



Our Guiding Light

Jesus said

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my Disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13-34-35)

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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

In coming to the end of another successful and busy term, I am sure your child will be ready for the holiday. Everyone has worked hard, achieved well and is in need of a rest, I am sure! This week seems to have been particularly busy with a number of events taking place.

Transition:

Ensuring a positive transition from primary to secondary school remains a focus for us. From recent newsletters, you will be aware that staff from Sir William Borlase's Grammar School have been in to speak to staff and meet students. This week we have welcomed staff from Pipers Corner, Wycombe High and the Royal Grammar School. The visits have been positive and given the children an opportunity to learn more about the school they will be going to in September as well as ask questions. Over the coming weeks colleagues from the other secondary schools will be making visits so if you have a child in Year 6, now is the time to help them compile questions they may wish to ask.

Its Your Move with Wayne Dixon:

As part of our transition programme, every year we invite in Wayne Dixon from Christian Connections in School. He leads a wonderful programme for Year 6 called, 'It's Your Move' during which they are given practical tools, real-world advice and emotional reassurance which will help them step forward with confidence. The session went exceptionally well with all fully engaged.

Additional transition classes for small groups of children who we feel would most benefit have also started this week and later next term we will run our programme of transition across the school. More details about this will follow.

Royal Windsor Flower Show:

Every year we join other exhibitors at the Royal Windsor Flower Show which is on Saturday 6th June at the York Club in Windsor Great Park. This year we have been growing potatoes to enter into the 'Peter Seabrook Great Potato Challenge' and our wheelbarrow, thanks to Cygnet Class who have been helped by Mrs Butterworth, is now planted up for the 'Rooted in Nature, Wheelbarrow Challenge'. We have two weeks for the plants, grown from seed by Cygnets, to bloom and for the art work being produced by our Eco-Council to be added. It's a real team effort!

There are lots of other competitions for children to enter. For details, go to: [RWFS Competition Classes](#) where you will find the Competition Class Schedule listing on pages 39-41 all the classes the children might consider. There are also lots of classes for adults too! The website for booking tickets and finding out more is: [Royal Windsor Flower Show - The Royal Windsor Rose & Horticultural Society](#)

Summer Music Concert:

If you were able to come to our summer music concert on Wednesday organised by Mrs Brown, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. What a wonderful occasion it was showcasing our choirs and the talents of those who play instruments and sing. We had some wonderful solo performances. Our thanks go to Mrs Brown who put the concert together for us.

A Trip to Waltham Place Farm:

This week our reception children have been immersed in nature. On Tuesday they visited Waltham Place Biodynamic Farm where they enjoyed a day exploring and today they met a bee expert who shared his passion and knowledge of bee keeping. We received some lovely feedback about our children who were enthusiastic and engaged on both occasions.

Learning about the Eucharist:

On Tuesday Father Stephen led Collective Worship and taught us all about baptism, confirmation and The Eucharist, also known as Holy Communion which commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus symbolising his body and blood. After the half term holiday Father Stephen is going to be leading confirmation classes for those children in Year 6. They will be on Wednesdays after school until 4pm starting on 3rd June. All are welcome to attend. When the new year starts in September classes will again run for those children currently in Year 4 and Year 5. No need to sign up, just come along. A flyer has been sent today as an attachment.

Walk to School Week:

Thank you for all your support in helping us mark Walk to School Week. We have been incredibly lucky with the weather and we've had great fun celebrating the many ways the children have found to come to school. In assembly on Wednesday we saw bicycles, pogo sticks, scooters, roller skates and, new to me, kangaroo shoes circle the hall! The children have really embraced the project in very many imaginative ways and learnt a lot about the benefits of not always relying on a car. It would be wonderful if we can keep up the momentum when we return after the holiday.

Heathrow Explorers:

We were thrilled to welcome the team from Learning to Work to school on Tuesday. They brought with them their 'Heathrow Explorers' project for Year 6 to take part in. During the session the children used a range of technology to design an eco-buggy to transport passengers around the airport. They worked in teams and had to present their ideas to the class which they did exceptionally well.

Sporting News:

On Tuesday a selection of Year 6 children went along to Newlands School to take part in a Quad Kids event. They participated in a range of athletic disciplines against pupils from other local schools. They had a wonderful afternoon and represented our school brilliantly.

Yesterday we welcomed All Saints Junior School to our field for a couple of football matches to end the season. Unfortunately, our girls team lost 3-0 and the boys 3-2. It was a disappointing end for the children but the boys in particular must take credit for a fabulous comeback after the first half which ended 3-0. They scored two spectacular goals in the last 5 minutes. We are proud of them all.

HT Fest:

Thank you so much for your support in sending in items today for the tombola stall at this year's PTA HT Fest.

Yesterday Mrs Jones who is coordinating this year's event came in to speak to our PTA Junior Ambassadors. They will be running a Sugar Shack on the day and have been tasked with putting together ideas for a display board which will highlight what will be on sale. It was an excellent meeting with all keen to lead an assembly after half term explaining what the day will consist of.

