

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

DATE: FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2026



A very happy Friday!

It's been a very creative week this week at St Rose as the children and staff designed their t-shirts for World Book Day. It was wonderful to see the children taking their time and thinking carefully about what book they wanted to design. The fashion show clearly identified some designers of the future. Thank you to all the parents for providing t-shirts. We were very lucky to be able to provide t-shirts for anyone that hadn't been able to bring one in, thanks to the generosity of a very past pupil who donated some money towards the school before we broke up for the half term. We hope the children enjoyed the day. More photos will be available in the end of term newsletter.

Next week, we'll be popping on our walking shoes to take part in 'The Big Lent Walk'. This has now become an annual event and the whole school will walk around the block each day from Monday to Thursday. If you see us, give us a wave and show your support. If that weren't enough, a group of 30 children, along with 4 members of staff, will be sleeping over in the school hall on Friday night. The Big Sleepout is an awareness evening, as well as a fun experience for KS2 children, to help them understand what life may be like as someone who has no choice to sleep on the streets. Their experience raises money for SIFA Fireside, an important Birmingham homeless charity. Well done to everyone!

A message from your teachers

Class	Teachers	Message from your teachers
Nursery	Mrs Khan, Mrs Muhsen & Mrs Baxter	Well, done nursery! Nursery had such an amazing time doing all their activities for World Book Day! They enjoyed dressing up, decorating their t-shirts and even joining in the fashion show what a wonderful way to celebrate the love for books and reading.
Reception	Mrs Shaw, Miss Humphries & Mrs Kalsi	It has been a busy week this week in Reception! Yesterday, on World Book Day, we had great fun designing our own book t-shirts, making porridge for the three bears, creating our own wooden spoon characters and making the Gruffalo's knobbly knees cornflake cakes. In Maths we have been finding number pairs to 10. In Understanding of the World we learnt that King Charles III lives in many castles and palaces around the UK.
Year 1	Miss Mapother & Mrs Jones	Well done on a lovely week Year 1, you have worked hard in RE and maths! Well done on a great day celebrating World Book Day! Have a lovely weekend and keep doing homework!
Year 2	Miss Elliot & Mrs Barnett	Year 2 have had a fantastic week celebrating World Book Day! The children fully immersed themselves in all the activities, showing great enthusiasm for reading, storytelling, and exploring a range of wonderful books. It has been lovely to see their excitement and creativity throughout the week.
Year 3	Mr Galligan & Mrs Deocades	Year 3 have been busy this week in all areas of the curriculum. From creating their own Ancient Egyptian paper, to seeing how friction works in science. The children have started gymnastics in PE, which is great to see so many of the class get excited for this. A huge well done to the children who became a homework hero last week and received 20 green house points each. Your hard work is greatly appreciated. Keep it up 😊.
Year 4	Mrs Mohan, Mrs Hickman & Miss Plant	We've had another fantastic week here in Year 4. They have been working incredibly hard this week, especially in our decimals maths lessons. We also had a fantastic PE lesson focusing on gymnastics- there are some very talented gymnasts in Year 4. A highlight of this week was world book day. The children loved every minute of it and created some fantastic t-shirts showing their favourite books and authors. Well done Year 4.
Year 5	Mrs Hensman, Mrs Edgington & Mrs Finnegan	Well done on another amazing week Year 5. You have provided us with some insightful discussions through our lessons on children's rights, along with brilliant artwork for your T-shirt designs. A great week again!
Year 6	Mr McNamara, Mr Clewer & Mr Lahert	This week we have been extremely impressed with year 6's willingness to learn whether it is a large turnout at our booster club sessions or the drastic increase in homework; year 6 have shown that they are a dedicated team. Keep up the great work!
After School Clubs	Mr Read	Well done to the children for their first week back! We've already begun to have lots of fun in the clubs, so please come and join us as we still have places available in the following clubs: Monday: Mixed Football for Years 3, 4 and 5 Thursday: Basketball for KS2

