

Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful week of weather we have had! Along with this glorious weather we have had an exciting week and thoroughly enjoyed having all our Dads, Grandads and special people come and join us to let them know how much we love them. The children have told me that it is most definitely one of their favourite events along with our Mothers' Day Tea party so thank you so much for rearranging your days and coming into school to join in the fun. We hope those who celebrate Fathers' Day have a wonderful time on Sunday! A big thank you too to our fabulous staff and the PTA for helping arrange the event.

Year 3 and 4 used the Dads and Doughnuts Day as a rehearsal for their performance the following day at Walsall Arena. They have, as part of their Artsmark project, written and recorded a song and then travelled to Walsall Arena to perform it. They were amazing and we are so proud of them. They were full of confidence and performed brilliantly. A big thank you to the parents who came along to support the children on the trip. I think there were still doughnuts being eaten on the way back!

A great big well done to Year 1 who despite the weather have taken their phonics screening check and risen to the challenge. We couldn't be prouder of the progress they have made. Well done to all of Year 1, staff and teachers.

The weather looks to be changeable next week so please keep sending the children in with sun hats and in particular on our two Sports Day events next week. We have the EYFS Sports Day on 21st June at 9.30am and the KS1 and KS2 Sports Day on 22nd June at 9.30am. Mr Griffiths is busy getting ready and we are polishing the medals as we speak!

Finally, next week is an exciting week as we have our new Reception and Nursery parents coming to visit and find out all about our Tenterfields family and we warmly welcome them and look forward to meeting them all. Starting a new school year is exciting and we carefully plan transition so that the children will start their new school year with confidence and looking forward to the year ahead. We will be sending a letter out next week sharing information about your child's new teacher and the transition arrangements that we have planned.

Have a wonderful weekend and we hope that you enjoyed the Summer Fayre!!

Lisa Buffery – Executive Headteacher

Stephen Dowling – Head of School



## What's been happening in school?

### Nursery

Nursery have had a lovely time over the last two weeks exploring the life cycle of a butterfly. Our caterpillars have now grown very large and have eventually created a cocoon. We really enjoyed our trip to the butterfly farm. Riding on the double decker bus was very exciting and we loved it when the trees went past our heads. The butterfly farm was a lovely experience and we all enjoyed seeing the butterflies and some even landed on us. The mini beast house was great as some of us used our courage to hold a stick insect.



We also celebrated our special grown up at our dads and doughnuts performance. The children worked hard to practise their dance each day and make their creations. The children learnt a new skill called bubble painting and used their fine motor skills to create your colourful ties.



### Reception

The first two weeks back to our final half term of the school year has been extremely busy. We were busy preparing for the 'Dads and Doughnuts' day practising our performance, making cards and creating some wonderful artwork to share with the special dads/grandads/uncles/brothers and special people in our lives. We have also been practising for the upcoming Sports Day and have spent some time outside in this wonderful weather, having a go at all of the different activities the children will be taking part in on the 21st June.

Our current topic is 'growing and changing' with our Whole Class Reading and Literacy texts being 'Oliver's Fruit Salad' and 'Katie and the Sunflowers'. We are enjoying both of these texts: reading Oliver's Fruit Salad and discussing the story, whilst slowly finding out more and more about Katie and the Sunflowers through the clues being revealed as we write the story.



As part of our Continuous Provision, the children have learnt how to safely cut up fruit to make their own fruit salad. They have also planted their own sunflower seed which they can take home at the end of term to watch it grow. Other activities have included: painting sunflowers like Van Gogh's famous painting; creating fruit patterns,





labelling the parts of a plant; planting; ordering pictures to make a set of instructions for planting a seed and questioning others with a fruit survey on 'What is your favourite fruit?'.

In Phonics, we have learnt the sounds 'ai' (snail in the rain), 'oa' (goat on a boat), 'ew' (chew the stew) and 'ire' (fire, fire!). Our new green words include: paint, snail, paid, throat, goat, boat, flew, blew, screw, fire, wire and tired. Please continue to refer to our Class Story on Dojo to see what our new green and red words are.

