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What an extraordinary week this has been!

We have experienced some truly extreme weather and high temperatures, but I have been incredibly proud of how our children have responded. They have shown such resilience, patience and determination—remaining calm, well-behaved and supportive of one another, even in very warm classrooms.

Behind the scenes, a great deal of planning has taken place to ensure that children were well looked after throughout the week. We have adapted routines, kept classrooms as cool as possible, and ensured that children stayed well hydrated at all times.

I would like to pay huge credit to our staff team, who have been unwavering in their care and commitment. They have gone above and beyond to do whatever it takes to support the children, and I feel very fortunate to lead such a dedicated and compassionate team.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to you, our parents and carers, for your kindness, understanding and patience—particularly during the early collections over the past two days. As a school, we are always learning and evolving; we reflected carefully on arrangements yesterday, and the staggered collection today worked very effectively. Your support and good humour, especially in the heat, have been greatly appreciated.

The forecast looks a little cooler for next week, and with just three weeks remaining, we are looking forward to enjoying a positive and purposeful end to the term with your children.

In the meantime, please stay safe in the sun and have a wonderful weekend.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Andy Newnham

Headteacher

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 *Dates for Your Diary*

- *Friday 3rd July - Y6 Transition Day / Meet new teacher day*
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SCHOOL NEWS

Anne Frank Workshop & Pop-up Museum

Over the last couple of weeks, a group of our Year 6 pupils had the exciting opportunity to take part in the Anne Frank Trust's Voice for Equality programme. Following specialist training, the children became peer educators, learning about Anne Frank's life, the impact of prejudice and discrimination and the importance of equality and respect.

Using their new knowledge, the children created thoughtful and engaging work for the exhibition before confidently leading tours for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, staff and parents. They demonstrated excellent public speaking skills, maturity and enthusiasm as they shared key messages from the exhibition and encouraged visitors to reflect on how we can all help create a fairer and more inclusive society.

We were incredibly proud of the way the children embraced this responsibility, acting as outstanding ambassadors for our school. Their confidence, knowledge and professionalism shone through and they should be commended for the meaningful impact they had on everyone who visited the exhibition.

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Well done to everyone involved and a huge thank you to all the parents, carers and members of our school community who came to visit and support the exhibition. Your interest and engagement helped make the event a great success.

LEIGH ART TRAIL coming soon!



Schools' Art Exhibition & Competition

PRIMARY SCHOOLS



Where

Saint Pierre School
16 Leigh Road, SS9 1LE

When

Saturday 4th July, 11am-3pm
Sunday 5th July, 11am-3pm

SECONDARY SCHOOLS



Where

Leigh Road Baptist Church
SS9 1NN

When

Saturday 4th July, 10am-4pm
Sunday 5th July, 10am-4pm



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Free school meal (FSM) eligibility

From September 2026, the Department for Education (DfE) will expand free school meal (FSM) eligibility to include all pupils from households receiving Universal Credit. This creates two categories:

- **Targeted FSM:** Based on the existing £7,400 income threshold
 - **Expanded FSM:** Covers meals only for pupils in households receiving Universal Credit who do not qualify for Targeted FSM
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Free school meals are available to pupils who are, or whose parents are, in receipt of:

- Universal Credit
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
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A pupil is only eligible if:

- A claim has been made, and
 - Eligibility has been verified by the school or local authority
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Households may also qualify if they:

- Receive income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Receive the guarantee element of Pension Credit
 - Meet criteria set out in separate guidance for **families with no recourse to public funds**
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See: **Free school meals: guidance for local authorities, local -authority-maintained schools, academies and free schools – GOV.UK**

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Under the expanded scheme from September 2026, Southend-on-Sea City Council advises applying after 15 June 2026:

[Applying for free school meals / Southend-on-Sea City Council](#)

We strongly encourage eligible families to apply.

Please note:

- *Southend-on-Sea City Council cannot backdate claims to cover unpaid or previously paid costs*
- *Foster children are not usually eligible, as fostering allowances are intended to cover meal costs*



Department for Education

SCHOOL DINNER MENU - Next week: WEEK 2

WACKY WEDGE MONDAY

OVEN BAKED PORK SAUSAGE (S)
OR OVEN BAKED MEAT FREE SAUSAGE (G) (VG)
WITH
OVEN BAKED POTATO WEDGES (VG),
AND A CHOICE OF
BROCCOLI (VG)
OR BAKED BEANS (VG)

