

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Getting ready for September - Transition sessions

In the final few weeks of term, the following transition plans are in place to support the children with the move to their new classes in September 2025.

This week, new class teachers have been going in to observe the children being taught by their current teachers.

On **Friday 27th June**, **new class teachers** will be teaching the children in their **current classroom**, with a 'getting to know you' theme during the first session of the afternoon.

Then on **Thursday 3rd July**, the children will spend the second part of the morning with their **new teacher** in their **new classroom**.

As usual, parent information sessions will be planned in for the first few weeks of the new academic year. The aim of these is to share information about class routines and expectations, to allow parents the opportunity to meet the teachers face-to-face and to visit the new classrooms.

Advanced warning of dates for the September Parent Information Sessions

Year 5	2.40pm	Thursday 4 th September
Year 4	2.40pm	Friday 5 th September
Year 6	2.40pm	Monday 8 th September
Year 3	2.40pm	Tuesday 9 th September
Year 2	2.40pm	Wednesday 10 th September
Year 1	2.40pm	Thursday 11 th September

Reception and Nursery information sessions will take place later in the term.

This year, we are repeating the strategy used last year, whereby Mrs Gillespie moved up to Year 6 with her Year 5 class, teaching them for two years.

This year, Miss Yeadon is taking her current class through to Year 6 and Mrs Gillespie is returning to Year 5.

The strategy proved to be very successful, in that the teacher has full knowledge of the children's academic ability from the moment Year 6 begins and allows for the content of the Year 6 curriculum to be taught thoroughly, prior to the requirement for the children to undertake SATs tests in May 2025.

Please rest assured that even though our new Year 6s have the same teacher, their transition focus will be on preparing for the responsibility, standards and expectations that come with being a member of the year 6 class – this is where the preparation for high school begins!

If you have any further questions around transition – please just ask.





Summer Music Festival, Picnics and Charity Day

Friday 11th July



A fabulous, smiley young lady, who attends our school has faced some particularly challenging health issues this year and as a celebration of her bravery and determination we decided to merge a few of our usual summer events – the Music Festival and Picnics on the field – with a fundraising event and barbeque run by APPCA.

On Friday 11th July, we will be joined by Phil Martinez, Charity Manager at OSCAR's Paediatric Brain Tumour Charity, who will be talking to the children about our fundraising activities and opening the music festival for us.

The order and timings for the day

Parents and carers are invited to attend the Music Festival from 10am (attending as much or as little as you wish). The running order is below, but please be aware that any timings given are approximate.

If the field is dry, the Music Festival will take place on the school field. If the field is wet, the Music Festival will take place on the playground. (In the event of heavy rain, the festival will be postponed to Tuesday 15th July).

Parents and carers are encouraged to bring their own chairs/picnic rugs if you wish to be seated for the performances.

Running Order

Start time – 10am	
Phil from OSCARs	Open the Music Festival
Year 4	Guitar performance
Year 4	Bhangra dancing
Year 3	Ukulele performance
Reception	Perform 'Hola'
Reception & Year 6	Perform 'Akeelie'
Year 1	Samba drumming and dancing performance
Year 2	Mexican singing and dancing performance
Year 5	Chair drumming and sea shanties performance
Year 6	African dancing
Choir and all children	Singing performance
Approximate finish time – 11.30am	
12pm to 12.30pm	Parents and Children Picnic on the field
11.30am to 12.30pm	APPCA BBQ held on the patio at the front of school (accessed by parents/carers ONLY as the children will need to remain on the school field for safety reasons) – all proceeds going to OSCARs Charity Drinks also available. Biscuits and flapjack donated by our catering company, Taylor Shaw, will also be available to buy – with proceeds also going to OSCARs.

The **sponsored activities** will take place in classes in the **afternoon**.
These are for the **children only** – **not for parents/carers to attend**.

And finally...

We are really looking forward to seeing you all at Friday's Summer Fair.

4.30pm to 6.30pm with plenty for everyone – bring the whole family!

