

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

DATE: FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2026



A happy Friday to you all and a very happy Eid Mubarak to all our staff and children, who are celebrating with their families today! It's hard to believe that week 4 is over and we are now entering into the final week of term. Time really has flown by this half term and we are all very relieved that the sunshine has finally made an appearance, to brighten our spirits just in time for Easter. Well done to all the children this week for working so hard in their assessments. These really are a time to shine and demonstrate the talents that God has given to them. We are all delighted with their progress. Next week, we have a very busy week as we reflect on Holy Week in school. The classes in KS2 will be sharing prayer sessions focused on the key events of the week, and the children will be learning different aspects of Jesus' final week. These lessons always provide the children with the chance to reflect on this important week in the liturgical calendar and demonstrate their understanding in creative ways. Next week also sees the Easter Bonner / Display competition come to fruition, along with the Pupil Leadership Team's, 'St Rose has got Talent' show. Well done to everyone who has taken part in either event, your creativity has brought many smiles to our faces this week. Good luck to everyone who is in the final!

A message from your teachers

Class	Teachers	Message from your teachers
Nursery	Mrs Khan, Mrs Muhsen & Mrs Baxter	Well done to Nursery for another amazing week! We have lots of exciting things coming up. Don't forget to send in your Easter bonnets before the 27th for a chance to win a fantastic prize. We'll also be holding some wonderful Easter raffles you can get the tickets for £1!
Reception	Mrs Shaw, Miss Humphries & Mrs Kalsi	This week in Reception we have been assessing the progress that the children have made so far this year. We are pleased with what we have seen so far. In R.E this week we have focusing on making good choices and through the story of the Prodigal Son, we have learnt how God forgives us. In Understanding of the World we have learnt all about the Coronation of King Charles III. The children enjoyed making Coronation crowns and building Westminster Abbey. Please remember to read with your child every night, complete the weekly phonics homework and login to NumBots.
Year 1	Miss Mapother & Mrs Jones	Well done on a great week this week Year 1, you did great work in your assessments and your Phonics Big Challenge, we are so proud! You blew us away with your RE work too, you are amazing! Keep doing your homework! Well done!
Year 2	Miss Elliot & Mrs Barnett	Year 2 have had a fabulous week enjoying the sunshine and the first signs of spring. They have made us incredibly proud with their determination and hard work during assessment week. Please be reminded that this week marked the final Forest School session for Year 2.
Year 3	Mr Galligan & Mrs Decades	Year 3 have worked extremely hard in their assessments this week. They have all given their best efforts. In the afternoon, we have explored rivers all across the globe in class and explored forces and magnets in more detail. Forest school starts again for year 3 starting next week carrying over easter half term. Please ensure your child has the correct and appropriate clothing for this. Have a great weekend!
Year 4	Mrs Mohan, Mrs Hickman & Miss Plant	Year 4 have had a wonderful week! We have had assessment week, and the children have tried their very best in each assessment and as a result have all done incredibly well! We are so pleased that this has shown all their hard work they have put in this year. In our art lessons we have continued creating fantastic monuments in pairs. They have worked so well together and have created some very individual pieces. Forest school starts again next Thursday 26th. Children will need to come in their own clothes that are appropriate for forest school. Just a reminder to continue with daily boom reader and TTRS.
Year 5	Mrs Hensman, Mrs Edgington & Mrs Finnegan	A huge well done to year 5 this week. Not only did they do fabulously in their assessments and worked really hard to complete them in two days, but they were also brilliant at The Black Country Museum on Wednesday. We were very lucky and the sun truly shone on us, which made us all very happy to be outside learning about the past. Well done year 5!
Year 6	Mr McNamara, Mr Clewer & Mr Lahert	Well done to all of Year 6! This week has been a tricky one with assessments, but the children have persevered and worked hard. With SATs just around the corner, we think now is the best time for your children to really think at home about what they need to work on. Work hard, but enjoy it as well. Keep up the great work

