

Newsletter Friday 18th October 2024

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Information for Parents



I can't believe that we only have a week left until half term. The children in reception classes have settled particularly well and it feels like they've been with us for months rather than weeks. They really have got the swing of the WFS routine.

As I mentioned last week we are trialling a new transport system on Monday - please be patient. If it doesn't work, we will go back to how it is now, but we will give it a week before making any decisions.

Changes to transport – trial week beginning 21st October.

To try and keep parent traffic away from transport we are trialling a new system. We will revert to the old system if it does not work.

Transport will enter the school gates and turn right, going the wrong way up the exit drive. Before the exit gates, they will turn left and queue two a breast if the vehicle gates are closed. They will then enter the compound as normal and will be able to exit down the exit drive as normal.

Parents will be able to enter school as normal but will not be able to turn right down the drive that currently has the disabled bays marked on. If this trial works, we will move the disabled bays. Parents will leave school as normal.

We are doing this as it is very hazardous now with parents dropping off and picking up and potentially completing some risky manoeuvres putting pedestrians at risk. I would like to reiterate though that this car park was always meant to be a staff car park.

Thanks for your help with this and hopefully it will mean you can get on and off the car park quicker and more safely.

PARENT POP IN

PARENT POP-IN
WFS PARENTS & CARERS

EVERY MONDAY
FROM 2PM IN OUR
FAMILY HUB

COME ALONG TO ACCESS
SUPPORT AROUND SEND,
FINANCES, BEHAVIOUR, SLEEP,
HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND
MUCH MORE!

THE SUPPORTING FAMILIES TEAM CAN NOW BE
CONTACTED VIA EMAIL AT
SUPPORTINGFAMILIES@WFS.WORCS.SCH.UK

Forest School Day



WILLOW Class



Willow class have been pretending to be Archaeologists excavating dinosaurs.





Free School Meal Vouchers

Parents/carers of eligible pupils will receive their vouchers on Wednesday 23rd October.

Please be aware they are valid for one month only.

OLIVE Class

Olive Class have been learning about knife safety skills over the last week – we have been practising our cutting by making a fruit salad. We used a bridge hand technique to cut up apples and bananas then shared them with our friends. We have also celebrated National Forest School Day by collecting leaves from the Forest school area in pairs then working together in class to create a beautiful autumnal wreath which we are now proudly displaying on our door.



**We would be very grateful for any empty
chocolate/sweetie tubs.**

**You are welcome to bring them to the school
office.**

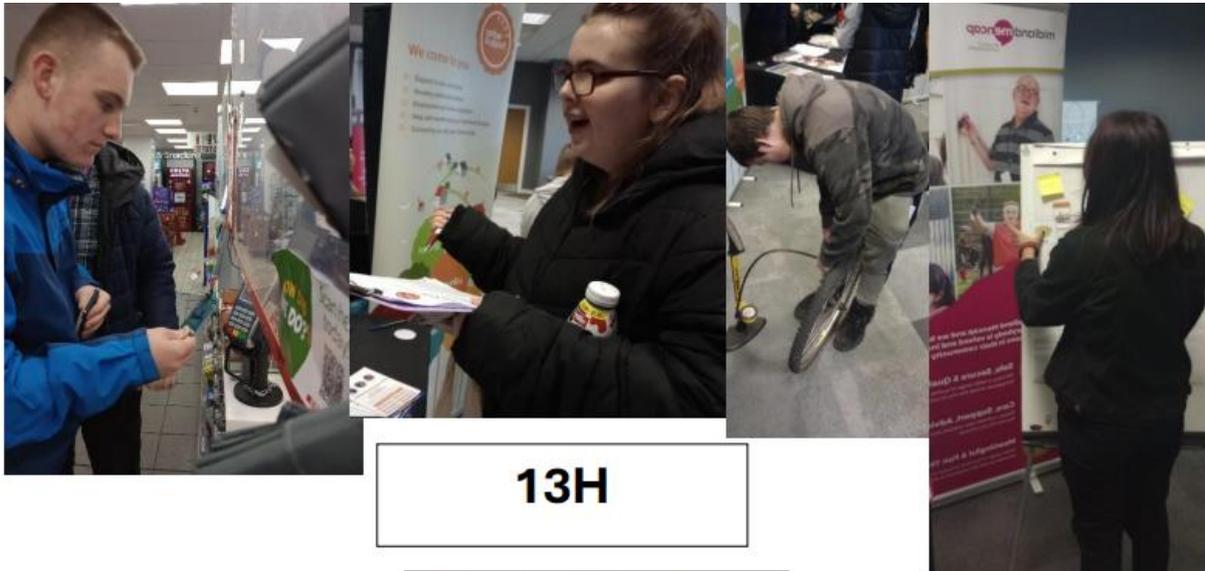
Thank you.



