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## NEWSLETTER – July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I say this each July, but I cannot believe that we are almost at the end of the school year again! We have three weeks to go now, but there are still many events due to take place, including our Summer Fair and the Year 2 performances. I have been reading every single child's report over the last couple of weeks and it has been a pleasure to hear about all the progress, both academically but also socially and emotionally, that they have made this year. I am very proud of each and every one of them.

With regards

Mrs Sally Dreckmann

### Sports Week

Thank you so much to everyone who helped give the children such a wonderful experience in National Sports Week and for attending the Sports afternoons and cheering the children on. Thankfully the weather for Year 1's second attempt to hold their Sports afternoon was kinder and they had a lovely time last Wednesday. The results for KS1 were:

Year 1: Hedgehog - Gold; Ladybird - Silver; Butterfly - Bronze

Year 2: Sycamore - Gold; Oak - Silver; Willow - Bronze

Please do look at our website where we have put some photos of the children taking part in their sporting events.

The Year 1 children also took part in a scooter workshop in May and the Reception children had a lovely time enjoying sporting activities with Sports Leaders from Portfield Primary School on 4<sup>th</sup> June.



### Transition Day - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

A message on MCAS went out yesterday informing Reception and Year 1 families which class your child will be in next year.

The current Reception children will be mixed this year and so each family was sent an email stating which Year 1 class their child would be moving to. The current Year 1 children are moving to Year 2 in the same class groups:

Butterfly to Oak

Hedgehog to Sycamore

Ladybird to Willow

Just a reminder that the Year 2 children will walk to the Juniors and spend the day there, walking back in time for home time. Hot dinners will be provided as usual to those children who have ordered one.

### PTA News

It is not long now before our Summer Fair on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 5 - 7 pm. The PTA have planned some lovely stalls so please remember to bring your small change.



Unfortunately, they are still short of helpers for some of the stalls. If you can spare any time, either helping with setting up or with manning a stall for part of the event, please contact the

PTA or school office. Thank you! Please remember to return your raffle ticket stubs and money before the Fair. The PTA are also selling some lovely plants and tickets for the summer hampers after school this week.

#### Open Afternoon - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

You are very welcome to come into school from 2.15 p.m. so that your child can celebrate their work with you and you can see the progress that your child has made this year. This is also an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have after reading your child's end of year report; we do try and not slip into teacher talk, but if there is anything you are not sure of, please ask.

#### Year 2 Leavers' Disco

There will be a disco for the Year 2 children on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July from 4.00 - 5.15 p.m. Tickets will shortly be on sale from the office priced £2.50.

#### Outdoor Learning Day - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

The children will be enjoying an "off curriculum" play day. They will take part in exciting

activities all over the school grounds. They should come to school in non-uniform, old clothes with sensible shoes please and sun hats are essential. There will be a classroom set up with indoor activities for any of the children who do not wish to play outside.

#### Year 2 Leavers Assembly

Year 2 parents/carers are invited to attend the Leavers Assembly on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 9.00 am. Please can we ask that only two people per child attend, to limit the number of people we have in the hall (it may be that some people will need to stand due to a limited number of chairs). We are sorry but **we cannot accommodate Junior School aged siblings in the audience.**

#### Before/After School Clubs

Just a reminder that all clubs finish during the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> July. We hope to get a list of the clubs that will be running in September out to parents before we break up for the summer holidays.

### Dates for your Diary - more details to follow (New dates in **Red**)

Event	Date	Time
Year 3 Junior School Teachers to visit Year 2	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	pm
Transition Day	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	All day
'Little City' visiting Reception	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	
School Reports to go home	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	
Summer Fair	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	5 - 7 pm
Year 2 to visit Marwell Zoo	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	All day
Welcome Wednesday/Open Afternoon	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15 - 3.15 pm
<b>Design Technology Day</b>	<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>All day</b>
<b>Healthy Eating Workshop for Year 2</b>	<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>am</b>
Year 2 Concert for parents	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9.00 am (please note revised start time)</b>
Year 2 Leaver's Disco	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	4.00 - 5.15 pm
Outside Playday	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	All day
Year 2 Leaver's Assembly (for parents/carers)	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.00 am
Last day of Term	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	

