

Reception pupils have
been **QUACKERS** this
week about their
duckling visitors!

Ducklings



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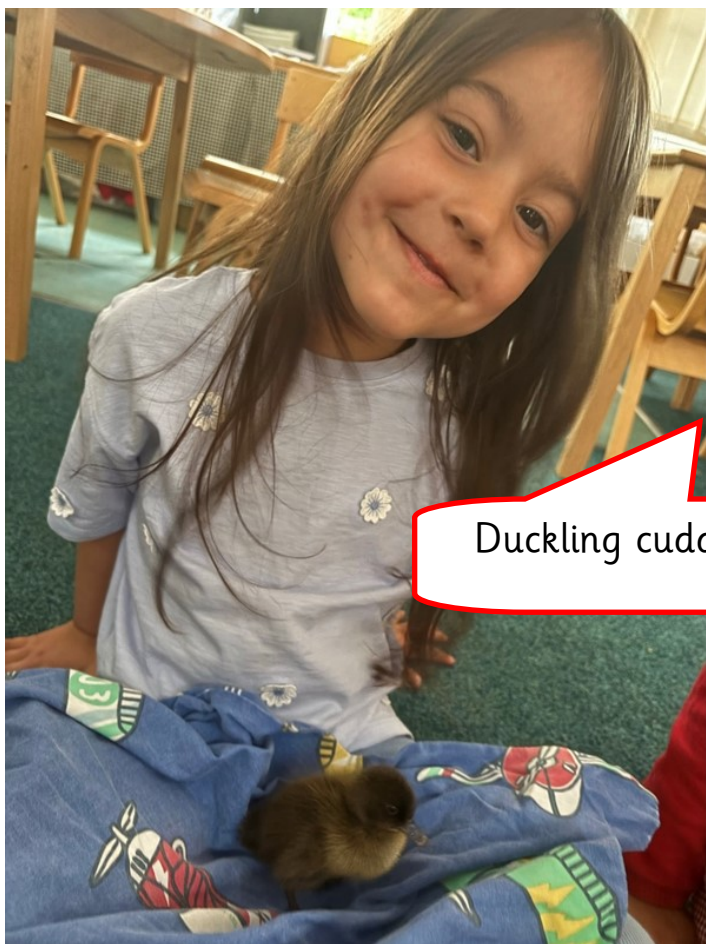


Our ducklings arrived as eggs last week. The children waited excitedly for them to hatch.

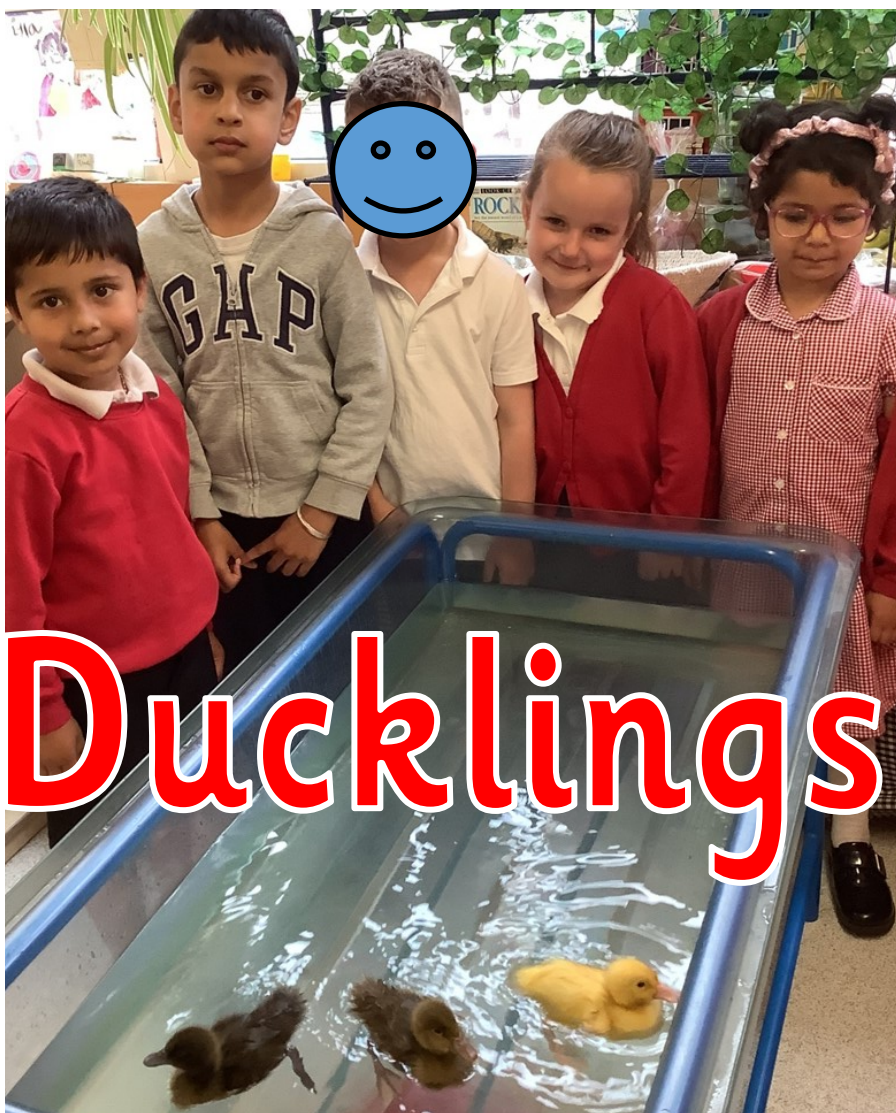
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It was fun watching the ducklings grow and learn to swim.



