



Spring Term 1 Newsletter 2025

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

How are we already half-way through the school year?

With so much to reflect back on this school year, it has been fantastic to see how our pupils have worked so hard, made great progress and engaged with a wide range of learning opportunities across all of our year groups.

Thank you to all parents who have attended school for our February Parent Evenings sessions. I hope you were able to see some of your child's work as well as discussion with the teacher on the progress so far. If you have not yet had this, please do contact your child's class teacher to arrange.

The next half of the school year promises to be just a busy and exciting for the children with trips, visits, class assemblies, Friends events and sports days etc. coming up.

Dates for the next half of the year are provided below and available on the school website

<https://www.hampton-hargate.peterborough.sch.uk/>

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with our school.

Andy Lyons

Headteacher

Attendance Report - Spring term 1

Reception

93.33%

Year 1

97.11%

Year 2

95.43%

Year 3

93.85%

Year 4

95.50%

Year 5

94.73%

Year 6

94.48%

School total

94.92%

Enrichment



All Parents/Carers will have now been sent their child(ren's) enrichment activities for the whole school year. We hope the children are already enjoying the exciting activities, trips and visitors that will bring a new perspective to the topics the children will be learning.

These enrichment programmes can still be paid, details and payment can be found on your ParentPay account and can be spread over the the remaining terms. If you are able to make **any** contribution towards these activities, this would be greatly appreciated.

We really do rely on your support to ensure the children are able to take part in as much of these as possible.

Unfortunately, if we do not receive enough contributions, we may have to cancel one of these events.

National Storytelling Week 2025



During National Storytelling Week children have had an audience with award winning authors, Joseph Coelho, Children’s Laureate and writer of the picture book Our Tower, and with **award-winning author Tola Okogwu**.

Children have taken inspiration from these authors to create their own stories and characters, with an emphasis on telling these stories orally – using story maps, drama, puppets or story boards.



Recording Custom Live Streaming Service

Our Story Details

PERSON:
Long legs Stretchy legs
Lola
pet tarantula

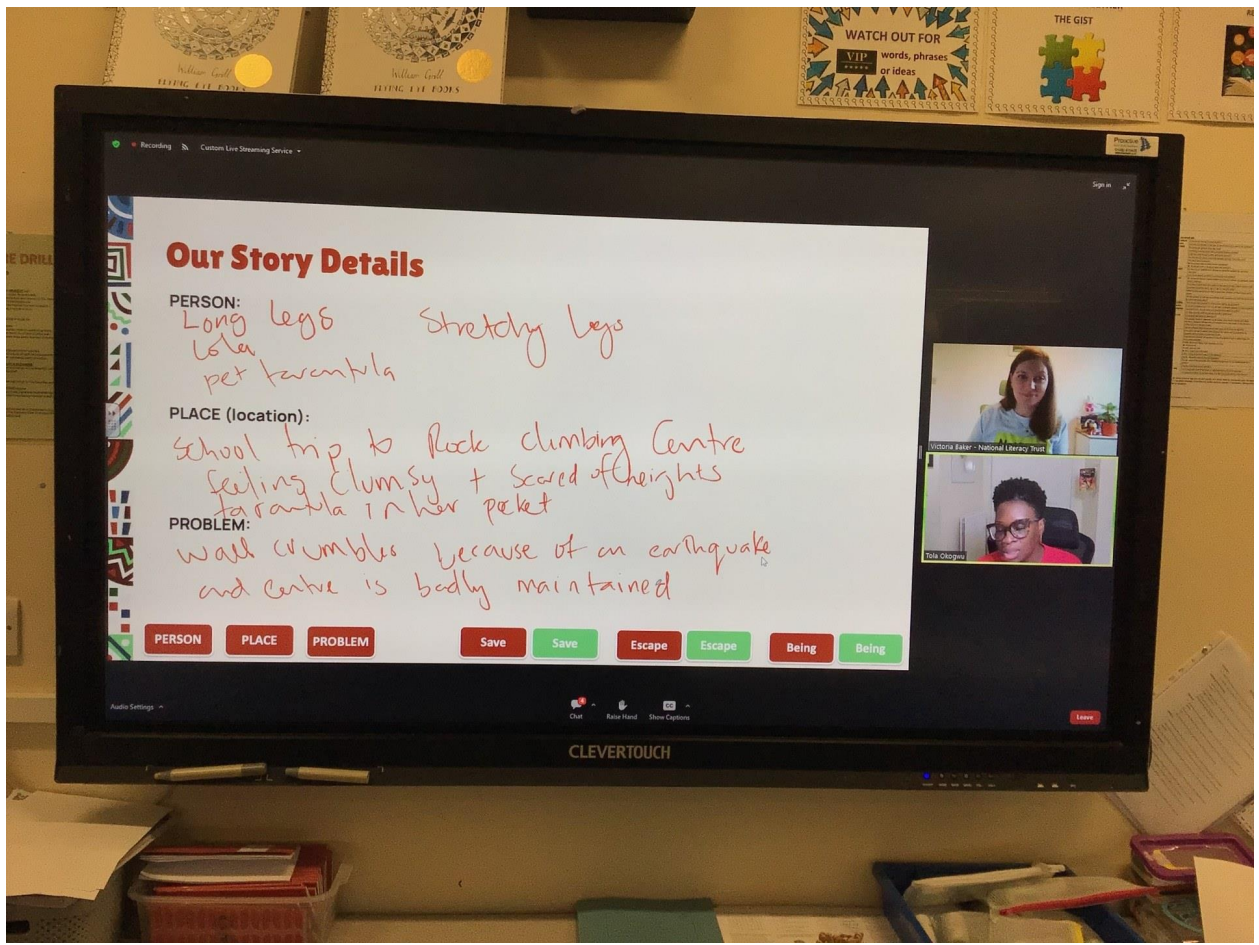
PLACE (location):
School trip to Rock climbing Centre
feeling clumsy + scared of heights
tarantula in her pocket

