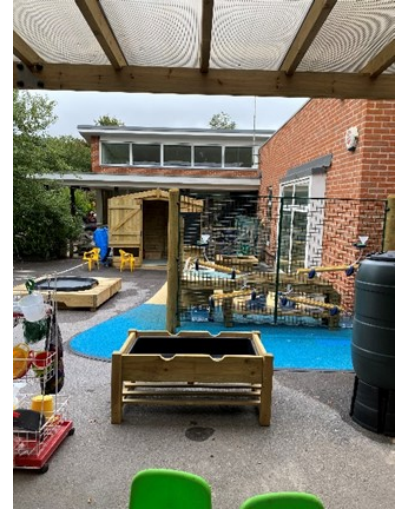
I have included the DfE guidance regarding arriving and leaving school below.

Measures for arriving at and leaving school

We know that travel to school patterns differ greatly between schools. If those patterns allow, schools should consider staggered starts or adjusting start and finish times to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave school. Staggered start and finish times should not reduce the amount of overall teaching time. A staggered start may, for example, include condensing/staggering free periods or break time but retaining the same amount of teaching time, or keeping the length of the day the same but starting and finishing later to avoid rush hour. Schools should consider how to communicate this to parents and remind them about the process that has been agreed for drop off and collection, including that gathering at the school gates and otherwise coming onto the site without an appointment is not allowed.

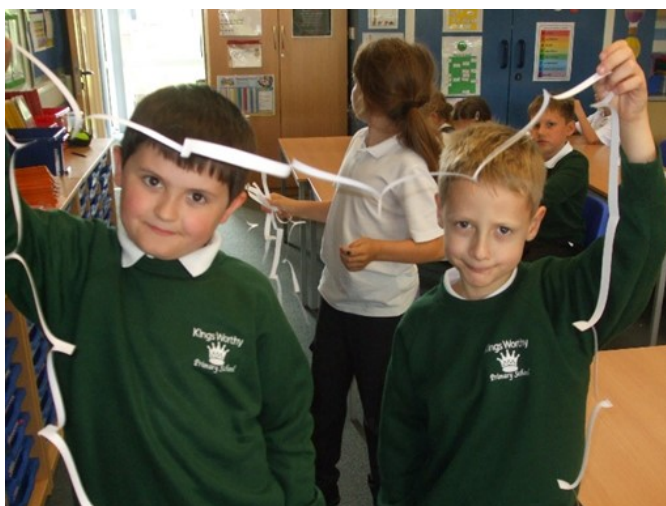
New Early Years Outdoor area

Back in July work commenced on improving our outdoor area for our Year R pupils. From my very first look round the school, before I was even appointed, I remember thinking this was a part of the school that needed developing. When the Hampshire Early Years advisors came to visit the school they also commented that if we were able to improve our outdoor area then it would make a massive difference for our children when they start at Kings Worthy. Below are some of the before and after pictures and we're all incredibly happy for our new children to start next week so that they can reap the benefit of what we have installed. Hopefully some of our other projects that we have had to put on hold due to the pandemic will see the light of day as the year progresses too.



Year 4

Our first day in year 4 was lots of fun! In the afternoon our teachers set us a challenge which was to step through a piece of A4 paper! I was confused because the paper was so small and I thought it was impossible! But after lots of careful cutting we made one piece of paper into a big circle that we could step through. It was surprising! We then were given an A3 piece of paper in a pair and our task was to make the longest line we could. We then joined with the rest of our group to make one long line. From just 4 pieces of paper we made a line that was 19 metres long. Unfortunately, we didn't win and a group in 4B won the challenge making a line of 48 metres! It was really fun because we had to work together and be in a team (*written by Grace M 4S*).



School Council

Our School Council voting took place today and I am looking forward to announcing each class representative from Year 2-6 next week.

Health & Well-being

If your child uses an inhaler, however infrequently, or requires access to emergency medical treatment (e.g. Epi-pens), please ensure the school is fully aware and holds the appropriate supply of the necessary medication. It is regarded as recommended practice for schools to have duplicates of inhalers so that one is with the child (in class) and one is in the Medical Room. All medication should be in date and you are asked to check this and replace as appropriate.