Important information for the week ahead

Monday 23 rd March	Tuesday 24 th March	Wednesday 25 th March	Thursday 26 th March	Friday 27 th March
Year 3 Celebration of the Word – Palm Sunday	Year 4 Celebration of the Word – the Cleansing of the Temple	Whole School Mass 10am in the hall	Year 5 Celebration of the Word – Maundy Thursday	Celebration Assembly 8.45am in the hall
			St Rose has got Talent	Year 6 Celebration of the Word – Good Friday
			Easter Bonnet Exhibition after school	CAFOD Family Fast Day
			CABfest Sports Competition The Factory 3.30 – 5.00	Children break up for the Easter holidays at 1.00pm

Star of the Week



This week, the staff were carefully looking at their classes to see who has given 100% and tried really hard in their assessments. This wasn't about the person who achieved the highest mark, but the person who tried really hard and made great progress since their last assessments.

Well done to all the children for working so hard this week, but a special well done for our stars, who really shone and should be really proud of themselves.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Luca	Reign	Abiel	Storm	Coban	Riley	Neve	Nazila

Homework Heroes



Our Homework Heroes are those children who consistently complete all of their homework, every day. In each class, those children who can do this, receive an automatic 20 house points and receive a 'Homework Hero' certificate to recognise their achievement. *The children in EYFS and KS1 need the support of their parents, to help ensure their reading is logged onto Boom Reader. Please help them become a 'Homework Hero.'*

Well done to the following children in each class who were homework heroes this week.

Nursery: Charlie, Finley and Mason

Year 3: Francis, Cadence, Nahom, Kachimra, Callum, Russell, Kaleab and Avery

Reception: Alarna, Calyx, Liia and Harper

Year 4: Savva, Nayab, Emmanuel, Miah and Evelina

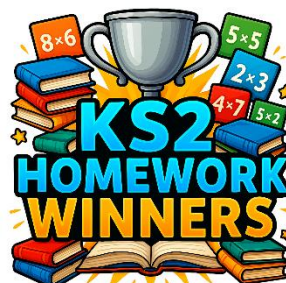
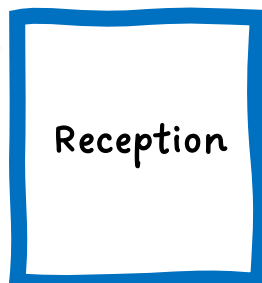
Year 1: Avery and Stephen

Year 5: Luke, Valentina, Nicholas, Teddy, Angel, Sienna, Nathan, Anayah and Tori

Year 2: Olivia and Belluchi

Year 6: Ayah, Blaine, Ebony, Emilia, Jenilia, Leila, Nazila, Salimata and Tiwa

The Winning classes are therefore as follows:



Catholic Life at St Rose



Loving God,

As we remember Jesus raising Lazarus to new life, fill our family with hope.

Help us to trust in you, even in difficult times, and to believe in your power to bring new life.

Guide us to be kind, loving, and forgiving each day.

As we prepare for Easter, help us to follow Jesus and share hope with others.

Amen.



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

This Sunday marks the fifth Sunday in Lent, and the Gospel features the story of Lazarus' resurrection. It is a time when we focus on new life as we prepare for Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. This Sunday is the beginning of 'Passiontide', the time when we start to focus on the Passion of Jesus, before Palm Sunday.

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

Saturday Meetings for parents and children preparing for the sacraments

Our next meeting is on **21st March 10 am at St Peters**

How Precious is the Family, as the Privileged Place for Transmitting the Faith - Pope Francis

Parish Newsletter

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

Sunday Mass Times

8.45am:
11.30am:

Mass at St Peters
Mass at St Rose



Attendance at St Rose

Well done to Year 5 for having the highest attendance last week!

Here is the attendance for Spring 2 Week 3

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.1%	96.7%	96.3%	95.9%	97.6%	96.9%	97.7%	90.3%

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

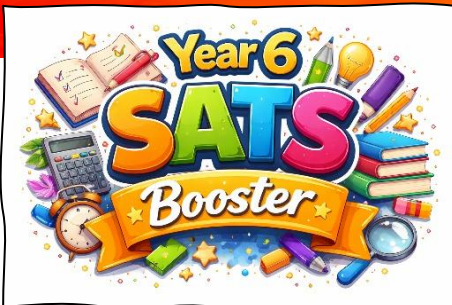
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6



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



We apologise for having to cancel the sports after school clubs this week. Sadly, this was due to unforeseen circumstances. We understand how disappointing this is for the children, so these clubs will continue into Summer 1, to allow them to have the maximum time.

