



DATES

MAY

Monday 6th – **BANK HOLIDAY**;
school closed

Thursday 9th – Reception trip
(pm)

Saturday 11th – Year 4 Holy
Communion

Monday 13th – **START OF Y6
SATS WEEK**

Monday 20th – School council
lunch with Governors

Monday 20th – Year 5
Parents' Meetings

Monday 20th – Year 3
Parents' Meetings

Tuesday 21st – **Reception**
Parents' Meetings

Wednesday 22nd – Year 4
Parents' Meetings

Thursday 23rd – **Nursery**
Parents' Meetings

Thursday 23rd – Year 2
Parents' Meetings

Friday 24th – **HALF TERM**

Saturday 25th – Year 4 Holy
Communion

JUNE

Monday 10th – **SCHOOL
REOPENS AT 8.50**

Thursday 13th – New to
Nursery Parents' Meeting

Thursday 20th – New to
Reception Parents' Meeting

Monday 24th – Year 5 trip
(pm)

Thursday 27th – Y6 to Y7
Transition day

JULY

Tuesday 16th – Year 6 Leavers
Assembly

Wednesday 17th – Year 6 trip
to Robinwood

Tuesday 23rd – school closes
at 1.00pm

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YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL

What a brilliant few days we had on the Year 5 residential to Winmarleigh Hall this week. 3 packed days of activities focused on team building, challenge and conquering fears. I have to say, the children were exceptional at giving everything a go, even though they were nervous. Some children flew up and down activities such as the trapeze, abseiling and rock climbing...future daredevils in the making.

They also produced some brilliant rafts...none of which sank, which is a first for me after many, many years of taking children away!

It's always lovely to see some children shine who you may not expect when they are away from school. Children throw themselves into challenges that they may never have done before, which is why we do these trips.

I'm always delighted to see for myself just how polite and well-mannered our children are, and grateful for the experiences they get.

HUGE thanks to both Mrs. Ashcroft and Miss. Mawtus who gave their time up freely, away from their families, to take the children away and assume the roles of parents. It's definitely impossible to run residential without such brilliant support from staff.

Check out or X account for pics!



BABY JOY

We are delighted to announce the arrival of Mrs. Daly's new precious bundle of joy. We are thrilled that her little boy arrived happy and healthy weighing 8lb, 4oz on Tuesday afternoon. Both mum and baby are doing well; we can't wait for the first pictures and to find out what the name is going to be. We wish her, and her husband, Ian, all our very best wishes for the few weeks ahead before we demand they bring in the baby for everyone to have a squeeze.



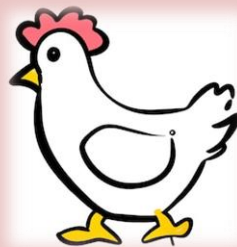
MORE BABY NEWS

While we're talking babies, and we are full of joy, we are happy to announce that Mrs. JP is expecting her first little bundle! She has her 20 week scan today and all is well. We are thrilled for her, and her husband, Alex, and wish them well for the rest of her pregnancy. Congratulations!

CAFOD COLLECTION

Can we just express our gratitude to everyone for supporting the Cafod Boxes and collecting change from around the house. The Spirit Squad were really wanting to raise enough money for a cow. However, as a collective, we didn't raise enough money for a cow...we raised enough for 3 COWS!!! Not only that, but we were also able to buy 3 chickens, a goat and a queen bee!

What a difference your support has made for some communities. Sometimes, we don't realise just how lucky we are in life when this small amount is enough to change the lives of a community. Thank you to all the children of St. George's.



HOLY COMMUNION

We are keeping all the Year 4 children in our thoughts and prayers as they make their final preparations for their First Holy Communion. The class has been split into two groups, the first of which makes their Holy Communion on Saturday 11th May, with the remaining group on Saturday 25th May. Huge thanks to all the catechists for their support in ensuring the children are ready for this sacrament.



PICKING UP OTHER PEOPLE'S CHILDREN

Recently, it has become difficult for staff to ensure all children are safely sent home as some parents are not notifying school that other parents are collecting their children. I'm sure you'll all agree that safeguarding is of the utmost importance to us and we need to be 100% sure, from parents, that their children are allowed to be taken home by other parents.