Our Maths learning has been focussed on 2D and 3D shapes over the last fortnight. We have been learning to name and describe shapes using their different properties as well as recognising and creating patterns using shape. Some key vocabulary we have been using includes: shape, two dimensional, three dimensional, straight, curved, sides, vertex, vertices, edges and faces. In Continuous Provision, we have spent some time looking for different shapes in our environment, making shapes using elastic bands on the geoboards, and completing an 'I Spy'.



### Year 1

We have had a very busy two weeks in Year 1! We were busy preparing our performance ready for Dads and Doughnuts and getting very creative exploring 2D shapes whilst making our Fathers' Day cards. We have also been outside practising for sports day by learning all of the activities.

For English, we finished our work exploring our class text 'Pinocchio' and we have been thinking of ideas for our own story endings. We thought of our ideas and have been busy thinking about how we are going to write our new endings. We have been practising our phonics ready for our Phonics Screening checks this week. We have worked so hard!

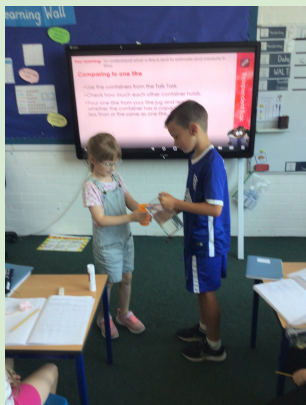
In Maths, we started our new topic all about length and mass and we looked at the different lengths of things in our classroom. First of all, we had a go at measuring different objects using cubes and then, we used our hands to measure items in our classrooms. Some of us even measured each other!

For our curriculum lessons, we have been learning all about food banks and the wonderful work that they do. We met virtually with a lady from the Black Country Food bank and she told us all about the running of the food bank and the fantastic things that they do. We are very keen to help and we have been discussing ways that we could help them. This has started our new Global / Current Affairs topic which we are very excited about! We had a very special visitor in school. We had an amazing time watching the Science magician who was lots of fun and very interesting. We then enjoyed sharing scientific questions and investigating the best material for making a glider.



## Year 2

We have had a very busy start back to this half term in year 2. We prepared for our performance for the Dads and doughnuts, enjoying our R.E. day learning all about the Hajj. The children have even had a visit from the science magician which was very exciting.



In English, we have been writing our own ending to the story 'The Building Boy'. We have really enjoyed exploring this story all about the special relationship between Tom and his Grandma. The children have been writing some amazing endings all about Tom finishing the house his Grandma had started for him.

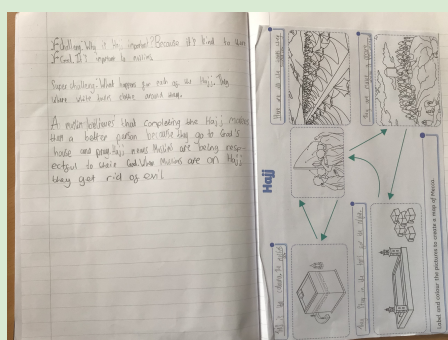
In Maths, we have moved on to our new topic all about measuring. We have started with looking at measuring temperature which seems quite appropriate this week. We have been keeping track of the temperature in our classroom, of a glass of water left in the sun and water left in the

shade. We have then been using a thermometer to measure the temperature and compare our findings. We have written lots of calculations to show the comparison between our findings. Now we have been estimating volume using our litre jug and various different containers.

We have also been taking part in the great science share. We started by looking at gravity and thinking what scientific questions we could ask. We came up with lots of scientific questions such as why does a balloon float if gravity exists? If gravity is a force how am I able to climb up things? There were lots of very interesting questions to think about.



