

Summer Term – Newsletter 2



School Update

Dear Families,

What a busy half term we are having! The children have been incredible (as always) settling in to their new surroundings over the last two days. They have been treated to an array of exciting activities with their new team of adults. The feedback from my team has been very positive and they have all commented on what a brilliant time they have had with their new classes. Our Year 6 children have visited their new secondary schools and once again, we have received positive feedback from the children, some of which enjoyed it so much I think they would've liked to have stayed 😊.

Year 6 returned safely from their residential unscathed. There were a few tired looking characters and some of the smells were something to behold! The children had a brilliant time both at Bushcraft and back at school, showing once again what an amazing year group, they truly are. I cannot believe that the children only have two weeks left at Owlsmoor, but we promise we will give them the best two weeks ever – the Year 6 team have a lot planned!

The end of year is always very busy. The children's end of term reports will be coming out to you on Friday 12th July. Please take a moment to complete the parent questionnaire that will come to you electronically. It is always lovely to hear your comments! 😊.

What has happened to the weather! We are not having much of a summer so far. This is the first time, in a long time, that we have had to cancel a sports day. The rearranged date for KS2 is **Wednesday 17th July**, so fingers crossed it remains dry.

Finally, just a reminder about the Summer Camp that is being run here at Owlsmoor by In2Sport. If you need any support please do visit their website and book on to the camp. Numbers are really good this year and it is always good to see some familiar faces over the summer break. Here is the link: camps@in-2-group.co.uk

I know we still have two weeks to go but I just wanted to say thank you for all of your support this year. We have achieved incredible things over the last 12 months and it wouldn't be possible without you. Have an amazing summer, enjoy time with your incredible children and I will see you all on the gate on Wednesday 4th September.

Take care, keep safe and be kind to each other.

Mr. Cope



Maths and English Superstars

A huge congratulations to our Maths and Writing Superstars for the month – keep up the good work 🌟.

 Class	 Maths Superstars	 Writing Superstars 
Mrs Reed	Ritchhen Rai	Sophie O'Donnell
Mrs Wood	Jake Collins	Hatice Gozukara
Miss Tomlinson / Mrs Garrod	Iyla Musgrove	Aryan Dutta
Miss Parr	Freya Bowditch	Aaliyah Adams
Miss Wakelin	Olivia Cullum	William Irwin
Ms Gardiner	Toby Bartlett	Amelia Mullins
Mrs Read/Miss Holness	Rosie Nesbitt	Roman Gurung
Mrs Bruce/ Mrs Plumtree	Chloe Darby	Ethan Thompson
Mr Francis	Bonnie-Luise Masterman	Ashen Ranaweera
Mr Rock	Rishiwa Rai	Charlotte Allen
Miss Megrath	Adam Toporek	Chelsea Hinton
Miss Bess	Aaron Hellewell	Joshua Bruce
Mr Taylor	Lydia North	Gracie Archer
Mrs Panesar	Lily Bates	Harper Wheatley
Mr Stevens	Jolene Tyler Smith	Sophie Hill
Mr Saunders	Finley Keen	Tyler Holloway

Smoking and Vaping

This is just a reminder to everyone that the school site is a strictly no smoking or vaping site. We have had reports of parents vaping on site particularly at pick up time.



Nursery

We can't believe how quickly this term is going! The Puffins have enjoyed visiting their new teachers in Reception and all seem excited about September. The Pufflings' really enjoyed having the classroom to themselves and venturing around the school with Mrs Mills and Mrs Williams.

Mystical Creatures

This half term we have been looking at different types of Fantasy lands, where we have been looking at pirates and mermaids, unicorns, trolls and aliens. The children have really enjoyed the small world area where they have been acting out different stories from their imaginations.





Sports Day

Thank you again to all those parents that attended our Sports Day on Tuesday. The children loved showing off the skills that they have been learning throughout the year in our P.E. lessons. The children had great fun and hopefully so did you.



Next week we have the Millar's Ark farm visiting. I know the children are very excited about seeing the animals.

Finally, I would like to say it has been an absolute pleasure teaching your children this year. I know that the children moving up into Reception will all continue to flourish and shine. I look forward to more fun and messy play next year with the children that will be staying with me. I hope that you all have a fantastic summer and will see you all in September.