Important information for the week ahead

Monday 9 th March	Tuesday 10 th March	Wednesday 11 th March	Thursday 12 th March	Friday 13 th March
Big Lent Walk 8.50am – 9.20am	Big Lent Walk 8.50am – 9.20am	Big Lent Walk 8.50am – 9.20am	Big Lent Walk 8.50am – 9.20am	Celebration Assembly 8.45am in the hall
		Whole School Mass 10am in the Church	Toy Swap	
		Parent Consultation Afternoon		
				The BIG Sleepout

Star of the Week



We've all thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day, so it seemed only right to celebrate the children who embraced every moment, demonstrated a true love and learning and put lots of effort into their T-shirt designs. The following children shone brightly in their class today and are our 'World Book Day' stars of the week. Well done everyone!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Pierre	Evan	Kayden	Hennes	Olly	Olivia	Renaye	Ayah

Homework Heroes

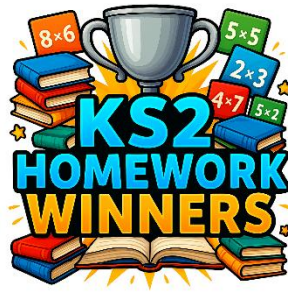


Homework Heroes have been introduced across the school, from Nursery to Year 6. This is a way of celebrating those children who consistently complete all of their homework, every day. In each class, those children who are able to do this, receive an automatic 20 house points and receive a 'Homework Hero' certificate to recognise their achievement.

In addition, the classes are now in competition to become the 'Homework Hero' class. The children in EYFS and KS1 are battling against each other, whilst all the KS2 classes are now in competition. The winning team will automatically have their housepoints doubled and receive the Housepoint Hero Trophy (Ks2) or Homework Hedgehog (EYFS & KS1), to take pride of place in their classroom for the week. This week's winning classes are:



Nursery &
Year 2



Year 6

Catholic Life at St Rose



Catholic Virtues for Spring 2: **Intentional** and **Prophetic**

The Catholic Virtues for Spring 2 give the chance to do good things on purpose and to show God's love for others.

At St Rose, we can be **intentional** by choosing to use kind words, praying, listening to Jesus and helping someone. We can be **prophetic** by showing God's love through telling the truth, standing up for someone, sharing hope and encouragement and by being brave when doing the right thing.



THE BIG LENT WALK Lent calendar 2026 **CAFOD** A better world needs all of us

Week:	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
M	23 February	2 March	9 March	16 March	23 March	30 March
T	24 February	3 March	10 March	17 March	24 March	31 March
W	Ash Wednesday 25 February	4 March	11 March	18 March	25 March	1 April
T	19 February	26 February	5 March	12 March	19 March	Maundy Thursday
F	20 February	CAFOD Fast Day 6 March	13 March	20 March	27 March	Good Friday
					Easter Saturday	Easter Sunday

As we move into the third week of Lent, we think about the themes of growth, repentance and receiving a 'second chance' to turn towards God. It's a time to turn away from bad choices and seek forgiveness. It's a time to share, be kind and pray.

If you want to complete a '[Lent Calendar](#)' with your children during Lent. Simply click on the image to access each day.

In addition, there is a [Lent Family Pack](#) and [Lent Game](#) that you can also do with your children. Click on the links to access them.

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word is available for you to access below. Click on the image to access this week's copy.

Our Lady & St Rose of Lima Parish Church News

THE WORD SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL **A Gift to You & Your Family from Your Catholic School**

Dear Parents and Carers, Wednesday 4th March 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel we have a witty dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman drawing water at the well, where each seems to be teasing the other. Water is a sign of life. The 'living water' is the sign of everything that Jesus offers us to satisfy our need of God's love and guidance. With its serious message, this Sunday's Gospel is a lovely example of Jesus' willingness to engage with people just as they are - and that includes us too!

God has no favourites; we are all loved equally by God. The season of Lent presents a great opportunity for us to enter afresh into the living and nourishing water of God's love which surpasses any food or drink.

Enjoy hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's words, which are **God's LOVE**.