Our curriculum topic has seen us become environmentalists. We have been thinking about ways we can help the planet. Our main focus at the moment is all about how to reduce the amount of rubbish at our landfills. We have been looking at the effects plastic pollution can have on our planet such as marine life, our oceans and the environment around us.



Our R.E. day saw us focus on Islam and how muslims believe that completing the Hajj (journey to Meca) made them a better muslim. We explored the five pillars of islam and their importance, before moving to look at the Hajj and why Muslims felt it is so important. We enjoyed exploring all the elements of the Hajj from the clothes to the different rituals that take place as

part of the journey.

We have our sports day coming up very soon which I know the children are very excited for. They have been practising the events ready to give it their all! We can't wait to show you what we can do then.

Finally, we're really looking forward to tomorrow's PFTA Summer Fayre. It was great that so many of the children dressed up in blue and donated tombola prizes - many thanks!



### Year 3

We have had a brilliant way to start the final half term of the year. We had our last RE day of the year where we explored why the River Ganges is important to Hindus. Year 3 asked lots of amazing questions and were able to make great connections to the importance of water to a Hindu and non-Hindu. We had mixed opinions on whether we would want to go into the Ganges, but lots of children agreed they would like to visit it on holiday.

We were getting very musical in Year 3. Firstly, a lot of us went on the London trip to see 'Wicked' which was wicked while the children who didn't go had a brilliant day! After that, we busily prepared for our music celebration trip to Walsall arena. We had our last rehearsal session the day before which went really well and helped us all to feel more confident – ready for our performance. Year 3 had many mixed emotions about performing in front of a large crowd, however, on the day, they were all amazing. Some of them ended up enjoying it so much, they didn't want to leave. They all performed the song perfectly and should be proud of all the hard work they have put into it.



We were fortunate enough to have the amazing Science magician come into school this week. He showed us lots of amazing magic tricks which showed us how science could be used to give us superpowers. Lots of us were wowed by his ability to make things levitate and also how he could make things disappear. It was like having a real life superhero on the stage!



In Maths, we have continued with our unit of angles and shape. We have started to look at how we can identify and angle. We really enjoyed going around the classroom with our right angle finders exploring where we could find them. We were able to conclude that right angles are all around us. We then were able to use what we had learnt to start to identify right angles within shapes.

In English, we have come to the end of our sentence stacking lessons for the text the 'Wolves In The Walls'. We are looking forward to our independent writing as we haven't written a text like this yet in year 3, so we are looking forward to writing in this style. We have already started to share lots of brilliant ideas about what we think might happen next in the story.





## Year 4

What a busy start to the half term it has been! From completing the Multiplication Tables Checks to practising for our Music Celebration and everything in between, Year 4 have been so busy but have continued to have a positive attitude and work exceptionally hard. We have watched the Science Magician who showed us how we can use science to create superpowers, from making things become invisible to making things levitate. A number of the children, also thoroughly enjoyed the London visit to see 'Wicked' and The Pineapple Dance Studios. We also had a special performance for 'Dads and Doughnuts Day'. It was such a joy to watch!