PROBLEM:
walk crumbles because of an earthquake
and centre is badly maintained

PERSON PLACE PROBLEM Save Save Escape Escape Being Being

Victoria Baker - National Literacy Trust
Talia Chigona

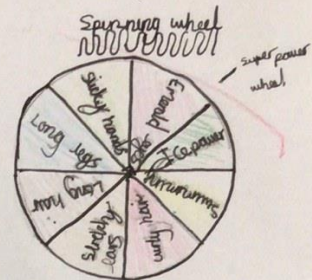
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Tola Okoyin



revisit book
 Onyeka → School in Nigeria
 Super powers



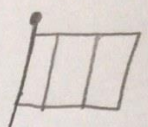
Build an origin story using a story prompt

- what is a story prompt?
- place
- problem

Story book Ideas

Super power	Name	Family or friends
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerald eyes • curly hair • Swimming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • violet • Neil • Lilly (Lil → nickname) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • older brother • Mum (Nursery teacher) • Dad (Doctor) • pet dog (Ollie) • younger brother (Blue)
<p>place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paris • Beach • Zoo • car crows 	<p>who or what is the danger?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wall crumbles • loses grip • animals escape 	<p>final product</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • violet with her emerald green eyes (parent) • young brother (blue) • bigger brother (toy) • pet dog (Ollie) • Mum (Nursery teacher) • Dad (Doctor) • Zoo (school trip) • violet controls her class mates and the animals

TOLA Okogwa



- Onyeka discovers that she has super powers and she moves to Nigeria and finds more people with super powers too.
- Tola has written over 16 books.

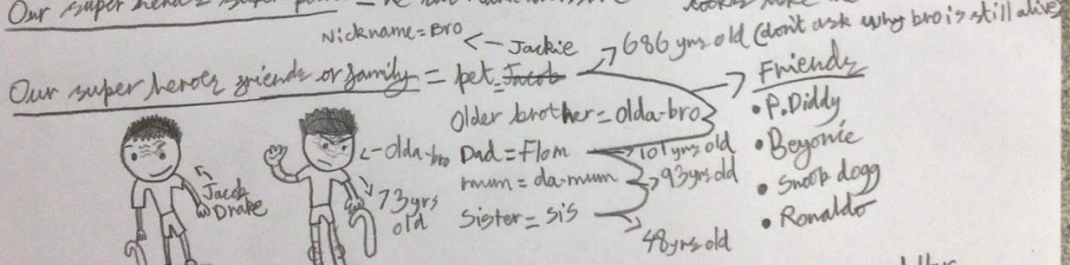
Onyeka

- Onyeka was just swimming with her friends and when ~~she~~ ^{she} was in the pool, her super powers were emerging.
- ~~Onyeka~~ ^{The} author thought she had a problem with her hair so Onyeka had a problem with her hair and Onyeka had telekenisis.