Duckling cuddles were the best!



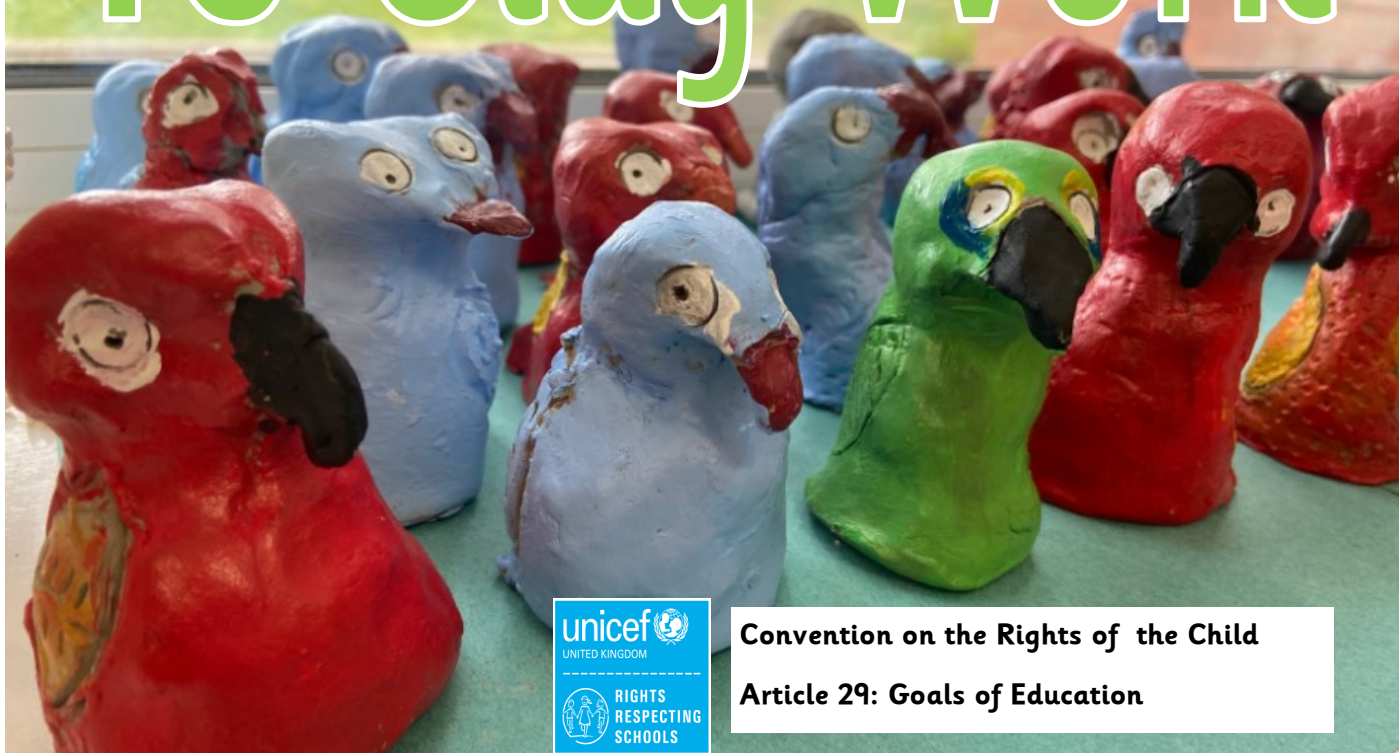
The Benefits of Having Ducklings in School

- Observing the ducklings at first hand helped pupils to understand their growth stages, behaviours, diet and life cycle.
- By feeding, cleaning, and keeping the ducklings safe, pupils also understood what it means to be responsible for another living being.
- Handling the ducklings promoted empathy and compassion and duck cuddles helped to reduce stress—even for the grown-ups!



