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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are all excited about the fun-packed week in store next week. Our annual sports week is the highlight of the year for many staff and pupils.

## **Sports Week**

For those of you who are new to the school, children will need to come to school in their PE kit every day. Please put sunscreen on your child before they come to school and ensure they bring a hat and water bottle every day.

Please read the overviews/messages from class teachers about when your child will need to bring their swimming kit to school.

Sports day is taking place on Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 pm on the school field. For safety reasons, please can all grown-ups access the field via the playground and ensure you do not cross the boundary in place for spectators. We will start with flat races - the youngest pupils (beginning with pre-school children) competing first. These races will be followed by class relay races and a Y6 Tug of War competition. The afternoon will end with our Y6 children doing their lap of honour around the field. You are welcome to photograph your own child but we ask that no photographs are shared on social media please.

If your child has a coloured T-shirt of their house colour, they may wear it for Sports day and on the other days (Roper = blue, Becket = green, Marlowe = red and Chaucer = yellow). For children wearing the normal PE kit we will put a coloured sticker on their PE T-shirt to identify the house they are in.

Finally, we will be taking all the pupils back to school and dismissing them from their classrooms as usual at the end of the school day.

The weather forecast for next week looks good at the moment but if sports day is rained off, we will postpone it until Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup> at the same time.

Our wonderful PTA team are arranging refreshments on sports day. These will be on sale on the school playground.

# **Staff Changes Next Year**

Miss Maali, who is currently one of our Year R TAs, will sadly be leaving us at the end of term in order to pursue a career as a Pilates teacher. We will miss her but wish her every success in her future career. Mrs Shilling will be retiring from teaching at the end of this term too but we are delighted that she will continue to be our school librarian.

We have recently appointed three new TAs: Mrs Helen O'Keeffe and Mrs Katherine Harding will be working in Wrens and Ms Poppy Coasby will be working in Robins.











#### Teachers - 2024-2025

Teachers will be staying in their current year group for the next year but some TAs will be changing year groups.

Class	Teacher/s	Teaching Assistant/s
Year R	Mrs Everitt	Mrs Potter/ Mrs O'Keeffe/Mrs Harding
Year 1	Mrs Sharpe	Mrs Ward
Year 2	Mrs Gooderham (4 days)	Miss Warren/Mrs Rolfe
	Mrs Anderson (1 day)	
Year 3	Mrs Bruce (3 days)	Mrs Collins/ Ms Coasby
	Mrs Gurney (2 days)	
Year 4	Mrs Washington	Mrs Ferguson (HLTA)/Mr Rougvie/Mrs Tucker
Year 5	Mr Miller	Miss Thomas/Mrs Hughes
Year 6	Mr Johnston	Mrs Pain/Ms Brooker

# Meet the Teacher - September 2024

You will have an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher in September in their new classroom. The session begins at 2:45pm and ends at 3:15pm.

Y1 Jays - Monday 9th September

Y2 Owls – Wednesday 4th September

Y3 Robins – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Y4 Puffins - Thursday 5th September

Y5 Eagles – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Y6 Hawks - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September

There will be a question and answer session in the middle of the first term for our new parents in YR. Details to follow.

## **Exciting School Dinner News!**

We have some good news about school dinners next year. We have a different school kitchen (Whitfield) and catering company that will be providing school dinners from September. Caterlink, the new company, will be sending out details shortly about how to order meals and pay. So far, we have been extremely impressed with the organisation. There are some new innovations such as a daily salad bar and for those of you whose children have allergies, they can offer a bespoke menu. More details to come!

Yours sincerely

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