

WPA's Newsletter

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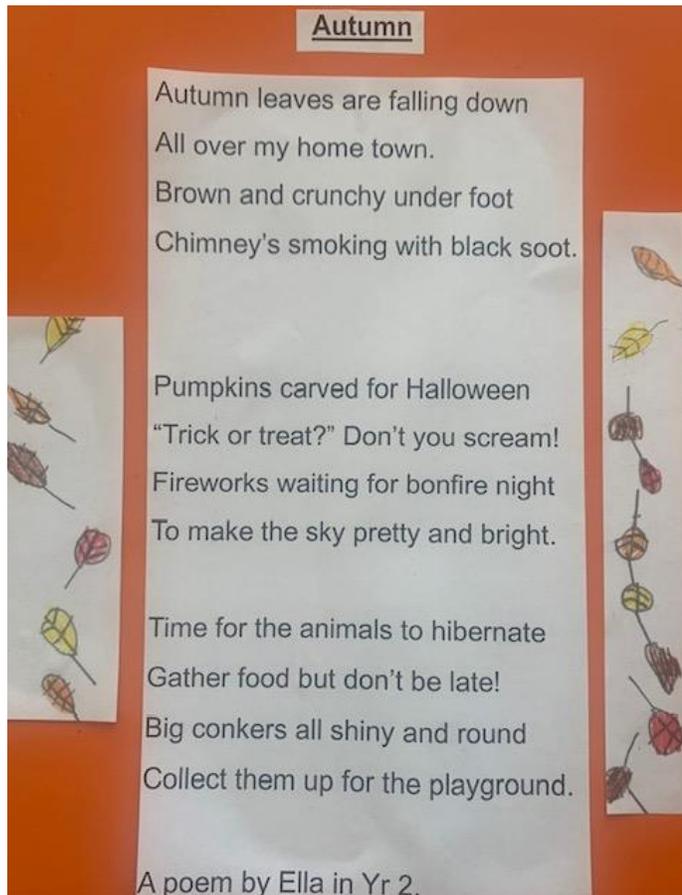
4th October 2024

Dear WPA parents,

Although this week has been slightly shorter, it has been just as jam-packed as usual. We have celebrated National Poetry Day with virtual poet visits and some wonderful poems written and recited in class.

Here is an example of the brilliant autumn themed poems written by the children in Year 2.

Well done Ella for your creativity and super rhyming!



Key Dates for the remainder of this half term (see full calendar below)

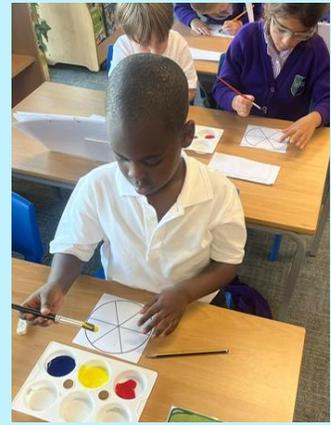
Date	Who?	Event
8 th October	Pupils school and nursery	Individual and sibling photographs
October 10 th	Parents of SEND pupils	SEND coffee morning- a chance to meet the SENDCO and other parents of pupils with SEND, 8:45am
October 12 ^h	Everyone	Kingsgrove Community art workshop and barn dance
October 16 th	Reception – Year 6	October Flu Immunisation
October 15 th 8:50 – 9:20	KS1 (Years 1 and 2)	Harvest festival assembly and classroom learning exhibitions –
October 16 th 8:50 – 9:20	KS2 (Years 3,4,5,6)	Harvest festival assembly and classroom learning exhibitions –
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October 25 th	All pupils	End of term. Normal times of day

Reminder- Communicating with school:

Please see your child's teacher in the first instance to discuss low level concerns. If you feel you need a longer meeting or support from our Family Support Worker, please email the office so that it can be directed to the appropriate member of staff. office@wantageprimaryacademy.org.

Our learning

The children in Year 1 have loved learning about colour mixing. They created their own colour wheels of primary and secondary colours while our Year 6 pupils have been creating their own electrical circuits.



Curriculum Meetings

This week, we held our KS1 and 2 curriculum meetings and our Reception coffee morning. It was lovely to have the opportunity to share our curriculum coverage and our expectations with parents and to have the opportunity to answer your questions. For those parents who were not able to join us, the presentations have been emailed to you. We hope you find the information useful. Remember you can also find information about what your children are learning on our website.