LARCH Class

Larch Class

Last week Larch class enjoyed a visit to the sensory integration room. We explored using a range of equipment, but their favourite thing was balancing on the wheelie board to go down the ramp.



13H

13h have visited life beyond school at Worcester Sixways where we spoke to different trainers and providers and found out lots of information. We also visited the spar and we have used the debit card to pay for our shopping

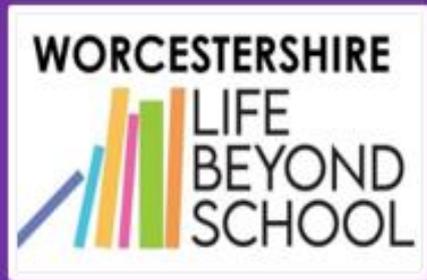
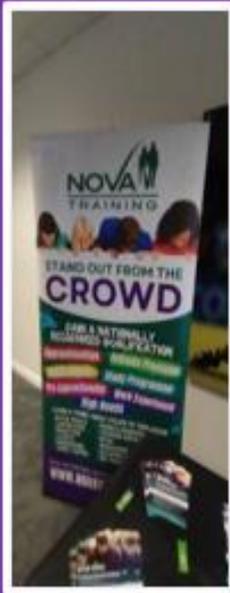
Poplar Class



Over the last few weeks Poplar class have been working on their balancing skills in physical development.

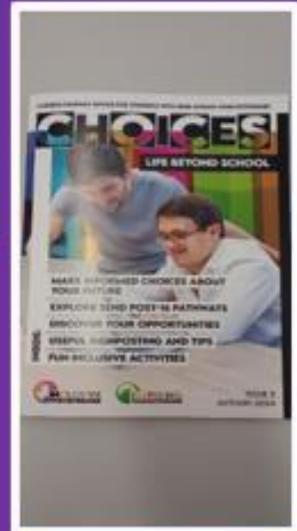
They have been walking or running in between cones, walking along the benches, using stepping stones and some of us have even used the hurdle where we have stepped up onto it and been able to jump off.





11P visited Worcestershire's Life Beyond School event on Tuesday. The class enjoyed speaking to a variety of employers and educators. Pupils enjoyed exploring the different resources on offer and collecting merchandise from the stalls that interested them. We are hoping to invite those of interest into school to talk to us about our future options.

All pupils have been given a Life Beyond School event brochure. They look forward to showing you the different companies that interested them.



