Eynsham Community Primary School Newsletter - Friday 6th October

Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has flown by with lots of fun learning going on in the school. Science Oxford have visited the school facilitating scientific workshops for the children, which have helped enrich their Science topic areas this term. Please see below for reports and photos of the fun that took place.

There have also been a number of sporting events taking place, Miss Freeman our new lead for PE Lead, has provided an overview of what has taken place.

Next week will see Foundation Stage go on their first visit to Cogges Farm to support their learning around 'Marvellous Me' and we will be saying goodbye to our Year 4 children as they experience their first overnight residential at Hill End. A big thank you to all the Eynsham team who work tirelessly to organise all the events and experiences that take place for the children.

If you know of any prospective parents who are looking to make a school choice for next year, please let them know about our forthcoming open morning on Wednesday 11th October. Mrs Rump, Mr Reeves, Mrs Edwards and I will be speaking to parents in the hall at 9.15am to talk about the life at the school.

You will see below class attendance figures for this half term so far. At parents' evening you will be given your child's attendance figure for this half term. We are encouraging all classes to see if they can improve their classes attendance figure by the end of the Autumn term to get a whole class reward. We appreciate that there has been a number of children unwell with nasty bugs in the last couple of weeks, but good attendance is vital for children to make good progress with their learning. The government have said that all schools should be aiming for a minimum target of 95%. Currently we have a figure of 96%, let's see if can keep it up throughout this term.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Ginny Bayliss

Executive Headteacher

Meet the team!

This week we will be meeting Foundation Stage, Robin and Kingfisher class.

My name is Laura Rump, I am Robins class teacher and Early Years Lead. I started at Eynsham Primary School this year and have worked as a teacher for 14 years. I have really enjoyed getting to know the

children in Early Years and looking forward to a fantastic year. I currently live in Witney and have 2 children who keep me very busy!

My Name is Nicola Whitehouse, I am the class teacher in Kingfishers. This is my second year at Eynsham and I love seeing how much the children develop over the first year of school. I live in Carterton and have two children and a dog that keep me very busy at home.

My name is Ann-Marie Roisin. I have been part of the Early Years team for the last 3 years working in Cygnets, Ducklings, Robins and Kingfishers. I thoroughly enjoy working with the children and in my leisure time I enjoy reading and going for long walks in the countryside.

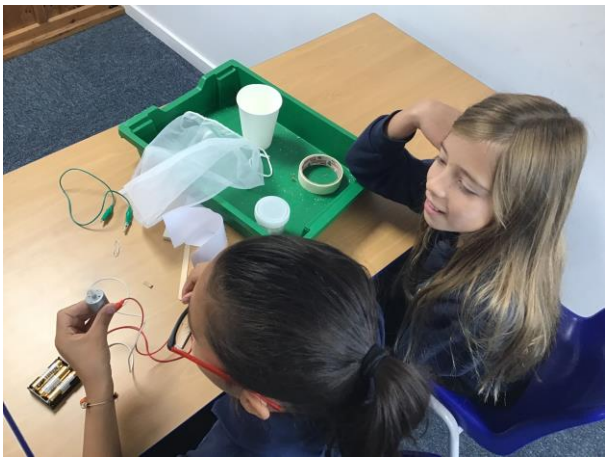
Greetings! I am Neeta Sheils a dinky dynamo of a TA in Kingfishers Class. I have 3 marvellous children that all attended and thrived at ECPS and inspired me to work in Early Years. I led a popular community playgroup for 9 years and worked at Eynsham Pre-school, now Cygnets Class, for 5 years. I enjoy discovering children's interests and providing creative and meaningful experiences and activities that support and enrich their development. I am a Forest School Leader, a maker, collector and wonder seeker. I love to paint itsy-bitsy pictures, read stories, jump in muddy puddles and find treasure in nature and charity shops.

My name is Marie squire and I'm new to Eynsham School this year. This is my seventh year of being a teaching assistant. I have 5 child and a granddaughter . I love to spend my spare time with my family and going on day trips .

1 - Anne- Marie Roisin, Nicola Whitehouse, Neeta Sheils, Marie Squire, Laura Rump

Science workshop

Science Oxford visited our school this week to deliver some workshops and science shows. On Tuesday, pupils in Year 4 enjoyed their 'Sound' show, before our Year 1 classes took part in the 'Crafty Rafts' workshop. On Wednesday, Year 2 were treated to the 'Great Fire Of London' show, whilst the two Year 6 classes made their own vacuum cleaners in the 'Super Suckers' workshop. Feedback from pupils and staff was very positive indeed!