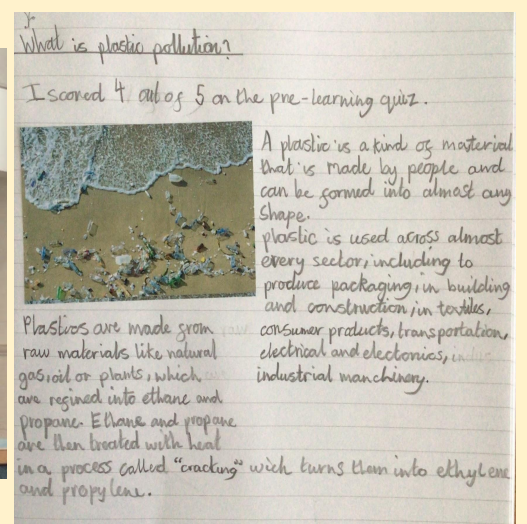
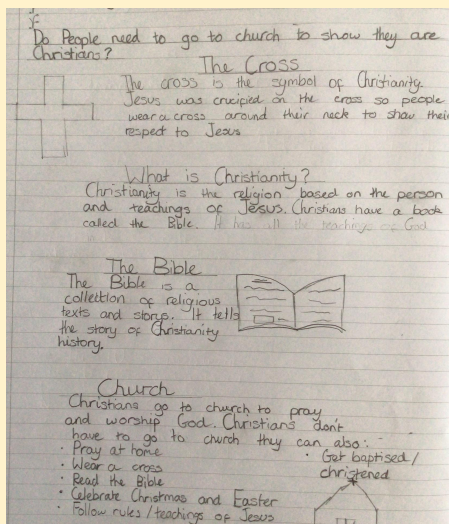
We completed our last RE day of the year where we focussed on Christianity. We spent the day answering the question; 'Do people need to go to church to be a Christian?' As a whole class, we explored some other ways that people may practise their religion. We talked about places that are special to us, why they are special, and how we feel when we are there. We then linked this to places that might be special for some Christians and discussed that whilst the church is a very special place to Christians, they may have other special places too!

In Maths, we have had to put on our thinking hats! We have had to be resilient and creative to help us solve some measure and money problems. We have talked about what it means to work systematically and how this can help us to find more than one possibility to a question. We've discussed 'trial and error' and how sometimes we have to try lots of different things before we find the right answer, but most importantly about how we should never give up!



In English, we are enjoying our narrative writing all about The Whale! It is a mystery story, all about a character called Lucy who is going on an adventure to see if she can discover a giant whale that the newspapers have all been talking about. It is great to see some of the creative ideas that the whole class are coming up with and seeing them use some fantastic vocabulary in their own writing. I can't wait to see their finished stories very soon!

In Curriculum we have started our last theme where we are exploring the effects of plastic pollution on the planet. So far, we have looked at what plastic is, how it is made, and what it is used for. We have also started to discuss what other materials we could use instead of plastic and the importance of recycling things whenever we can.



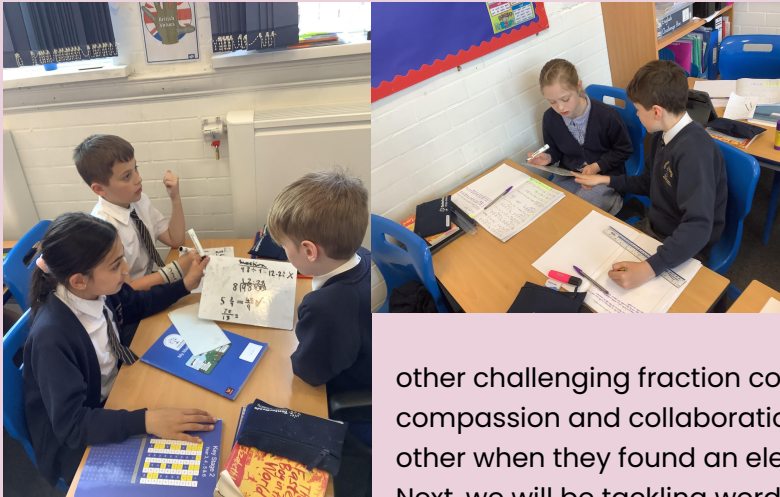


## Year 5

Year 5 children have been busy bees as usual. Our Maths learning focus has continued to be fractions; we have learnt how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions! Some of our learning has involved us testing each other and seeing if we can remember last week's learning so that it stays in our memory bank!

While the children enjoyed setting each other challenging fraction conversions, they also demonstrated compassion and collaboration. It was lovely to see them supporting each other when they found an element of their work tricky!

Next, we will be tackling worded problems involving fractions!



