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Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite being well into the summer term, it would certainly help if the weather knew that too! This half term has brought us everything from storms and hail to glorious sunshine — sometimes all in the same week!

We can hardly believe that we have already reached the end of another half term and now have just one remaining before the end of the academic year. It has been such a wonderful year so far, filled with so many special moments, achievements and opportunities for the children, and we are not quite sure where the time has gone.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the term. Your support makes such a difference to our school community and is greatly appreciated by all the staff.

We wish all of our families a happy, restful and enjoyable half-term break.

A reminder that, for families not staying for the picnic lunch today, school finishes at the usual time of 3:15pm.

Parent Prayer Space



We warmly invite parents and carers to join our monthly Prayer Space, available once the courtyard gate opens.

This peaceful space offers an opportunity to pause and reflect at the start of the day — whether after attending Mass or simply to enjoy a few quiet moments before the morning begins.

A Prayer Intentions Book will also be available for anyone who would like to share a prayer, thought or special intention.

We look forward to welcoming you into this calm and reflective space.



The Ascension of the Lord



Last Thursday, we were delighted to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension together as a school community, with Mass led beautifully by Canon David. It was a wonderful opportunity to gather in prayer and reflection.

Canon David and the staff were extremely proud of the children, whose reverent and respectful behaviour helped make the celebration especially meaningful. They showed great maturity throughout the Mass and represented the school wonderfully.

To continue marking this special feast day, we came together again in the afternoon for the Ascension Mark 10 Mission Little Liturgy. This gave the children time to reflect more deeply on the meaning of Jesus' Ascension and what it means for us in our daily lives.

We ended the day with a whole-school playtime on the field in the sunshine. It was a joyful way to celebrate together as one school family and made for a truly memorable Ascension Day.

Y3 Junior Music Festival Rehearsal



Year 3 enjoyed their final rehearsal this week in preparation for the Junior Music Festival. We were delighted to welcome children from four other schools for a fantastic morning of singing and music-making, led by the wonderful festival team.

The children sang beautifully and approached the rehearsal with enthusiasm, confidence and excellent teamwork. It was lovely to see so many young musicians coming together to share their enjoyment of music.

We are very much looking forward to the performance and cannot wait to see the children shine on stage.

Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://whatsonreading.com/book/763203>

A Thoughtful Act of Kindness



A few months ago, Cristina asked if she could donate her hair to help make wigs for children and adults experiencing hair loss due to cancer and other medical conditions. After raising the idea again recently, her parents contacted The Little Princess Trust (<https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>) to find out more and requested an information pack, which arrived earlier last week.

We are incredibly proud of Cristina for showing such kindness and compassion. This was entirely her own idea and is a truly thoughtful way to help others.

Scooters Around School

Thank you to all parents and carers who continue to remind children to walk with their scooters when arriving at and leaving school. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps to keep everyone safe during these busy times of day.

While we encourage children to enjoy scooting to and from school, we kindly ask that scooters are not ridden on the school grounds or near the school entrances and pathways. With so many families moving around the site, walking with scooters helps to prevent accidents and ensures that everyone can enter and leave school safely.

This is also an important way for children to show respect and consideration for others within our school community. By making safe and sensible choices, the children help create a calm and welcoming environment for everyone.



Sparrows' RE Learning



Sparrows Class has been learning about Mary Magdalene and her role in sharing the Good News of Jesus' resurrection. Through their learning, the children explored the discovery of the empty tomb and reflected on the joy and hope of knowing that Jesus is alive.

As part of this topic, the children created a role-play of Mary Magdalene and the others visiting the tomb. They also discussed how we can follow Jesus' example by showing kindness, helping others and sharing God's love in our everyday lives.

Goldfinches' RE Learning



In RE this week, Goldfinches took part in a hot-seating activity based on Mary, the mother of Jesus. The children asked thoughtful questions about how Mary may have felt caring for such a special baby and enjoyed taking turns to answer in role.

The activity encouraged the children to listen carefully, think deeply and develop their understanding of Mary's importance in the story of Jesus' life.

First Holy Communion Mass

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion over the past two weekends.

We look forward to celebrating this special sacrament together at a school Mass on Wednesday 3rd June at 9:30am, following the half-term break. Year 3 children are welcome to arrive wearing their Communion outfits or other smart clothes if they wish. Please ensure they also bring their school uniform to change into afterwards.

We hope families will be able to join us for this joyful celebration. As always, thank you to the Friends for providing refreshments, a special cake and gifts for the children.



RBWM Road Safety Workshops



This week, children in Years 3 and 4 took part in informative road safety workshops led by RBWM.

During the sessions, the children revisited the Green Cross Code and discussed the importance of stopping, looking and listening before crossing the road. They also learned about different types of crossings, including zebra, pelican and toucan crossings, as well as bridges and safe places to cross.

The workshops also covered the dangers of playing near roads, staying safe in car parks and the importance of wearing a helmet when cycling or scooting.

Year 4 completed follow-up worksheets back in class, while Year 3 received bright yellow goodie bags containing reflectors and Green Cross Code booklets to help reinforce the important safety messages at home.

End of Day Play Equipment Reminder

We are always delighted to see how much the children enjoy being at school and spending time together at the end of the day. However, we kindly ask parents and carers to discourage children from using the climbing equipment once the school day has finished.

Although the equipment is carefully supervised during the school day, children are not covered by the school's insurance outside of school hours. For this reason, the climbing equipment should not be used after dismissal.

We would also appreciate your support in reminding children to take care of our school environment by showing good stewardship of the resources we share. Sadly, we are often finding playtime equipment left scattered across the playground at the end of the day, despite it being carefully tidied away after break and lunchtime. By looking after our equipment and returning it neatly, the children help to show respect, responsibility and care for our school community.