ALDER Class



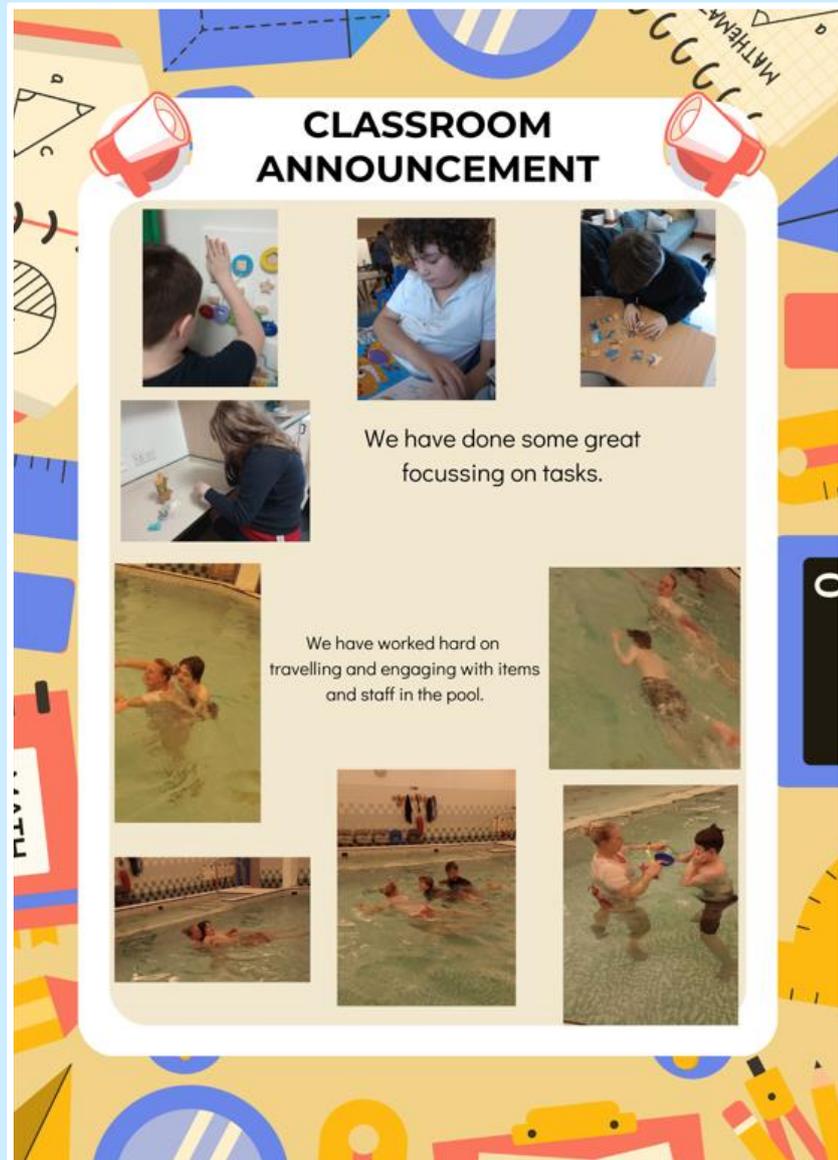
Alder class have been enjoying playing a variety of different instruments along to our Autumn songs and using our stop and go visuals to stop the music and the counting down by using ready, steady, go! to replay.

HAWTHORN Class



CHESTNUT Class





Kidderminster College Opportunity for Parents

Kidderminster College are offering a series of six hours of math workshops to parents. These workshops will provide practical strategies and tools to empower parents in their understanding of math concepts, and to enhance their confidence in mathematics. They are specifically designed to help them support their children with their math homework.

They are happy to tailor the content to meet the specific needs and interests of parents, and the workshops are suitable for parents of all skill levels.

If you are interested, please contact Liam at Kidderminster College on –

liam.carroll@kidderminster.ac.uk.

YEW CLASS

Newsletter



Week 7

Yew Class have been so busy this week, doing lots of 'Animal Fair' themed activities. We have been listening to the rhyme and handling the props, wearing masks and doing animal exercises. The children loved getting their hands messy with paint and making elephants. We have also continued our work on communication.



ASH Class



This week Ash Class have been digging in the Garden! The children worked together to pull up all the weeds in the box.

JUNIPER Class



Juniper class have been getting creative this week, using their IT skills alongside outdoor learning to create these fantastic leaf design pictures.

A huge thank-you to Faye for the inspiration!



Hazel Class

Hazel Class have been looking at stories and pictures. We have been practicing talking about the pictures, staying until the end of the story and sharing the space with our peers.



BIRCH Class



In Birch class this week we have been exploring the season of Autumn .

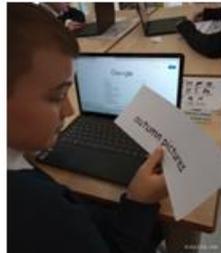
We have really liked exploring the pumpkins and seeing what surprises are inside. We tried to recreate our own pumpkins by using bubble wrap and orange painting.



Oak Class

In creative lessons this week the pupils in Oak class have been recreating stone age jewellery using clay.

In digital literacy the children have used a search engine to research features of autumn and create a picture document.



School Photography Day

Wednesday 23rd October 2024

SPRUCE Class



This week Spruce class have been thinking about different shapes in Maths. We are really good at naming shapes, so we have been investigating how we can make different shapes using different materials. We particularly enjoyed folding new squares and rectangles in a sheet of paper and counting how many we could make. We tried making shapes using play dough and lollipop sticks and then completed the square challenge where we had to fit different shapes into our genius square.

