



Mayfield



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Mr Draper

Headmaster's Foreword

Dear Staff, Pupils, Parents/Carers, Governors, Old Mayfieldians and Friends of the School,

Thanks to a late Easter, this was a short half term but packed full of events and hard work!

As I have barely had time to draw breath, I will now try to find a few minutes to pause and reflect on the highlights.

Just before the start of term, the fabulous Mrs Flanagan completed the London Marathon on a very warm day, raising over £6,600 for Dementia UK! She then organised the two-mile Mayfield Mini-Marathon that the pupils and staff from Transition to Lower III participated in, raising even more money for such a good cause! What a great start to the term!

The following week, we hosted the Mayfield Cross Country. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, and Mayfield successfully defended the Under 9s Boys and Girls Shields, with Luca also picking up an individual Bronze medal! There have been a number of Walsall Schools' tournaments our teams have enjoyed. Our Under 11s netball team played extremely well, and qualified to represent Walsall in the Black Country Schools' Finals on 26th June. The Under 11s tag rugby team also acquitted themselves well at the Veseyans' Rugby Club, the tournament's top try scorers and also qualifying to represent Walsall in the

Black Country Schools finals. In the House competitions, Nightingale won the Lower II/Form II swimming gala, and Livingstone won the House Quiz.

Everyone at school has worked hard during exam week and early signs indicate that the results have yet again been excellent thanks to our amazing staff. Form I, Upper II and Lower III completed online Atom Quest assessments where the national average is a Standardised Age Score (SAS) of 100, while Independent Schools have an average SAS of 109. Mayfield's average SAS is far above those figures with 123 in Reading, 127 in Arithmetic and 125 in Mathematical Reasoning! Yet more evidence of the high standards our school achieves!

Congratulations go to our Lower III pupils, as 96% of them have been offered places at selective grammar schools, 100% offered places at selective grammar and independent schools, and 10 scholarships have been awarded from leading independent schools, our most successful year ever!

Meanwhile, a number of children sat their LAMDA exams last weekend – we eagerly await their results after half term. Our Lower II children learned about road safety on the

Walsall Council A Stars initiative. Upper II and Lower III pupils performed superbly in the Junior Maths Challenge, which is aimed at Year 7 and 8 secondary school pupils. 39 pupils earned Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates, while 4 pupils have qualified for the final bonus round.

Please note that, sadly, Mrs Higgins will be leaving Mayfield at the end of July to work with young adults working towards a career in Early Years and to concentrate on her reflexology business. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her hard work over the last 10 years and wishing her well on her next venture. Miss Evans is also leaving After School Club to take up a Nursery Assistant post in another Nursery, and we wish her all the best.

As is our custom after a school inspection, it gives an opportunity for some of our teaching staff to gain experience in a different year group from September. Miss Sal will continue to lead Pre-Nursery. Mrs Smith will be the Nursery Form Teacher. Miss Roberts and Mrs Hatton will be the Kindergarten Form Teachers. Mrs Guest will be the Transition Form Teacher. Mr Watts, will continue as the Form I Form Teacher. Mrs King will be the Lower II Form Teacher. Mrs Andrews will be the Form II Form Teacher. Mrs Flanagan will be the Upper II Form Teacher. Mrs Pittaway will be the Lower III Form Teacher.

Mrs Cook will teach Maths with Mrs King in Lower II split classes, and she will teach Maths with Mrs Marston in Form II and Upper II split classes.

Finally, I wish you all a wonderful half-term break and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 9th June, ready for a packed half term of sports days, school trips, prizegivings and the Lower III play!

Believe it! Achieve it!

Mr M. Draper, Headmaster





Mini Mayfield

Miss. A Roberts



It has been a short half term, so we have been very busy. The children have continued to develop their writing skills and have spent time learning to hold a pencil correctly to begin to write letter shapes.

This half term, the children have started having their music lesson in the music room. This has given them the chance to move in response to music and to play a range of percussion instruments.

Our Topic for this half term has been 'Growing'. The children have learnt lots of new vocabulary related to planting, including compost, trowel and bulbs. They have learnt to care for plants and wait patiently for them to grow. As part of this Topic work, the children have also been observing some caterpillars, watching them grow. They hope to have some butterflies after the half term holiday. The children also made their own caterpillars from sticks and various craft resources.