Inspired by their world book day text 'Croc and Bird' Year 3 designed, sculpted and painted their own parrots using clay. The children really had to use their perseverance and 'never give up' elephant learning character as the clay was tricky to mould into shape and their hands were aching by the end! We are so impressed by their beautiful attention to detail.

Y3 Clay Work





This week, Year Two have been preparing for the Royal Shakespeare Company's Playmaking Festival. Their challenge is to rehearse and perform a piece from "Romeo and Juliet" and this requires creativity, teamwork and discipline. The children have been learning more about the characters in the play and their relationships. Through drama games and other rehearsal room pedagogies, they are gradually bringing the script to life ready for a performance in front of other schools.

Playmaking Festival



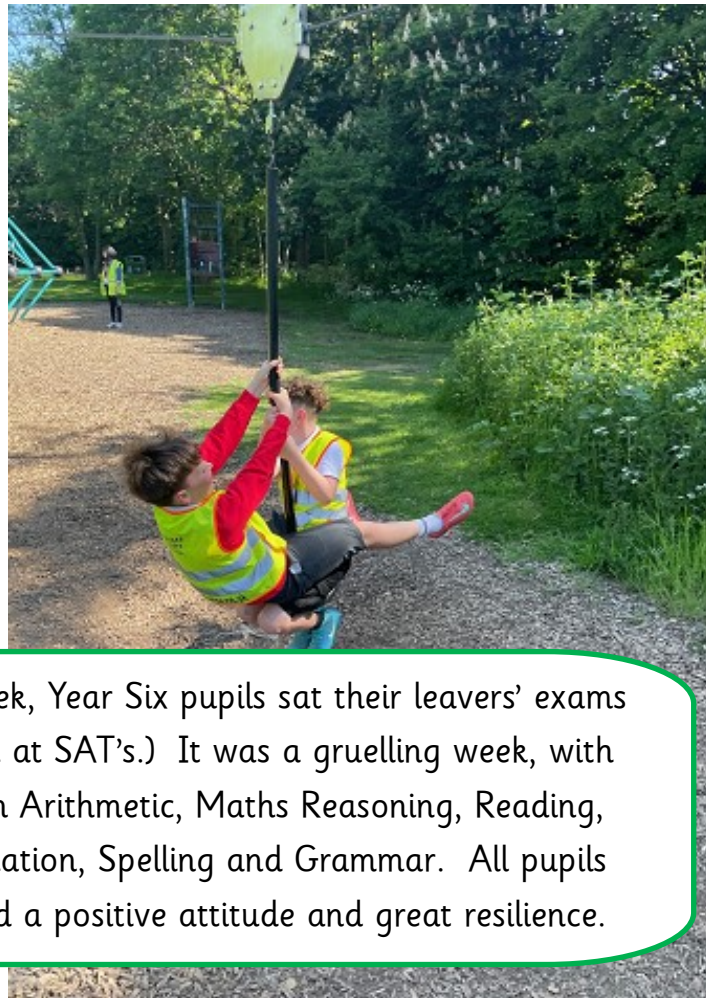


Playmaking Festival



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Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture.

SAT's Celebration



This week, Year Six pupils sat their leavers' exams (known as SAT's.) It was a gruelling week, with tests in Arithmetic, Maths Reasoning, Reading, Punctuation, Spelling and Grammar. All pupils showed a positive attitude and great resilience.

