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*'Sharing Kindness,
Challenging Ourselves and Others,
Achieving Excellence'*

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5th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed the exceptional weather during the half term break and had some great family time together. It has been a fabulous start to the last term of the school year. Senior leaders really enjoyed visiting lessons on Tuesday with a member of the LSP SEND team. They were really complimentary about the provision we saw and the excellent work of the staff in our classrooms.

Sports Days

Hopefully third time lucky and thanks for your patience and understanding. Please see the new dates below.

Monday 22nd June:	Years R, 1 and 2	9.30am – 11.30am (parents/carers can arrive from 9.15am)
Wed 24th June:	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	9.30am – 11.30am (parents/carers can arrive from 9.15am)

For the safety of pupils taking part and those still in lessons the gates will be locked once the events begin. Please only enter and exit from these gates. The events will be held on a carousel basis so parents/carers can follow the children around ensuring to stay behind the barriers at all times. Every child will participate in every event, with some children qualifying for the finals later on in the morning.

Classes for September 2026

After much careful consideration by senior leaders, in consultation with the wider staff team, we will not be mixing the classes for the new academic year. They will remain the same and it is more likely but not certain that a mix may happen for September 2027.

We still have some recruitment to carry out and after this we will be confirming teacher allocations with you and the children ahead of our move up day on the 9th of July. This will allow us to begin transition for some children as early as we think will benefit them.

Those of you that attended the EYFS welcome meeting on Wednesday will now know that Mrs Mercieca is moving to EYFS from September.

Year 1 and Year 4

Wishing our children in both year groups good luck with the national phonics and multiplication checks. It is very useful information for the school to understand the impact of our teaching and we are very proud of the individual learning journeys of each child, regardless of their outcomes.



Year 6 Camp

Wishing our Year 6 children a great time on their Residential Camp next week. Myself and Mr Hamilton will be driving up to visit them over the week.

I've been at the University of Warwick on some national training for the last 2 days. Have a great weekend and I look forward to being back at the gate on Monday.

Yours sincerely



R Riordan | Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Please be aware that this list of dates is subject to change, and additional dates will be included when other events/activities have been finalised.

You can view the school calendar online; this contains planned dates for the whole school year: [School Calendar](#)

June 2026	
Mon 8 – Fri 12	Y6 Camp
Tues 9	RR Farm Trip
Weds 10	Y5 Quadkids Sports Trip
Weds 17	Y5 Hinkley Point Trip
Thurs 18	Y5 Hinkley Point Trip
Mon 22	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day
Tues 23	RS Farm Trip Y3 Give it a Try Sports Trip (selected children)
Weds 24	KS2 Sports Day
Thurs 25	Tulip Photography – class photos
Fri 26	Y4 Quadkids Sports Trip (selected children) GVSA Summer Fayre
Tues 30	Y6 Backwell School Transition Day Y3 Westonbirt Trip (more details to follow)
July 2026	
Tues 7	Y6 Play (afternoon performance)
Weds 8	Y6 Play (evening performance)
Thurs 9	Y6 Nailsea School Transition Day Moving Up Day
Fri 10	Y2 The Matthew & MShed Trip GVSA Uniform Sale School Reports Home
Mon 13	Y5+6 Author Visit (more details to follow)
Thurs 16	Y1 Nowhere Woods Trip (more details to follow)
Mon 20	Share a Tray
Weds 22	Y6 Leavers Service Last day of term

Further details about most of the events will be given nearer the time where appropriate.