As well as lots of brilliant learning, we have started some new units of work. In Science, we are now exploring properties of matter, with a focus on solids, liquids and gases. In preparation for sports day, we've teamed up with children from other year groups and Year 5 have been practising their sprints! I must say how wonderfully they encouraged each other. Roll on the big day!

We were also fortunate enough to have a cricket trial session from All Stars and Dynamo sports company - as you can see, we enjoyed playing in teams to complete tasks within given time limits. I could definitely see a few budding cricketers; there was lots of talent and hand - eye coordination going on. It would be a great opportunity for pupils to join the local cricket club if they wish.



The children who attended the trip to London had a brilliant time and we made the most of the sunshine at school through art and P.E tasks. Despite feeling tired after such busy learning, Year 5 ended the week on a high with our R.E day.

They learn about how Christians show their commitment to God and created some beautiful work about the 10 commandments and the common practices of Christianity.



Finally, everyone loved listening to and watching the Science magician - they recorded the fascinating facts they learnt on an informative poster and enjoyed designing their own gliders to demonstrate how air resistance and gravity act upon objects. With lots to look forward to over the next coming weeks, I am sure Year 5 will continue to soar and show off their many talents.



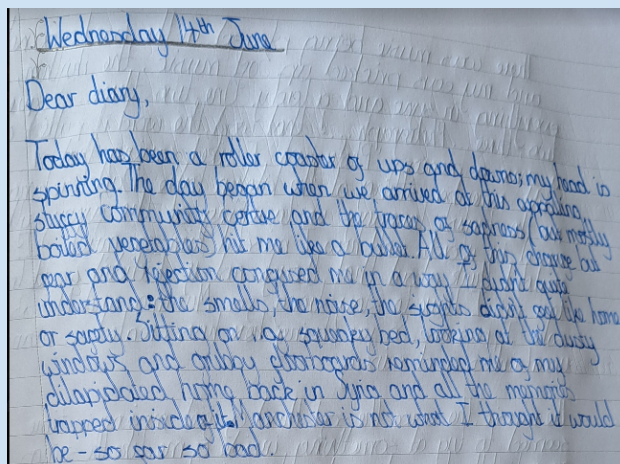
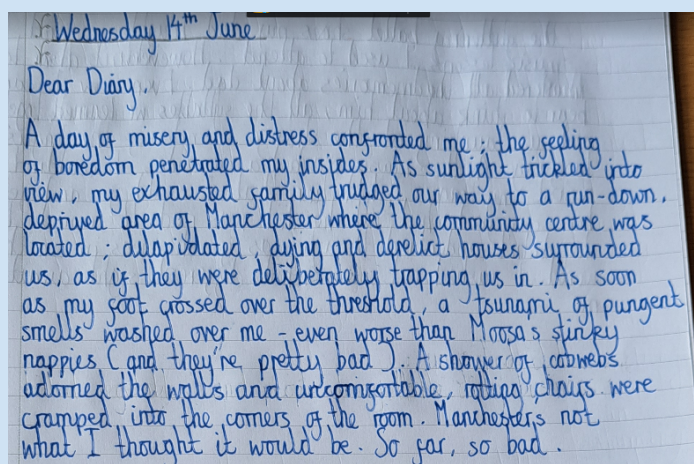
## Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy two weeks since we have returned from half term beginning swimming, Forest School and cooking. It has been nice to see them thoroughly engaged in these sessions and learning new life skills. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking at how to make spaghetti bolognese: looking at the ingredients needed, the cooking techniques and also how to adapt recipes to our preferences.



We also had a visit from the Science magician celebrating the Great Science Share. We were fascinated by some of the tricks he showed us and we were able to begin to explain his findings scientifically.

During the warm weather, Year 6 have shown great resilience and have continued working hard. They have produced some exceptional writing pieces based on our class book 'No Ballet Shoes in Syria'. This will form one of our final pieces of writing and they have really upped the standard. Take a look at some of the incredible pieces below:



## Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason then please let us know as soon as possible:

- The school office telephone number is 0121 289 5020 where you can speak to a member of staff or leave a messenger on the attendance line
- Report their absence via our Parentmail App

Please be aware you **must** report your child's absence **every day** that they are unable to attend.