PE events

U11s and U9s X Country competition at Bartholomew

On Monday, I had the pleasure of taking 14 year 6s and 6 year 4s over to Bartholomew School for the annual Cross Country competition with the hope of qualifying for the county finals. First up were the year 4s to run 1000m. Two and a bit laps later, Eynsham had secured 4 top 10 placings in the boys section and 2 top 5 placings for the girls! Huge congratulations to Luke Besnard for taking the number one spot, closely followed by Reggie Forward in 3rd.

Next up were the year 6s. By now the rain had started to pour so the conditions were not fabulous, but they all gave it their best nonetheless, running 1500m which was 3 and a bit laps of the field. The year 6 boys managed to secure 5 top 12 placings and all three of the girls were positioned within the top half. Now we just need to wait and see if any children were lucky enough to qualify…watch this space for updates!

All the children showed determination, resilience and never showed any sign of giving up (even up the hill that was at the far end of the track!). The children who represented Eynsham should be incredibly proud of themselves and deserve a big well done! A highlight for me was seeing a group of the year 6s encouraging their friend, which spurred him on to finish the race sprinting through the finishing line! The team spirit shone through despite the rain!!

Next up, we have the U11s Girls football tournament – make sure you wish them luck!!

Safeguarding

We've unfortunately had a few complaints about some parents/carers parking inconsiderately at drop off and pick up times. Can we please ask that if you are dropping off or collecting your child that you do not block driveways or park on corners. This is for the safety of all children coming into and leaving school. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

On Tuesday 10th October we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day. All children across the school will take part in activities that could have a positive impact on a child's mental health. There will also be a whole school assembly and PCSO Helen Keen will be joining us to spend some time with the children in school.

House captains

This Friday, some of our Year 6s from each house team gave speeches to determine whether they would become a house captain or vice captain.

After the voting process was complete, Eynsham School are proud to announce that this years house captains are-

Red Team- Zack Herring (HC) and Olivia Dina (VC)

Green Team- Annie Tallentyre (HC) and Ben Bragg (VC)

Purple Team- Samuel Foord (HC) and Belle Kilby (VC)

Blue Team- Amelia Bools (HC) and Freddy McColl (VC)

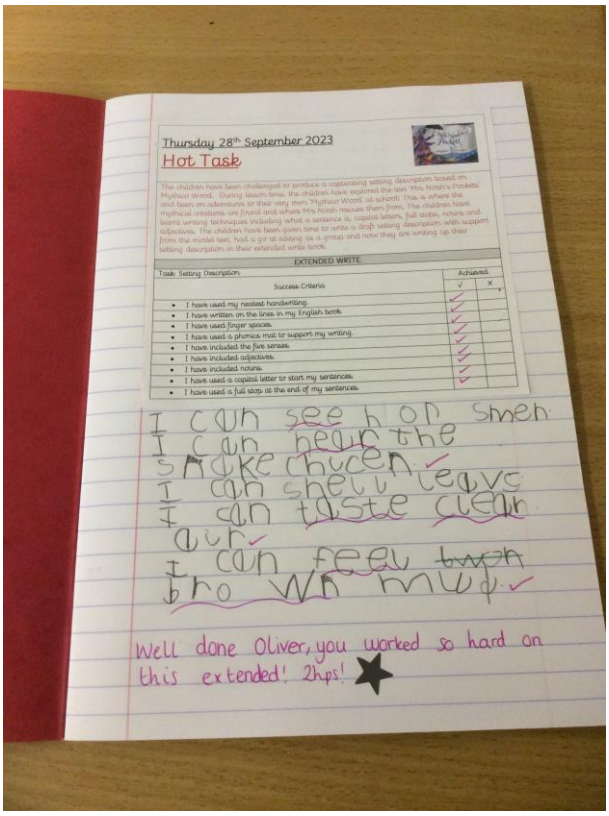
Yellow Team- Charlie McDonald (HC) and Arthur Smee (VC)