Term Dates for the 2025 - 2026  
Academic Year

Term	Dates
Autumn term 2025	<b>Starts:</b> Thursday 4 September (Wed 3 is an Inset Day) <b>Half term:</b> Monday 27 to Friday 31 October <b>Ends:</b> Friday 19 December
Christmas break 2025	Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January
Spring term 2026	<b>Starts:</b> Tuesday 6 January (Monday 5 is an Inset Day) <b>Half term:</b> Monday 16 to Friday 20 February <b>Ends:</b> Friday 27 March
Easter break 2026	Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April
Summer term 2026	<b>Starts:</b> Monday 13 April <b>Half term:</b> Monday 25 to Friday 29 May <b>Ends:</b> Wednesday 22 July

Inset Dates (School closed for staff training)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

# Design Technology Day!

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July, we are having a whole school Design Technology enrichment day. The children will be completing different projects during the day and need a variety of resources.

We would really appreciate it if you have any of the following that could be donated.

## Reception

- Kitchen roll tubes
- Toilet roll tubes
- Card for rolling - A4 grey card
- Elastic bands
- Boxes - egg boxes, tissue boxes,
- Green paper
- Masking tape

## Key Stage 1

- Kitchen roll tubes
- Paper plates
- Paper cups
- Beads and buttons
- Card
- Boxes- cardboard, egg boxes, tissue boxes
- Newspaper
- Recycling (from nut free packaging)
- Masking tape
- Wool/string
- Foil



Please bring any donations to class teachers.

*Thank You*

## Water Safety Information

With summer approaching, now is a great time to be aware of water safety, particularly for children and young people. On average around 328 people a year accidentally drown around the UK, so please join us in supporting the national campaign by the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) and promote the latest water safety messages to keep children, young people and families safe this summer. Drowning is preventable, and with a little knowledge and awareness can be avoided.

Our **key message**: Always supervise children in and around water.

Whether at home or out and about, follow these top tips from RoSPA and RLSS:

### At home

These tips may be particularly useful for families with young children:

- Vigilance, supervision, and knowledge of how to help are critical, so start by identifying locations and situations that will cause harm
- Empty paddling pools as soon as they have been used and always turn paddling pools upside down once empty
- Always supervise your children around water, including bath time (never leave children unattended)
- Always use gates, fences, and locks to prevent children from gaining access to pools of water (swimming pools, ponds, any bodies of water at home)
- Securely cover all water storage tanks and drains
- Make sure products you've purchased are fit for purpose and explain any risks

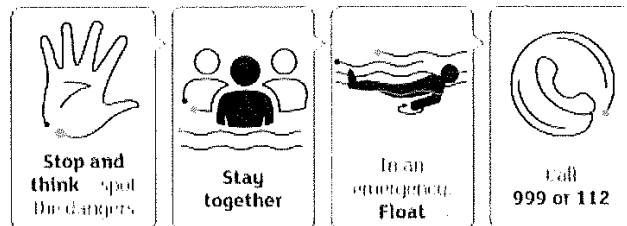
### Out and About

- Check water sites for hazards, check the safest places to swim and always read the signs
  - Understand a child's swimming abilities and confidence in water and always supervise young or less able children in and around water
  - Create a safety plan with teenagers who may be out unsupervised around water
  - Never swim in the sea when the red flag is flying
  - Inflatable dinghies or lilos are a well-known hazard – do not use them in open water
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Always follow the water safety code:

## Water Safety Code



### FREE water safety resources

WSCC Summer Safety: [Keeping safe this summer - West Sussex County Council](#)

RLSS water safety at home: [Splash Safety at Your Pad - Water Safety at Home](#)

RLSS water safety: <https://www.rlss.org.uk/Pages/Category/water-safety-information>

RoSPA water safety: <https://www.rospace.com/water-safety>

Top Five Beach Safety Tips for family safety (RNLI)

Float To Live – What To Do In An Emergency – RNLI

Coastal Safety [HM Coastguard UK | To search, to rescue, to save](#)

### Resources for Schools/clubs

Water safety ([pshe-association.org.uk](https://www.pshe-association.org.uk))

[Schools/community groups, Leisure Centre/Swimming clubs and SEND education resources \(RLSS\)](#)

### Suggested social media posts.

Does your child know how to stay safe around water? Give children the skills to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water with the Royal Life Saving Society UK's free water safety resources – [Water Safety Advice \(rlss.org.uk\)](#) #EnjoyWaterSafely

Follow the Code! Children are naturally curious and often drawn to water, so always supervise your child in and around water and follow the Water Safety Code - [The Water Safety Code \(rlss.org.uk\)](#) #EnjoyWaterSafely