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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Having now come to the end of the penultimate term of this academic year and as we look forward to the half term break, can I thank you for all your support this term in helping us to ensure it has been a happy and productive one.

This week has been as busy as every other with our Year 2 children taking their KS1 Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) which will form part of our teacher assessment evidence ahead of them moving into Year 3. As Year 6 did last week, they have worked hard showing high levels of concentration and resilience. We are proud of how they have approached the task.

Results from these tests are not reported. Instead they form part of the evidence which allows us to assess the children precisely before they move into Key Stage 2 (KS2). To help you understand the process better, you have been resent the letter first circulated back in October which explains the national testing programme. Here you can also find information about the Y1 Phonics Screening and the Year 4 Multiplication Check. Standards & Testing Agency leaflets have also been sent out again. Teacher assessment for Year 2, along with all other year groups, are reported at the end of the Summer Term as part of our annual reporting arrangements.

Wayne Dixon's 'It's Your Move':

As we get nearer to the end of the academic year, for Year 6 thoughts turn to transition to secondary school. For any child, this jump can be daunting so to help our students prepare for things to come, this week we invited Wayne Dixon from Christian Connections in Schools into the classroom to deliver his workshop, 'It's Your Move'. Wayne comes every year bringing top tips and excellent advice. As a gift, he gave each child a book which we hope will provide all the answers to any questions they may have.

This week we also welcomed colleagues from John Hampden in to speak to us about those children heading there in September. Next term meetings are scheduled with all the secondary schools so we can share information and so that they can meet the children. Over the holiday, if your child is in Year 6, he/she might like to start thinking of questions they might ask when they meet with their new teachers. We have lots in place to ensure a smooth transition so they must take advantage of this..

PTA News:

Thank you for your generosity in sending your child into school today with items for our HT Fest tombola. We are looking forward to the event which will be held on Saturday 5th July.

Our PTA Committee does a tremendous job steering us in fund raising which your children directly benefits from. Our new picnic benches outside the Year 3 and Year 4 classrooms, an area we are calling 'The Terrace', and bought by the PTA, have really enhanced the space. As part of our continued work on our Attachment Aware Schools Project, we are aiming to use this area, and the area under the sails on the field, to make a quiet, creative space for children at both break and lunchtime. To fulfil our vision, we are asking for donations of new or lightly used colouring books, puzzle books and children's magazines. We would also love to accept coloured pencils/pens. This equipment will be available for the children to use outside. If you are able to offer any of these items, please send them in with your child to give to Miss Buckley. On Monday we met virtually with Joanna Western, Attachment and Trauma Informed Practice Lead, to speak about our school and specifically about some of the things we have been up to on our journey to securing the Attachment Aware Gold Award. She was impressed!

We were thrilled that a number of PTA committee members were able to come in last week to take a look at some of the designs which we have received for our trim trail project. This was after the children had a look at the plans and offered their opinions. We are now set to go ahead with this project, another supported by our PTA.

Arts and Culture Week:

When we return after the half term break there is only one week before Arts and Culture Week starts. I hope you saw the letter from Mrs. Nicol and Mrs. Lucas last week giving you all the details, notably about costumes, but also about how you can help us make the week special for the children. The letter has been sent out again for your convenience. Please do have a read.

Heritage Open Days Workshop:

Every September thousands of volunteers across England organise events to celebrate our country's fantastic history and culture. It's the nation's chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences, all of which are free to explore. Ahead of this year's Heritage Open Day when Holy Trinity Church will be open to visitors, we have been invited to exhibit pieces which show what our church means to us. Yesterday, Year 5 met living historian, Sarah Stockdale, who shared stories of the church going back hundreds of years. The class have now been tasked with creating art work which will be displayed at the church in September for visitors to see.

Travelling Book Fair:

If you were able to visit the travelling book fair this week with your child, we hope you enjoyed the experience. A percentage of your purchases equate to vouchers which we can use to purchase books for our library so we all benefit from this event. Thank you.

Junior Music Festival for Year 3:

This week, Year 3 enjoyed joining other local primary schools for their first rehearsal ahead of the Junior Music Festival at The Hexagon on 26th June. We hope you have already got your tickets for this exciting event. Please refer to the letter sent out by Ms. O'Reilly for details.

Open The Book Assembly:

Yesterday Father Stephen's Open the Book team were in school telling the children the story of Jonah and the Whale in assembly. There was lots of audience participation and great fun was had by all.

Smartphone Free Childhood:

If you are yet to sign the [Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact](#) to show your support of the campaign to delay giving Smartphones to children until they reach Year 9, I urge you to do so. The evidence highlighting the dangers of being exposed to these devices at too young an age is compelling and it's for this reasons that the RBWM are striving to become a Smartphone free authority. To find out more, go to: [Smartphone Free Childhood](#)

Safety around Dogs:

As part of our safeguarding procedure, we do not allow dogs on our site. Last week, however, a child was bitten by a dog tied up by the gate. In the past, we have invited a dog trainer into school to talk to the children about how to be safe around dogs but on this occasion the child did not approach the dog or startle it. Please could you be mindful of this and perhaps tie your dog closer to our bin store if they might act unpredictably.

How do we support children to meet their potential at Holy Trinity?