Miss Grant & Team

Reception

We are getting closer to the end of a very busy term. Thank you so much to all our parent helpers who volunteered for our 'Birdworld' trip. We all had a wonderful day learning all about different birds and farm animals.



The children were superstars participating in their sports day races. The children all enjoyed cheering each other on and were brilliant supporting everybody involved. An extra well done to Earth house who were the overall winners! The children got to make their own medals to celebrate taking part and they even acted out their races using the small world characters.



On **Wednesday 17th July** we will be having our Reception class **'Garden party'**. The children can come to school dressed in beach clothes, ready for a water fight in our garden. They will also need to bring a super soaker/ water pistol, towel, and a change of clothes, including wet shoes. Don't forget to pack underwear too! On this day, we will also have an end of year party in our outdoor area. Children will need to bring in some party food to share on this day: bags of crisps, packets of biscuits, cupcakes, sausage rolls, fruit, and sweeties. ***Please remember we are a nut free school, when packing your party food snacks.***

We are running very low on tissues; please could we make one last request for boxes of tissues. Please could each child bring in a box each. Thank you so much.

Finally, we would like to say how much we have really enjoyed teaching your children this year. We have seen them make new friends, experience lots of new learning activities and mature into more confident independent learners. We would like to wish them all the very best for next year and hope you all have a fantastic summer break.

Thank you all for all your support this year. See you all next year.

Reception team

Year 1

Sports Day Champions!

This Monday we started our week with a fantastically sporty morning! The children were all amazing and demonstrated real sportsmanship whether they were taking part in the races or cheering one another along. Well done Year 1 - you were all sports day champions! 😊

Under the sea...

This half-term the children have been busy learning all about seas and oceans including the sea creatures that live in them. They have produced some fabulous writing linked to the story of the Rainbow Fish and enjoyed creating lots of fabulously fishy arts and crafts.

In DT they have been making 'fish' pillows. We have been so impressed with their sewing skills - they have now all mastered the running stitch!

Thank you so much for all your support this year, it has been a privilege to teach the children and we have all enjoyed being a small part of their learning journey.

Wishing you an amazing summer,

Year 1 team 😊



Year 2 Infinity and Beyond...

What an amazing term the children have had. We had a brilliant trip to Winchester Science Centre. The children behaved really well and thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on exhibits, the planetarium ('which felt like you were flying into space') and the spectacular rocket workshop where they had the opportunity to build and test their own rockets. They also tried a real-life astronaut costume for size!





After the trip we all enjoyed making moon buggies and testing them, as well as writing instructions for other children to be able to make them. To make the moon buggies the children experienced using 'real saws' and wooden axles. They were very sensible and aware of the sharp blade while still enjoying using tools like a 'grown up'.



This week the children have been to visit their new teachers and had an amazing time. They have come back full of enthusiasm for Year 3 and have been making clay bookworms in their new Year 3 classes.

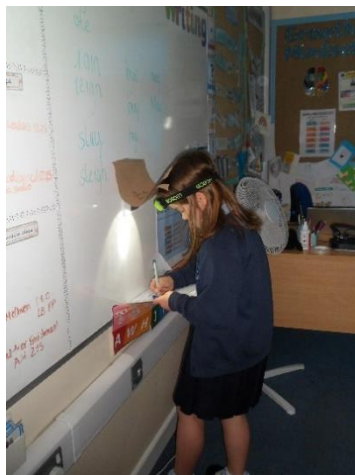
We will be finishing our space themed work with the text 'The Way Back Home' and inventing aliens and strange planets in our writing. There are so many events coming up in the next few weeks so please make a note of these in your diaries. Don't forget our up-and-coming 'Space Party' on Wednesday 17th July. Please do not go to any expense for costumes – it's amazing what can be done with a roll of foil!

We have had a wonderful time with your children this year and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the support you have given us and to wish you all a very happy summer holiday.

Year 3

We can't believe it is nearly time to say goodbye to year 3 already! This term has been jam-packed with activities – the children have been really busy!