National Poetry Day

We celebrated National Poetry Day 2024 across our school by sharing our favourite poems, taking part in virtual poetry workshops and watching performances by poets such as Michael Rosen and Paul Cookson.

If you would like to explore some of this great content, follow the links below:

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/writing-poems-with-paul-cookson/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvMpTHf4o3Y>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bY7AyGRct-E>



Celebration Assembly

Well done to Jeron and Vinny (Reception) and Olivia (Nursery), Kibishan and Dylan (Year 2), Jacob and Kiruththika (Year 1), Bella and Declan (Year 4), Evelyn (Year 3), Isla (Year 5) and Damilola (Year 6) for all your amazing hard work!



Reminders:

Photos:

Don't forget, school photos are taking place on Tuesday 8th October. Siblings will have the opportunity to be photographed together. Proofs of these photos will be sent home with information about how they can be purchased.

SEND coffee Morning

The SEND coffee morning will be taking place on the 10th of October at 8:45. We look forward to seeing you there.

Next Week's Learning:

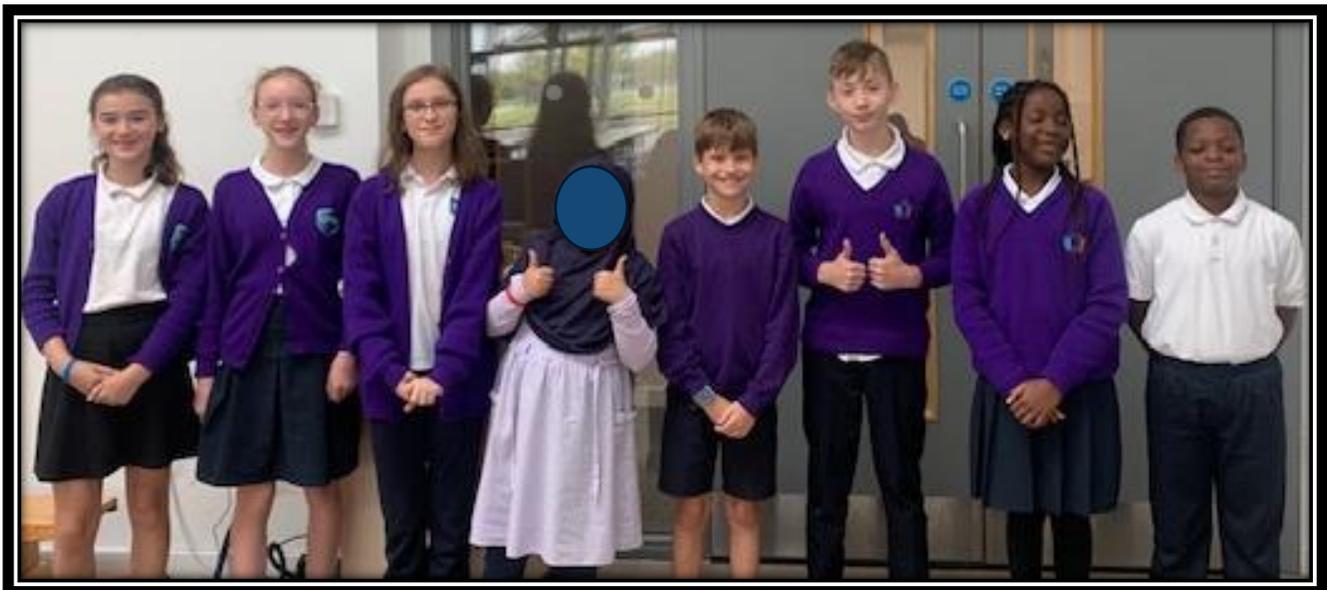
Here is a short overview of the learning that will be taking place in each class next week. This enables parents to be more informed about what their children are doing in school and support where necessary. Please continue to read daily and carry out homework.