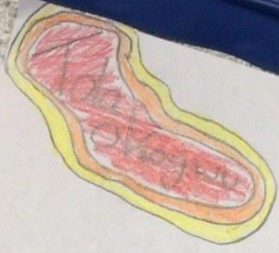
Our Super Hero details

our super hero name = Jacob Drake → age - 68

Our super heroes super-power = he can turn invisible → how? because he is so thin it looks like he is invisible.



Where does our super hero live? In the zoo which is in a 3.5 billion ^{dollar} Mansion.



- Black hair
- Brown skin
- hoop earrings
- glasses

Writer



Mike mind manipulation

- mind manipulation
- Speed up time
- Super strength



dyslexia

Wheeler
Texas, USA



13 years old

how it happened

in Preston's house
 we were playing and knocked
 on the floor after he found
 mind manipulation and super strength
 also could slow down time

he had to
 save a city
 from the
 SS foot
 soldier
 there head
 Mod: he had

Attendance

We have seen a worrying rise in late arrivals since September.

It is important to encourage punctuality as it ensures the children are calm and ready to learn and they will be gaining valuable social skills with their friends at the start of the day and getting into good habits for their schooling and later in life.

We would like to remind parents/carers that in your child's admission documents you will have signed a home school agreement that states that you will **"Ensure that my child goes to school regularly, prepared for learning and arrives on time"** it is your responsibility to ensure that your child is punctual each day so that they arrive with their peers ready to learn.

The school gates and classroom doors open at 8:35am, this is when your child should be coming into the classroom, the gates and doors close and registration starts at 8:45am.

We appreciate that this will not be relevant for everyone, and the vast majority of pupils are arriving on time, however this has now become something we need to address.

ABM - Healthy eating workshop

We were joined by ABM, who make our lunches, to take part in a healthy eating workshop recently. We learnt about the different food groups and sorted foods.

We also learnt about what makes a healthy diet and how we use this knowledge to create our school menu.









Safety First

Can we again remind parents/carers to please park and drive considerately if you are dropping your child off or collecting them from school in a car.

Whilst we appreciate it is very busy at drop off and collection times there are hundreds of children, including your own, who are coming in and out of school that we need to try and keep safe.

We have received multiple complaints from the local businesses regarding parent/carer parking in their private car parks and their attitude when challenged. We feel it is our duty to inform you that they are now considering employing a parking attendant with a view to fining those involved or clamping vehicles.

Can we please also remind parents that they should not be in our layby to drop off or collect children.

The layby is there to ensure access to the school at all times for the emergency services if they were required.

[POLICE.UK ADVICE](https://www.police.uk)



The Friends of Hampton Hargate PTA



The Friends of Hampton Hargate PTA arranged a fabulous treat this term of Krispy Kreme doughnuts and cupcakes, we hope the children enjoyed these!

The Friends of Hampton Hargate PTA are also looking for your help for The Big Picnic on Saturday 7th June. If you are able to help in any way, please do get in touch.



★ **SATURDAY 7TH JUNE** ★
12-3PM

* VOLUNTEERS *

Can you help?

We need help for The Big Picnic;

Set Up

Stall Help

Either a 1.5 hour slot or all day

Clean Up

We are unable to put on this event if we do not have enough help to run it!

PLEASE MESSAGE VENETIA IF YOU CAN HELP

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After School Arrangements



If anyone other than parents or carers are going to be collecting your child after school, whether this is another parent in the class or a friend/relative, you must make the class teacher **and** the school office aware.

As a matter of safeguarding we **WILL NOT** let any children go with anyone we have not been informed about, and will not let the child go until we have had clarification from parent/carer.