As part of our journey towards becoming a Gold Award Attachment Aware School, we're sharing simple ways we support emotional wellbeing in school—and how you can help continue this support at home.



Creating a Sense of Belonging

Every child needs to feel like they truly **belong**—that they are seen, valued, and accepted for who they are. Belonging is one of the most powerful protective factors for emotional wellbeing and academic success. When children feel they belong, they are more willing to take risks in their learning, persevere through challenges, and engage with school life.

At Holy Trinity, we build belonging by:

- Greeting every child warmly each day—using names, smiles, and connection
- Encouraging children to bring their ideas, interests, and identities into the classroom.
- Celebrating differences and helping children see themselves reflected in books,

How you can support this at home:

- Let your child know they are an important part of your family team—regularly remind them, *“You matter. We’re so glad you’re you.”*
- Celebrate what makes them unique, especially if they sometimes feel different from others.
- Share stories, family traditions, and favourite memories that connect your child to something bigger than themselves.
- Encourage their friendships and connections with others—arranging playdates, checking in on how relationships are going, and celebrating kind behaviours.

When children feel that they belong—both at school and at home—they're more confident, more resilient, and more ready to reach their full potential.

Lunch Orders:

Our catering team would be most grateful if you could find time over the holiday to order your child's lunches ahead of the new term starting on Monday 2nd June.

If you could also find time to ensure that items of clothing and other things that your child brings into school are clearly named, we too would be delighted. Thank you.

Eco Council Competition:

Over the holiday our Eco-Council have set everyone a challenge. With everyone's help they have been working hard to reduce our litter, waste and energy. Their litter picking rota has seen many involved and the amount of litter found has been going down week by week. They have also been working hard to reduce our food waste at lunchtimes. To ensure the momentum is kept up, the Eco Council are asking everyone to design posters to publicise the campaign. Details can be found in the 'Classwork' section of Google Classroom including information about prizes! Posters should be returned to school by Friday 6th June.

Royal Windsor Flower Show – Saturday 7th June:

As we have in the past, this year we will be exhibiting things the children have made at the Royal Windsor Flower Show. It is a fabulous event at then York Club in Windsor Great Park. To find out more or book tickets, go to: [Royal Windsor Flower Show - The Royal Windsor Rose & Horticultural Society](#)

Year 6 Residential Trip:

With only four weeks to go until Year 6 head off down to Devon for their week's residential trip, please can you ensure that you have completed the CRS online medical and consent form as a matter of urgency. Emails were sent out today to those who are still to input the relevant information.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Please refer to previous emails for details of clubs running after half term and look out for flyers of holiday clubs which have been sent over the last few weeks.

Some of you might be interested in the fact that a NEW LADIES OVER 30's BOXING SESSION IN MAIDENHEAD, will be starting on 31st MAY! Brickhand boxing is a boxing community in Furze Platt Maidenhead which teaches correct boxing technique and self-defence while improving fitness, strength and power. The gym's ethos is to train participants like fighters whilst making it accessible for all ages and abilities. The gym focuses on training mostly for women who have limited to no experience in boxing, but are open to all abilities. There are also weekly men's sessions all run by Miss Ford, our teaching assistant, and her partner, Jake.

Over the break you might like to consider the fact that we are soon to have a vacancy for a parent governor. Our thanks go to Mrs Charlotte King who is stepping down after serving on the board for the past four years. Please refer to the letter sent to you today outlining the details if you are interested in finding out more about the role and what it is we are looking for.

Have a wonderful holiday and we shall look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd June.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

26th May – 30th May Half Term Break

2 nd June	First day of Term 6
4 th June	PTA Meeting
5 th June	Summer Music Concert 6pm
6 th June	Year 5 Visit to Holy Trinity Church ahead of Heritage Day am
6 th June	PTA Disco (details to follow)
7 th June	Royal Windsor Flower Show
8 th June	Special Eucharist to Celebrate the Opening of Holy Trinity Church, Cookham 11am
9 th – 13 th June	Arts and Culture Week (please refer to the letter sent out today)
12 th June	Y3 Junior Music Festival Rehearsal - Courthouse School am (details sent out in a letter)
13 th June	Arts and Culture Week Performance pm
16 th June	Photographer in to take Whole Class Photographs plus individual photos of Year 6
17 th June	EYFS Trip to Braywick Nature Centre
18 th June	Arthur Burgin Science Exhibition – Year 6 (please refer to the letter sent specifically to Year 6 parents)
19 th June	Mathematical Competition for selected Year 2 pupils (4.15pm till 6pm) at Waltham St Lawrence Primary School, (team to be decided)
23 rd – 27 th June	Y6 Residential Trip (please complete online medical and consent forms asap)
23 rd – 3 rd July	Sports Fortnight
26 th June	Junior Music Festival – A Night at the Movies 12 noon – 8:15pm (please refer to letter)
4 th July	Sports Day (no after school clubs operating) Events from 9am until lunchtime when you are invited to join us for a whole school picnic on the field as in previous years
5 th July	HT Fest
9 th July	Rock Steady Concert am
11 th July	Spanish Assembly 9:30am
15 th July	Year 5 Trip to The Ferry to see the Swan Upping event 1:15pm (details above)
17 th July	Last day of term & Leavers' Service
3 rd September	Start of the Autumn Term (please see 2025-2026 Term Dates sent today as an attachment)