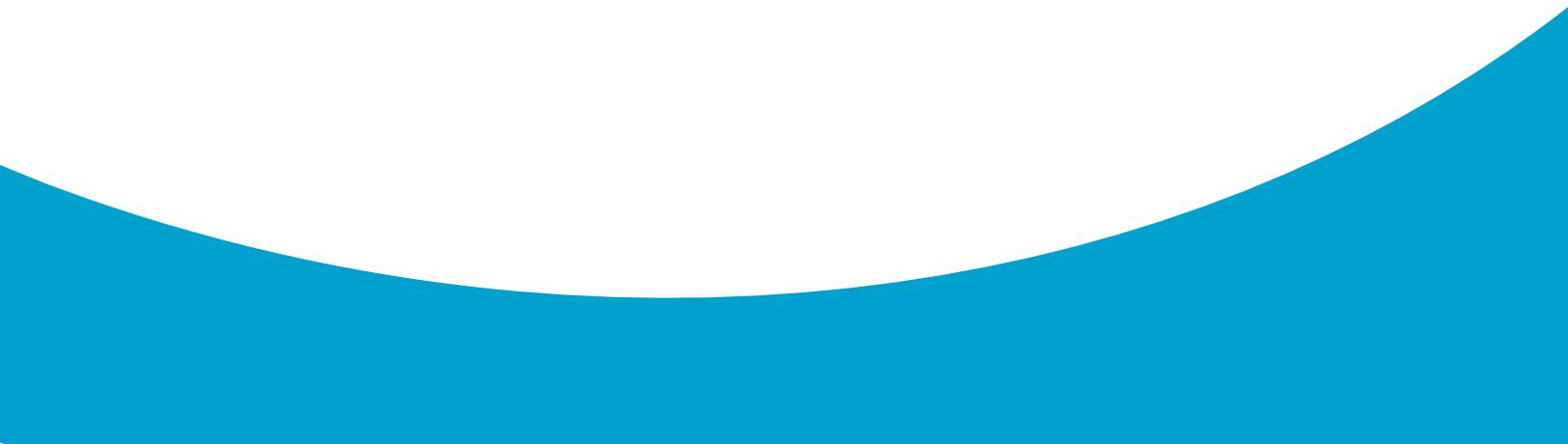
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<p>Phonics: Body percussion Maths: Sorting - What's my rule? Topic: My Five Senses.</p> <p>UTW: testing our sense of smell and taste through a fruit taste test. EAD: fruit printing. L: matching up the senses to the correct body part. M: sorting items into 2 groups e.g. sea animals and not sea animals. PSED: continuing to play name games to learn our friends names.</p>	<p>Phonics: Sounds N, M and starting to blend CVC words. Learning tricky words I and is. Maths: Comparing size, weight, and capacity All other areas: Learning about our bodies and thinking about what makes us healthy</p>	<p>Phonics- ur, ow, oi, er English- To plan and write a formal letter Maths- number bonds to 10 and 20 History- To be able to deduce information from historical sources in relation to communication Science- To be able to explore how the shape of solid objects made from a variety of objects can be changed Computing- Exploring purple mash topics</p>	<p>English - Innovating Red and the City Maths - Number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 Geography - Extreme weather History - Events of the Great Fire of London Art - Landscapes of David Hockney MFL - Saying names RE - Acts of kindness</p>	<p>English - Harvest poem creation and independent newspaper report on Mary Anning. Maths - Addition and subtractions using the column method. History - Writing a fact file on Stonehenge. Science - Looking further at fossils. Art - Looking at an artists study and analysing the techniques used. Spelling - ay sound with ey, aigh.</p>	<p>English: = Historical narrative Guided Reading: Continuing reading The Twits by Roald Dahl. History: Vikings and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England. Maths: 3 Digit Addition and Subtraction Science: States of Matter continued PE: Netball Art and Design: Applying stippling, lines and shading in their own art creation. Spanish: 1- Animals RE: Continuing Buddhism and exploring the topic "is it possible for everyone to be happy?"</p>	<p>English - Character descriptions Maths - Addition and subtraction continued Spellings - Words that are homophones Computing - Internet Safety Science - Materials Spanish - Money, Euros Art - Exploring the work of famous architects</p>	<p>Spellings- Adjectives ending in -ant into nouns ending in ent, ence, ency English – Harvest Festival poetry Maths – solve problems with multiplication and short division History - use sources to analyse the social hierarchy in Ancient Greece Science - predict outcome of electrical components Art - perspective drawing</p>

House Points

We have introduced house points to reward the children for showing our WPA values in their learning and around school. Pupils have shown brilliant behaviour and have loved earning points for their team. We have also voted for our house captains and pupils have taken part in a competition to design a logo for their house.