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

This is Bailey –

Mrs Edgington’s daughter!
She has something exciting
to celebrate at the
weekend!



Bailey has Down Syndrome
and, all over the world,
people with Down
Syndrome will be
celebrating World Down
Syndrome Day on the 21st
March!

Thank you if you wore your
odd socks to help the
celebrations get off to a
good start!

What is Down Syndrome?

A Simple Explanation for Young Children

Sometimes, when a baby is growing in their mummy’s tummy,
they get a little extra bit inside their body – like
an **extra instruction** in their genes.

This extra bit is called **Down Syndrome**.

Because of this extra instruction:

- The child might **look a little different**, like having almond-shaped eyes or a smaller nose
- They might **need more time** to learn things like talking, reading, or writing.
- They might need some **extra help** from grown-ups and teachers.

But here’s the most important part:

Children with Down Syndrome
enjoy the same things as everyone else.



They love:

- playing
- making friends
- laughing
- learning new things
- being included

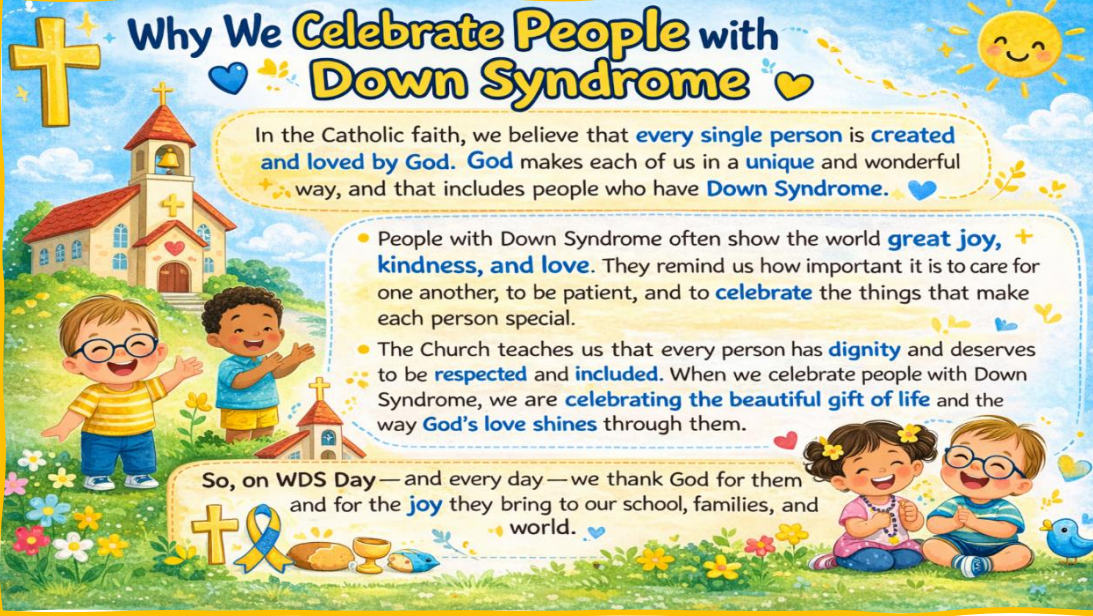


Why We Celebrate People with Down Syndrome

In the Catholic faith, we believe that **every single person** is created and loved by God. God makes each of us in a **unique** and wonderful way, and that includes people who have **Down Syndrome**.

- People with Down Syndrome often show the world **great joy, kindness, and love**. They remind us how important it is to care for one another, to be patient, and to **celebrate** the things that make each person special.
- The Church teaches us that every person has **dignity** and deserves to be **respected** and **included**. When we celebrate people with Down Syndrome, we are **celebrating the beautiful gift of life** and the way **God’s love** shines through them.