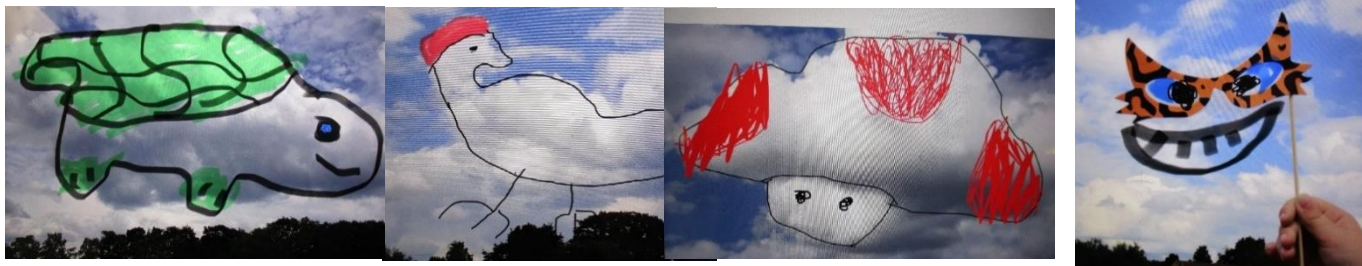
In literacy, we have been looking at the archaeologist, Howard Carter, who discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun. The children then wrote their own versions of a diary from his perspective. To help the children to imagine what it must have felt like, they used torches and took part in an artefact hunt in the darkened classrooms, using ambitious vocabulary to describe the artefacts that they found to include in their writing.



We were then able to follow this up by having an Egyptian Workshop. They learnt how the process of mummification was carried out in Ancient Egyptian times and had the opportunity to take part in some games which would have been played back in Ancient Egyptian times!

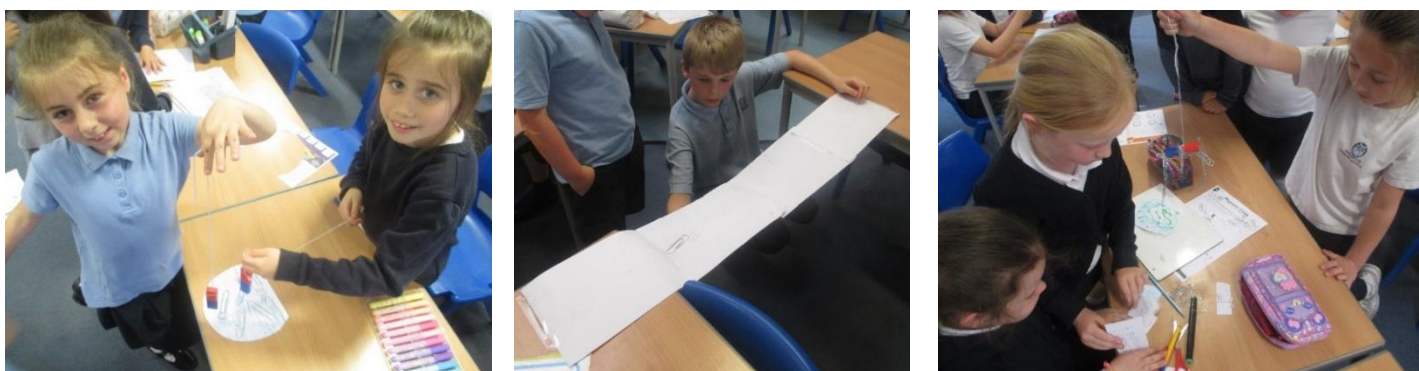


We completed one of our Curriculum Promises of creating a piece of artwork inspired by the outdoors. We took the iPads outside to take photos of clouds which we then edited to make the clouds look like other things. The children really enjoyed it and there were some great pictures created!



For science in the summer term, we had a big “push” looking at Forces and Magnets. We ran lot of experiments focusing on aspects like: how different surfaces offer varying amounts of friction, the differences between forces generated and how to measure them accurately.

Then we moved onto magnets and we had great fun exploring how they worked, how they relate to the world at large and we even designed our own magnetic games. We made instant classics like: “Gone Fishing”, “Cross the Paper Bridge”, “Follow the Maze” and “Monster Magnet Attack!” It “attracted” quite the crowd!