WEDNESDAY FAVOURITES

SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN
(WITH HIDDEN VEG)
OR VEGE SWEET AND SOUR
WITH
STEAMED RICE AND
GREEN BEANS
(VG)

WEEK 1

AVAILABLE DAILY WE HAVE:
TORTILLA WRAP WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS
HAM, TUNA (F), HOUMOUS (SS), CHEESE (MK),
VEGAN CHEESE (VG), EGG (E), MAYO (E) (MU)
A COLD SALAD BAR
SWEETCORN, TOMATO, CUCUMBER, CARROT, LETTUCE
WATER AND MILK / A SELECTION OF DESSERTS / A FRUIT BOWL
(ALTERNATIVE PUDDINGS ARE AVAILABLE OCCASSIONALLY)

TWIRLY PASTA TUESDAY

HOMEMADE
MACARONI CHEESE
(WITH HIDDEN VEG) (G) (MK)
WITH
GARLIC BREAD (G) (VG)
AND PEAS & CARROTS (VG)

FINTASTIC THURSDAY

OVEN BAKED
FISH FINGERS (G) (F)
OR
OVEN BAKED VEGE FINGERS (G) (VG)
WITH CHIPS (VG),
AND SWEETCORN (VG)
AND
KETCHUP (VG) OR
TARTARE SAUCE
(V) (E) (MU)

FIREY FEAST FRIDAY

CHICKEN OR
QUORN (VG) (G)
FAJITAS
(WITH HIDDEN VEG)
SERVED WITH TORTILLA WRAP (G)
AND MIXED PEPPERS (VG)

WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES
THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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SCHOOL MENU - ALLERGENS

G	CEREALS CONTAIN GLUTEN (WHEAT, BARLEY, RYE, OATS, KAMUT, SPELT)
MK	MILK
E	EGG
SS	SESAME SEEDS
CY	CELERY
V	VEGETARIAN
VG	VEGAN
F	FISH

N	TREE NUTS
P	PEANUT
L	LUPIN
MU	MUSTARD
SOYB	SOYBEAN
MOL	MOLLUSCS
CR	CRUSTACEANS
S	SULPHITES
CCN	COCONUT

WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH FOOD ALLERGIES

OUR HEAD COOK, IS HAPPY TO DISCUSS YOUR CHILD'S INDIVIDUAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS AND ALLERGIES WITH YOU

WHERE POSSIBLE, ALL OUR MEALS ARE FRESHLY PREPARED, USING QUALITY, LOCALLY SOURCED **INGREDIENTS**

SPORT @ CHJS

Super Sports Success!

On Tuesday evening, a number of our talented athletes travelled to Garons to compete in the track events at Super Sports, having qualified through their excellent performances at Borough Sports. Despite the hot weather, all of our children represented the school brilliantly and gave their very best in the summer sunshine.

A special congratulations goes to Donny in Year 6, who produced an outstanding performance to win the 80m sprint, becoming a Super Sports champion – an incredible achievement!

There was further success for Year 6 as our boys' relay team raced to a fantastic 3rd-place finish, earning more well-deserved silverware for the school. We were also so proud of Alex in Year 5, who showed great determination and resilience while competing in the challenging 600m, where he secured an excellent 3rd-place finish.

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It was a very successful evening for our athletes, and we are extremely proud of the effort, sportsmanship and enthusiasm shown by everyone involved. Well done to all five boys who took part! 🏆📷🕒🏅



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Archery Competition

On Friday, four of our Year 6 children travelled to Prince Avenue for an exciting archery competition. The day began with a suction cup archery event before the team moved indoors in the afternoon to compete in traditional arrow archery.

The children were outstanding throughout the day, demonstrating excellent focus, determination and sportsmanship in every event. In both the morning and afternoon competitions, the team finished in a fantastic 4th place overall, narrowly missing out on the medals – a brilliant achievement against some very strong competition.

A special congratulations goes to Josh, who claimed 1st place as the individual boys' champion in the morning competition – an incredible achievement and thoroughly deserved!

A huge well done to Anna, Olivia, Josh and Elliot, who were an absolute credit to the school all day. A special shout-out also goes to Olivia for stepping in at the last minute and doing such an amazing job. We are incredibly proud of all four children for the enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork they showed throughout a fantastic day. 🏹

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Learning highlights this week!

Year 3

It has been a particularly hot week for everyone, but Year 3 have had a fantastic week, showing great resilience, perseverance and a really positive attitude to their learning despite the high temperatures.