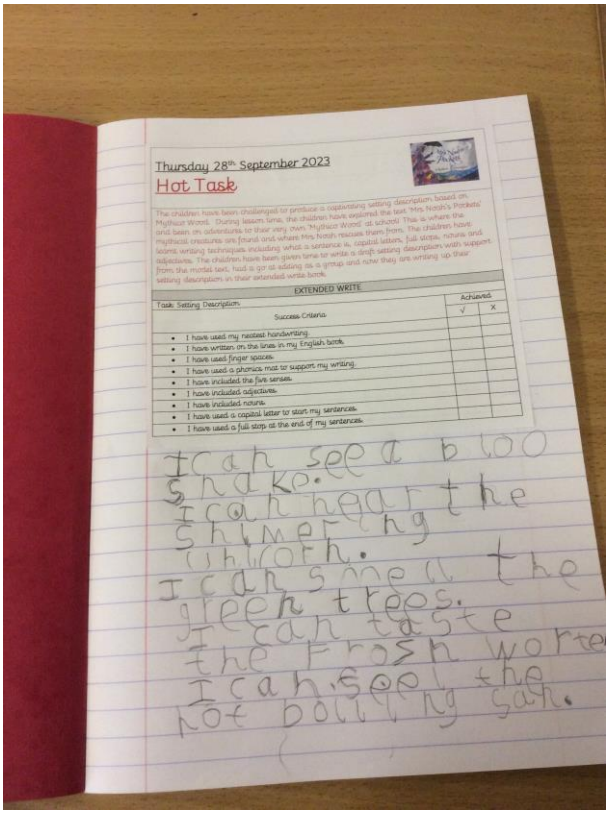
Orange Team- Bryn Rowlands (HC) and Natasha James (VC)

Well done to our winners! We know you will represent your house teams with pride.

Year 1 class news

This term in Year 1, the children have been exploring the book Mrs Noah's Pockets; the book is all about Mrs Noah collecting special mythical creatures that aren't allowed on the ark, and instead she hides them in her pocket. The children have been writing some fantastic setting descriptions, they have worked so hard to write their first piece of extended writing, we thought we would share some with you this week.





Thursday 28th September 2023

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• I have included nouns.		
• I have used a capital letter to start my sentences.		
• I have used a full stop at the end of my sentences.		

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Icah smell the
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Icah taste
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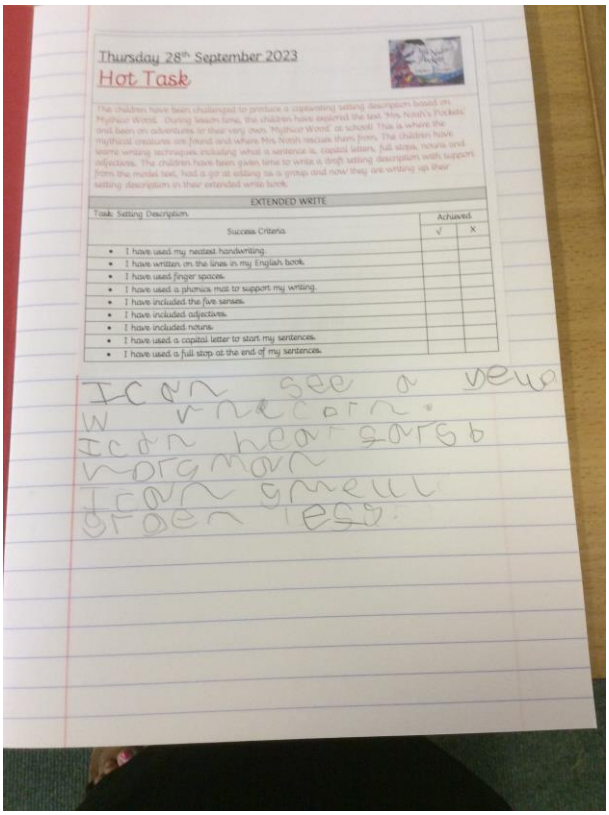
Icah seel the
hot boiling sah.