International Languages Week



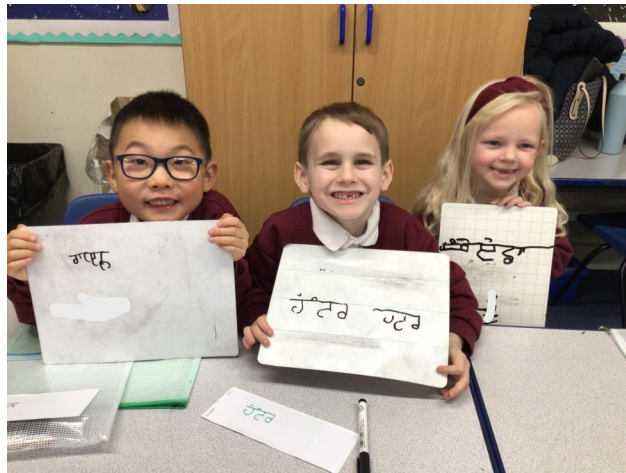
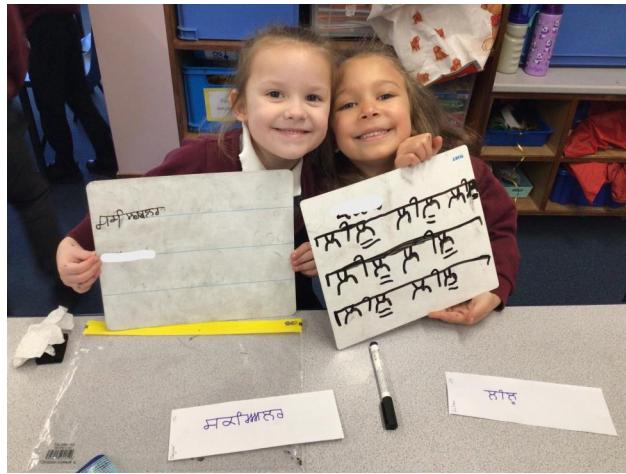
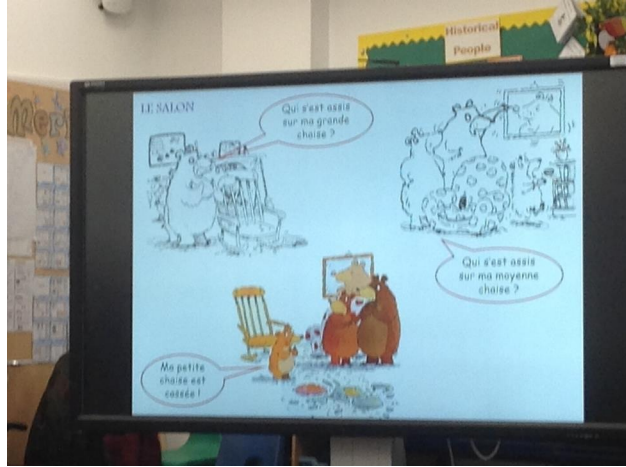
We are proud to celebrate our diverse community and International Languages Week 2025 was all about doing just that.

Thank you to all our multi-lingual staff and visitors who shared stories from different cultures with our children: Mrs Sietnik, Mrs Deo, Mrs Asim, Mrs Chakravarty, Mrs Wills and her Francophone sister Jo (who dialled in from France), Mrs Todisco and her Mum, Francoise, and Mrs Fewtrell.

The children heard stories and joined in with some words using Polish, Punjabi, Bengali, French, German and our Y6s learned some Latin.









Year 2 visitors

Year 2 would like to say a big thank you to all of the NHS volunteers who came into school and shared their experiences working as medical professionals. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about all the different jobs and really enjoyed meeting you all.




Reading for pleasure

PETERBOROUGH MUSEUM & ART GALLERY PROMOTION

Step into The Wonderful World of the Ladybird Book Artists


This year, celebrate the magic of storytelling and illustration with the enchanting The Wonderful World of the Ladybird Book Artists exhibition at Peterborough Museum & Art Gallery. Just in time for World Book Day, this vibrant showcase uncovers how the talented illustrators brought Ladybird books to life for over three decades.

Immerse yourself in feel-good nostalgia as you explore an



unparalleled collection, loaned by Helen Day, of original artwork and fascinating artefacts. From educational classics to childhood favourites, the exhibition reveals how Ladybird's exceptional illustrators played a vital role in shaping the company's iconic legacy. Perfect for families, art lovers, and book enthusiasts, this colourful celebration of art and literature promises a unique glimpse into the artistry that defined a century of storytelling.

THE Wonderful World OF THE Ladybird BOOK ARTISTS

TO FIND OUT MORE  FREE to visit. Open 8 February until 31 May 2025. Visit peterboroughmuseum.org.uk

We continue to celebrate a love of books and promote really good reading habits in school and at home. Over the half-term, please could you find the time to share 'Book Talk' with your children. We have been asking the children the following questions-

- What book are you reading at the moment? - this can be their school reading book or a book they are reading at home.
- Which authors do you enjoy reading? Why?
- What books would you recommend to your friends?

There is also this event at the museum that you might all enjoy visiting.

Keep reading!