Attendance

With the new school year now underway, please can I enlist your support to enable your child(ren) to enjoy the best possible level of attendance – especially after so much time missed by everyone over the last few months.

Late Arrivals

Please continue to bring your child into the school reception area, if a late arrival has been unavoidable or pre-planned. Your child will be encouraged to proceed to class **independently or escorted by a member of staff**, where appropriate.

New Reading Diaries

The children have enjoyed receiving their new reading diaries this week with their bespoke school covers. As a school, we really want the children to enjoy reading experiences both at school and at home. The reading diary is a way for staff to keep track of what the children are reading and to support you at home as a learning resource as it has helpful word lists and definitions inside. Teachers will check these diaries weekly and we would encourage the children to read at least four times per week at home independently, with an adult or a sibling. Reading at least four times per week and having the diary signed by an adult will earn them three house points!

Calendar of Events

Known dates, so far, are offered as an attachment to this newsletter. Please take time to look through and add to your diary.

Huge Thanks

Finally, many, many thanks to so many of you for your kind words and generous gifts given at the end of last term, to so many members of staff. They were very much appreciated.

I look forward to a very successful (lockdown free) year for everyone at Kings Worthy, achieved through your generous and much appreciated support.

Jamie Dodson
Headteacher

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020/2021

AUTUMN TERM			
September			
Thurs	3 rd		School opens for children
Fri	4 th		Voting within class for school and eco councillors
Mon	7 th		
Tue	8 th	4.00pm	Meet the teacher (Y5 - virtual)
Wed	9 th	am/pm	Year R 'Stay & play' (Rabbits am/Hedgehogs pm)
		3.30pm	Meet the teacher (Y6 virtual)
Thurs	10 th	am	Year R in (am only)
		4. 00pm	Meet the teacher (Y4 - virtual)
		3.00pm	House captain/Young leaders/library candidates to submit applications
Fri	11 th	am	Year R in (am only)
Mon	14 th		New Yr R children starting Roald Dahl story week
Tue	15 th	4.00pm	Meet the teacher (Y3 - virtual)
Wed	16 th	am	House captain election
		4:00pm	Meet the teacher (Y2 - virtual)
Thurs	17 th	4.00pm	Meet the teacher (Y1 - virtual)
Fri	18 th	3.00pm	New House Captain assembly announcement
Mon	21 st		
Tue	22 nd	9.00am	Year R phonics information session for parents (virtual)
		6.00pm	Year R phonics information session for parents (virtual)
Wed	23 rd		
Thurs	24 th		
Fri	25 th		
Mon	28 th		
Tue	29 th		
Wed	30 th		
October			
Thurs	1 st		'Walktober'
Fri	2 nd		National poetry day – Share-a-poem
Mon	5 th		
Tue	6 th		
Wed	7 th		
Thurs	8 th	All day	World Sight Day
Fri	9 th	All day	World Mental Health Day activities
Mon	12 th		
Tues	13 th		
Wed	14 th		
Thu	15 th		
Fri	16 th		
Mon	19 th	3.50-6.50pm	Parent Interviews 1
Tue	20 th	1-3pm	Whole School Cross Country (year group bubbles)
Wed	21 st		
Thu	22 nd	3.50-6.50pm	Parent Interviews 2
			BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Fri	23 rd		INSET DAY
HALF TERM			
Mon 26 th October – Fri 30 th October			

