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Dear Parents and Carers

This week sees our Sports Days on Monday and Tuesday, we hope you can come along and enjoy the afternoon here at school. We also have Year 1 going out on their trip to Wardour Castle on Wednesday and the Inflatable Evening on Friday from 5pm until 8pm. All children must be accompanied by an adult throughout this event please. Use the link below to book at the reduced price of £5 per ticket.

**Transition Day Tuesday 1st July**

This is the day when all the children move up a class for the day to meet their new teacher and spend time getting used to their new classroom before the summer break. All the children should go straight to their new classroom for this special day, we will be on hand to guide them in the right direction and help you pick them up from the right places! To help with this process, here’s a reminder of the drop off and pick up points for each year group:

Year 1 – They go in through the door at the back of the Hall and come out from their door, just to the left of the door at the back of the Hall at 3.10pm.

Year 2 – They go in through the door at the back of the Hall and come out of the same door at 3.10pm.

Year 3 – As above, coming out at 3.15-3.20pm

Year 4 – They go in through their door (up the little ramp down the side path) and come out of the door at the top of the school at 3.20pm

Year 5 and 6 – In and out of the top door, finishing at 3.20pm.

We will also welcome the new Reception children in small groups during the day, and have most of our Year 6 children at their new secondary schools that day.

**Sports Days – 16th and 17th June**

Spectators are welcome for the afternoon sessions:

Key Stage One (Years R, 1 and 2) on **Monday 16th June from 1-3pm**

Key Stage Two (Years 3-6) on **Tuesday 17th June from 1-3pm**

Seating will be provided but please bring sun protection as we cannot provide shade for the spectators.

Reserve dates are on Monday 23rd June for KS2 and Thursday 3rd July for KS1.

Children should wear PE kit with a tee-shirt in their house colour for Sports Days if they have them, coloured bands will be provided for them to wear on their PE tee-shirt if needed.

**Cricket Club**

We won't be running cricket club on Tuesday (tomorrow) after Sports Day. There will be three more sessions after that, with the last one on Tuesday 8th July.

**Year 5 and 6 Summer Performance**

The Summer Performance, showcasing the talents of our Year 6 children, supported by our Year 5 class, will take place on Tuesday 8th July at 2pm and Wednesday 9th July at 6pm. Tickets are on sale from the school office at £1 a ticket.

**Coffee Morning – Speech and Language – Tuesday 15th July – School Hall**

Please come into school for a drink and biscuit and a chat with our lovely, link Speech and Language Therapists. If you have any questions at all about Speech and Language, whether or not your child has been seen by this service, please feel free to join us.

Please could you let Mrs Howard know if you think you might be able to come – either by email showard@shaftesburyabbey.dorset.sch.uk or have a word – thank you.

**PTFA**

The PTFA have arranged for our school to be in the Tesco Tokens scheme from the first week of July until September. We hope to get some money to improve the Reception class outdoor area with a new artificial grass surface and play equipment, Please put your blue tokens into our slot and encourage others to do the same.

Please come to these two events and help with them if you can, the money raised is all used to improve the environment and experiences for all the children in our school.

**Inflatable evening – Friday 20th June**

Children's inflatable tickets on sale now. £5 pre-sale. £8 on the door. Affordable food and drinks, a lovely way to enjoy a summer evening together.

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1257940856>

**Summer Fair – Friday 4th July at 3.20pm**

Please sign up to help with the Summer Fair in July.  It will need your help to set up, run stalls and clear up at the end.

If you have any children’s books in good condition, the Rotakids would love to have them for their stall. Please send them in to the school office anytime from today onwards.

**Forest School – Wednesday afternoons**

Year 3 have a session on 18th June followed by Year 1 on 25th June and 2nd July, followed by Year 5 on 9th and 16th July.

Children need to have trousers and long-sleeved tops, wellies and a **waterproof coat** (with over-trousers if they have them). The Forest School philosophy is to wear the right clothing to go out in all weathers.

**Term Dates**

Please see next year’s term dates below for your info.

Michael Salisbury, Head teacher

**TERM DATES 2024 – 2025**

Summer Term ends                                       Tuesday 22nd July 2025

**INSET DAY                                                       Wednesday 23rd July 2025**

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**TERM DATES 2025 – 2026**

**Autumn Term**

**INSET DAY                                                     Wednesday 3rd September 2025**

Children start back                                       Thursday 4th September 2025

Autumn Half Term                                        Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025

Autumn Term ends                                      Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas Holidays                                       Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026

**Spring Term**

**INSET DAY                                                     Monday 5th January 2026**

Children start back                                       Tuesday 6th January 2026

Spring half term                                            Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Spring Term ends                                         Friday 27th March 2026

Easter holidays                                             Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026

**Summer Term**

**INSET DAY                                                     Monday 13th April 2026**

Children start back                                       Tuesday 14th April 2026

MAY DAY Bank Holiday                                Monday 4th May 2026

**INSET DAY                                                      Friday 22nd May 2026**

Summer half term                                        Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

Summer Term ends                                      Tuesday 21st July 2026

**INSET DAY                                                      Wednesday 22nd July 2026**