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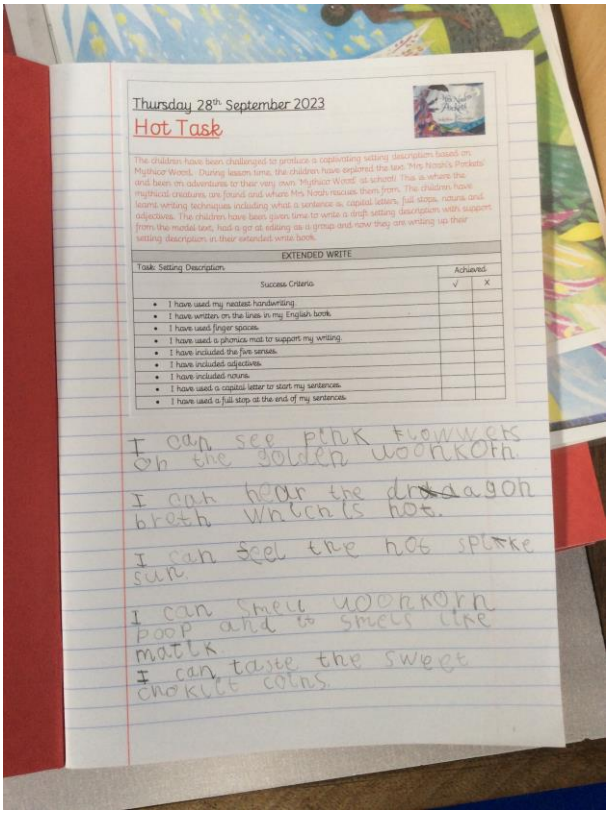

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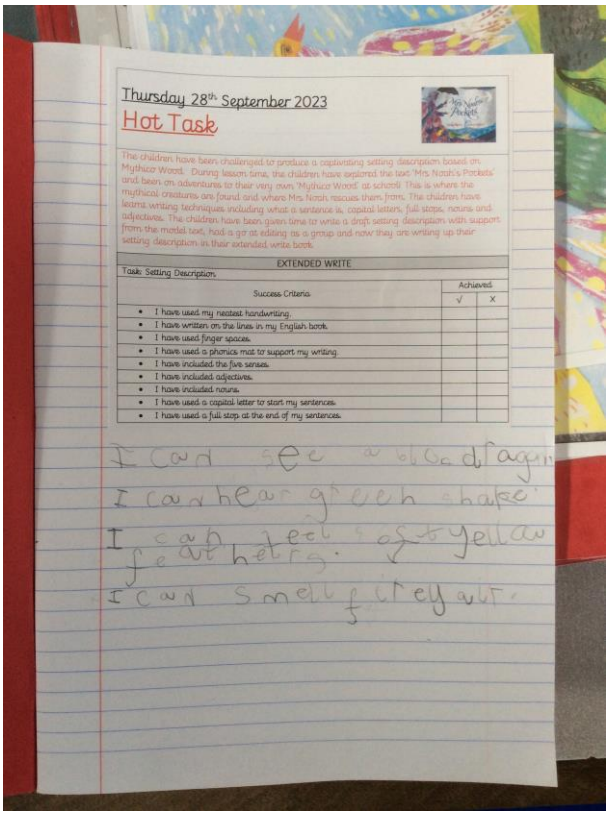
I can see pink flowwers on the golden woonkorn.

I can hear the dragon breth which is hot.

I can feel the hot spike sun.

I can smell woonkorn poop and it smels like matik.

I can taste the sweet choklit coins.



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I can hear green shake.

I can feel soft yellow feathers.

I can smell fire air.

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I can see the wonderful dragon green and blue scales.

I can hear roaring.

I can smell the cola wind blowing on the trees.

I can the smooth scales on the dragon.

I can taste the sweet orange.

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I can see a blue and yellow snake with yellow stripes.

I can hear the green trees rumbling.

I can feel the warmed rain on my skin.

I can smell the stingey mistwest creechers.

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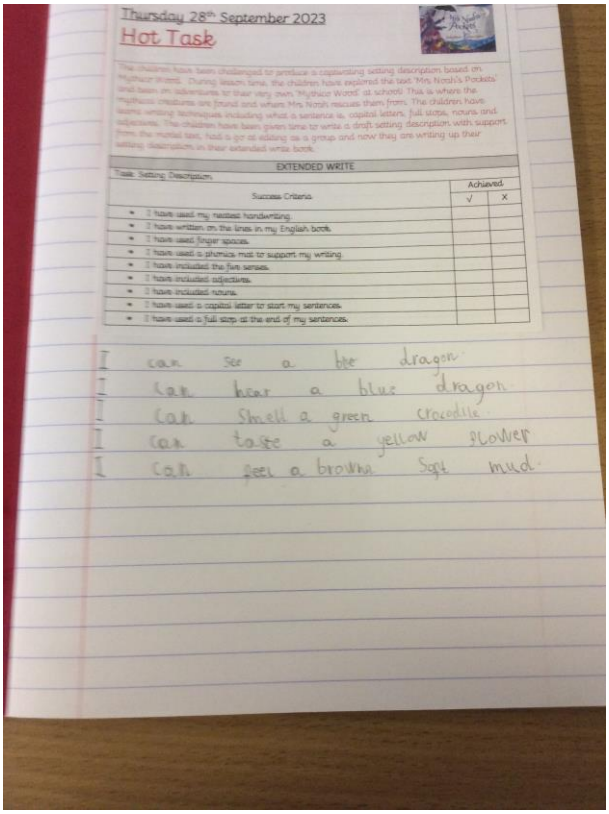