SAT's Celebration



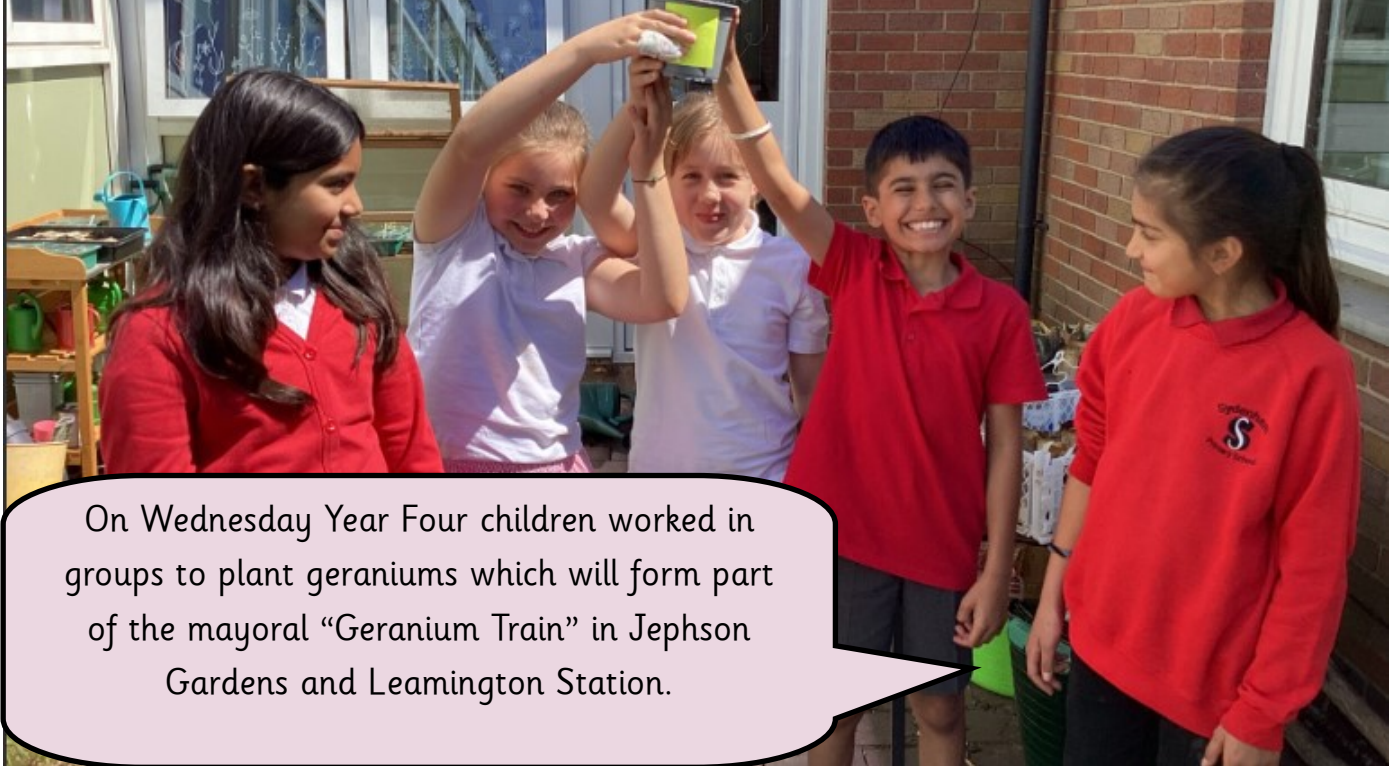
We are incredibly proud of every single child in Year Six for approaching the tests with a growth mindset and a willingness to do their very best. As a reward for their hard work, pupils spent this morning at Newbold Comyn. They had fun spending time together and enjoyed ice lollies on their return to school.





SAT's Celebration

Geranium Train



On Wednesday Year Four children worked in groups to plant geraniums which will form part of the mayoral "Geranium Train" in Jephson Gardens and Leamington Station.



Each person had a responsibility: filling the pot with compost, adding the geranium seedling, or watering the newly potted geranium. Pupils even named their geraniums! The children also discussed the importance of adding more compost around the seedling once it is planted, to protect it from harsh weather and secure the roots.

Sunshine Readers

Year Four have also been soaking up the sun whilst enjoying a good book. Well done to all our avid Year Four readers.





Year Two have been reading, writing and following instructions in English and Design Technology lessons. This week, they put their skills to the test by making delicious, chocolate cookies. Yum!



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Cookie Monsters



Year One have been learning all about bees this week. They have read stories and carried out research, learning lots of fascinating facts about different kinds of bee. Here are some fantastic examples of classwork and homelearning.