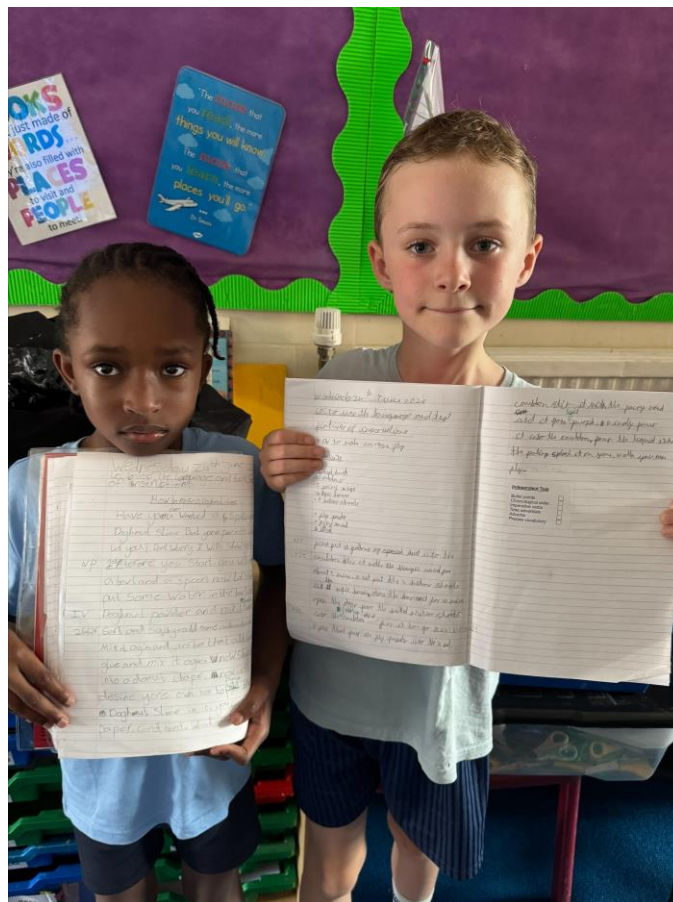
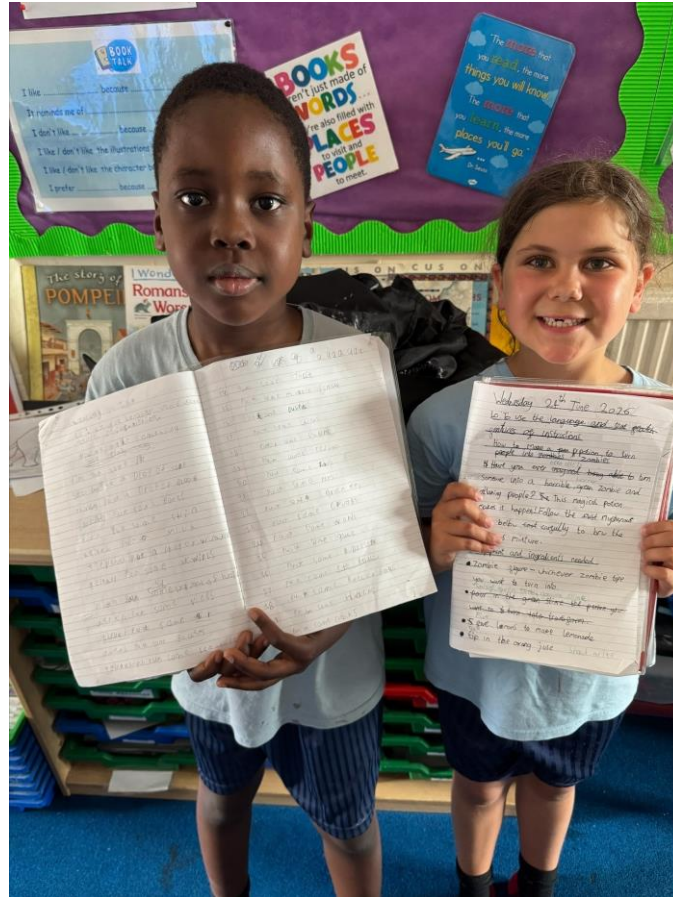
In Maths, we have been exploring 'shape', where the children enjoyed creating their own shapes using salt dough before discussing their properties. This hands-on approach really supported their understanding, and they showed great enthusiasm throughout. In English, we brought our instructions unit to a close, with the children completing their independent write. It has been wonderful to see how confident they have become in organising and presenting their ideas clearly.