Congratulations to our house captains and vice captains and to red/ruby house who were the house winners last week!





2024- 2025 WPA Key diary dates for parents

Correct at time of entry, subject to change

More dates will be added during the year, including:

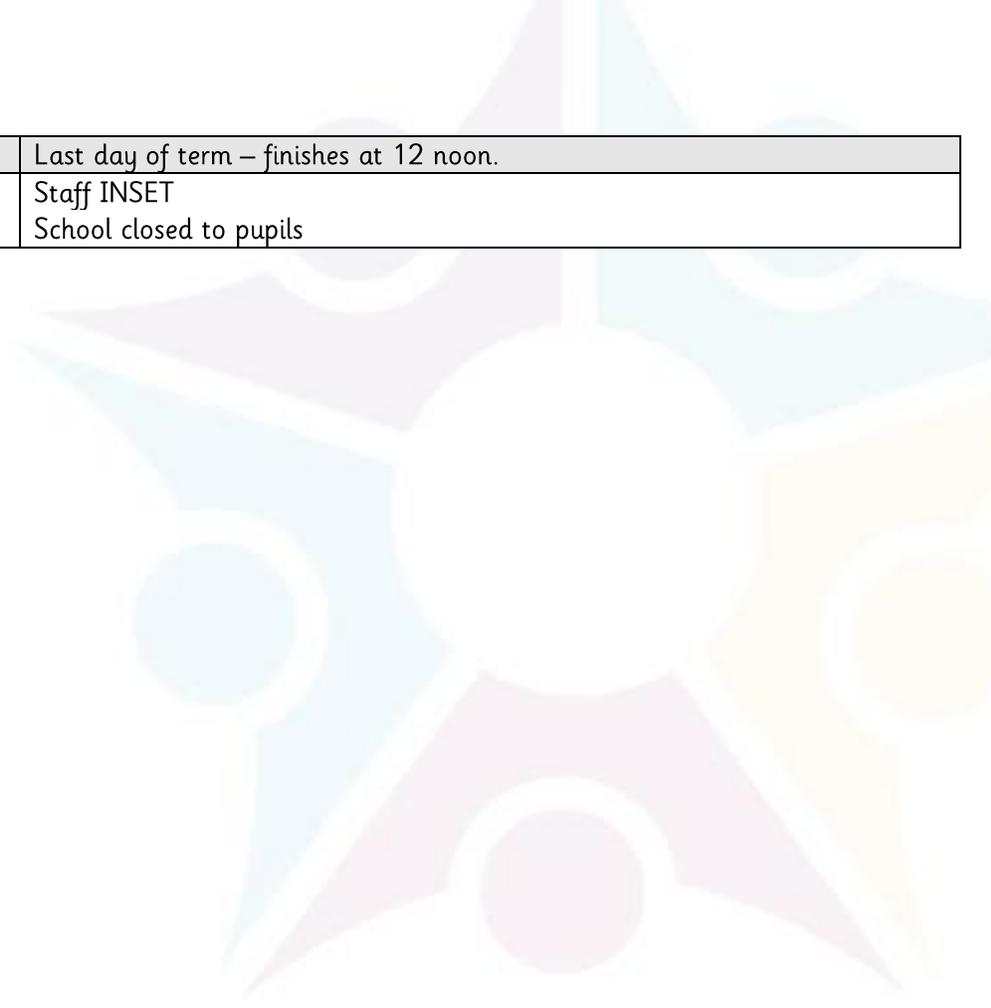
- Interschools partnerships
- Additional visits and workshops
- Community events
- Coffee mornings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>Event</u>
September 2 nd	All Staff	INSET day all staff in school No pupils in school
September 3 rd	Children	All children from Year 1 – Year 6 start school 8:40 – 3:30 Reception A and B sessions (morning and afternoon) Nursery stay n play sessions
September 4 th	Reception and Nursery	Reception A and B sessions (morning and afternoon) Nursery stay n play sessions
September 5 th	Children	Reception start full time Nursery sessions start full time
September 16 th – 20 th	All children	NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe week
September 18 th	Year 4 and 6	Climate and Art Exhibition
September 18 th	Year 5 parents	Meeting to discuss Year 5 Residential Trip and finalise forms
September 23 rd – 25 th	Year 5 children	Year 5 Residential Trip
September 23 rd	KS1 - Year 1 and 2 parents	Parent workshops and curriculum expectations outline – 4:30pm
September 24 th	KS2 - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents	Parent workshops and curriculum expectations outline – 4:30pm
September 25 th	Reception parents	Phonics workshop and coffee morning 8:45am
September 26 th	All children	European Day of Languages
September 30 th TBC	Parents	FoWPA 6.30pm AGM
September 30 th	KS1 - Year 1 and 2 parents	Parent workshops and curriculum expectations outline – 3:45pm
October 1 st	KS2 - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents	Parent workshops and curriculum expectations outline – 3:45pm
October 2 nd	Reception parents	Phonics workshop and coffee morning 8:50am
September Date TBC	Everyone (including the local community)	Kingsgrove community day
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October 4 th	All staff	INSET day all staff in school No pupils in school
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October 16 th 8:50 – 9:20	KS2 (Years 3,4,5,6)	Harvest festival assembly and classroom learning exhibitions – Open morning visits - a chance for parents to visit the classrooms etc, see children's learning and books, and speak to staff.
October 16 th 3pm	Reception	Open afternoon visits - a chance for parents to visit the classrooms etc, see children's learning and books, and speak to staff. 3pm – 3:25pm
October (date TBC)	Year 3 pupils	Stone Age to Iron Age workshop
October 25 th	All pupils	End of term. Normal times of day
November 4 th	All	Autumn 2 term resumes 8:40am start
November for 6 weeks	Year 5 pupils	Year 5 Swimming lessons
November 7 th	All	Autumn reports out to parents
November 11 th – 15 th	All	Anit-Bullying week.
November Tues 12 th and Wednesday 13 th	Parents	Parents' evening meetings
November 10 th	Nursery and Reception pupils	Diwali workshop EYFS Diwali assembly (all year groups)
November 12 th – 17 th December	Year 5	Year 5 Swimming - This will start on Tuesday 12 th November and run for 6 weeks (with the last session being Tuesday 17 th December).
November 13 th (date TBC)	Year 2	Fire Service visit
November 13 th – 17 th	All	Anti-bullying week
November 14 th at 9.30am and 2.30pm	New, prospective parents – Reception 2024 cohort	Open day visits for prospective parents
November 15 th	All children	Children in Need
November 18 th	Parents	Coffee morning (theme to be decided)– a chance to get together, meet some of the team and meet other parents of pupils at WPA, 8:45am in hall
21 st November at 9.30am and 2.30pm	New, prospective parents – Reception 2024 cohort	Open day visits for prospective parents
21 st November	Year 3 pupils	Stone Age to Iron Age trip
29 th November	Parents	Coffee morning for all parents. Come to the hall for a brief presentation (subject matter to be circulated nearer the time) and a cuppa and a chat with other parents
November 29 th (date TBC)	All community	Christmas tree light switch on and WPA choir singing
December 12 th	All children and staff	Christmas jumper day (normal uniform to be worn with a Christmas/ festive jumper). Proceeds to go to Save the Children
December 12 th	Reception parents	Reception Christmas performance 2:45pm - Booking details/links will be sent out in early December.