The information below shows how attendance can affect your child's future progression. If we have not



heard from you by 10am after trying all the contact numbers we will do a home visit.


At Tenterfields we aim for pupils to achieve an attendance figure of above 97% or more.


### Praise Assembly


Praise certificates for the last two weeks have been awarded to the following children. A huge well done to them all for working hard on their ASPIRE Character Virtues!

Praise Certificates		Well done for...
Nursery	Kian &	Kian has been trying so hard to follow the nursery routines and has become more confident in these.
	Elijah	Elijah is now able to play fun ball games with his friends and will laugh and smile with them. He has progressed so well in building these friendships.
Reception	Ivy &	Ivy shows a lot of responsibility for her own learning, working independently and asking for help when she needs it. Ivy's resilience continues to grow and she now has a better understanding of the importance of making mistakes to help us to become even better learners.
	Lily &	Lily demonstrates all of the character virtues on a daily basis. She is showing an increasing level of resilience towards her learning and is working so hard to become unstuck and self-quiz when working independently. Lily is the perfect role model for her peers.
	Matthew	Matthew always tries his absolute best. His handwriting and writing skills are excellent and when asked to complete a piece of writing, Matthew will always go above and beyond. Matthew is becoming more organised and starting to be a little more independent when it comes to remembering his belongings at home time.
Year 1	Ariana &	Ariana tries very hard in her learning, particularly on her presentation. She is always proud of herself when she completes activities and enjoys challenging herself. Ariana enjoys helping others in class and always has a smile on her face.
	Ollie	We have been very impressed with Ollie's mature attitude to learning lately. He is always on task and demonstrates that he takes his learning very seriously. Ollie is always polite and helpful and tries very hard in class.
Year 2	Fletcher &	Fletcher is always there to help whether it's picking something up or making sure someone has the right equipment. He is always on task and ready to participate with his learning.
	Lucas	Lucas is always on task and trying his best. He always uses 3B4T to help him become unstuck. He is always responsible when given a job. He is organised and an all round brilliant role model.

Praise Certificates		Well done for...
Year 3	Anaya &	Anaya has been working extremely hard on her reading and listening to the feedback she is given. Anaya has been using her voice to help show the character's expression and her understanding of what she is reading.
	Matilda	Tilly has been working hard and concentrating during every lesson. She listens carefully to what the teacher says and encourages others to always do the right thing. Tilly has also been more independent with her work.
Year 4	Mason &	Mason always gives 110% and has a real positive attitude towards his learning. He is becoming more independent and his confidence to contribute to class discussions is growing.
	Jack	Jack has been working exceptionally hard in class. He has really impressed me in English where he is working really hard on his presentation and the hard work is starting to show. Keep up the hard work Jack!
Year 5	Saffia &	Saffia always applies herself to her learning tasks and works exceptionally hard to achieve her potential. She is a brilliant role model to her peers!
	Freya	She is always so willing to help; Freya is one of the most reliable class monitors we have. She always carries out her responsibilities dutifully. Not only this, but she is such a brilliant friend to her peers because she is so compassionate.
Year 6	Savraj &	Savraj has matured greatly this year and has shown real resilience in his learning. Furthermore, he takes great responsibility and has been acting as a fabulous role model as part of his Sports Squad leadership role. Keep up the great work Savraj!
	Florentia	Flo shows a mature, conscientious attitude towards her learning. She always gives 100% effort and produces high-quality pieces of work. She has a fine attention to detail and is meticulous over her word choice in her writing. Well done Flo, keep up the fantastic work!