Children will not be allowed to go home with other parents unless school has been informed by their parents.

This can be via the class teacher or school office, but **MUST be communicated before the end of the day. Staff will not allow children to go home with other parents until we have received written or verbal communication from the child's parents.**

Thank you.

PACKED LUNCHES

We have noticed that lots of items within packed lunches are unhealthy - lots of chocolate and sweet treats. We have said many times before that chocolate bars and sweets are not allowed in school and anything sweet should be limited to just 1 item within the lunch box. This should be a cake or biscuit bar, flapjack, breakfast bar etc.

Please avoid:

Chocolate sandwiches
Chocolate waffles/creps
Chocolate yoghurts
Donuts
Chocolate bars
Sweets



Children should have **nut-free lunches so Nutella and peanut butter are not allowed** and of course, no items containing nuts. This is to protect all children in class/the hall who may have nut allergies.

Please ensure that items in their lunch box are an appropriate size/quantity for their age - no share bags or adult-size items please.

Please see below some NHS advice and ideas for healthy lunches to support your child's learning throughout the day.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Thank you for your co-operation.

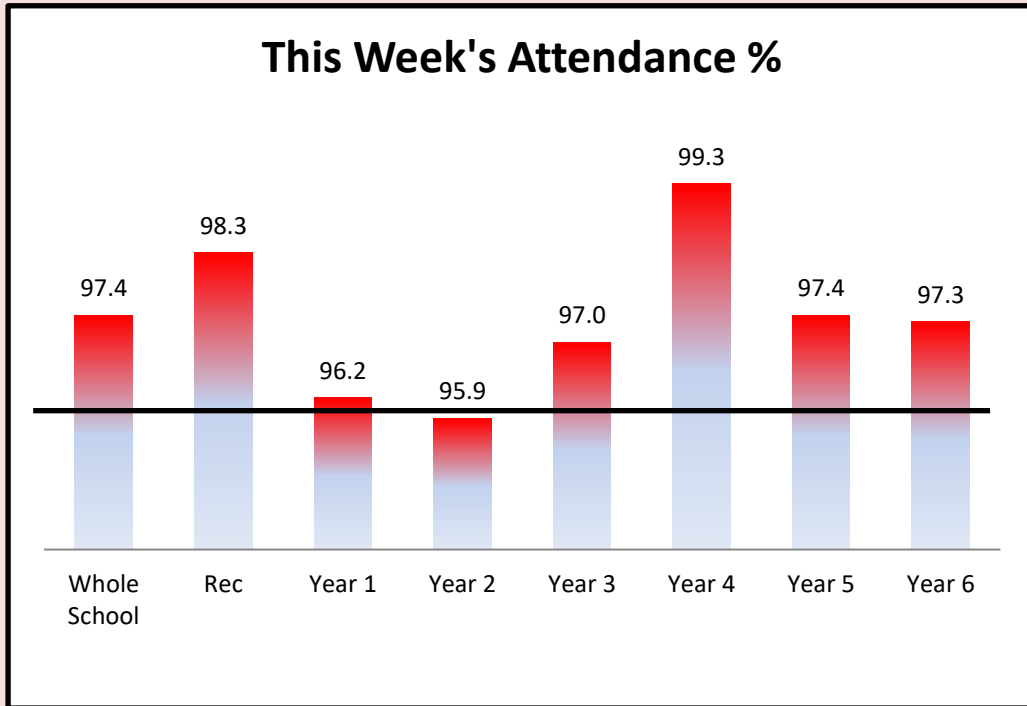
WATER BOTTLES

These are called 'water bottles' for a reason. These are being sipped-on all day so no kind of juice is allowed. Even sugar-free options are incredibly bad for your children's teeth if being drunk all day. It is fine to have a juice drink at lunch, but not in children's water bottles. We are also having problems with sticky, messy spillages in class so please ensure that bottles only contain water. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance can be seen below. **The school target is 96% - as represented by the black line.**

WOW... Our highest attendance to date! Thank you everyone for such a huge improvement. We are finally above our target for this week!!



WELL DONE to everyone.

And HUGE congratulations to Year 4 who has topped the school this week!

