



## 2024-25 Week 29 Update

### **This week**

It has been lovely to welcome everybody back to school for the summer term and the sun has certainly joined us this week. Class 3 started their week joining author Cathy Faulkner who wrote Digging for Victory to start their learning about VE Day. Class 2 have started their DT project to make torches linking what they have previously learnt in science about electrical circuits.

It was lovely to have the first inter schools' sports event this week where we sent two teams to the mini-Olympics and one of the teams won the award for great teamwork!

We have been busy behind the scenes shortlisting for our teaching and teaching assistant vacancies from a large and strong pool of applicants. I hope to update you next week after the interviews.

Over the Easter holidays we found out that not only have we allocated all spaces for reception intake in 2025, we also have a waiting list. We will be hearing the appeals for this next month and hope to be able to welcome more families into our lovely school.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Easter Egg Trail which raised over £130. Isabel M, Rae and someone not from the school, won the three prizes.

### **Forest School Help**

We are very fortunate to have such a great forest school, but it does take some upkeep. If you can help by mowing the grass in there sometimes (we have the mower in school) or can help to water the planters, or have a petrol tiller we can borrow then please let us know. We are looking to develop this area further and have lots of ideas.

### **Summer Term**

The summer term will fly by and there is lots going on, you will soon be receiving emails regarding school trips and as always, we are very grateful to our amazing PTA who are once again funding the coach to keep the costs down. We do however rely on the voluntary contributions for the trips to run.

In addition, the PTA will be holding various events to fill up their reserves so that they can support future events, and we hope that you will be able to support these.

The first event is the school disco followed by the class 3 sleepover. The flyer for the disco is attached, if your child is in class 3 and wants to stay for the sleepover then please email the office so that they can be added to the list. Children can stay after the disco and need collecting at 9am the following morning.

The second event will be the Raisin challenge that we will run again during May half term, for those of you now here last year this is very simple just fill a raisin box with all your loose change!

The third event is the small school's joint fundraiser which this year is being hosted at Meysey Hampton, the previous two years have raised lots of money for us and be a great day to share the fun with children from the other small schools in the area. Please see flyer attached and sign up if you have not already done so.

The final main event for the year is our annual school fete which is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 4-6pm, once again the children are keen to run many of the stalls so if you are unable to make or do not wish to run a stall it please let your child know so they do not volunteer!! Raffle tickets for the big raffle that will drawn at the event will come home soon, if you are able to donate a raffle prize that would be amazing.



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The money raised by these events are used directly to support the school in providing great opportunities for the children.

As mentioned at the end of last term we will be holding iSingPop concerts at the end of term, they are on Thursday July 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and 6pm at Kempsford Church. We are very fortunate that we received a 50% subsidy to hold this event and the week of in-school singing sessions and the the PTA have funded our half of the remaining amount.

More good news grant wise is that we have received a grant for us to update some of our IT equipment, this grant was made possible by the PTA agreeing to support the purchases. This year we have decided to buy new laptops as many of ours are at the end of their lives.

Term 5 will end (hopefully) with our annual sports day which is being held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 11am. You are very welcome to join us, this event is however weather dependant!

### Teacher Led Clubs have started and this term are

Monday - Recorder and sports team club

Tuesday - Colouring all year groups

Wednesday - Geography fieldwork club from Year 1

Thursday - Yoga/ Athletics all years

Friday - Brass band club at lunchtime for KS2

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

12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week – Y6 all invited to breakfast each morning from 8am
16 <sup>th</sup> May	School disco and Class 3 sleepover
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	New parents evening for reception 25 parents
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Sports Day (if dry) Last day of term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Term 6 starts
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School beat visit
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Panathlon final
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 leavers service at the Cathedral
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 1 trip
17 <sup>th</sup> June	RIAT STEM day
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Small school fundraising event
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	District Sports
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Area Sports
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Farmors Induction days
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Class 2 and 3 to Skillzone
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Kingshill induction day and School Fete



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10 <sup>th</sup> July	Class 2 and 3 Roman History trip to Cirencester and Corinium Museum
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Spiritual art Exhibition
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Ising Pop concerts at 2pm and 6pm – year 6 sleepover
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term – finish at 2pm