

Newsletter

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The most action-packed term!

So we have 6 weeks left and they are sure to be the most action-packed of the year- yes- it can get busier! For some reason we always try to ram as much in as possible; reports, sports day, leavers assemblies, trips, Brookfest, transition, butterflies graduation and don't forget we actually have to teach and assess too!

We will do all that we can to ensure you have as much notice as possible about the dates and times of things, but if you are ever unsure please just ask. It is extremely important that you also check the newsletters regularly and ensure that you access School Life as these are our main forms of communication.

Dates calendar

w/c 12 th June	Year 1 phonics screening week & Year 4 Times tables check week
Wednesday 14 th - Thursday 15 th June	Reception loved ones lunch
Thursday 6 th - Friday 7 th July	Sports days! Thursday 6th: Reception, Years 1 & 2 @ 9:30am Years 3 & 4 @ 1:30pm Friday 7th: Years 5 & 6 @ 9:30am Butterflies @ 1:30pm
Wednesday 12th July	Butterflies Graduation
Thursday 13th July	Brookfest!
Friday 14th July	Reports sent home
Wednesday 19th July	Y6 performance & Achievers Assembly @ 6pm
Friday 21 st July	Final day of term! Beach day and box meals
Monday 24th - Tuesday 25 th July	Inset days - school closed to pupils

SAFEGUARDING CORNER



What is Omegle? Key things parents and carers need to know

Omegle is a website which is specifically designed to allow users to talk to strangers.

It works by randomly matching users to talk one-to-one using either text or video.

It is free and anonymous to use, with no account registration or age verification.

Many concerns have been raised about the safety and use of Omegle by children and young people.

WE NEED TO BE LISTENING OUT FOR THIS- IT IS NOT SAFE FOR OUR CHILDREN TO BE USING IT.

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/what-is-omegle-key-things-parents-and-carers-need-to-know/>



We are working with Dudley Performing Arts (DPA) to provide music lessons in school and now is the time to start!

The team at DPA have decades of experience and are the biggest provider of music education in our area. Students can start for as little as £8 a session and if you would like your child to start simply click on the link below to find out how it works.

Learning a musical instrument is a great thing for young people to do. It can help in all sorts of ways and research suggests that it can help children develop academically and socially. Lessons take place in school making it easy to fit in around your busy family lives and we hope that you will take up this amazing offer.

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/things-to-do/dudley-performing-arts/information-for-parents-and-young-people/music-lessons-in-schools/>

Dudley Summer reading challenge!

The Dudley Summer Reading Challenge will be taking place in all libraries on Saturday 8th July 2023. The Summer Reading Challenge is a very successful reading initiative, now in its 24th year!

Children are encouraged to read 6 books of their choice during the holidays with collectable incentives and rewards, plus a certificate and medal for every child who completes the challenge.

The 2023 theme is **Ready, Set, Read!**, a sports and games themed challenge that aims to keep children's minds and bodies active over the summer break.



Keeping safe in the sun!

Whilst we are all very happy that the sunshine is out for us (and we hope it's here to stay) we would like to remind all parents to ensure that your children are sent with a water bottle, a hat and they have sun cream applied before school!



Mop up school photos

Anyone who was absent for the school photos a few back will have the opportunity to have them taken this Tuesday.

If your child is due to have PE that day, please send them to school in their uniform and bring PE kits with them.



Pupil achievements!

We would like to say a huge well done to Patrick from Year 1 who has been awarded his Goldfish 3 badge and 25 meter badge!

He is now working towards his Anglefish 1 badge!

Well done Patrick this is a great achievement - keep up the good work!



Summer term attendance expectations for schools

School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents' duty to ensure their child regularly attends school, and schools' and local authorities' ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance.

We expect schools and local authorities to continue to communicate clear expectations around attendance to families, identify pupils at risk of disengagement and develop plans to re-engage them.

As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday.



Attendance %
w/c 22/05/2023

6AH were the highest attendees in KS2 and 1CR were the highest in KS1.

Well Done!

Rec SD	88.97%
Rec H/W	92%
1CR	100%
1ZH	98.67%
2EB	95.67%
2HD	94.33%
3RT	90.38%
3W/H	93.20%
4AC	94.84%
4LF	91%
5C	96.79%
5HI	96%
6AH	98%
6HT	97%
School Total	93.91%
Target	96+%



Brook Buddies



Brook Buddies runs every morning and evening. Why not join us for breakfast or some after school fun? Our session times & prices are below:

Breakfast club:

8:00am-8:45am - £3.50

Afterschool club:

Half session 3:20pm-4:45pm - £5.25

Full session 3:20pm-5:45pm - £8.00

All bookings must be made by Thursday of the week before you require childcare.

Please note: (Summary from Brook School policy)

Parents should collect their child promptly at the end of a session otherwise you will be charged a fee of **£10.00** to cover staff costs if they are **more than 10 minutes late**. If this situation arises more than three times in one term, their child's place at Brook Buddies may be forfeited!

Buddies parents please note:

If you need an emergency place—this needs be paid on Parent Pay no later than 3pm.