Bee-autiful Work



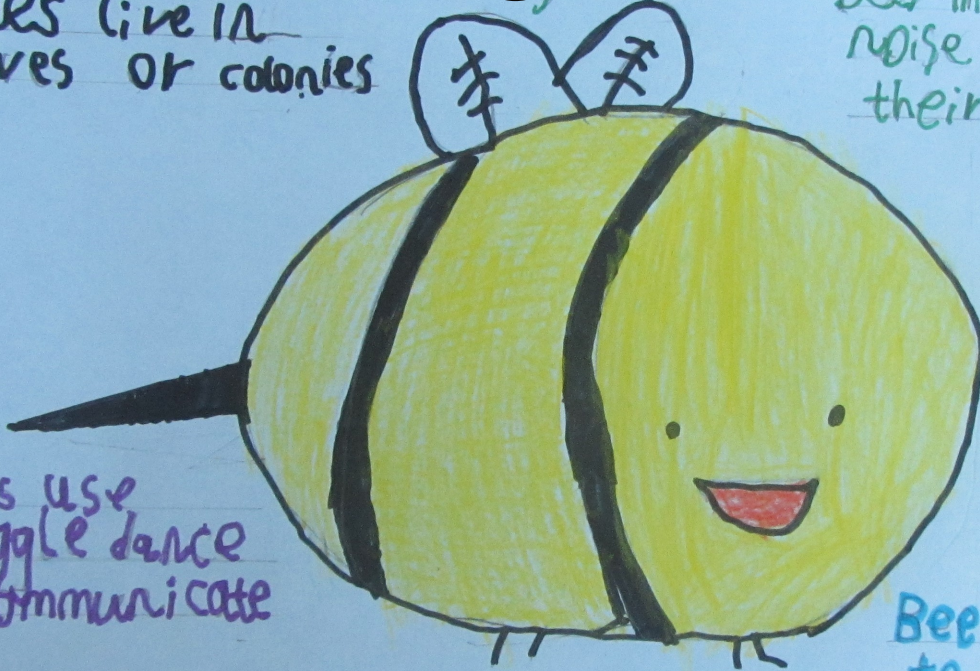


Bee-autiful Work

Bees live in hives or colonies

Bees acts

Bees make a buzzing noise because of their wings



Bees make Honey

Bees use waggle dance to communicate

Bees have 5 eyes and 6 legs

Bees help plants to grow by pollinating them

B ee

Name: Divit
PVI Kingfisher



**SYDENHAM
PTA**

COME & JOIN US FOR OUR



SUMMER FAIR



**FRIDAY 4TH JULY
3.20 - 5PM**

FREE ENTRY



Events

bouncy castle - games - SOAK THE TEACHER -
refreshments tombola - raffle & more

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. CONTACT US FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND HOW YOU CAN HELP**

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Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Empathy

Empathy means *feeling with* someone, not just *feeling sorry for* them. It is one of the best ways to be a kind friend and a good person. Empathy is not just noticing that someone is happy, sad, or hurt—you're trying to understand their feelings from their point of view and responding with kindness.

Examples of when you could be empathetic:

A friend is nervous before a test.

You might say: *"I get nervous too. We've got this!"*

Someone is sitting alone at lunch.

You might think: *"I would feel sad if I were alone."*

So, you could invite them to sit with you.

Our tips for empathy:

1. Pay attention to how people look and sound. Are they happy, sad, or upset? Look for clues in their body language to find out how they might be feeling.
2. Read a book or watch a TV show. Pick a character in the book or show and imagine how that character might feel. Do you think all the characters feel the same? Put yourself in their shoes!
3. Empathy drawing – if you like to get creative, you could try drawing a picture of how someone else might feel in a certain situation (e.g., "a child who has lost their favourite toy", "a child who is starting a new school").
4. Be kind with actions - even little things help - like sharing, listening, or giving a hug.
5. Include everyone - invite others to play, join in, or sit with you. Notice if someone is standing alone, sitting on a bench, or watching others play.
6. Kindness cards – consider making cards or notes for family, friends or classmates who might need a boost!

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Caring

Caring is about looking after the needs of yourself and others. There are lots of ways you can show others that you care, showing kindness, compassion, love, support and being thoughtful. It is equally important to take time to care for ourselves, sometimes termed 'self-care'. This can help us to increase our resilience and sense of self-worth. Allowing yourself time to engage in activities you enjoy and make you feel good, along with recognising unkind thoughts and trying to replace these with kinder thoughts can be part of caring for yourself.

Caring for others can help us feel connected, purposeful, and close to those we care for. These things are positive for our mental wellbeing. Can you think of a way you've shown care for someone this week?

