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Dear Parents/Carers,

This has been a fantastic sports week and the children's enthusiasm and participation has been a joy to observe. Your children have experienced so many different physical activities from football, netball, rugby, athletics, Pilates, circuits, skip to be fit, rounders, aquathon (swimming then running), triathlon, swimming and Drumba (a mix of drumming and Zumba). It was wonderful to see so many of you supporting the children on sports day. This year, we had even more parents willing to take part in the tug of war than last year. Well done on your victory.

An enormous thank-you to Mr Miller for organising the various activities for this week and sports day. We are also very grateful to Elizabeth's mum for providing such high-quality netball training and Miss Maali for her fabulous Pilates sessions. Thanks also to ex-pupils, Lexie Morall and Ameila Bojda for supporting our sports week during their summer break from school.

End of Term Arrangements

Next week is the last week of the year. The school finishes on Friday July 18th at 2:15 pm. As the Year 6 parents and families have a final celebration in the hall after the church service, we will not be able to provide school dinners on that day. **All children should bring a packed lunch.** There is no Kingfisher club on the last day of term.

Change in Term Dates

We have had to change one of the dates for our training days due to the availability of the professional trainers. One of our training days will now take place on Monday 27th October 2025 instead of Monday 23rd February 2026. The term dates are have been updated on the website here: <https://barham.kent.sch.uk/news-and-events/term-dates> Click on 2025/26 (light blue font) at the top of the page.

September 2025

The children return to school on Tuesday September 2nd. A reminder that there are 'Meet the Teacher' sessions at 2:45pm in the first week back as follows:

Y1 Jays – Friday 5th September

Y2 Owls – Thursday 4th September

Y3 Robins – Wednesday 3rd September

Y4 Puffins – Wednesday 3rd September

Y5 Eagles – Monday 8th September

Y6 Hawks - Tuesday 9th September



Staff News

Mr Tom Rougvie, one of our TAs in Puffins, will be leaving us at the end of term to start teacher training at Christ Church University. We are incredibly grateful to his commitment to the school over the last couple of years and wish him all the best of luck. Mrs Watt was previously omitted from our staffing structure sent out to you but she will be supporting various classes in the afternoon next year.

PTA Summer Fair

Thank you for all the donations and support for the summer fair last Saturday. A total of £2,855.92 was raised on the day with a profit of £1,917.33. This is such good news. The children have benefitted enormously from the PTA fundraising this year and we are so grateful to the PTA team, especially, Ana, Emma, Becca and Lydia.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature, on the left, is 'Al Higgins' and the second, on the right, is 'Jo Duhig'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

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