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Dates for your Diary

May
Friday 22nd - The Nest Waterways Experience
Monday 25th – Friday 29th Half Term

June
Friday 5th – Monday 8th Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 17th – Enterprise Day
Monday 22nd – Wednesday 24th Year 4/5 Residential

July
Friday 3rd Sports Day
Wednesday 8th International Day/Open Evening
Thursday 9th Transition Day
Thursday 16th Reception Graduation 9.30am
Thursday 16th Year 2 Graduation 2.00pm
Monday 20th Whole School Trip
Tuesday 21st Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am – DATE CHANGE
Tuesday 21st Last Day of Summer Term 1.15pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Smart Watches

After much consideration and consultation with the Local Authority and other local primary schools.

We have come to the decision that because mobile phone and smart watch technology has advanced significantly over the last few years and continues to evolve. Many phones and smart watches now offer internet and e-mail access, alongside standard functions of messaging, camera, video and sound recording.

Smartwatches are therefore not permitted to be worn to school, as staff are unable to monitor them closely enough to ensure they are being used appropriately.

However, in line with our passion for helping children to tell the time, a standard analogue or digital wrist watch may be worn.

Walk to School Week 18th to 22nd May 2026

We're delighted to announce that our school will be taking part in **Walk to School Week** this May!

This is a fantastic opportunity to encourage healthy habits, reduce congestion around the school, and help lower carbon emissions – all while making the journey to school more fun.

Walking or wheeling to school has so many benefits: it boosts physical and mental wellbeing, helps children arrive alert and ready to learn, and supports a cleaner, greener environment.

How you can help:

- Encourage your child to **walk or wheel to school** as often as possible during the week.
- If walking the whole way isn't practical, try a **'Park and Stride'** – park a short distance from school and walk or wheel the last part of the journey.

To make things even more exciting, **each class will be running a friendly competition** to see who can walk or wheel the most during the week. The winning class will enjoy **extra break time** as a reward! So, remember to tell your child how many miles you walked that day.

ESafety

Children in our school, should not have access to social media platforms such as Snap Chat and Whats App and it is not the school's responsibility to deal incidents that happen on these.

In our policy, it does state the below.

Support: Support the school in promoting online safety and responsible AI use at home.

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Monitoring: Monitor pupils' online activity at home and set appropriate boundaries.

Education: Educate pupils about online safety and responsible AI use.

Reporting: Report any concerns about online safety or AI use to the relevant authorities.

We do have the PSCO visiting Year 5 next week, to speak to them about the importance of being safe online.

May Half Term Holiday Club Days

We are pleased to announce that Brockswood Primary School will be running a May Half Term Holiday Club on the following dates:
Wednesday 27th, 9.00am – 3.00pm
Thursday 28th, 9.00am – 3.00pm

The club will offer a variety of engaging activities including Forest Schools, sports, games, and crafts, providing a fun and enriching experience for all children.

The cost for the club is £12.50 per child, per day. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch and a water bottle each day. Children should also be dressed appropriately for the weather to fully enjoy the outdoor activities. It is available to book via Arbor in Clubs, bookings can be made up until Friday 22nd May.

We look forward to welcoming your child to what promises to be an enjoyable and stimulating holiday club.

Whole School Trip Hertfordshire Zoo

The years whole school trip is on Monday 20th July at Hertfordshire Zoo, where we will enjoy the animals and dinosaur trail.

The children will be travelling to Hertfordshire Zoo by coach leaving school at 9:00am and returning at 3.00pm. For this trip, we have heavily subsidised the transport and activities but we do require a contribution of £24.00 per child.

The children will need to come to school on that Monday, with a waterproof jacket, a sunhat, a snack, a water bottle and their packed lunch, all carried in a named plastic bag or small back pack. If your child receives free school meals and you would like them to have a free school cheese packed lunch, please let the school office know.

Please apply sun cream at home (if it is appropriate on that morning). They will need to wear black bottoms or leggings with their school uniform polo shirt and jumper/cardigan and appropriate footwear.

We are sure that the day will be fun-filled, with the whole school coming together; enjoying themselves, having fun.

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Residential Payments & Medical Questionnaires

We have the Year 4&5 and Year 6 Residential coming up, please remember that full payment for these does need to be made by the end of May.

Celebrating Attendance – In it to Win it

Please remember that in the summer term we will be celebrating attendance. Each week, those that have attended school for the whole week, will be entered into a prize draw, those that are pulled out will attend Treat Tuesday with Mrs Dalton.

This weeks in it to Win it Winners are;

Kade - Nursery
Tiana – Reception
Viktoria – Year 1
Sloane – Year 2
Grace P – Year 3
Kingsley – Year 4
Rudhran – Year 5
Max – Year 6

Congratulations to all those children that achieved 100% attendance this week!

Party Invites

Party invitations will not be given out by school staff. Invitations should be handed out by the children at the end of the day or by parents/carers at Drop off/Pick up. I appreciate how exciting it is having a Birthday Party, however, it can also create dissapointement and upset if not all children are invited, this has been presenting challenging situations for teaching staff to manage.

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