YOUnited self-referral

YOUnited has launched a self-referral pathway to support children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health. Parents of children age 5+ and young people aged 13-17 can self-refer to YOUnited for mental health support.

www.cpft.nhs.uk/younited-self-referral directs young people and parents/carers to more information about the self-referral process and an online form, which asks for information about difficulties the child or young person is experiencing and what support they are looking for.

YOUnited is a joint partnership between Cambridgeshire & Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust), Cambridgeshire Community Services (CCS), Ormiston Families and Centre 33 (Centre 33 - supporting young people in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough).



School events

Bookfair



Thanks to the children's love of books and your support, we have raised an amazing £1232 through our bookfair to spend on books for the children to use in school.

Our reading ambassadors will be working with the children in school to choose these.

Shoebox appeal



Thank you to the pupils, families and staff of Hampton Hargate Primary School for your wonderful donation of shoeboxes to our 2024 Christmas Box Appeal! Our amazing House of Opportunity supporters donated a total of 7,167 boxes to the appeal, and these spread a lot of joy wherever they were distributed.

You can see Christmas boxes being given out on our YouTube channel – just search “House of Opportunity”.

Reception requests

If you have any old or spare children's pants, socks and bottoms, please could you consider donating these to reception for spares.



School Dinners



Booking lunches:

Please remember that you are able to book your child's meal by midnight the day before they are required, if no meal has been booked, they will be offered a jacket potato.

Can we also ask parents to please remember to **cancel** meals when they are not required. We will only cancel meals for children who are absent or on a trip. If you decide to send your child to school with a packed lunch instead, or you know they will have an appointment over lunch, **please cancel the booking you have made.**

*Please remember that we are a **nut free school** and this also includes donations, gifts and any birthday treats that are kindly brought in to share with the class.*



Family Support

Please do not dread school holidays, they do not have to be expensive, here are a few ideas to get you started off.

- An indoor picnic. Throw down an old sheet or rug and make some sandwiches, fruit and yogurt etc.
- Make an inside den. Drape an old blanket over the settee or corner of the bedroom. Put down some cushions and let the children make their own fun.
- Crafts from crochet and sewing to air fix models and everything in between. Many Charity shops have needles, wool and sewing kits that are donated to them. Poundland do some kits with glitter and glue etc. They also have paper, pens, colouring books very cheaply
- Make a photo album or scrap book together
- Read a book together and talk about it afterwards.
- Painting. Cover up the table or floor with newspaper, use washable paint hands, feet, potatoes
- Junk modelling save cereal boxes, egg boxes , toilet rolls, foil and bottle tops to name a few
- Board game. Children love to play these especially if you are joining in. It also helps them have a little patience by taking turns.
- Cooking. Make some cakes, pizza even an entire meal
- Make some "slime" or playdough
- Have a film afternoon and eat some popcorn that you have made
- Puppet show (make your own puppets)
- Talent show
- Have a treasure hunt. Hide small items around your house and give the children clues where to look. They could then do one for their friends.
- Make musical instruments. Use dried seeds and beans to make shakers. Old tubs can be made into drums.

Children will say they are bored but that is normal and does not mean you need to fill every minute of every day

Absences



Please can we remind parents/carers that any child who has been suffering with vomiting and/or diarrhoea should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days **(48 hours)**

Please note that we abide by NHS guidelines with regard to illnesses, which you can find here - [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

ABSENCES: If your child is going to be absent from school, please make us aware as soon as possible by either leaving a message on our absence voicemail service or by emailing office@hampton-hargate.peterborough.sch.uk

The school office is open between 8:00am – 4:00pm, Monday – Friday.

You can find more information regarding attendance [HERE](#).

Lost Property



Please make sure **EVERYTHING** your child brings to school is named, this way we can reduce the amount of lost property we have and also get the items back to their rightful owners as quickly as possible.

We love our planet...



Don't forget to bring your used batteries into the school reception area and deposit in our battery bin for recycling.

Term Dates and Events for next year

Class assembly dates 2025

Please note that these dates **may change** but parents/carers will be sent a letter approximately 3 weeks prior to the class assembly.

REF 10/07/25

RMH 26/06/25

RCP 03/07/25

1JG 13/03/25

1BA 19/05/25

1LJ 06/03/25

2RW 20/03/25

2RK 05/06/25

2HI 19/06/25

3HB 08/05/25

3RW 27/03/25

3GT 16/05/25



TERM DATES: These can also be found [HERE](#)

Term Dates - School Year 2024/2025

- **Spring term 2025**

***Half-term week:** Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025*

Spring term ends:

Friday 4th April 2025

- **Summer term 2025**

Summer term starts:

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May 2025

Half-term week: Monday 26th May – Monday 2nd June (Please note – children return on **Tue 3rd June**)

Summer term ends:

Friday 18th July 2025

CURRENT DIARY DATES: These can also be found [HERE](#) please remember to check these regularly as dates CAN change.