<div>  <b>Hot Chocolate Thursday Award</b> </div>	
Hot Chocolate Awards for the last two weeks were awarded to the following children. A huge well done to them all for working so hard	
<b>Nursery</b>	Oliver & Joseph
<b>Reception</b>	Alfie & Arlo M
<b>Year 1</b>	Heidi & Ariana
<b>Year 2</b>	Grayson & Asma
<b>Year 3</b>	Olivia & Sophie
<b>Year 4</b>	Imogen & Hollie
<b>Year 5</b>	Isabelle & Molly
<b>Year 6</b>	Harrison & Olivia

Whole School Attendance for week commencing 5th June 2023 – 94.60%		
<b>Reception</b>	86.11%	<div>  <p><b>Well done and congratulations to</b> <b>Year 6</b> <b>for receiving the</b> <b>Attendance Trophy !</b></p> </div>
<b>Year 1</b>	95.83%	
<b>Year 2</b>	96.11%	
<b>Year 3</b>	93.59%	
<b>Year 4</b>	96.67%	
<b>Year 5</b>	97.98%	
<b>Year 6</b>	<u>98.92%</u>	

Whole School Attendance for week commencing 12th June 2023 – 95.87%		
<b>Reception</b>	<u>95.83%</u>	<div>  <p><b>Well done and congratulations to</b> <b>Reception</b> <b>for receiving the</b> <b>Attendance Trophy !</b></p> </div>
<b>Year 1</b>	95.24%	
<b>Year 2</b>	93.06%	
<b>Year 3</b>	89.10%	
<b>Year 4</b>	94.72%	
<b>Year 5</b>	95.20%	
<b>Year 6</b>	95.16%	



### After School Clubs April 2023

	After school 3.20pm – 4.30pm
<b>Monday</b>	Basketball Club – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Girls Football Club – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
<b>Tuesday</b>	Football Club – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Epic Dance Club – Reception, 1 & 2 Board Game Club – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Badminton Club – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dodgeball Club – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Performing Arts Club – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Fusion Dance at Manor Way
<b>Thursday</b>	Pottery – Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Rounders Club – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Football Team at Manor Way
<b>Friday</b>	Netball Club – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Football Club – Years Reception, 1 & 2

### Diary Dates

<b>17th June</b>	Tenterfield's Summer Fayre 12-3pm
<b>21st June</b>	Nursery and Reception Sports Day 9:30am
<b>22nd June</b>	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day 9:30am
<b>23rd June</b>	Nursery and Reception induction meeting for new September starters and their parents
<b>26th June</b>	Staff inset day – school is closed.
<b>27th June</b>	Stay and Play for Nursery and Reception September 2023 intake
<b>27th June</b>	Cricket tournament for Y3 and Y4
<b>4th July</b>	Stay and Play for Nursery and Reception September 2023 intake
<b>4th July</b>	Earls Transition Day for Year 6 leavers
<b>13th July</b>	Nursery Graduation 9:30am
<b>18th July</b>	Tenterfields Reception Graduation 9:30am
<b>19th July</b>	Tenterfields Year 6 Leavers' Celebration 6pm
<b>21st July and 24th July</b>	Transition to new teacher and new classroom
<b>25th July</b>	Break up at 1pm

## **TERM DATES 2022-2023**

### **Autumn Term 2022**

Training Days: Monday 5th September 2022

Term Starts for children: Tuesday 6th September 2022

Half Term holiday: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

Last day of term: Friday 16th December 2022

### **Spring Term 2023**

Training Day: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Term Starts for children: Wednesday 4th January 2023

Half Term holiday: Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February 2023

Last day of term: Friday 31st March 2023

### **Summer Term 2023**

Training Day: Monday 17th April 2023

Term starts for children: Tuesday 18th April 2023

Bank Holiday : Monday 1st May 2023

Election Day: Thursday 4th May - open for Year 6 only

Half Term holiday: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

Training Day: Monday 26th June 2023

Last day of term for children: Tuesday 25th July 2023

### **Inset Days**

Friday 25th November 2022

Friday 2nd December 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 17th April 2023

Monday 26th June 2023