		(FoWPA will be on site to raise funds and provide seasonal treats)
December 13 th 3pm	Nursery parents	Nursery Christmas concert for parents at 3pm - Booking details/links will be sent out in early December For those children who only attend mornings, parents are welcome to bring children in with them at 3pm to join.
December 17 th	Year 1 and 2 parents	KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas Nativity 2:15pm - Booking details/links will be sent out in early December (FoWPA will be on site to raise funds and provide seasonal treats)
December - date to be confirmed	Christmas dinner Reception – Year 6 pupils	Christmas dinner
December 19 th	Nursery	Last day for Nursery sessions
December 20 th	KS2 parents	Year 3,4,5,6 join us for a Christmas carol concert 11:15am - Booking details/links will be sent out in early December (FoWPA will be on site to raise funds and provide seasonal treats)
December 20 th	All school-age pupils	School closes at 12 noon today. Gates will open at 11:50am. (last Nursery day is 19 th Dec) Christmas holidays
January 6 th	All	Staff INSET day. School closed to parents and pupils.
January 7 th	All	Term 3 (Spring 1) begins for all 8:40am for all
January 20 th	All	World Religion Day A chance for all to learn and share each other's faiths, religions and cultures. Parents welcome to come in and share with children
January 29 th Date TBC	Year 5	Provisional date for trip – details to be confirmed
February 10 th	Parents	Coffee morning (theme to be decided)– a chance to get together, meet some of the team and meet other parents of pupils at WPA, 8:45am in hall
February (Date TBC)	Year 4	Trip to Oxford Science Centre
February 3 rd – 9 th	All	Children's Mental Health week
February 11 th	All children	Safer internet day
February (Date TBC)	KS1	Science Workshop
February 14 th	All children	End of term. Normal 3:30pm finish
February 24 th	All children	Start of term. 8:40am start for all.
February 27 th	Choir	Birmingham NEC - Young Voices
March 3 rd – 7 th March 6 th	All children	World Book Week all week World Book Day 6 th March (World Book Week activities, author visit and workshops TBC)
March 11 th	All children	Author - World Book Day visit
March (date TBC)	Year 1	Provisional date for Cotswold Wildlife Park trip
March (date to be confirmed)	Reception	Reception Farm trip
March 7 th – 16 th	All children	British Science week (activities across the school)
March 20 th	All parents	Mid-year reports out to parents
March 25 th – 26 th	All parents	Parents' evening appointments
April 3 rd	Nursery	Last Nursery session for this term
April 4 th	Whole school	End of term. Term ends at 12pm. No Nursery sessions. Easter Holidays

