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Newsletter 2nd April

School will close for the Easter holidays today and reopen to Pupils Monday 20th April.

Messages from Mr Robson:

EASTER BREAK

As we come to the end of the spring term, I want to thank all our families for your continued support. Our pupils have worked incredibly hard over the past few months, and our staff have shown outstanding dedication throughout what has been a very busy term.

With the weather beginning to improve and lots of exciting things planned for the summer term, we're looking forward to a brilliant few months ahead. Please take some time to look through the calendar of events so you don't miss anything coming up.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter—enjoy a well-deserved break with family and friends.

VISIONING FORUM

We had an excellent Visioning Forum this week with our Creative Agency.

A huge thank you to the parents, governors and staff who attended and contributed. It really is an exciting time for the school as we move forward with this work.

We will be sharing the school's new draft vision very soon so that families can offer their feedback.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you for working with us to ensure that pupils follow the school's uniform policy. Wearing the correct uniform helps to promote a sense of pride, belonging and fairness across our school community.

We know that some families may be going on holiday during the Easter break. Please remember that holiday braids, coloured hair accessories or similar items are not permitted in school. Pupils returning with these will be asked to remove them. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us maintain high standards.

DANCE FESTIVAL

A big well done to the pupils who represented our school at this week's Dance Festival. They were absolutely brilliant, and it was wonderful to see them performing alongside pupils from other schools.

Thank you to Mrs Airey and Mr Cook for all their work supporting the children and helping to make the event such a success.

END OF YEAR ASSEMBLIES

As you know, we are keen to welcome families into school more often so you can see and share in the fantastic things happening here every day.

During the final half term, each year group will be performing an assembly, and parents will be invited to come into school to watch their child take part. Timings and further details will be confirmed after the Easter break.

SCHOOL BUSKERS!

Thank you to all the families who stopped by at the end of the day at the school entrance to hear the choir sing! What started as a completely spontaneous idea - after having so much fun singing 'Take Me Home, Country Roads' just for a bit of fun - turned into a lovely moment that definitely deserved an audience. Thank you to Mrs Hosey for her support too.

If you enjoyed it, we'll look to do more of these pop-up performances and may even put on a mini gig later this term. Next time, we might even put a **cap out and raise a bit of money** for charity or for something fun for the children in school!

Have a brilliant Easter break everybody!

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SUMMER TERM 2025/26 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event
Monday 20th April	First day of summer term (1st half)
Monday 4th May	School closed (May bank holiday)
WC Monday 11th May	Year 6 Sats week
May 2026	Year 2 Sats (optional)
Friday 22nd May	Last day of summer term (1st half)
Monday 1st June	First day of summer term (2nd half)
WC Monday 1st June	Year 4 multiplication check
Friday 5th June	Reception assembly
WC Monday 8th June	Phonics screening check
Friday 12th June	Year 2 assembly
Friday 19th June	Year 1 assembly
Tuesday 23rd June	New starter reception parent meeting (4pm)
24th, 25th and 26th June	Year 6 and school transition days
Thursday 25th June	Year 6 expectations for Sept move up meeting
Friday 26th June	Year 3 assembly
Monday 29th June	Reception sports morning
Tuesday 30th June	Year 1/2 sports morning
Wednesday 1st July	Year 3/4 sports morning
Wednesday 1st July	Year 5 expectations for Sept move up meeting
Thursday 2nd July	Year 5/6 sports morning
Friday 3rd July	Year 4 assembly
Tuesday 7th July	Year 2 expectations for Sept move up meeting
Wednesday 8th July	Year 1 expectations for Sept move up meeting
Thursday 9th July	Year 3 expectations for Sept move up meeting
Friday 10th July	Year 5 assembly
Monday 13th July	Year 4 expectations for Sept move up meeting
Wednesday 15th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9:30am
Wednesday 15th July	Year 6 Leavers disco 4:30pm - 6pm
Friday 17th July	Last Day of summer term (2nd half)

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Afterschool activities

Day	Club	Year group	Time	How to book
Tuesday	Story craft	Reception and yr 1	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Book through School gateway. Booking will be live on Tuesday 21st April **9:30am**
Tuesday	Motor skills	Year 1 and 2	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Selected children, parents will be notified.
Wednesday	Netball	Year 5 and 6	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Selected children, parents will be notified.
Thursday	Cricket	Years 4,5 and 6	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Book through School gateway. Booking will be live on Tuesday 21st April **9:30am**
Thursday	Music club	Year 4 & 5	3:15pm – 4:15pm	To continue after half term starting WC 27th April

Activities will start week commencing 27th April 2026 (unless stated otherwise above) and finish week commencing 18th May 2026 (unless stated otherwise above). Children need to be collected after the club by an adult from the Asda entrance. If your child is attending a sporting activity, please send them to school in their school PE kit (no football strip

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