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I can see a blue dragon
I can hear a blue dragon
I can smell a green crocodile
I can taste a yellow flower
I can feel a brown soft mud.

Year 5 class news

Year 5 have been investigating forces in their science lessons, exploring how they affect different objects around us. They have explored the effect of air resistance by running with parachutes to see how their running speeds were impacted. They have also explored how streamlined objects face less water resistance by making origami boats, measuring whether a pointed boat or a flat boat travels faster through the water.

Attendance for Autumn term

Please see below a breakdown of attendance by class for the Autumn term, so far:

Penguins	96%
Puffins	96%
Flamingos	97%
Toucans	95%
Hummingbirds	98%
Nightingales	97%
Jackdaws	97%
Woodpeckers	95%
Hawks	94%
Red Kites	96%
Eagles	96%
Kestrels	95%

Message from the PTA

Please join us for the PTA AGM on Friday 13th October at 9am until 10am in the main school hall.

The PTA AGM is your opportunity to vote in the PTA officers for the following school year, talk about the projects and fundraising we're going to carry out this year...and also have some tea, coffee and biscuits! Thanks for all your support in the past and we look forward to the new school year.

Your PTA

Awards

Headteacher Award:

Year 1 - Abel, Eva

Year 3 - Nika

Year 4- James

Year 5 - Eddie, Lily

Year 6 - Lizzy, Matilda

Reading Award:

Year 1 - Milo, Poppy

Year 3 - Lucas

Year 5 - Aggie

Year 6 - Zak, Arthur

Writing Award:

Year 1 - Lyra, Oliver

Year 3 - Leo

Year 6 - Samuel, Rosa

Maths Award:

Year 1 - Percy

Year 3 - Alex

Year 5 - Hannah

Year 6 - Myah, Olivia

Bronze Award:

Year 1 - Nathan

Year 3 - William

Year 4- Maggie, Delilah, Lizzie, Joe, James, Felix, Sherick, Muhammed-Abdullah, Adam, Cianna, Luca, Jasmine, Ella, Bradley

Year 5 - Aisha, Daisy, Sammy, Ruby, Hannah, Emma, Ada, Immy, Omar, Eddie, Frankie, Seb, Lily, Max, Kitson, Christian, Teagan, Amelia, Julia, Jack, Aggie, Felicia, Ellis, Lexi, Ruby

Year 6 - Alfie, Myah, Ben, Natasha, Salma, Misha, Millie, Freddie, Evelyn, Ollie, Harry, Lin, Shymon, Zack, Rosa, Iver, Oscar, Annie, Stella, Annabelle, Harry,

Silver Award:

Year 4:- Polly

Year 5 - Isaac, Millie

Year 6- Jacob, Imogen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 23-24

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 2nd October:	Yr 4 and Yr6 Cross Country at Bartholomew 3.30 – 4.45pm	
Tuesday 3rd October and Wednesday 4th October	Yr 1 & Y4 Science Oxford Workshops Y3 & Y2 Science Oxford Workshops	Parentmail item
Wednesday 4th October	Yr 6 boys football match (after school)	
Monday 9th October:	Reception trip to Cogges Farm	Parentmail item
Tuesday, 10th October:	Year 6 girls football tournament – Bartholomew School 3.30 – 5.30pm	
Tuesday 10th October	World Mental Health day	
Wednesday 11th October-Thursday 12th October:	Y4 Hill End Trip	Parentmail Item
Wednesday 11th October	Open Morning for prospective Parents (Early Years)	
Friday 13th October	PTA AGM 9am in the school hall	
Friday 13th October	Year 3 trip to Pitt Rivers and Natural History Museum, Oxford	
Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th October	Y5 Youlbury Trip	Parentmail item
Wednesday 18th October	Parents' Evening: 3:30-6:30pm	
Thursday 19th October:	Parents' Evening: 4:30-7:30pm	
Friday 20th October	Last day of half term	
Monday 30th October:	INSET Day 2	
Monday 30th October-Friday 3rd November	Year 6 Woodlands Trip	Parentmail item
Tuesday 31st October:	Term 1 (2nd half) commences	
Monday 6th November	Boccia tournament at Bartholomew School 3.30-5.30pm	
Thursday 9th November:	Open Morning for prospective Parents (Early Years)	
Thursday 9th November	Year 6 – 1st Transition Day to Bartholomew	
Monday 13th November:	Anti-Bullying week - Odd Socks Day	
Monday 20th November	Yr 6 Athletics – Bartholomew Sports Hall 3.30-5.30pm	
Wednesday 22nd November	Y5 Evacuee experience at Didcot Railway Station	
Thursday 23rd November:	KS1 & KS2 Parents Stay and Learn Afternoon (History & Geography)	1.30pm
Friday 24th November	Christmas Fair 4pm – 6pm	
Monday 27th November – Tuesday 28th November	Year 6 Cycling Proficiency	
Friday 1st December	Light Up Eynsham	
Wednesday 6th December	Morning for prospective Parents (EYFS)	
Monday 11th December:	KS1 Performance to the school: 1pm	
Tuesday 12th December:	KS1 Performance: 1pm (Babies and toddlers welcome)	
Tuesday 12th December:	KS1 Performance: 6pm (Adults only)	
Wednesday 13th December:	KS1 Performance: 6pm (Adults only)	
Thursday 14th December:	FS Christmas Singing (Parents invited @ 2:00pm)	

Thursday 14th December:	Parents open afternoon beginning at 2:45pm with mince pies and mulled wine.	
Wednesday 20th December:	End of Term (Finish at 1:15pm)	
Monday 8th January:	INSET Day 3	
Tuesday 9th January:	Term 2 (1st half) commences	
Tuesday 23rd January:	Reception & Year 6 NCMP (School Nurse Team)	
Wednesday 7th February:	Parents' Evening: 3:30-6:30pm	
Thursday 8th February:	Parents' Evening: 4:30-7:30pm	
Friday 9th February:	End of half term	
Monday 19th February:	Term 2 (2nd half) commences.	
Wednesday 28th February	KS1 & KS2 Parents Stay and Learn Afternoon (Geography)	1.30pm
Monday 4th March:	Yr 6 Netball tournament at Bartholomew 3.45-5.30pm	
Thursday 7th March:	World Book Day	
Friday 17th March:	Red Nose Day	
Monday 18th March:	Year 4/5 Production to school: 1pm	
Tuesday 19th March:	Year 4/5 Production to parents: 1pm (Babies and toddlers welcome)	
	Year 4/5 Production to Parents: 6pm	
Wednesday 20th March:	Year 4/5 Production to Parents: 6pm	
Thursday 28th March:	End of Term (Finish at 1:15pm)	
Monday 15th April	INSET DAY 4	
Tuesday 16th April:	Term 3 (1st half) begins	
Thursday 2nd May	Mayday parade	
Monday 6th May:	May Bank Holiday	School Closed
Monday 13th May	KS2 Sats	
-Friday 17th May		
Friday 24th May	Summer Fete with Dance performances 2:00pm	
Friday 24th May	Last day of half term	
Monday 3rd June	Term 3 (2nd half) commences.	
Sunday 9th June	Run Wytham Woods	
Thursday 4th July	EYFS Sports Afternoon	
Friday 5th July	Sports Day	
Friday 12th July	Back up sports day in case of bad weather	
Friday 12th July	Reports out	
Monday 15th July	Year 6 production- dress rehearsal to school (no parents)	
Tuesday 16th July	Year 6 production – afternoon performance to parents	
Wednesday 17th July	Year 6 production – evening performance to parents	
Monday 22nd July:	Morning - Year 6 leavers celebration to the school	
Monday 22nd July:	Year 6 leavers celebration to parent – 1:15	
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Term (Finish at 1:15pm)	

Contact

If you would like to get in touch with a member of staff here at school, please see the contact details below

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