During our art lessons, the children have been exploring how to make different coloured dyes from natural resources and were then given the opportunity to tie dye their own t-shirt. The results were awesome and great fun was had by all.



Some Year 3 students thoroughly enjoyed participating in a multi-skills sporting festival. They were able to try a range of activities and particularly enjoyed the archery.



Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and kindness over the year. We hope you all have a wonderful summer break and return refreshed in September!

Year 4

In English, we have been studying the ancient Greek myth of Icarus and Daedalus and re-wrote this as a narrative. To help prepare them for writing, the children created freeze frames of different moments in the myth.

The children then drafted, wrote and published their own re-telling of the story of Icarus and Daedalus. This left them with a lovely finished piece to take home and share with friends and family. The children should be very proud of themselves. We hope you enjoyed reading their myths as much as we did!



On Friday 21st June, Year 4 enjoyed a trip to Ufton Court where they had several workshops to learn about objects from the Anglo-Saxon period and learn what they may have been used for. They had the opportunity to experiment using different techniques to create everyday objects from the Anglo-Saxon times. This included using brushes and a spinner to create a yarn, using a flint and steel to make a spark, and using wattle to make a weaved fence.

After lunch, we had a mock battle – the Anglo-Saxons vs the Vikings! The children were excitable but extremely well behaved and were good role-models for the school. They should be very proud of themselves.



In the heat of the June sun, the year 4 children hosted their own mock ancient Greek Olympics. The children had already learnt about the history of the Olympic games and were excited to have a go at their own version. As some of the ancient Greek events were 'interesting', we created our own interpretation with events including discus throwing, (foam) javelin, (relay) races, long jumps, (thumb) wrestling, and (bean bag) shot put. The children were fantastic, using the games cards to understand what they had to complete at each station. This Olympic afternoon was then used to inspire and invigorate their writing in English – newspaper reports!

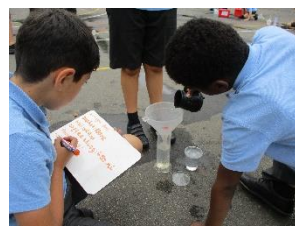


Year 5

Wow, where has the year gone? We can hardly believe it's time for the last newsletter of this academic year. We've had another month filled with learning and fun.

Measuring Up to the Challenge!

In our maths lessons, the children explored the topic of volume. They gained first-hand experience measuring the capacity of various containers in millilitres (ml). This hands-on activity not only enhanced their understanding of volume but also made learning enjoyable and engaging.