FEBRUARY

17th – 21st Feb Half Term Week

Tue 25th Feb - Class Photo Day

MARCH

Mon 10th Mar Year 1 Multi Skills Festival

Wed 19th Mar Year 5 Performance 9.15am / 6.00pm

Fri 21st Mar Non-uniform - Comic Relief

w/b 24th Mar Science Week

Tue 25th Mar Year 3 to Hazard Alley

APRIL

Tue 1st Apr Year 3 to Hazard Alley

Wed 2nd Apr Year 4 Performance 9.15am / 6.00pm

Fri 4th Apr Easter Egg Raffle 9.15am

Fri 4th April End of term

SUMMER TERM 2025

Tues 22nd Apr Summer Term starts

Mon 28th Apr Year 1 to Hamerton Zoo

Wed 30th Apr Year 5 to Space Centre

MAY

Mon 5th May Bank Holiday

W/B 12th May KS2 SATs week

Mon 12th May Year 3 Kwik Cricket Festival

W/B 19th May SPORTS WEEK

26th May–2nd June Half Term

JUNE

Tue 3rd June Children return after half-term

3rd to 6th June Yr6 Bikeability (TBC)

Wed 4th June KS1 Sports Day – 9.15 – 11.00am

Fri 6th June Year 2 to Woburn Safari Park

Fri 6th June World Environment Day

Sat 7th June The Friends Big Picnic

Tue 10th June KS2 Sports Day – 9.15 – 11.00am

Thur 12th June Reception Sports Day 9.30 – 10.45am

Thurs 12th & Fri 13th June Year 4 Sacrewell Residential – Group 1

Date TBA Yr6 RSE lessons

Mon 16th June Year 4 Kwik Cricket Festival

Tue 17th June RESERVE KS2 Sports Day – 9.15 – 11.15am

Tue 17th June Great Science Share Day

Wed 18th June *RESERVE* KS1 Sports Day – 9.15 – 11.15am

Thur 19th June *RESERVE* Reception Sports Day 9.15– 10.30am

Thurs 26th & Fri 27th June Year 4 Sacrewell Residential – Group 2

JULY

Tue 1st July Reception trip to Sacrewell

Wed 2nd July Move up day

Fri 4th July Reception sponsored walk event - Friends Association

Mon 7th – Wed 9th July Year 6 Residential

Mon 7th - Wed 9th July Anglia Water workshops - Year 5

Thur 10th July Reports go home

Mon 14th July Open Afternoon 3.15 – 5.45pm

Mon 14th July Music Concert 6.00pm

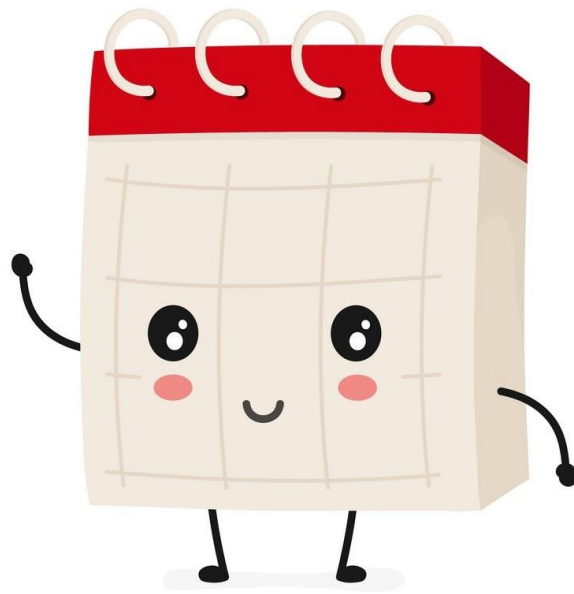
Wed 16th July Yr 6 Performance 6.00pm

Fri 18th July Yr6 Leaver Assembly (with parents) 9.00am

Fri 18th July End of term

We will add more dates as they are confirmed.

Please always refer to [ParentPay](#), newsletters and letters sent home with your child for any late changes.



If you haven't signed up for the ParentPay service, please contact the school office.

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