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Dates for your Diary

July
Tuesday 14th – Year 5/6 Production Dress Rehearsal @ 14.00 Astley Cooper
Wednesday 15th – Year 5/6 Production @ 17.00
Thursday 16th Reception Graduation 9.30am
Thursday 16th Year 2 Graduation 2.00pm
Friday 17th – Break the Rules Day
Monday 20th Whole School Trip
Tuesday 21st Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am – DATE CHANGE
Tuesday 21st Last Day of Summer Term 1.15pm

September
Friday 4th 1st Day of Autumn Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term, things become increasingly busy, with so much happening across the school.

We always do our very best to make everything run smoothly and to provide the children with a wide range of exciting activities and experiences, while sharing as much as possible with you all.

We kindly ask for your patience and understanding during this busy time. We are all human, and while we always strive to get everything right, there may occasionally be times when things don't go exactly as planned. Thank you for your continued kindness and support—it is greatly appreciated.

Weather conditions

DFE guidance for health alerts, hot weather and keeping children safe.

With temperatures rising and heat warnings in place this week, we're reminding schools and education settings of the guidance on managing hot weather and heatwaves.

The DfE emergency planning guidance includes severe weather. This states that during severe weather conditions, you should keep your setting open and let as many pupils attend as possible, where safe to do so. School leaders should take practical steps to keep children safe and comfortable in school.
To help keep everyone safe and comfortable during the hot weather, we have put a range of practical measures in place across the school. These include:

- Allowing children to wear non-uniform clothing to help them stay cool.
- Regularly reminding children to wear sun hats and apply sun cream before and during the school day, where appropriate.
- Ensuring children have access to drinking water throughout the day and encouraging them to drink regularly.
- Providing shaded and indoor areas for children during break and lunchtime, including while eating.
- Encouraging the use of handheld manual or battery-operated fans.
- Adapting lessons and reducing vigorous physical activity during the hottest parts of the day.
- Providing supervised water play activities where appropriate to help children cool down.

The health and wellbeing of our children and staff remains our priority. We will continue to monitor the weather closely and adapt our plans as needed to ensure everyone remains safe while still enjoying their time at school.

Meal Balances

Please remember to settle any outstanding school meal balances before the end of term.

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Graduations

Please remember we have the Reception and Year 2 Graduations on Thursday 16th.

You do not require a ticket to attend these events, and there is no limit on the number of family members who can join us. However, we do ask that you are mindful of the space and the experience of others.

Younger siblings are very welcome to attend. If they become unsettled during the performance, we may kindly ask you to step outside for a few moments until they have settled. This is simply to ensure that all families have the opportunity to hear and enjoy their child's performance.

Break the Rules Day

On Friday the 17th July, it is Break the Rules Day in school for a donation of £1.00, children can break the rules for one day only.
For example: the rules you could break are;

- No Coloured Hair
- No Juice in water bottles
- No Football Shirts
- No Tattoos
- No Chocolate or Sweets for snack

Personal Details on Arbor

Please take the time you check your child's Arbor profile and update any details that are out of date.

Medication

Any medication in school will sent home with your child on the last day of term.

School will be open from 9.30-2.30 on Wednesday 2rd and Thursday 3rd September for you to return new medication and updated medical information ready for the next academic year.

No child with Asthma or severe allergies will be able to return to school without having their medication on-site.

Summer Holiday Club

We are pleased to confirm the dates below for the Summer Holiday Club, this is now available on Arbor.

Weds 5th and Thurs 6th August
Weds 12 and Thurs 13th August
Weds 19th And Thurs 20th August
Weds 26th and Thurs 27th August

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Each session runs from 9.00am - 3.00pm @ £12.50 per session per child.

Children will need to be dressed appropriately for the weather and have a packed lunch and water bottle with them.

Parking
PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE, do not park on Coleridge Crescent or on the main road, when dropping off and collecting from school. We have had reports of near misses, a blocked Ambulance and driveways. This is understandably frustrating and upsetting for neighbours and we need to work together in keeping our wider community safe. Please use Sainsburys to park your car when dropping and collecting children from school. Thank you**.**

Join the Summer Reading Challenge: *Read to the Beat!*
This summer, we would encourage all our pupils to take part in the **Summer Reading Challenge 2026 – Read to the Beat!** Participation is free through your local library, or online https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/#online

Children can enjoy a wide range of books, activities, and challenges designed to keep them reading throughout the summer break, earning rewards and badges and playing games as they go.

We would love to see as many of our pupils as possible taking part. Reading regularly helps children maintain and develop their literacy skills, preparing them for a successful start to the new school year.
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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.

The Nest and Blossom, are looking for donations of buggy's to assist the children for this trip, if you have an old one that you no longer use, it would be much appreciated.

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Celebrating Attendance – In it to Win it
This weeks in it to Win it Winners are;
Elsie – Reception
River – Year 1
Kenzi – Year 2
Albie – Year 3
Arvi – Year 4
Jake– Year 5
Sami – Year 6

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

Year 5/6 Production - The Wizard of Oz @ Astley Cooper School
Tickets are now on sale via the School Shop in Arbor.

Maple, Pips, Acorns, The Nest and Blossom - Will watch the production at school on Friday 10th July.

Tuesday 14th July - Afternoon Dress Rehearsal @ 14:.00 (younger siblings welcome).

Year 5/6 Children will be walking to Astley Cooper be back at Brockswood for collection @ 16:00, if you are not watching the show.

Cherry, Beech, and Willow – Will walk to Astley Cooper on the 14th July to watch the Dress Rehearsal and all children will be back at school for 16:00.

Wednesday 15th July- Evening Performance (No under 5's) 17:30 (we have considered the world cup semi-final and will be finished by 19:30). Children should be at Astley Cooper for 17.00. There will be an interval during the performance where sweets, drinks and keyrings can be purchased, please bring cash with you.

Warmest wishes.

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