Owls' Busy Buttons Workshop



Owls Class thoroughly enjoyed taking part in their Busy Buttons workshop last week as they continued preparing pieces for our exciting whole-school art project, which will be showcased at the upcoming Royal Windsor Flower Show.

Continuing with the theme of mushrooms, the children explored different textures, colours and creative techniques to produce their artwork. They showed fantastic imagination, concentration and teamwork throughout the session, and it was wonderful to see their confidence and creativity flourish.

We are incredibly proud of the children's efforts and cannot wait to see the completed school art piece displayed at the show.

Tickets for the event can be purchased here: <https://rwrhs.com/royal-windsor-flower-show/#tickets>

Pirate Park Refurbishment



Families may be pleased to hear that RBWM has announced a number of exciting playground refurbishments across the borough this summer, alongside the improvements already planned for Pirate Park.

You can read the full announcement here: <https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/news/2026/new-and-exciting-summer-play-adventures-boroughs-children>

We hope many of our families enjoy visiting the refreshed parks in due course.



Sports Day



We were delighted to enjoy a fantastic Sports Day today, filled with energy, encouragement and great team spirit. The children behaved beautifully throughout the event and clearly had a wonderful time taking part in the wide range of activities and races.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support, particularly those who remained within the designated spectator areas to help ensure that our event did not impact on the Middle School during the day. Your cooperation was greatly appreciated and helped everything run smoothly. As I write this, our picnic lunch is taking place — always a favourite occasion for many of our families and such a lovely opportunity to come together as a school community. It has been wonderful to see everyone enjoying time together in the sunshine.

Congratulations to Matthew for their fantastic effort and team spirit throughout the day.

A huge thank you must also go to everyone who helped make the day such a success: our brilliant staff team, The Friends for their support and refreshments, and the Middle School Sports Leaders who supported the events so enthusiastically.

Finally, a very special thank you to Miss Clark, who took on the Sports Day baton in Mr McKell's absence and did a superb job organising and leading such an enjoyable and successful event.



School Trips

It is a busy few weeks for Trips after half term! Fledglings are off to visit Wellington Country Park on Friday 12 June, Year 3 are singing at the Hexagon on Wednesday 16 June and Year 1 are off to experiment at the Oxford Science Centre on Thursday 18 June. In July we have Year 1 and Year 2 visiting the Windsor Great Park Adventure playground, on Wednesday 1 & Friday 3rd July, which although free to visit, does require coach transportation.

Thank you to all the Parents & Carers that have already paid for these Trips. If you are yet to make payment, please do so over half term via ScoPay <https://www.scopay.com/login> so we can pay the venues and coach company as soon as we are back after the half term. If you have any issue making payment please contact the School Office for assistance, thank you.

Reflection

As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost on Sunday 24th May...

At Pentecost, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, people from every tongue, race, and nation are brought together in Jesus Christ. God has reconciled us individually to himself through his son Jesus, and through him we have been made one body in the church.

*Holy Spirit,
come upon us with power and peace.
As You descended at Pentecost with wind and fire,
fill our hearts again with Your presence.*

*Spirit of the Living God,
breathe through us so that the world
may know the hope, grace, and salvation of Jesus
Christ.
Amen.*



God bless, see you all on **Tuesday** 2nd June,

Mr Keohane & the St Edward's First Team

Attachments

- Churches Together: Pentecost in the Park
- St. John's Beaumont Prep School Summer Camp
- Chasing Sport Half Term Camp



Dates for the Diary

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May Half-Term	
June	
Monday 1st	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 2 nd	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 2 nd	Multiplication Tables Check Year Four
Wednesday 3 rd	First Holy Communion Whole School Celebration – St Edward’s Church 9:30am
Thursday 4 th	Year Three Doves swimming
Friday 5 th	St Boniface Feast Day – Kingfishers’ Class Saint
Sunday 7 th	Family Mass St Mark's 9.30am St Edward's 11am
Monday 8 th	Year One Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 9 th	Year One Phonics Screening Check
Wednesday 10 th	Year One Phonics Screening Check
Wednesday 10 th	Class and Leavers’ Photographs
Thursday 11 th	Year One Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 11 th	Year Three Doves Swimming
Thursday 11 th	Whole School ‘Skipping Ninja’ Workshop
Friday 12 th	Year One Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 18 th	Year One Trip - Oxford Science Centre
Thursday 18 th	Year Three Doves swimming
Friday 19 th	Superhero Day
Thursday 25 th	Year Three Doves swimming
Friday 26 th	Prayer Space & Time – Parents Assembly Hall 8.30am – 8.45am
July	
Thursday 2 nd	Year Three Doves swimming
Sunday 5 th July	Family Mass St Mark's 9.30am St Edward's 11am
Monday 6 th	Fledglings’ ‘Stay & Play’ Induction Sessions
Tuesday 7 th	Fledglings’ ‘Stay & Play’ Induction Sessions
Thursday 9 th	New Parent Induction Event – 18:00
Tuesday 14 th	Year Four Production – 10:00am
Wednesday 15 th	Friends Happy Bag Collection
Thursday 16 th	Year Four Production – 18:00
Friday 17 th	End of Year reports home to parents
Tuesday 21 st	‘Moving Up’ Morning 09:30 – 11:30
Wednesday 22 nd	Leavers’ Mass at St Edward’s Church - 09:30
Wednesday 22 nd	Last Day of Term (13:30 finish)
September	
Tuesday 1st	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Wednesday 2 nd	Pupils return to school

Our calendar reflects events as of 22nd May. We try not to change events but sometimes we have no choice. Thank you for your understanding with this. We regularly update our school calendar on [our school website](#).