Lemon Class



This week in Lemon class the rain didn't stop us having lots of fun outside putting on our puddle suits and exploring the season changes chucking leaves in the air and looking for conkers and best of all lots of running around.

FIG Class

We have begun to explore autumn with pumpkins – both for fine motor skills and for mark making. We have also been looking at delayed cause and effect with the pop up pirate toy, helping the children to learn to anticipate what is going to happen next!



ORANGE Class



We have had a calm, settled week in Orange class. The children are making amazing progress when it comes to daily routines and transitions. This week the children have been working hard to make progress on their individual targets.



WALNUT Class



This week in "The world about us" Walnut class used the laptops to try and find lots of different animals. The children are going to find out facts about the animals in our next lesson.

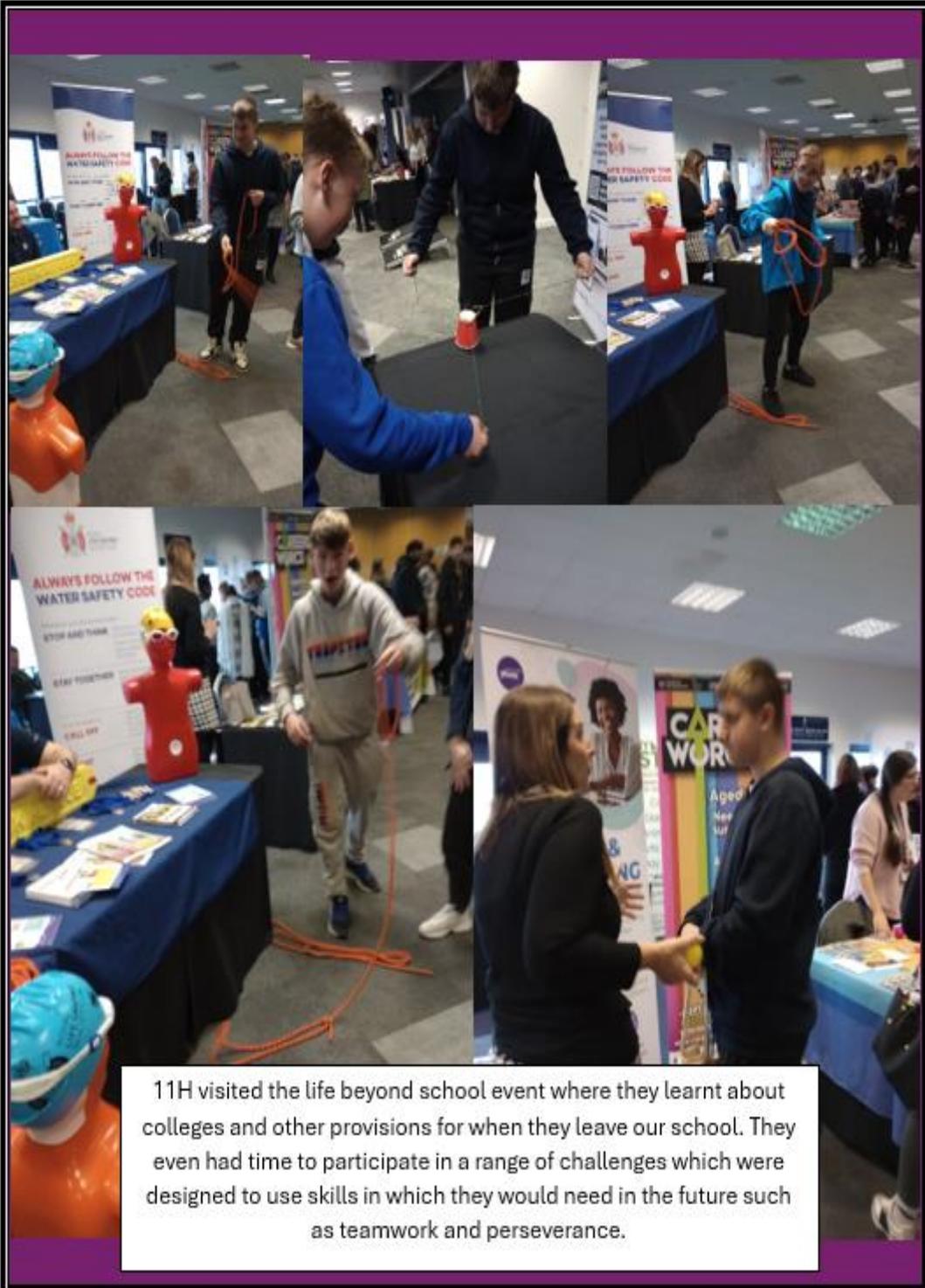


In maths Walnut class the children have been practicing making patterns using different items.



In cooking the children had great fun making Chocolate chip muffins.

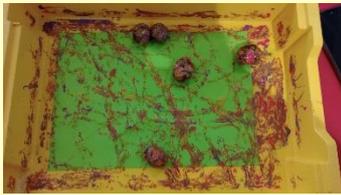
11H News



Forest School Day



During last weeks Forest School Day, Lemon class enjoyed doing leaf painting and conker rolling.



HOLLY Class



Holly class have really enjoyed exploring all things songs and rhymes this week!



Lime Class

This week in Lime Class we have been working hard on our hair brushing. We have practices on dolls, adults and ourselves! We have also been using the role-play outfits to practice our independence and we are getting so good. We are also getting so close to washing our hands independently! We have been exploring all the musical instruments and playing them like superstars all by ourselves and sharing our toys!



Elm class

Elm Class have been exploring the Autumn tuff trays this week. We have also been building on our play skills around the classroom.



Communication and Interaction News and Information

This week's focus:

Using visuals to support understanding

Sometimes children find what we say difficult to understand. They can also find it difficult to let us know what they want. Sometimes using visuals can help with this.



How can visuals help?



Some visuals are easier to understand than others such as objects.

Objects are used by all of us. Some people use them without knowing they are using objects to communicate. Every time you give someone their coat, or pick up the car keys for example, you communicate something to them.