November			
Mon	2 nd		INSET DAY
Tue	3 rd	11:00—15:00	School reopens for children Pumpkin walk (children only)
Wed	4 th		
Thu	5 th		
Fri	6 th	All day	Flu vaccination
Sun	8 th		Remembrance Sunday
Mon	9 th		
Tue	10 th	9.00am 6.00pm	Mark Making information session for Yr R parents Mark making information session for Yr R parents
Wed	11 th	2.30pm - 6.30pm	World Science Day PTFA 'Dark disco' (tbc)
Thu	12 th		
Fri	13 th	All day	'Children in Need' non-uniform day
Mon	16 th		ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
Tue	17 th	1-3.00pm	Year 3/Year 4 School Football Competition (year group bubbles)
Wed	18 th		
Thu	19 st	1-3.00pm	Year 5/Year 6 School Tag Rugby Competition (year group bubbles)
Fri	20 th		
Mon	23 rd		
Tue	24 th	All day	School photos – main hall
Wed	25 th	All day	'No pens day' Wednesday
Thu	26 th		
Fri	27 th		
Mon	30 th		
December			
Tue	1 st		
Wed	2 nd		
Thu	3 rd		'Dress as you please day' - PTFA
Fri	4 th	All day	PTFA Christmas Fair
Mon	7 th		
Tue	8 th	9.30am	Year R Christmas Play rehearsal
Wed	9 th	9.30am 1.30pm	Year R Christmas Play performance 1 Year 1/2 Christmas Play rehearsal
Thu	10 th	9.30am 1.30pm	Year R Christmas Play performance 2 Year 1/2 Christmas Play performance 1
Fri	11 th		Christmas Jumper Day
Mon	14 th	9.30am 11.00am 2.00pm	Year 1/2 Christmas Play performance 2 PTFA Sherry/Mince Pie Reception – helpers/parents/etc. M & M productions – 'Peter Pan' (tbc)
Tue	15 th		
Wed	16 th		
Thurs	17 th	am/pm	School Christmas lunch
Fri	18 th	1.15pm	END OF TERM
Christmas Holidays			
Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January			

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SPRING TERM			
January			
Mon	4 th		School reopens for children
Tue	5 th		
Wed	6 th		
Thu	7 th	am	Parent/helper information for reading volunteers
Fri	8 th		
Mon	11 th		Clubs start (10 weeks → Friday 26 th March)
Tue	12 th		
Wed	13 th		Termly newsletters distributed
Thu	14 th		
Fri	15 th	9.15am	5A class assembly
Mon	18 th		Reading volunteers to start this week
Tue	19 th	1.30 to 3pm	Year 1/2 School Gym/Dance Competition
Wed	20 th		
Thu	21 st		
Fri	22 nd		
Mon	25 th		'500 words' assembly launch
Tue	26 th		
Wed	27 th		
Thu	28 th	1.30 to 3pm	Year 2/3 School Football Fun Competition
Fri	29th		INSET DAY (3) – COMMON CLOSURE DAY
February			
Mon	1 st		Children's Mental Health Week
Tue	2 nd		
Wed	3 rd	7.00pm	Parents' Meeting (Year 6) – SATs
Thu	4 th		
Fri	5 th	9.15am	2S class assembly
Mon	8 th		
Tue	9 th		Safer Internet Day
Wed	10 th	1-2.30pm	Year 5/6 School Basketball Competition
Thu	11 th	1-2.30pm	Year 3/4 School Netball Competition
Fri	12 th	9.15am	6K class assembly
BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM			
HALF TERM			
Monday 15^h – Friday 19th February			

Mon	22 nd		School reopens for children
Tue	23 rd	All week (3.30pm – 4.00pm)	Book Fair
Wed	24 th		
Thu	25 th	1-3pm	Year 3-6 School Exhibition Sports Matches
Fri	26 th		
March			
Mon	1 st	3.50-6.50pm	Book Week Parent Interviews (1)
Tue	2 nd		
Wed	3 rd		
Thu	4 th	3.50-6.50pm	WORLD BOOK DAY – theme to be confirmed Parent Interviews (2)
Fri	5 th		
Mon	8 th	3.05pm	Oratory Cup launch
Tue	9 th		
Wed	10 th		
Thu	11 th		
Fri	12 th	9.00am	Mother's Day Share-a-story
Mon	15 th		
Tue	16 th		
Wed	17 th		
Thu	18 th		
Fri	19 th	All day	Red Nose Day
Mon	22 nd		Oratory Cup performances in classes Last week of clubs
Tue	23 rd		
Wed	24 th		
Thu	25 th		
Fri	26 th	9.15am pm	6C class assembly Oratory Cup Final
Mon	29 th		
Tues	30 th	9.15am	Y3/4 Dress rehearsal
Wed	31 st	9.15am 2.45pm	Y3/4 Easter performance (1) Y3/4 Easter performance (2)
April			
Thu	1 st	1.15pm	END OF TERM
Fri	2 nd		GOOD FRIDAY
Easter Holidays Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April			

