



2024-25 Week 27 Update

This week, we have been able to enjoy the sunshine and partake in a number of activities to enrich the opportunities alongside our curriculum. We started the week with the first of our Year 6 transition session with Chris Saunders, the youth worker, talking about change and first impressions. On Tuesday, Arno, Amy and Fraser travelled to Meysey Hampton for the final of the small school historical figures competition. All three did brilliantly, but a special mention to Arno, who was placed as runner-up. On Wednesday, we took part in the small school's swimming gala and reached the final in half of all races, which is our best achievement yet. Thursday was the last of the small school afternoon netball sessions at Kingshill School, and on Friday, Class 3 travelled to the DeVere Hotel to look at biodiversity before the whole school enjoyed their last swimming session. This week, all children were joined by 'puddle' for a very important water safety session.

Next week is the last week of term four, beginning with school photos on Monday and ending with the official opening of our spirituality garden and Easter egg hunt. If any of you are planning on joining us on Sunday at church or next Friday, April 11th, at 1:30 pm for the official opening, then please let us know as the PTA have agreed to provide drinks and refreshments for the event.

Teacher-led Clubs

We will be running the following clubs for the 4 weeks of Term 5 and for the first four weeks of Term 6. There will be no teacher-led clubs in July or September, but wraparound care is still available each Day until 5 pm.

Monday

Recorder and sports team club (minimum of 12 children)

Tuesday

Colouring all year groups

Wednesday

Geography fieldwork club from Year 1 (max 20)

Thursday

Yoga/ Athletics

Friday

Brass band club at lunchtime

If your child would like to join, please email Admin@

Summer Uniform

As the weather has turned warm, feel free to have your child start to wear a summer uniform. This is a reminder that we still expect jumpers, coats, and sunhats to be brought to school. We also would like to remind you to ensure that any sun lotion does not contain nut oil.

Residential

We are very excited to announce that we are at the final stages of confirming our Class 3 residential for next year, which will be to Grittleton, with Kempsford Primary. We will share more information and hold a parent meeting once the final arrangements have been made.

PTA update

Easter egg trail, ice-cream Fridays, school disco, sleepover



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Vicar retirement afternoon tea

On Friday, April 11th, we will be holding an afternoon tea to mark Rev. Swanton's retirement. This will be at 1:30 pm. If you are able to join us for this occasion, please let us know by emailing Mrs Woodruff.

No Wraparound care after school on Friday 11th April

There is no after-school wraparound care on Friday, April 11th following the afternoon tea, so all children will need to be collected at 3:15 pm if you are not already in school.

Make the Rules Day

On Friday, April 11th, we are running a 'Make the Rules Day' Children are able to wear their own clothes to school as well as have 'unhealthy' snacks, squash in their drinks bottles, nail varnish and a few more rules that the children will be 'making' this week. Money raised for this will be split between the school and the Make a Wish Foundation. This charity has been chosen to support Nellie and Paul's mum, who will be running the London Marathon on April 27th for this charity. If you would like to sponsor her, please click on this link

<https://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/samantha-frost>

Attached to this weekly update are a variety of posters with more information about the Day!

Fun digital therapy for childhood anxiety

Lumi Nova is a therapeutic game that helps children aged 7-12 years self-manage worries and build resilience. You just need to sign up for free with your details.<https://luminova.app/>

Lumi Nova: Tales of Courage is an engaging child-led, parent/guardian-supported therapeutic intervention that can be used on most smartphones or tablets.

It facilitates **graded exposures (the active ingredient of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) with psychoeducation** to empower 7-12-year-olds with mild to moderate needs to learn to **self-manage fears, worries and anxiety**.

It is **practical, age-appropriate, and non-stigmatising, encourages self-management** and provides user progress and health outcomes **data in real-time** to authorised professionals.

Key Dates – for the full year, see the website – new dates or information in yellow

<https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/>

April 5th	Easter Egg Trail starts
April 7th	School photographs
April 11th	Rev. Swanton's afternoon tea at 1:30 pm
April 11th	Easter egg hunt and make the rules day – NO WRAPAROUND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
April 29th	Mini Olympics
April 30th	Drumba festival
May 12th	Year 6 SATS week
May 23rd	Sports Day (if dry)
June 3rd	School beat visit
June 5th	Panthlon final
June 10th	Y6 leavers service at the Cathedral
June 17th	RIAT STEM day
June 21st	Small school fundraising
June 23rd	District Sports



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June 26th	Area Sports
1 st and 2 nd July	Farmors Induction days
July 4th	School Fete
July 18th	Last Day of the term