However, objects can be used in a more structured way to communicate too. We call refer to this as objects of reference. Objects of reference can help a child understand what is happening next.

You can also use photographs as well, as they look like the real thing. We refer to this as photographs of reference.



How to use objects and photographs of reference

- Introduce objects and/or photographs to help prepare your child for activities that will be happening next. For example, when it is time for a dinner you might show them a plate and/or photograph of dinner. Let them touch or hold the object or photograph
- When going swimming you might show them arm bands and/or a photograph of the swimming centre
- Be consistent in showing the same object or photograph to match that event

Kind regards
Communication team



24.10.24

Cedar Class



Beech Class

Beech class have been working hard on their communication skills using a Total Communication approach with students accessing and making progress in individualized areas. We use PECS, ALDs, signs, verbal language, intensive interaction and play. The students are making lots of progress – well done Beech Class!



APPLE Class



British weather at its best and a few of us were lucky to experience it! But we did have a nice time jumping in the puddles.



Jenson showed me the mud he got on his hands, Fletcher told me the "rain is wet" and myself and Jess realised that our coats are not waterproof!



All About Me! We have been making paper plate faces by using the children's photos and cutting them up to stick on to make new faces.



We used symbols and spoken word to label face parts.
Fantastic effort everyone!



Rowan Class



In Rowan Class this week, we have explored different ways that we can make paint spread, this included using different paintbrushes, cars and dinosaurs.





OPEN MORNING

AT VICTORIA COLLEGE

**BELL HILL, NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM,
B31 1LD**

WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2024

FROM 10:30am to 12:00 NOON

**VICTORIA COLLEGE IS A PROVISION FOR
STUDENTS WITH PMLD AGED 19-25 WHO WOULD
LIKE TO LEARN IN A SAFE, SECURE
ENVIRONMENT.**

WHY NOT COME ALONG AND SEE OUR COLLEGE?

Please let us know if you can attend the event by calling the college

on

0121 477 0274 (or email the college at:)

j.giblin@victoriacollege.bham.org.uk

or enquiry@victoriacollege.bham.org.uk

12H News



This week we have been working hard in ILS room on our cooking and independence skills, making sandwiches of our choice and keeping our room tidy.



