



2024-25 Week 30 Update

This week

We have had a busy 4-day week with interviews (more information below) as well as a mini history unit all about VE day where the children were not only able to learn about the events of 80 years ago but also the lasting impact on the world we live in. We ended yesterday with a whole school worship where we shared diary entries, prayers for peace and did some lovely singing.

Next week

Children in Year 2 and Year 6 will be taking part in the end of key stage assessments (Year 2s are likely to go beyond next week and are less formal). This always marks a key milestone in the Year 6 calendar as from this point on they get to wear their hoodies every day and the level of homework decreases! We will also be marking the end of the Y6 SATs with the whole school by being off timetable on Friday. Also on Friday, we have the school disco and class 3 sleepover.

Staffing update

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed a new class teacher and new teaching assistants. We had a very strong field of applicants for each post and after a rigorous day long interview I can announce that Miss Chakroborty has been appointed as the new class teacher for class 1. She will be in school for a variety of visits in the summer term to get to know the children. We have also appointed Mrs Evans as the new teaching assistant alongside Mrs Ford who will be with us on a more regular basis from September.

Therefore, in class 1 there will be Miss Chakroborty, Mrs Wheeler and Mrs Paterson. Class 2 will be Miss Phipps and Mrs Walters. Class 3 will be Mrs Russell and Mrs Evans with Mrs Ford on a Monday morning.

Mrs Walters will continue to teach each class, one afternoon a week. Mrs Evans will support each class, one afternoon a week for science, and I will have an increased teaching commitment in class 1 alongside Miss Chakroborty, especially in term 1 when we welcome our new intake. I will also teach classes 1 and 3 for an afternoon each a week.

We are delighted to have such a strong staffing team for the year ahead and with all vacancies filled, we can start to plan lots of amazing things alongside our core curriculum offer.

New Reception Parents

A letter will be coming out today inviting all new reception parents to a meeting on Thursday 22nd May at 4:30pm.

Breakfast club

We have been delighted to see an increase again in the take up of the free breakfast club offer and I can now confirm that this will continue from 8am – 8:30am which is the government funded offer. For any family that are needing to use the earlier drop off at 7:45am there will be a charge of £2 a morning from term 6. Booking for each remains via parentmail at the moment.

Parent survey

The Corinium Education Trust's Trustees and members of our schools' Local Governing Bodies are keen to learn more from our stakeholders.

We have recently surveyed pupils in Years 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 and, in the autumn, we reflected on feedback from all staff across our schools and we are catching up with them again this term.

This week, we are seeking your feedback, as parents, in response to 8 simple questions. These focus on your child's/children's experience in our schools. Most of the questions are multiple choice, and



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the tool we are using will help us benchmark your feedback with that of the parents in other schools across the country who use this particular tool. This will inform our self evaluation.

Please use the link below or the QR code to start the survey. The survey will remain open for one week. We encourage you to take part. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Chiquita Henson
Trust Lead (CEO)

<https://participate.schoolsurveys.com/ctSaDpJSk6vFu4LB>



Leavers' Gift for Miss Homan-Green

Several parents have asked about a leaving gift for Miss Homan-Green. Lily's mum, Hannah has offered to co-ordinate this so if you would like to donate to a group present then please see her at the gate. If you do not know who she is then I can point her out or give you her number.

Class 3 End of Year Play

We will soon be planning the Class 3 end of term play. Information, including parts and dates will be sent over the next few weeks.

Other important reminders

Class 3 parents please let us know if your child is staying for the sleepover or not.

Please sign up for the Flourish Dance festival if you can – each entry is also put into a prize draw where you might win: 2 hospitality tickets to Wembley to watch England play, 4 tickets to climb the O2, or 2 HP laptops.

The final main event for the year is our annual school fete which is on Friday 4th July from 4-6pm. Once again the children are keen to run many of the stalls so if you are unable to make it or do not wish to run a stall, 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.

As mentioned at the end of last term we will be holding iSingPop concerts at the end of term.



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They are on Thursday July 17th 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 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 23rd May at 11am. You are very welcome to join us, this event is however weather dependant!

Class 'moving up days' will be on July 1st and 2nd, this will give the children a chance to spend time in their new class rooms.

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

12 th May	Year 6 SATS week – Y6 all invited to breakfast each morning from 8am
16 th May	School disco and Class 3 sleepover
22 nd May	New parents evening for reception 25 parents
23 rd May	Sports Day (if dry) Last day of term
2 nd June	Term 6 starts
3 rd June	School beat visit
5 th June	Panathlon final
10 th June	Y6 leavers service at the Cathedral
12 th June	Class 1 trip
17 th June	RIAT STEM day
21 st June	Small school fundraising event
23 rd June	District Sports
26 th June	Area Sports
1 st and 2 nd July	Farmers Induction days and class moving up days
3 rd July	Class 2 and 3 to Skillzone
4 th July	Kingshill induction day and School Fete
10 th July	Class 2 and 3 Roman History trip to Cirencester and Corinium Museum
11 th July	Spiritual art Exhibition
17 th July	Ising Pop concerts at 2pm and 6pm – year 6 sleepover
18 th July	Last day of term – finish at 2pm