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SUMMER TERM			
April			
Mon	19th		INSET DAY (4)
Tue	20 th		School re-opens for children
Wed	21 st		
Thu	22 nd		
Fri	23 rd		
Mon	26 th		Clubs start (10 weeks → Friday 9 th July)
Tue	27 th		
Wed	28 th		Termly newsletters distributed
Thu	29 th		
Fri	30 th		KS1 SATS test period (throughout May)
May			
Mon	3 rd		MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Tue	4 th		
Wed	5 th		
Thu	6 th		
Fri	7 th	9.15am	1W class assembly
Mon	10 th		Year 6: KEY STAGE 2 SATS
Tue	11 th		
Wed	12 th		
Thu	13 th		
Fri	14 th	9.15am 3.30-7.30pm	4S class assembly PTFA Summer Festival
Mon	17 th		
Tue	18 th	6.15pm	Parents' Meeting Year 6 residential
Wed	19 th		
Thu	20 th		
Fri	21 st	9.15am	3M class assembly
Mon	24 th		
Tue	25 th	1-3pm	Year 1/2 School Football Rounders Competition
Wed	26 th		
Thu	27 th	1-3pm	Year 4-6 School Cricket Competition
Fri	28 th	9.15am 3.30pm	Rabbits class assembly BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
HALF TERM			
Monday 31st – Friday 4th June			

June			
Mon	7 th		INSET DAY (5)
Tue	8 th		School reopens for children
Wed	9 th	All week 6.15pm	WHOLE SCHOOL ART WEEK Parents' Meeting - Year 5 Camp
Thu	10 th		
Fri	11 th	9.15am	5R class assembly
Mon	14 th		Healthy Living Week Year 1 Phonics screening check week Year 4 Multiplication Check (3 week window opens today)
Tue	15 th		
Wed	16 th		
Thu	17 th	All day	Sports Day (including family picnic)
Fri	18 th	9.15am 9.00am	1H class assembly Father's Day 'Share-a-story' (Father's Day Sunday 20 th June)
Mon	21 st		
Tue	22 nd		
Wed	23 rd		
Thu	24 th		
Fri	25 th	9.15am	Hedgehogs class assembly Year 5 Camp (overnight until Saturday 20 th)
Sat	26 th		Year 5 Camp
Mon	28 th		
Tue	29 th		
Wed	30 th	am	'Shuffle Up' morning
July			
Thu	1 st		
Fri	2 nd	9.15am	3A class assembly
Mon 5 th – Fri 9 th			Year 6 residential
Mon	5 th		
Tue	6 th		
Wed	7 th		
Thu	8 th		
Fri	9 th	9.15am	Annual reports to parents 2W class assembly
Mon	12 th		Last week of clubs
Tue	13 th	All day	Year 6 leavers day event
Wed	14 th	12.30pm 3.45pm – 5.00pm	School Council Thank you lunch Open evening for current parents
Thu	15 th	All Day	Sports Day (alternative date)
Fri	16 th	9.15am 5.00-10.30pm	4B class assembly PTFA – Woodland Wonderland Evening
Mon	19 th		
Tue	20 th	7.00-9.00pm	End of year production 1 (Hope Church Winchester)
Wed	21 st	7.00-9.00pm	End of year Production 2 (Hope Church Winchester)
Thu	22 nd	9.15am pm 6.00-8.00pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – school House Rounders Competition (Year 6) Year 6 Farewell Party
Fri	23 rd	9.15am 1.15pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly – parents (tea and coffee available afterwards) END OF TERM