So, on WDS Day – and every day – we thank God for them and for the **joy** they bring to our school, families, and world.



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 - Thur 12th
The Big Toy Walk



Thursday 12th March
Toy Swap



Friday 13th March
The Big Sleepout



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 2 School Trip

The next school trip to take place at the beginning of the summer term is for year 2. Please check your Parentpay accounts to ensure you have completed the consent form and payment.

Mount Please Farm Trip
Thursday 16th April



HELP!

Despite putting the lost property out on two occasions, the amount of clothing has not reduced.

Amongst the jumpers and cardigans, are a North Face black jacket and a Nike black jacket.

Please can you check to see if your child has lost anything and look in the playground next week.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Carroll and Mrs Hensman

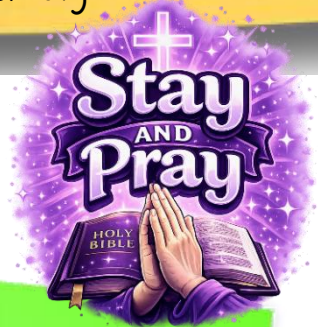


The annual Easter Bonnet / Display event takes place on Thursday 26th March. All entries should have been brought into school by today, with their 1pm entry fee.

All the children will visit the Eggcellent Art Gallery on Thursday afternoon, to vote for their favourite.

Parents are then warmly invited to come into the hall at 3.30pm, so view the gallery, where a voting form will be given for you to vote for our favourite.

Winners will be announced in the Friday Celebration Assembly



Year 1 Stay and Pray

The Year 1 Stay and Pray has been postponed until the summer term, due to class 'Celebration of the Word' taking place throughout the week to mark Holy Week!

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION

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WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, allowing users to send text and voice messages, share multimedia, make video calls, and chat in groups. With end-to-end encryption, only the sender and receiver can view messages. This may offer privacy, but it also comes with risks that parents and educators need to be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats enable multiple users to message in the same space, but this can also make it easier for young people to feel excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can escalate quickly, and young people may feel pressure to respond or stay engaged even when the conversation is uncomfortable or upsetting.

SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers are increasingly using WhatsApp to trick users into sharing personal information. Common scams include fraudsters posing as family members in an emergency or tricking users into revealing security codes. These can lead to identity theft or access to private conversations.

DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp offers features like disappearing messages and 'Chat Lock', which can give users a false sense of security. While intended to protect privacy, they can be used by young users to hide inappropriate conversations or content, making it harder for adults to spot potential issues.

EXPOSURE THROUGH CHANNELS

'Channels' are an optional feature that allows users to follow updates from public figures or organisations; however, there is no way to block this feature or filter its content by age. Young users may encounter adult or distressing content, including misinformation and harmful ideologies.

UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp users can share their live location, and if not managed carefully, this can allow others – even those in mutual groups – to track someone's whereabouts. Also, without the right privacy settings, young users may be contacted by strangers.

COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp now includes ads in the 'Updates' feed and has introduced an AI assistant – Meta AI – across the app, which cannot be removed. These additions raise concerns about targeting, privacy, AI use, and the type of content children and young people might interact with.

...ONLINE...

Advice for Parents & Educators

REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Help young users check who can see their profile photo, status, and location. Activate the 'Silence Unknown Callers' setting and set group chat invitations to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...' for added safety.

TEACH HOW TO SPOT SCAMS

Encourage caution around unusual and unexpected messages, especially if they involve money or codes. Help young users understand the signs of scams and what to do if they receive a suspicious message. Enable two-step verification to add an extra layer of protection.

BE OPEN ABOUT HIDDEN CHATS

Discuss why children and young people might use features like disappearing messages or 'Chat Lock'. Encourage them to share if something made them uncomfortable, even if the messages are gone. Let them know that privacy should not mean secrecy.

TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING AND AI

Explain that WhatsApp now includes ads and AI tools. Discuss the difference between genuine and sponsored content, and the potential for AI to share inaccurate or age-inappropriate responses. Encourage young users to think critically before trusting or interacting with these features.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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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 postponed due to final week

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