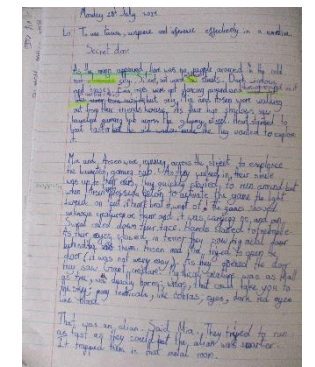
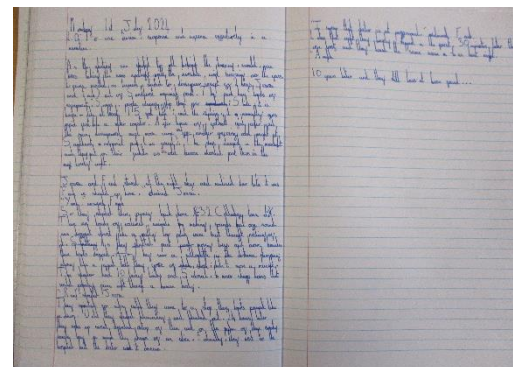
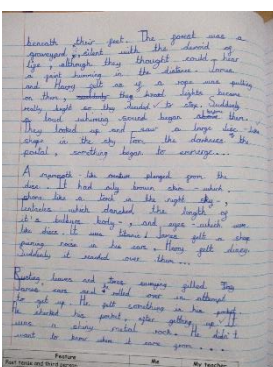
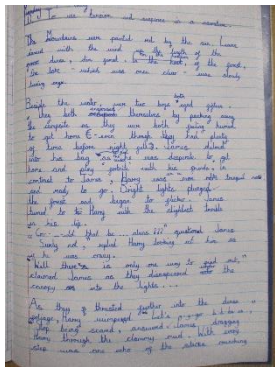
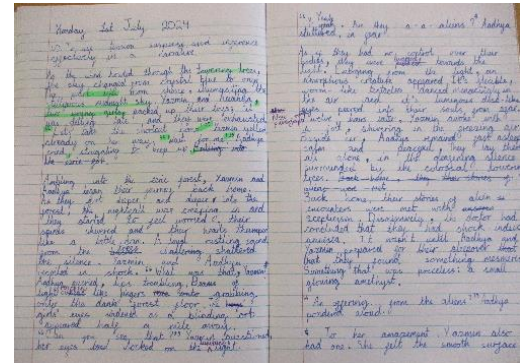
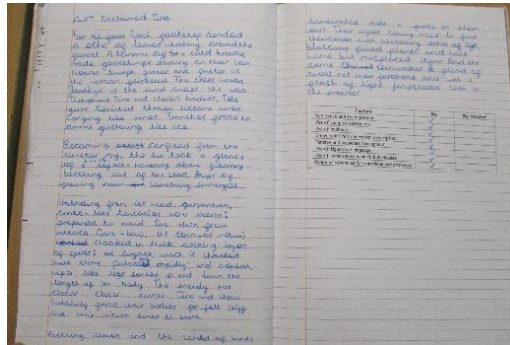
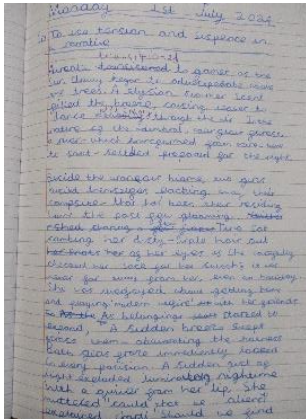


Computing - Making Sweet Music with Sonic Pi!

We were thoroughly impressed with the children's skills in computing this term. They used Sonic Pi to create their own music talking to aliens, showing some real talent. We might have some budding musicians among us!

Spilling the Beans on Mystery Writing!

Our English lessons have been a highlight, with the children writing incredibly imaginative tension and suspense alien stories. Their progress in writing has been remarkable, and we are extremely proud of their creativity and hard work.



Exciting Outings: Secondary School Visits and Snarails Park Adventure

The children are eagerly anticipating their day out at Sandhurst Secondary School, where they will get a taste of what life is like in secondary school. This will be an invaluable experience for them, offering a glimpse into their future educational journey and helping to ease the transition.

As you are aware, the children will be going on a field trip to Snarails Park on the morning of either Wednesday 10th or Thursday 11th as part of our geography topic. This excursion promises to be an educational and exciting experience, where the children will explore the natural environment and learn about local geography first hand. Please remember that all children should wear their school uniform and suitable footwear for the trip.

A Heartfelt Thanks to Our Wonderful Parents and Guardians!

The Year 5 team would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents and guardians for your continuous support throughout the year. Your children have been a joy to teach. We wish you all a wonderful, restful summer break and look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for the new academic year.

Year 5 Team (2)

Mrs Panesar, Mr Taylor and Miss Bess

Year 6

It's almost time for the Year 6 children to move off to the big world of secondary school so it's only apt that the last few weeks of their time at Owlsmoor have been so action packed.

We started the month returning from half-term and straight back into our topic of World War 2 with lots of excellent work from both classes as well as superb flashback stories where the children used what they had read in Goodnight Mr Tom to add detail about a character's life either before or after the story itself.

Rehearsals for the Year 6 production are in full swing and all of the children are really excited at the prospect of performing to the school, their parents and families. They have worked really hard to learn a long script and the songs have been sounding great too.

The residential trip to Bushcraft was blessed by a week of gorgeous weather so that living in the woods was a wonderful experience for all who went. Activities such as axe throwing, archery, shelter making, wild cooking, wild swimming and more besides will live long in the memory. Parents have seen some pictures showing the great time that was had by all.