Don Henry Glasborough

"God's love is a spring of living water which flows constantly into the hearts of those who pray." St Louis de Montfort

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 8th March 2026

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar and, tired by the journey, sat straight down at Jacob's well. A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." She was taken by surprise because Jesus and Samaritans rarely spoke to each other. She replied, "What? You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink of water when Jesus and Samaritans don't have anything to do with each other?" Jesus replied: "If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: 'Give me a drink,' you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water." "You have no bucket, sir," she answered, "and the well is deep: how could you get this living water?" Jesus replied: "Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again, but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will flow into a spring inside them, welling up to eternal life." "Sir," said the woman, "give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty again."

Adapted from John 4:5-15, 19-26, 29-42 The 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

Family Time Prayer & Share Overleaf

Good News for Everyone

The living water which Jesus talks about in this Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the powerful way that God's love flows into people when they are baptised. As we hear of Jesus' love for people throughout the Gospel stories, we can be certain of God's love for each one of us today.

BORN for THIS

25 MARCH 2026

Symphony Hall, Birmingham

Secure your tickets: bmusic.co.uk

Saturday Meetings for parents and children preparing for the sacraments

Our next meeting is on

7th March 10 am at St Peters

How precious is the family, as the privileged place for transmitting the faith! Pope Francis

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7th March 10 am at St Peters

Confirmation



Sunday Mass Times

8.45am: Mass at St Peters 11.30am: Mass at St Rose

Parish Newsletter [Click here for the full parish newsletter](#)

WORLD BOOK DAY

5 MARCH 2026

World Book Day 2026

Did you know?

Children who read 20 minutes per day are exposed to approximately 1.8 million words per year.

Children who read 5 minutes per day see around 282,000 words per year.

Children who read 1 minute per day see only about 8,000 words per year.

Weoley Castle Library Opening Times

Monday: 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 6pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: closed
Thursday: 9am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm
Friday: 9am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm
Saturday: 9am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm



In the classrooms of Our Lady and St Rose of Lima today,

Something magical seemed on its way.

Pencils and felts were busy at work,
Designing book T-shirts with colour and quirk.

Heroes and dragons, mysteries too,
Stories of friendship, adventures anew.
Each shirt a window to worlds far away,
Worn with pride on this wonderful day.

Imagination sparkled, creativity flowed,
Excitement and chatter buzzed down every road.
Teachers and children together could see
The joy that lives in a story well-read.

In the library, cosy and bright,
Children curled up with books held tight.
Pages were turning, whispers were low,
While warm cups of hot chocolate began to glow.

Some visited Starbooks for stories and cheer,
Choosing a tale they'd treasure all year.
Others played quizzes with questions to test
Which book-loving teams would come out the best.

Laughter and learning filled every nook,
All thanks to the magic inside a good book.
From morning to home time the message was clear—
Reading's a winner when World Book Day is here.

So at Our Lady and St Rose of Lima we say,
What a brilliant, book-filled day!
For in every classroom, every reader could see:
The greatest adventure is literacy.

PLEASE DO NOT WASH THE T-SHIRTS!

The t-shirts have been designed with felt tip pens so the design will run if you wash it. These are mementos of World Book Day 2026.

Attendance at St Rose

Well done to Year 3 for having the highest attendance last week!

Here is the attendance for Spring 2 Week 1

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
88.6%	95.9%	90%	92.8%	97.9%	85.9%	82%	83.9%

Every day matters

For your child to make the progress they deserve, they need to be in school.

As a school, this is something we monitor closely and is a high priority for us each academic year. Whilst odd days off may not seem significant, they do impact your child's learning. Unless your child is really poorly, please ensure they are in school and ready to learn. This will give your child the best chance of achieving their full potential.

ATTENDANCE

Why is it so important?



Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The government states that every child's attendance should be at least 95%.

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Absent
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	340 lessons

Punctuality

Being on time for school is crucial for your child!

If your child is late, this will affect their overall attendance and results in them missing some key tasks that will help them practise skills they have been taught in their lessons.