In Geography, the children have been researching different European countries, learning key facts and identifying similarities and differences between them. They showed great curiosity and interest in the wider world. In Science, we completed our scientific enquiry on solar ovens, investigating which materials worked best. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork and enquiry skills as they tested, observed and evaluated their findings.

Overall, it has been a brilliant week, and we are very proud of how the children have continued to engage so well with their learning in such warm conditions.



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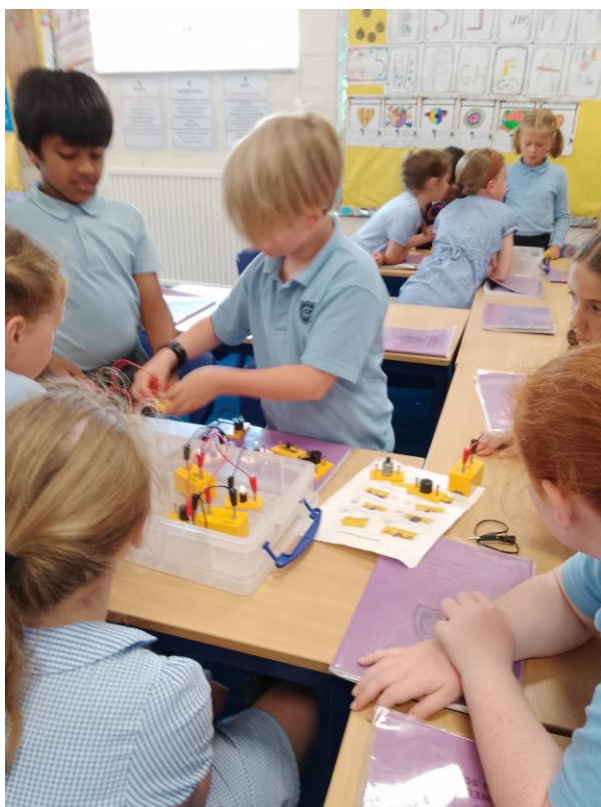
Year 4

Year 4 have had a busy week. In maths, the children have been revisiting topics where specific misconceptions have been identified. The areas that we have focused on have been: telling the time in 12 hour and 24 hour clock, calculating periods of time which have passed, co-ordinates and translation.

In English, the children have completed a cold write linked to, 'How to Train your Dragon,' and we are now starting to look at ways to develop descriptive writing techniques. The children have especially enjoyed their swimming lessons this week, as well as their science lessons, which have been focused on electricity.

Well done year 4 on a great week!

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Year 5

Year 5 had an incredible day at Kentwell Hall, diving into the fascinating world of the Tudors! Throughout the visit, pupils were fully immersed in the sights, sounds and experiences of the 16th century, bringing their recent learning to life in a truly memorable way.

The children engaged brilliantly with the interactive displays, asking thoughtful questions and honing their enquiry skills as they explored different aspects of Tudor life. From trying their hand at traditional crafts to discovering how people lived, worked and ate during this period, every activity sparked curiosity and excitement.

Their enthusiasm, excellent behaviour and willingness to get involved were a real credit to the school. It was wonderful to see them so engaged and eager to learn beyond the classroom. We are incredibly proud of Year 5 for embracing the experience so positively—what a fantastic day of learning!



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Year 6

In Year 6 this week, the children have been writing letters as WW1 soldiers, describing life in the trenches. They have worked incredibly hard to bring the conditions and experiences of the soldiers to life through their writing, producing some very thoughtful and emotional pieces.

In history, the children have continued their learning about World War One, exploring how the war progressed and developed over time. They have also investigated the important roles that animals played during the conflict, from carrying messages and supplies to supporting soldiers on the front line. The children have shown great interest in this aspect of the topic and have enjoyed discovering the significant contributions animals made during the war.

In PE, the children have been developing their cricket skills, focusing on batting and bowling with increasing accuracy and control. It has been wonderful to see their confidence and teamwork continue to grow.

The children have also enthusiastically embraced their new 'Grow a Pound' project. Their aim is to turn £1 into more money, with all profits contributing towards an extra treat at their Leavers' Disco. They have shown great excitement, enthusiasm and determination and it has been a pleasure to hear

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their ideas develop and see their entrepreneurial skills flourish. We wish them the very best of luck with their projects!



