

# SUMMER 1

## Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break, it was great to have some sunshine and hopefully a chance for you all to enjoy some family time. As we begin this term, our attention is drawn to the assessments that take place in May and June, which are as follows:

### **Year 6**

Year 6 SATs in 2026 will be held from Monday, May 11th to Thursday, May 14th, 2026. These statutory assessments for pupils in England cover reading, maths, and grammar, punctuation, and spelling (GPS), aiming to measure national standards at the end of Key Stage 2. Results are typically used to measure school performance.

The staff members in Year 6 will be ensuring that the children are well prepared and supported throughout. I am sure they will be absolutely fine and able to achieve their very best.

### **Year 4**

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a statutory, key stage 2 assessment taken by pupils at the end of year 4 (in June). The MTC's purpose is to ensure the times tables knowledge is at the expected level.

### **Year 1 and Year 2**

Phonics Screening Check will take place during June and is a mandatory check. The check is for Year 1 children and assesses children's phonics decoding skills, with a focus on real and pseudo-words (nonsense words) to ensure children are meeting the expected standard. A few children in Year 2 also undertake the screening check, if they missed it when they were in Year 1 or did not reach the expected standard.

The children in Year 2 also undertake end of KS1 assessments in June. These are school-based tests which help inform teacher assessment judgements, in preparation for when the children move into KS2.

Great news! We once again, gained our Leading Parent Partnership Award, so a big thanks to everyone directly involved in this. The award is for 3 years so will take us to March 2029. Our work to help and support and to work in partnership with you, will continue and should you have any concerns, please raise them with your child's class teacher or another staff member.

Please note: Mr B. Gibson and Mrs J. Norwood have been appointed as the interim Deputy Heads across the federation. Both are very familiar with King's Hill as they have been working with us for quite some time. We also have Mrs W. Carter and Mrs T. Davis (Assistant Heads) as the SEND and Inclusion leads. I would like to wish them all the best as they take up their new roles.

Last term was incredibly busy with the children involved in so many different and enjoyable activities. You have supported us in so many ways, so thank you and please note the diary dates for this half term.

Mrs N. Matharu  
Executive Headteacher

## Year 6 SaTs

For the academic year 2025 to 2026, the KS2 tests are scheduled to take place from Monday 11 May to Thursday 14 May 2026:

Monday 11 May – English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions Paper 2: spelling

Tuesday 12 May – English reading English reading

Wednesday 13 May – Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic Paper 2: reasoning

Thursday 14 May – Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

### Nursery Closed

Nursery will be closed due to Local Elections being held in school on Thursday 7th May

### Assembly Dates

Parent/carers are invited for the following assemblies:

Year 4 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Year 3 – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Year 5 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

### Year 5 & 6 Bikeability

Year 5 & 6 will be visited by Walsall's A' star tutors in school to help promote safer cycling on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Bikeability helps children to develop road sense, the ability to navigate and improve their independence - all of which helps to boost their confidence. Children must have both items - bike and helmet to complete the course. Letters of consent will be sent home in due course.

### TRIPS/EXCURSIONS REMINDERS

Y1 - Tanglewood, Cannock Chase on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Reception - Little Owl Farm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April

### LIBRARY VISITS

Y5 RM - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Y4 - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Y5CD - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Y3 - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Y6 HS - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

### Important Dates for your Diary

· **Half term holiday:** Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

Training Day – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

· **School begins:** Tuesday 2nd June