- Our school day starts at 8.30am.
- The registers are taken at 8.40am.
- Anyone arriving after 8.40am is classed as late.

If your child arrives after this time, they will already have missed some crucial work in the morning.

Please allow sufficient time to get to school so that your child can get the best start to their school day!



Don't be late like the White Rabbit - be on time each day!

Our school day

Gates open at 8.25am
School starts at 8.30am
Registers close at 8.40am

EYFS school day finishes at 3.20pm
All other children finish at 3.30pm
Friday - school finishes at 1.00pm

Daily Homework

At St Rose we believe daily practise of Maths skills, along with daily reading are vital parts of your child's education. This is the only homework we set your children and should take a maximum of 20 minutes each day. It is an expectation of ALL children as we want ALL our children to have the greatest opportunity to achieve to their full potential.

Daily practise of either Numbots (KS1) and TTRS (KS2) will help your children to be fluent in their number facts and times tables, essential tools for their Maths lessons.

Daily reading will not only help your child become a fluent reader, but it will also instil a love of reading that provides them with a wider range of vocabulary and a more vivid

What daily homework does my child have?

Nursery & Reception:



Daily reading

Years 1 & 2



Daily Numbots (5 minutes) and daily reading

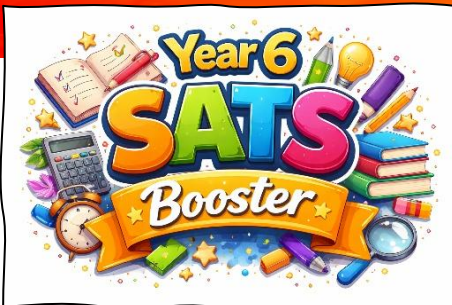
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6



Daily TTRS (10 minutes) and daily reading



All reading should be logged on Boom Reader



Mr McNamara and Mr Clewer will be running a Year 6 'SATS Booster' after school club each Monday from 3.30 - 4.15pm. Starting in Week 1, this will provide the children with valuable revision time, ahead of their SATs in Summer 1

After School Clubs - Spring 2



Next half term, there has been a slight change to the After School Clubs. If your child wants to take part, please ensure you return the letter as soon as possible. Text messages will be sent confirming whether your child has a place.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Football (Years 3, 4 & 5)	KS1 Fundamental skills	Mixed Ball Skills (Years 1 - 6)	KS2 Basketball
Year 6 Booster	Lighthouse Group		Choir

Lent Charity Work



LENT EVENTS COMING UP!

Friday 2nd February
Wear Purple Day



Friday 6th March
Own Clothes Day
for the Big Easter Raffle

Mon 9th - Thurs 12th
The Big Lent Walk



Thursday 12th March
Toy Swap



Friday 13th March
The Big Sleepout

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Friday 20th March
Own Clothes Day for Acorns
Children's Hospice



Collections for Father Hudsons



Friday 27th March
Family Fast Day



Easter Bonnet &
Display Event!



Important Information



Year 5 School Trip

Year 5 are the next class to go on their curriculum trip... and it's a good one! Please check your Parent Pay and ensure your payments are made in advance of the trip!

Black Country Museum Trip
Wednesday 18th March



HELP!

Our lost property collection seems to be multiplying by the week!

We now have a ridiculous number of jumpers and cardigans that need to go back to their homes.

ALL the lost property will be laid out in the main playground on Monday. Please come and see if some of it belongs to your child!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Carroll and Mrs Hensman



The BIG Lent Walk

The staff and children of St Rose are once again putting our walking shoes on to show our support for the CAFOD Big Lent Walk.

From Monday 9th - Thursday 12th March, we'll be walking around the block as a team, and it would be lovely if you could show your support.

The children and staff will start walking from school at 8.50am and we'll be out for approximately 30 minutes.

Please give us a cheer and a wave when if you see us!



Stay and Pray

The Year 3 Stay and Pray session has had to be postponed due to the Big Lent Walk. Please note, the next Stay and Pray is Thursday 19th March when Year 2 will be leading the prayer service.