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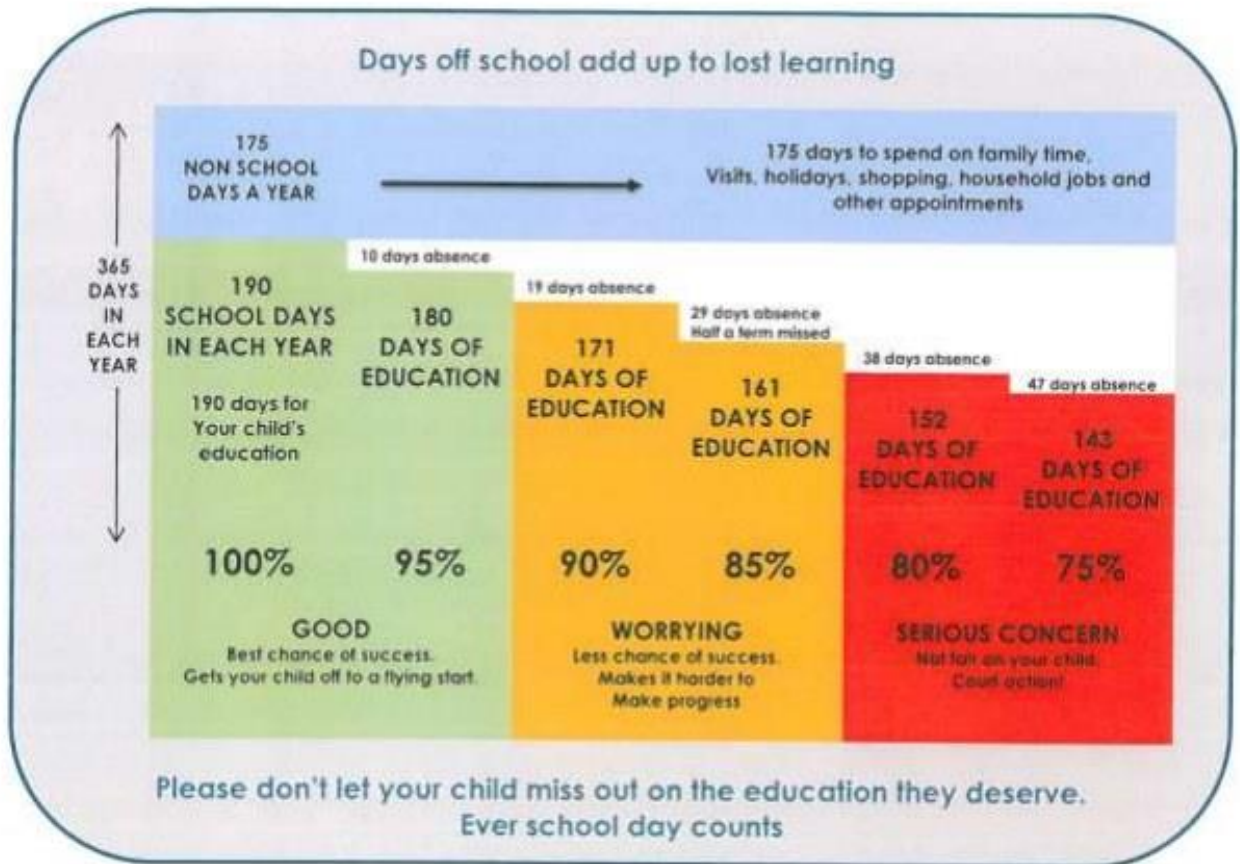
Achievement Awards



Today, it was a delight to give recognition to so many children for embodying our core values of Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Cooperation, Creativity, and Enquiry. A huge well done to everyone—there are so many superstars at CHJS! Your hard work and dedication truly shine, making our school community a wonderful place to learn and grow together. Keep up the fantastic effort, and let's continue to support one another in our journey of learning! Certificates were given out in class due to the change in arrangements in school due to the extreme weather.

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Attendance & Punctuality



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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK - 94.3%

Weekly Attendance by Year Group

Year 3 = 95.4%

Year 4 = 94.2%

Year 5 = 94.3%

Year 6 = 93.6%

Lower School Winners = 4BR (95.2%)



Upper School Winners = 5GH (99.3%)



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Community News



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GIRLS**


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WEEK 2	TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST	THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST
WEEK 3	TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST	THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST
WEEK 4	TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST	THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST

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1-4 Days	£32.50
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Wednesday 8th July - Open classroom 3:15-4:15pm

Thursday 9th July - End of year reports home

Friday 10th July - Y6 trip to Adventure Island

Wednesday 15th July - 1:30pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly to parents

Thursday 16th July - 1:30pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly to parents

Friday 17th July - Last day at school - Summer Holidays

Monday 20th July - Non-Pupil day (school closed to all pupils)

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