Everyday millions of people in the UK give additional care to people they know through helping with everyday living tasks. Young Carers may also be responsible for looking after younger brothers and sisters and doing household chores. If you are, or you support a Young Carer, you can find local carers support by following the QR code:



Warwickshire Young
Carers Project



Coventry Young Carers
Support

Our tips for being caring:

1. Caring Chain - write down an act of caring they can do for another person or for themselves on a strip of paper. Create a paper chain with each of these strips, by folding and linking them together. This can then be displayed in the classroom and pupils can be encouraged to give a new act of caring a go each week.
2. Try to identify 3 ways you have been caring towards yourself and 3 ways you have been caring towards others. Then, set a goal for another caring act you can carry out over the following week.
3. Take time to practise self-care! Follow the QR code for some ideas of how you could be kinder to yourself:



Self-care ideas

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WARWICKSHIRE
PARENT CARER VOICE



SEND Walk & Talk (Leamington)

19th May

1pm



Find out more about what
we do and share your
experiences

Email Hannah for more information
hannah@warwickshireparentcarervoice.org

Jephson Gardens CV32 4AA

Meet by the glasshouse
what3words - liver.buyers.rice

Hannah will be wearing an orange hi viz and WPCV ID

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Stratford School

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Family Support Drop In Sessions



Would you like the opportunity to speak to a Family Support Worker?

Family Support Workers can offer support with

Developing Routines and Boundaries
Understanding your child's behaviour
Behaviour Management
Health and Wellbeing
Childrens Mental Health

Join us for a consultation with a Family Support Worker at
Kingsway Children and Family Centre
Every Tuesday
1pm - 3pm



Phone: 08926 454 144
Option 1, then 2 for Family Support.
Available Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm



10,000 Sunflowers 2025

**We're back and everyone is welcome to
get involved again.**

The Big Planting Out Day

31st May

**HQ at Lillington School
Playing Fields
10am onwards**

Come and spread sunflower joy all around Lillington and
Cubbington; Potting up days 27th April and May3rd/4th.
Contact: matt.black@pop3.popteLorg.uk

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Diary Dates

Monday 19th May	School photographer—class portraits.
Monday 19th—Tuesday 21st May	Arts' Ambassadors working in school with Big Gobs Puppets in preparation for the SPLAT! Festival.
Tuesday 20th May	Firefighter visit, Year Five.—SEE NEW DATE
Wednesday 21st May	Firefighter visit, Year One—SEE NEW DATE
Friday 23rd May	MUFTI (non uniform) Day—bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes to school.
<p align="center">School closed for the Whitsun holiday</p> <p align="center">Monday 26th—Friday 30th May</p>	
Monday 2nd June	Y4 Multiplication Check all week.
Monday 2nd June	Y5 swimming lessons in the pop-up pool (for three weeks.)
Monday 2nd June	Y6 residential to Longridge Activity Centre.
Tuesday 3rd June	RSC Director Mentor working with Y2.
Tuesday 3rd June	Firefighter visit, Year One.
Wednesday 4th June	Y3 performing at The Bridge House Theatre in Warwick with Motionhouse.
Monday 9th June	Y1 Phonics Screening all week.
Friday 13th June	Special MUFTI (non uniform Day.) Wear yellow for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.
Tuesday 17th June	Y2 visit to Oxford Botanical Gardens
Wednesday 18th June	RSC Playmaking Festival
Thursday 19th July	YR visit to Stratford-on-Avon.

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Monday 23rd June	Y1 trip to the West Midlands Safari Park.
Thursday 26th June	Instrumental concert at 2.15pm.
Monday 30th June	Y5/6 Sport's Day, 10.00—11.30am.
Tuesday 1st July	Y1/2 Sport's Day, 10.00—11.30am.
Wednesday 2nd July	Y3/4 Sport's Day, 10.00—11.30am.
Friday 4th July	YR Sport's Day, 10.00—11.00am
Friday 4th July	PTA Summer Fayre.
Week beginning Monday 7th July	End of year reports emailed to parents/carers.
Tuesday 8th July	Idris Caldora (chef) in Y5.
Wednesday 9th July	Level 1/2 Bikeability.
Thursday 10th July	Y5 Residential—Kip in a Ship.
Friday 11th July	Y6 Leavers' assemblies. Swans at 9.45am Moorhens at 1.30pm
Monday 14th July	Rocksteady concert at 2.30pm.
Friday 18th July	Break up for the Summer holiday.

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Sydenham Superstars



YR and Key Stage One



Key Stage Two