PTA Disco:

As I wrote in last week's newsletter, after half term on Friday 5th June the PTA will be holding a disco for the children, 4:45pm – 6pm EYFS & KS1, 6:15pm – 7:30pm KS2. Tickets must be booked in advance. To make a booking, go to: <https://forms.gle/ojJVCAb1eQQpHZ2y8>

Arts and Culture Week:

With only a couple of weeks to go before Arts and Culture Week, we are grateful to those of you who have already written in offering to share your time and expertise. We have a number of workshops timetabled which are sure to give the children a wonderful experience of the arts. If you are yet to get in touch, please do so. The letter has been sent again today as an attachment.

In the meantime, I urge you to look on Google Classroom where your child's class teacher has outlined costume requirements. Thank you for your help in kitting your child out according to our theme which this year is 'Weather'. We hope to create a real spectacle. You have between now at 12th June to guess which sound tracks we will be performing to.

Attendance:

As I wrote in last week's newsletter, on a regular basis an Education Welfare Officer from Achieving for Children which provides children's services in relation to safeguarding, education and health, comes into school to scrutinise our attendance registers. The attendance of our pupils is excellent thanks to your support and appreciation of how important being in school is. However, we ask that when booking holidays, you respect term time dates and do not take your child out of school before the final day of each term or bring them back after term has started.

Your child's attendance is recorded on their annual report for you to see and shared with schools at transition points. 100% attendance is the goal but when attendance falls below 95% concerns are raised. Of course, it is detrimental for a child to be in school when they are unwell but unless your child has a temperature or a stomach upset that causes diarrhoea or vomiting, if they complain of being a little under the weather next term, I encourage you to send them in. We will always call you if your child is struggling to cope with the day.

Lost Property:

I do hope that those of you who were searching for missing items of clothing have now located them from those hanging at the school gate. The number of unnamed lost property items has really built up this term. I suspect that with the warmer weather the children have been taking off outer layers, perhaps out on the field, and forgetting to collect them. To help us return mislaid items quickly, please can I stress the importance of labelling everything your child brings into school clearly and regularly. We would be most grateful if you could find a moment over the half term break to check that all items are named to avoid the build-up of lost property next term. Thank you

School Uniform:

As a reminder a sample PE kit remains on display in our reception. If you are yet to see it, do pop in. At this stage we are still in the early stages of considering changing our PE kit so we welcome your comments. If you are yet to have your say, please do not hesitate to catch me at the gate or email in.

Personal Tracking Devices:

I trust you saw my email earlier in the week about personal tracking devices such as AirTags. I must stress that these devices are not to be brought into school or attached to pupils' belongings during the school day including on days when pupils are off site on a trip. The reason for this is to help us maintain clear safeguarding procedures, protect the privacy and wellbeing of all pupils and staff, and ensure that school systems for attendance, movement around the site, and collection arrangements operate consistently and safely.

We do appreciate that your intentions are always positive, but we cannot monitor, manage, or take responsibility for personal tracking devices. In some cases, trackers can also cause unnecessary concern or disruption if locations appear inaccurate or alerts are triggered during the school day. Thank you as always for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a safe and secure environment for all members of our school community.

School Photographs:

Please note, the school photographer will be in on the first day of next term. Regardless of PE lessons, your child should come to school wearing smart, full school uniform.

School Meals:

To avoid any upset, we would be grateful if you could place orders for school meals during the holiday. Thank you.

RBWM Play Park Refurbishments:

This week RBWM has announced further play park refurbishments, in addition to the Pirate Park and Oaken Grove. Details can be found in the press release: <https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/news/2026/new-and-exciting-summer-play-adventures-boroughs-children>, along with other heads in the borough, have been asked to share this information with you.

I hope you have a wonderful half term break and we shall all look forward to seeing you when the new terms starts on 1st June.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

While some key dates appear below, please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year as new dates will be added on a regular basis as events come up. **Any new additions (or any changes and deadlines) are highlighted in blue.**

25th – 29th May

HALF TERM BREAK

1 st June	School photographer in – regardless of PE lessons, children should wear full school uniform
2 nd June	Window for Applying for the Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests Closes
4 th June	Rotary Mathematical Competition (selected Y4 children invited to attend)
4 th June	Year 4 Tennis Skills Festival, Newlands Girls School, 3:45pm-5:30pm (selected children informed by letter)
5 th June	PTA Disco
6 th June	Royal Windsor Flower Show at which EYFS will be exhibiting their wheelbarrow
8 th – 12 th June	Arts and Culture Week
12 th June	Arts and Culture Week Performance 1:45pm
16 th June	Rotary Mighty Maths Competition (selected Y2 children invited to attend)
17 th June	Arthur Burgin Exhibition (Year 6)
17 th June	Water Safety Workshop at Braywick for Y5 (please refer to letter sent out this week)
19 th June	Junior Music Festival Rehearsal & Concert for Year 3 (please refer to letter)
22 nd – 26 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
22 nd – 2 nd July	Sports Fortnight
3 rd July	Sports Day (no after school clubs operating)
4 th July	HT Fest
8 th July	Steel Pan Afternoon Concert for parents of Y5 & Y6 tbc
10 th July	Spanish Assembly am
14 th July	Year 5 trip to the Swan Upping
16 th July	Last Day of Term – Leavers' Assembly (details tbc)