Keeping your child safe online

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.

2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.

3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.

4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authorly and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.

5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.

6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.

8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like PolyIno and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.

9 RECONNECT

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.

10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

Meet Our Expert

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Spring Term Key Dates

January

Tuesday 6th January

- Children return to school at 8.30am

Wednesday 7th January

- Year 6 Parent Workshop

Thursday 8th January

- Year 5 Parent Workshop

Thursday 15th January

- Year 3 Parent Workshop

Wednesday 22nd January

- Year 2 Parent Workshop

Thursday 22nd January

- Year 1 Parent Workshop

Wednesday 28th January

- Reception Parent Workshop

Thursday 29th January

- Year 1 Trip to the Think Tank Museum
- Nursery Parent Workshop

February

Wednesday 4th February

- Year 4 Parent Workshop

Thursday 5th February

- Year 6 Stay and Pray

Thursday 12th February

Year 5 Stay and Pray postponed

Friday 13th February

- Children break up at 1pm

Monday 23rd February

- Children return to school at 8.30am

Tuesday 24th February

- One Life Retreat Day

Thursday 26th February

- Year 4 Stay and Pray

Years 3 & 4 Swimming

Monday 19th - 20th January AND
Monday 26th - 27th January

March

Thursday 5th March

- World Book Day

Thursday 12th March

Year 3 Stay and Pray postponed due to Big Lent Walk

Wednesday 11th March

- Parent Consultation Afternoon

Wednesday 18th March

- Year 5 Trip to Black Country Living Museum

Thursday 19th March

- Year 2 Stay and Pray

Thursday 26th March

- Year 1 Stay and Pray

Friday 27th March

- Children break up at 1pm

World Book Day

For World Book Day this year, EVERYONE will need to bring in a cheap plain white t-shirt!

WORLD BOOK DAY





Summer Term Key Dates

April

Tuesday 14th April

- Children return to school at 8.30am

Thursday 16th April

- Year 2 Trip to Mount Pleasant Farm
- Year 6 Stay and Pray

Thursday 23rd April

- Reception Trip to Tamworth Castle
- Year 5 Stay and Pray

Thursday 30th April

- Year 4 Stay and Pray

Test Dates

- KS2 SATs: 11th - 14th May
- KS1 SATs: Throughout May
- Year 1 Phonics: w/c 8th June
- Year 4 Multiplication: w/c 1st June

Years 1 & 2 Swimming



Monday 13th - Friday 17th April AND
Monday 20th - Friday 24th April

May

Monday 4th May

- Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 7th May

- Election Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 14th May

- Year 4 Trip to Botanical Gardens
- Year 3 Stay and Pray

Tuesday 19th May

- Year 3 Trip to Warwick Castle

Thursday 21st May

- Year 2 Stay and Pray

Friday 22nd May

- Children break up at 1pm

Summer Fair



Thursday 9th July
ADVANCE NOTICE

School will close at 3pm to
allow all the staff to run stalls
at the Summer Fair

June

Monday 1st June

- Children return to school at 8.30am

Tuesday 2nd June

- KS2 Sports Day (TBC)

Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th June

- Year 5 & 6 Residential to Alton Castle

Thursday 11th June

- Year 1 Stay and Pray

Thursday 18th June

- Nursery Trip to Ash End Farm
- Reception Stay and Pray

July

Wednesday 1st July

- Transition Day

Thursday 2nd July

- Nursery Stay and Pray

Monday 6th - Friday 10th July

- Healthy Living Week

Wednesday 8th July

- Charity Day

Thursday 9th July

- EYFS Sports Day 9.00 - 10.00am
- KS1 Sports Day 10.30 - 11.30am
- Summer Fair 3.00 - 4.30pm

Wednesday 15th July

- Year 6 Leaver's Mass (TBC)

Thursday 16th July

- Year 6 Leaver's Performance 2.00pm

Friday 17th July

- Children break up at 1pm