



# NEWSLETTER 14 – 22nd May 2026

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## DIARY DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	ADDITIONAL INFO
<b>Monday 1st June</b>	<b>TD Day</b>	<b>School closed to Children</b>
<b>Tuesday 2nd June</b>	<b>Start of Term 6</b>	<b>8.45am</b>
Thursday 4th June	New Dormouse Starter meeting	5pm (Hall)
Tuesday 9th June	Squirrel Class Family Learning Afternoon	2pm
Friday 12th June	Non - Uniform Day (In Exchange for a Bottle of Wine for the Village Fete)	All Day Event
Monday 15th June — Thursday 18th June	Sports Week	All week Event of Different kinds of Physical Activities
Wednesday 17th June	Owl Class to Chippenham Games	Stanley Park
Friday 19th June	Sports Day	Additional Information to Follow
Sunday 21st June	Bowood Family Picnic	12pm Start
Monday 22nd June	Fox Class Taster Day to Abbeyfield	All Day Event
Monday 22nd June	Squirrel Class Field Trip to Bowood	(Change of Date) All Day Event
Wednesday 24th June	Fox Class Field Trip to Bowood	All Day Event
Wednesday 24th June	Dormouse Trip to Butterfly World	All Day Event
Wednesday 1st July	Rabbit Trip to Linkenholt	All Day Event
<b>Monday 6th July</b>	<b>TD Day</b>	<b>School Closed to Children</b>
Tuesday 7th July	Fox Class Taster Day to Kingsbury Green	All Day Event
Thursday 9th July	Fox Family Learning Afternoon	2pm (Hall)
Thursday 9th & Friday 10th July	Owl Class Transition Days to Sheldon	All Day Events
Friday 10th July	Owl Class Transition Day to Hardenhuish	All Day Event
Saturday 11th July	Village Fete	Details to Follow
Thursday 16th July	Rock Steady Concert	2.30pm (Hall) For Parents of Children Attending Rock Steady
Thursday 16th July	Owl Class Transition Day to Abbeyfield	All Day Event
Friday 17th July	Reports Out to Parents	
Monday 20th July	Move up Day	Details to Follow
Tuesday 21st July	Move Up Day	Details to Follow

## Fox Class Trip to Tudor World

Fox Class had a fantastic time during their visit to Tudor World last week. The children really enjoyed learning more about Tudor life during the interactive workshop and had fun exploring the birth place of William Shakespeare.

A special shout out to Mrs Lister for taking one for the team and spent some time in the pillory!



## Music Showcase

On the afternoon of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June, all the children at Derry Hill took part in an afternoon of exciting musical performances.

Each class performed a piece that they have worked on in their music lessons this academic year and we were treated to a very varied programme, including songs that taught History and Maths, a visit from some Super Heroes, a musical walk in the Jungle and some examples of compositions that children had written themselves.

Our school choir sang some songs and we also had some individual performances from some of our guitarists who have lessons in school.

Thank you to everyone who took part and, as our final whole school song said: 'Thank you for the Music'!



## Family Appreciation Afternoon

Thank you to those who were able to join us for our Family Appreciation Afternoon picnic – the children really enjoyed being able to share their appreciation for their families with you and it was a very fitting start to the Bank Holiday weekend. Thankfully we were incredibly fortunate with the weather and the rain held out just in time. As a school we would like to take the time to also show our appreciation to all our families and thank you for working alongside us to provide your children with the best primary education possible. One lasting thought from the event is to remember to take time out of our busy lives to appreciate those around us who help us to grow.

## Staffing Update

We would like to congratulate both Mrs Burr and Mrs Newlands on gaining new teaching roles from September. Mrs Burr will be moving onto St Barnabas School where she will be teaching Nursery and Reception and Mrs Newlands will be moving to Keevil School where she will be teaching Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Although this is a really sad loss for our school and they will be missed beyond words we are very happy for them both in their new ventures.

We will be advertising for 2 new teachers and will keep you updated once we have recruited.

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## **Sports Day**

Sports Day this year will look a bit different to previous years. All races for all classes will be taking place throughout the morning, allowing children to support their siblings and teammates.

Currently we are estimating that this will run between 9am and 1pm with parents then being invited to stay for a picnic lunch with their children. However, these timings may change slightly once all races have been planned.

## **Rabbit Class Trip to Bowood Walled Gardens**

Rabbit class went to Bowood on Monday for a new Educational Experience Program. We were the first school to be offered this and we all had a fantastic afternoon. We were met by Mrs. Reed and she took us on a walk around the Woodland Gardens and we had the chance to create different pieces of art, dissect flowers and use our Maths skills to work out how old different trees were. We found a tree that was 184 years old (at least according to our workings out)



## **Wildlings Update**

Squirrel and Rabbit Class have enjoyed some beautiful spring weather this term whilst out in Wildlings.

They have all enjoyed their sessions, amazing us with their innovation and creativity. A digging pit has opened to the delight of all the children, a hammock has been erected to provide a quiet reflective area, many dens have been created and we have used the saw, hammer and flint and steels to light fires.

For term 6 Fox and Owl class will be enjoying their 2<sup>nd</sup> term this year, look out for further updates.



As the weather grows warmer and brighter and the desire to spend time outdoors grows, I wanted to share a motivational colouring tool to encourage children, and yourselves to, embrace time outside.

I have recently come across a study that suggests children of all ages should spend at least 3 hours a day outdoors.

Nature encourages us to get lost in wonder, lost in imaginations, using the rich sensory environment that nature always provides.

The benchmark goal is 1000 hours over a year and considering the average child can spend up to 1200 hours consuming media on a screen. I have attached a few pictures at the end of this newsletter for the children to colour in. I would love to see some of the colouring sheets being completed and some photos of the children outside having fun, these could be displayed in school.

## **Wanted**

We have spent time in Wildlings sawing and using the hammer this term, but we are very low on nails. If anyone has any spare nails cluttering up their shed or garage, we would be happy to take them off your hands.

Many thanks in advance, Mrs Hand.