

Whole School Events for Parents

This a whole school overview of what normally happens during the school year. Feedback from several parents said that this would be useful.

Letters

We try to send these out on a Thursday. You will receive a year group newsletter at the beginning of each two terms. Headteacher's newsletters are generally produced on a Thursday and are sent by email. Email is preferable as we are a Green Flag Eco School. If you would like to receive your main communications on paper, please could you let the office know.

Term 1	<p>Parent Consultations for Reception parents</p> <p>This is an opportunity for parents to meet with both Reception teachers before their child starts school.</p> <p>PTA meeting</p> <p>This is usually at the end of September and is held in one of the local pubs. It is a chance for you to meet other parents and also become involved in fundraising for the school. The PTA is an essential part of our school and work tirelessly to raise money so that we can continue to provide quality learning experiences and resources for your children.</p> <p>Harvest Festival</p> <p>Reception put on their first performance for the parents.</p> <p>Parents Meetings Year 1-5 (October)</p> <p>This is an opportunity for parents to meet with class teachers to see how their children are learning.</p> <p>Parents Meetings Year 6 (October)</p> <p>This is an opportunity for parents to meet with both Year 6 teachers and Miss Chinnadurai to discuss learning and secondary transfer. The date will be once parents know the outcome of the Kent Test.</p> <p>PTA Event (in the past there has been a barn dance)</p>
Term 2	<p>Special Project Open afternoon</p> <p>Each year the whole school has a theme and the children produce work based around this theme. In the past we have looked at paintings like the Fighting Temeraire and the theme 'Identity'. Some of the work generated from this in the</p>

past is displayed in the National Gallery as part of the Take One Picture exhibition. Parents are invited to come around the school and look at the variety of work that has been generated from all year groups. In addition there is also a Home Learning task which you could choose to do.

This happens from 3.30 – 7.30 pm, so that we can include as many parents as possible, especially those that work. It is a great opportunity for your child to guide you around the school and see what is happening, not only in your child's class but also in other classes.

PTA Fire works

This is held in Brewery Lane and is a major fundraiser. We always need volunteers. It is also a fantastic family occasion with food and drink available.

Year 6 Reading Partners

Each Reception child will be paired with a Year 6 child for the year.

Christmas Bazaar

This is an opportunity for the children to come and buy their Christmas presents. We also ask for donations from parents e.g. games, toys, jewellery and bath/pampering products. Mrs Slight makes up baskets with items in. The children love these and they make great presents. They are taken around the bazaar by their Reading Partner. Parents and families can join them from 2 p.m. onwards. This is held in school.

PTA Disco

There are two separate discos. Reception to Year 3 and Year 4 to Year 6. There is also a quiet room for children who want to do quiet activities. These are held in school. No tickets – children pay on entry.

Salvation Army Christmas Concert

This is held in the school hall and is a real community affair. The Salvation Army play and we all enjoy singing Christmas carols. Our school choir also sing at this event.

Church Services

Three times a year our children go to church and parents are also invited to attend. We have to split the school into two to do this so you will be told nearer the time when your child's class will be attending.

Christmas Play

Reception and Year 1 perform their own Christmas play. Year 2 traditionally perform in St Peter's Church. Tickets are available nearer the time and we

	<p>usually run them for three afternoons, to give all families the opportunity to come and watch their children.</p> <p>Senior Citizen's Tea Party</p> <p>We invite senior citizens (grandparents, people from the local community...) for a tea party held in the school hall. They see each year group and our choir perform and it brings a lot of festive cheer.</p>
Term 3	<p>Reception Parent Consultations</p> <p>An opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. These are held throughout the day.</p> <p>Chinese New Year Parade</p> <p>Reception to Year 2 parade around the village celebrating Chinese New Year.</p> <p>PTA Quiz Night</p> <p>This is great fun with a ploughmans/ or some food provided. BOYB (Sometimes it may happen in Term 4 or 5).</p>
Term 4	<p>Art and Music Event</p> <p>Parents are invited to watch Reception to Year 2 perform in the afternoon (usually from 2.15 pm). This takes place in the hall. There is also an evening concert which starts at 7 p.m. where Years 3 to 6 perform as classes. You will also hear soloists and groups of children as well as the choir. Refreshments are also available. Tickets for this event can be bought from the school office nearer the time.</p> <p>Easter Church Services</p> <p>Your child's class will participate in one of these.</p>
Term 5	<p>St George's Day Parade</p> <p>Reception to Year 2 parade around the village to celebrate St George.</p> <p>St George's Day Community Tea Party</p> <p>The children put on an afternoon of performances for local residents and senior citizens.</p>
Term 6	<p>Summer Fete</p> <p>The village fete is a big fundraiser for the school and church. We have a committee who meet at the beginning of the year to plan the event. All year groups perform at the fete. Volunteers are always needed for the committee and also on the day. It is great fun and this year we are making a whole day of it</p>

– Farmers Market (9-12 pm), fete on the school site (12-4pm) and then events put on in the evening by the pubs.

End of year reports

These are sent out prior to parent consultations.

Reception Parent Consultations (June)

This is an opportunity for parents to meet with the Reception class teacher before transition to Year 1, again these are held during the day.

Year 5 Parent Consultations (June)

This is an opportunity for parents to meet with both Year 5 class teachers and Miss Chinnadurai to discuss secondary selection.

Years 1,2,3,4 and 6 Optional Parent Consultations (July)

These are held after school and are a chance for you to discuss your child's report or speak to the teacher, if you so wish.

End of Year Reception Tea Party

An opportunity for Reception parents to review what their children have experienced in their first year of school.

Reception and KS1 Sports Afternoon

All parents are invited.

Years 3-6 Sports Afternoon

All parents are invited.

PTA Annual General Meeting

All parents are invited.

Year 6 Leavers' Party (July)

This is organised by the parents in Year 6 and is paid for by the PTA

Transition morning and afternoon

Each class meets their new class teacher for a morning and an afternoon.

End of Year Church Services

Your child's class will participate in one of these.

	<p>Year 6 Leavers' Assembly</p> <p>Year 6 parents are invited to come and see their child's recollections of their time in our school. In addition there are awards and trophies presented.</p>
<p>Additional events that have happened</p>	<p>Please be aware that we are trying to hold PTA meetings at different times of the day in order to reach out to parents who may not normally be able to attend.</p> <p>In addition we have invited parents into school to watch learning in action. This has been really positive and parents have come and watched lessons across the school.</p> <p>We have put on workshops around reading, maths and safer internet use. A further one is planned for dyslexia in Term 6. The workshops are put on in relation to need and school plan priorities.</p> <p>In order to help as many parents as possible staff run a crèche for the earlier session and workshops are put on straight after school and in the evening (7p.m.).</p> <p>PJ and Sweetie Night – this promotes reading for children and takes place when we have a visiting Book Fair. Staff read stories to the children (all dressed up in PJs) whilst parents spend their time browsing through books and having a nice cup of tea.</p>