The children who stayed at school had an amazing week and huge thanks to all of the staff who ensured that they get to cook, make dens at the Look Out, make props for the play and have a great week full of memorable experiences too.



The last 2 weeks of the year are crammed full of events for Year 6 as the following list shows:

- Monday 8th July - Rehearsal @ Sandhurst - **11am**
- Tuesday 9th July - Dress Rehearsal (Reception-Year 4) at **1:30pm**.
- Wednesday 10th July - Year 6 10p fair from **1:15pm-4:15pm**.
- Thursday 11th July - Breather...
- Friday 12th July - Dress Rehearsal @ Sandhurst (to Year 5) at **9:45am**.
- Monday 15th July - Evening Performance 1 - **6pm-7:45pm**
- Tuesday 16th July - Evening Performance 2 - **6pm-7:45pm**
- Wednesday 17th July – Sports Day **11.15am**
- Thursday 18th July - Year 6 leavers festival - **4pm-6pm**. Parents to arrive at **6:15pm** for certificates and ceremony.

- Friday 19th July - Year 6 pupils to find adults for signatures, etc

Thank you so much for your support 😊

Mr. Saunders and Mr. Stevens

Wrens and Kingfishers

Wrens and Kingfishers have been reading Rainbow Fish for our 'Under the Sea' topic.

Kingfishers have been writing 'Recipes for being a good friend' and doing a selection of collage art work. In our life skills we have been making ice fruit smoothies to keep us cool and learning about keeping safe near roads.



Wrens have been painting, cutting and sticking. Wrens are looking forward to their Sports Stay and Play on Tuesday!



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News from the Kitchen

The price of school meals is still going to be £2.45 for the children in Years 3 to 6.

Also, from September, the current Year 2 children will no longer be eligible for FSM under the government Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative. If you wish your child to have school meals from September the cost is £2.45 per meal and must be paid for in advance. Details for online payment facilities are on SCOPAY. These details can be found at the school office. Your child may still be entitled to free school meals if you meet certain criteria, details of which and the application form can be found on the Bracknell Forest website –

<http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

KEY DATES	
Tuesday 9 th July 2024	Millar's Ark Farm for Nursery
Wednesday 10 th July 2024	Year 6 10p Fair - PM
Friday 12 th July 2024	End of Year Reports Going Home
Friday 12 th July 2024	PTA Non-Uniform
Friday 12 th July 2024	PTA Disco (including YR6 Leavers Disco)
Monday 15 th July 2024	YR6 Production at Sandhurst School Starting at 6pm
Tuesday 16 th July 2024	YR6 Production at Sandhurst School Starting at 6pm
Wednesday 17 th July 2024	KS2 Sports Day Year 3 and 4 – 9:15am – 11:00am Year 5 and 6 – 11:15am – 13:15am
Friday 19 th July 2024	PTA Bubble Show
Friday 19 th July 2024	School Finishes at 2pm for the Summer Holidays
Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Pupils Return at 8:45am
REMAINING INSET DAYS – 2024	
Monday 22 nd July Tuesday 23 rd July	
INSET Days for 2024 - 2025	
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 Monday 4 th November 2024 Monday 6 th January 2025 Tuesday 22 nd April 2025 Monday 2 nd June 2025	

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR - 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term 2024

(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Pupils Start on Wednesday 4th September 2024

October Half Term - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024

(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Monday 4th November 2024

Pupils start on Tuesday 5th November 2024

Autumn Term ends on – Friday 20th December 2024 at 2.00pm

Christmas holiday: Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025

Spring Term 2025

(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Monday 6th January 2025

Pupils start on Tuesday 7th January 2025

February Half Term – Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025

Pupils start on Monday 24th February 2025

Spring Term ends on Friday 4th April 2025 at 2.00pm

Spring holiday: Monday 7 April 2025 to Monday 21 April 2025

Good Friday: 18 April 2025, Easter Monday 21 April 2025

Summer Term 2025

(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Pupils start on Wednesday 23rd April 2025

Public Bank Holiday (School Closed) Monday 5th May 2025

May holiday: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025

(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Monday 2nd June 2025

Pupils start on Tuesday 3rd June 2025

Summer Term ends on Wednesday 23rd July 2025 at 2pm.