Russell House News

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK AT RUSSELL HOUSE



	GROUP 1	GROUP 2
MONDAY	PUMPKIN PICKING	PARK
TUESDAY	WALK	PUMPKIN PICKING
WEDNESDAY	SOFT PLAY	SPORTS HALL
THURSDAY	FIZZ POP SCIENCE MAKING SWEETS	







Please note: all the dates / times below are subject to change.

Please can we remind all Parents & Carers to keep the school office updated with any change of details, i.e., telephone numbers, addresses, list of contacts. Thank you.

OCTOBER 2024	
22	Pathway 2 Stay & Play – 1.30pm – 2.30pm – ASH, MAPLE, POPLAR, ROWAN, HAWTHORN
23	School Photo Day Coffee Morning – letters have gone home to relevant classes
24	EYFS - Halloween Stay & Play
28 Oct – 1st November – Half Term	

NOVEMBER 2024	
11	Anti Bullying Week & Armistice/Remembrance Day
14	6 th Form Coffee Morning World Diabetes Day
15	Children in Need
18	Road Safety Week
19	Parent RE & RSE Meeting – 1.30pm
22	Christmas Fayre Dress Down/Donation Day
29	SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS – Professional Development Day

DECEMBER 2024	
5	Pathway 4 – Parent Pop In
6	EYFS Parent Support Group – Autism Focus – 1.30pm – 2.30pm at Russell House
7	Christmas Fayre
10	Pathway 1 – Christmas Stay & Play
11	Pathway 2 – Christmas Stay & Play
12	EYFS Nativity – 1.30pm
13	EYFS Nativity – 9.30am
18	Pathway 3 Christmas Concert – 1.30pm
20	Last Day of Term

JANUARY 2025	
6	Term starts
21	Parents Puberty & SEND Meeting - 1.30pm
31	EYFS Parent Support Group – Sensory OT session – 1.30pm – 2.30pm at Russell House

FEBRUARY 2025	
3	Children’s Mental Health Week
6	EYFS Stay & Play – 1.30pm
11	Safer Internet Day
12	Parents Evening and Life Beyond School
	17th – 21st February – Half Term

MARCH 2025	
7	World Book Day
21	World Down Syndrome Day
28	EYFS Parent Support Group – coffee and catch up -- 1.30pm – 2.30pm at Russell House

APRIL 2025	
1	Pathway 1 Stay & Play – TBC – Parents Welcome
2	Pathway 2 Easter Stay & Play TBC Autism Awareness Day
3	Year 9 DTP Vaccinations Pathway 4 – Parent Pop In
9	Pathway 3 Picnic in the Park
10	EYFS Easter Event – 1.30pm
11	WFS new building 10-year-old party
11	Last Day of Term
	EASTER HOLIDAY
28	Term starts

MAY 2025	
1	Post 16 – Coffee Morning
5	School Closed - May Bank Holiday
8	Post 14 – Afternoon Tea
14	Pathway 4 – World of Work Event
22	EYFS Stay & Play – 1.30pm
23	EYFS Parent Support Group - coffee & catch up– 1.30pm – 2.20pm at Russell House
	26th – 30th May – Half Term

JUNE 2025	
2	Term starts
5	World Environment Day
10	Pathway 1 – Summer Picnic – Parents Welcome
13	Father's Day Carer Gift Shop
19	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
20	6 th Form Pride Summer Fayre Dress Down Donation Day
27	Leavers Party Make Music Day

JULY 2025	
1	Pathway 2 – Sports
2	Pathway 2 – Sports
3	Parents new to 6 th Form – 9.30am EYFS Sports Day – 1.30pm
4	EYFS Parent Support Group – Pathway Information with Deputy Head & Pathway Leaders – 1.30pm – 2.30pm at Russell House
7	Post 14 & Post 16 - Sports
8	New to Reception Parents Meeting
9	Pathway 2 Celebration Stay & Play
10	Pathway 3 Sports – 9.30am Pathway 1 Sports & Celebration - afternoon
12	Summer Fayre
14	Pathway 1 Sports & Celebration - afternoon
15	Post 14 Class Celebration
16	EYFS Celebration – Morning – TBC Pathway 3 - Awards
17	Pathway 4 – End of Year Awards
18	TERM ENDS