April 21 st	All	EASTER BANK HOLIDAY School Closed to all staff and students
April 22 nd	All	Term 4 (Summer 1) begins for all 8:40am for all
May 2 nd	Year 6 parents	Year 6 SATs meeting Year 6 Residential meeting
May (Date TBC)	Eco council	Eco event with Wild Wantage
May (Date TBC)	EYFS pupils - Reception and Nursery	Oxford museum in school Transport
May 5 th	All	MAY BANK HOLIDAY School Closed to all staff and students
May 12 th – 15 th	Year 6 pupils	SATS assessments – end of KS2
May (date TBC)	Choir	Big Summer Sing 2- 6pm
May 19 th	All parents	4:30pm online – Parent RSE (Relationship and Sex education) consultation. relationships and Sex education parent consultation to inform the content taught in summer term across year groups
May 22 nd	Year 3, 4, 5, 6	Provisional date for Sports' day 2pm – 3:20pm
May 23 rd	Reception, Y1 and Y2	Provisional date for Sports' day 2pm – 3:20pm
May 23 rd	All	Whole school End of Summer 1. Term ends at normal time 3:30pm
June 2 nd	All	Summer 2 term starts at 8:40am
June 2 nd (2 weeks)	Year 4	Multiplication tables check
4 th June (date TBC)	Nursery – Year 6	Tennis Roadshow
9 th – 13 th June	Year 1 pupils	Phonics Screening – info will be sent out nearer the time
11 th June	All	The Great Science Share
Monday 16 th – Thursday 19 th	Year 6 children	Year 6 Residential trip to Lee Valley and London
June (Date TBC)	Choir	Festival of Voices (Dorchester Abbey)
June 19 th (date TBC)	Reception	Oxford Museums History of Seaside's workshop
23 rd June (date TBC)	Year 4	Rivers visit - Letcombe Brooke for a Willow Walk trip and river dipping. Parent car drivers and helpers needed. Free
June/ July (date TBC)	All	School Fete - FoWPA
July (Date TBC)	School age pupils	Assembly on Eid
3 rd July	All sch children – (R- Y6) including new 2025 chn	Transition day – moving up sessions for children to new classes
July 7 th	All	End of Year reports out to parents
July 10 th 8:50 – 9:20	Parents of existing WPA children	Open morning session – a chance for parents to visit the school, classrooms etc, see children's learning and books, and speak to staff
July (Date TBC)	New Reception 2025	Parent meetings Stay n play sessions
July (Date TBC)	Year 6	Leavers' performance Leavers' ceremony
July 16 th	Children and parents Y3, Y4 and Y5	WPA Summer Performance Afternoon and Evening performance
17 th July	Nursery	Last Nursery session and then end of term until September



18 th July	All	Last day of term – finishes at 12 noon.
21 st July 22 nd July	Staff	Staff INSET School closed to pupils

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Mrs Robinson

Principal

