



Dear Parents and Carers,

How quickly our final half term of this academic year has arrived. There's plenty to look forward to including trips, activity days, sports day, our Summer Fair and much more.

Please pop by the school office if you need any help and we will gladly support you in any way we can.

Kind regards, *Anne-Marie Bell*

Dates for your diary

Tues 4 th June	Y2 Trip to the Farm
Wed 5 th June	Y6 Trip to the Farm
Fri 7 th June	Cultural Diversity Day
Mon 10 th June	Phonics and Multiplication Check this week
Mon 10 th –Wed 12 th June	Y6 Briars Residential
Wed 19 th – Fri 21 st June	Y5 Perlethorpe Residential
Fri 28 th June	Sports Day and Mental Health and Well-Being Day – school PE Kit all day
Wed 3 rd July	Class Swap afternoon
Thurs 4 th July	Class photographs – winter uniform
Wed 10 th July	Summer Fair – 2pm – 4pm
Wed 17 th July	9:45am & 4pm Y5/Y6 Performance - Joseph
Fri 19 th July	Y1 trip to Sherwood Forest
Wed 24 th July	10am Mass to celebrate Year 6 and the end of the academic year
Fri 26 th July	9:15am Final Assembly – Annual Awards

Time for Sun Cream and Sun Hats



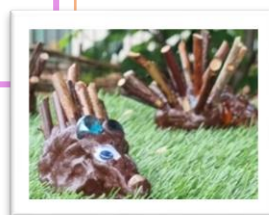
This half term, please provide your child with a sun hat for school as children are spending extra time outdoors – learning, playing and gardening.

Try to apply long-lasting sun cream to your child before school when the weather is expected to be hot. Some children can manage to apply their own sun cream and can top up at lunch time.

Sunglasses are not allowed in school.

Please come and visit the Prayer Garden – there is much to see, smell and enjoy.

Thank you, Glenis and friends, once again!



Dropping off at breakfast club and late drop-offs



DROP OFF

Please can I remind parents that when using Breakfast Club, children should be brought to the school entrance (main office) to ensure they enter safely. Please do not simply drop off and allow your child to walk up the driveway alone.

Dropping your child off late

Lateness remains a concern for some families. If your child is arriving late, after 8:45am, a family member must sign them in at the school office. It is not acceptable for your child to be entering school alone as they have to register their lateness and this adds further time to them joining class.

Cultural Diversity Day

Friday 7th June 2024

Cultural Diversity Day is an opportunity for our community to celebrate what makes each of us unique. We will celebrate the richness of the world's cultures through art, music, story telling and dance. Children should wear either their cultural clothing or bright colours.

Here are a few activities the children will be enjoying:

Polish craft - paper cutting

Wycinanki – intricate paper cut-outs. These have been a popular folk craft in Poland since the 1900s. It was a method for relaxation in rural Poland.



Spanish Artist – Joan Miro

Miro was inspired by another Spanish artist – Picasso. Children will learn facts about Spain. We may even taste some churros and olives.



Indian Mandala Sugar Paintings Mandalas

have their roots in both the Hindu & Buddhist religions. A mandala is a symbol of the universe in its ideal form, and its creation signifies the transformation of a universe of suffering into one of joy.



African Masks

The masks are deeply rooted in African history and the worship of the natural world. A mask might represent a nearby river, an animal, or a family member who has died.



The Indian craft of Rangoli

Traditionally, Rangoli is an art of decoration drawn on the floor or the entrances of homes. It is thought to bring good luck, prosperity on the house and in the family, and to welcome guests.



African Artist – Edward Tingatinga

Tingatinga started the art in 1968. He employed low-cost materials such as Masonite and bicycle paint and attracted the attention of tourists for their colourful, both naïve and surrealistic style.



Cultural Diversity - School dinner

Laura, our school kitchen manager, will be cooking...

Asian Chicken curry

Vegetable curry

Jacket potato with cheese or beans

American Brownie

Our usual Friday dinner will be moved to the day before – Thursday.

Sensory Experience

Children will have the opportunity to taste a variety of foods including olives, churros. They will experience the smell of oriental flavours and incense.

While working, they may tune into the sounds of Kruger National Park and at some time in the day, each class will listen to a story told in a person's home language.



Parents and carers are welcome to pop in to enjoy activities alongside the children throughout the day. Please let the class teacher know you are coming so we can manage numbers, if necessary.

We will be holding an assembly to celebrate our work at 2:30pm. Our Eritrean families will be helping start the celebration off with music and dancing. Please do join us if you can. Each class will be sharing their work. We will take lots of photographs if you are unable to join us.

Sports Day – 28th June

All being well with the weather, sports day will take place as follows:



F1 / Nursery morning children	9:15am
F1 / Nursery afternoon children	1:15pm
F1 all day children	9:15am and 1:15pm (both sessions)
F2 / Reception	9:15am
KS1 – Year 1 and Year 2	9:15am
KS2 – Year 3, 4, 5, 6	1:15pm

Children will **all come to school in their school PE kits** – navy shorts, white t-shirt. A navy hoodie can be worn if the weather is cool. No brand labelled clothing please.

Upper KS2 Production – Joseph Wednesday 17th July 9:45am and 4pm

Our wonderful Year 5 and Year 6 children are starting to rehearse for a great performance to finish this academic year off in style. Everyone is invited to attend.

Please save the date.



St Mary's Summer Fair – Wednesday 10th July 2 – 4pm – all are welcome

Last year, we enjoyed St Mary's Summer Picnic. This year, it is time for our Summer Fair. There will be performances from each class – gymnastics, singing and music. There will be food and I am sure there will be a game or two to enjoy. More information will follow, closer to the date. Let's start praying early for sunshine!!



Trips – Ordering Packed Lunch for those who receive Free School Dinners

Going forwards, if your child is attending a school event where a packed lunch is required, please can we ask that you make the request following the [link](#) on the trip letter. This must be completed a week before the trip date so that the kitchen can ensure food is available.



Breakfast Club – Price Increase

Unfortunately, as of September, we will be increasing the price of Breakfast Club to £3.50.

Breakfast Club begins at 7:50am each morning.