To celebrate VE day, the whole school had a big picnic. The children in Nursery enjoyed joining in the big picnic on the paddock.

Nursery children are starting to prepare for their move to Kindergarten in September. They have visited their new classroom and had a chance to mix with the older children at playtime.

We finished this half term with Mayfield Maths Day and enjoyed lots of number activities.





Pre-Nursery

Mrs S Rahman



The Pre-Nursery children have been talking all about growing this term. The children really loved sharing a baby picture of themselves. They all compared how much they have grown. They really enjoyed following the life cycle of a caterpillar. We had some caterpillars in our classroom, and the children are looking forward to the caterpillars turning into butterflies. We have grown some cress this term and we have made cress sandwiches. The children have also been busy counting and are learning to recognise numbers up to 8. The children are amazing at recognising the first initial of their names on their name card. They did some mark making using paint. The children have really enjoyed music lessons, and they were so excited to play the guitar.



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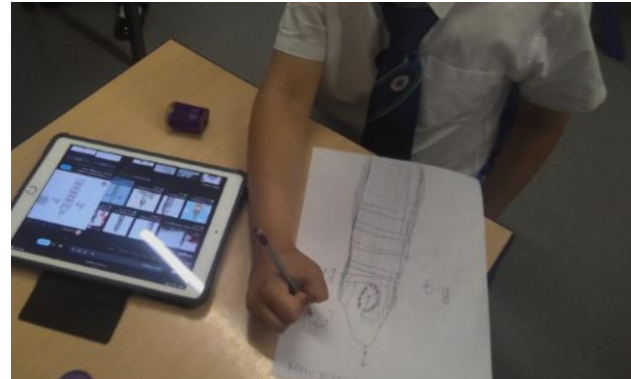


Kindergarten

Mrs. D Smith

Kindergarten have enjoyed learning about growing this half term. We have looked at how plants grow and have even planted our own flowers which the children are eagerly watching outside Kindergarten. In Maths, we are working on becoming secure with number bonds to 10 using different concrete resources. The children are becoming more independent by getting ourselves ready for PE in their smart new PE kits. We really enjoyed the VE day picnic as well as learning about VE day and producing some wonderful writing.





Form I

Mr Watts



As part of our topic about the United Kingdom in Geography, Transition have been learning all about some famous UK landmarks. We made some beautiful sketches of some of the London landmarks and worked hard on pencil control and technique.

We also enjoyed celebrating VE day with our picnic on the paddock, and we worked hard to colour some Union Flags accurately to form part of our display board. We also watched some old film clips showing the celebrations in 1945 and listened to accounts of some people who were actually there! We then applied this knowledge to write our own amazing diary entries, imagining that we were part of the original celebrations.

In Science, we have planted our bean seeds and have been monitoring and recording growth, taking photographs for Seesaw. The seeds have then been transplanted ready to take home to continue their growing journey. We are really looking forward to seeing how tall the beanstalks grow. We also carried out the cress experiment to see what plants need to grow and which variables provided optimum conditions for healthy growth. We made predictions, observed and were quite surprised by some of the results!

Many of Transition enjoyed taking part in Mayfield's Got Talent and showed that we are all amazing individuals and should be incredibly proud of all our achievements!

Form I have enjoyed their PE lessons this year. They have all grown in confidence and become more agile. This term, we have been practising for our Sports Day events (hurdles, sprint, water relay and 200m) and played cricket, rounders and tennis. We have improved our hand to eye co-ordination and developed a confident style when hitting the ball. The children have been very competitive when playing matches. As long as the children stay in their lanes when running, I have high hopes for Sports Day!

In French, we have been reading "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," which helped the children revise their colours, foods and days of the week from previous lessons. There is a lot of secrecy around Delia's hat in Humanities (more about which we'll find out after half term.) We all celebrated VE Day and some of us took part in Mayfield's Got Talent (judging by the entries, Form I certainly DO have talent.) It was just like watching The Eurovision Song Contest last weekend! On the Friday before we broke up, we all participated in Maths Day, in which we dealt with money. We have also been learning about measurements in Maths lessons, specifically length and height, mass, and capacity.

Considering that it was such a short half term, we seem to have done quite a lot during it! We look forward to the next half-term, which will include our Form assembly, Sports Day and a trip to the Dudley Canal with Transition at the end of June.



Transition

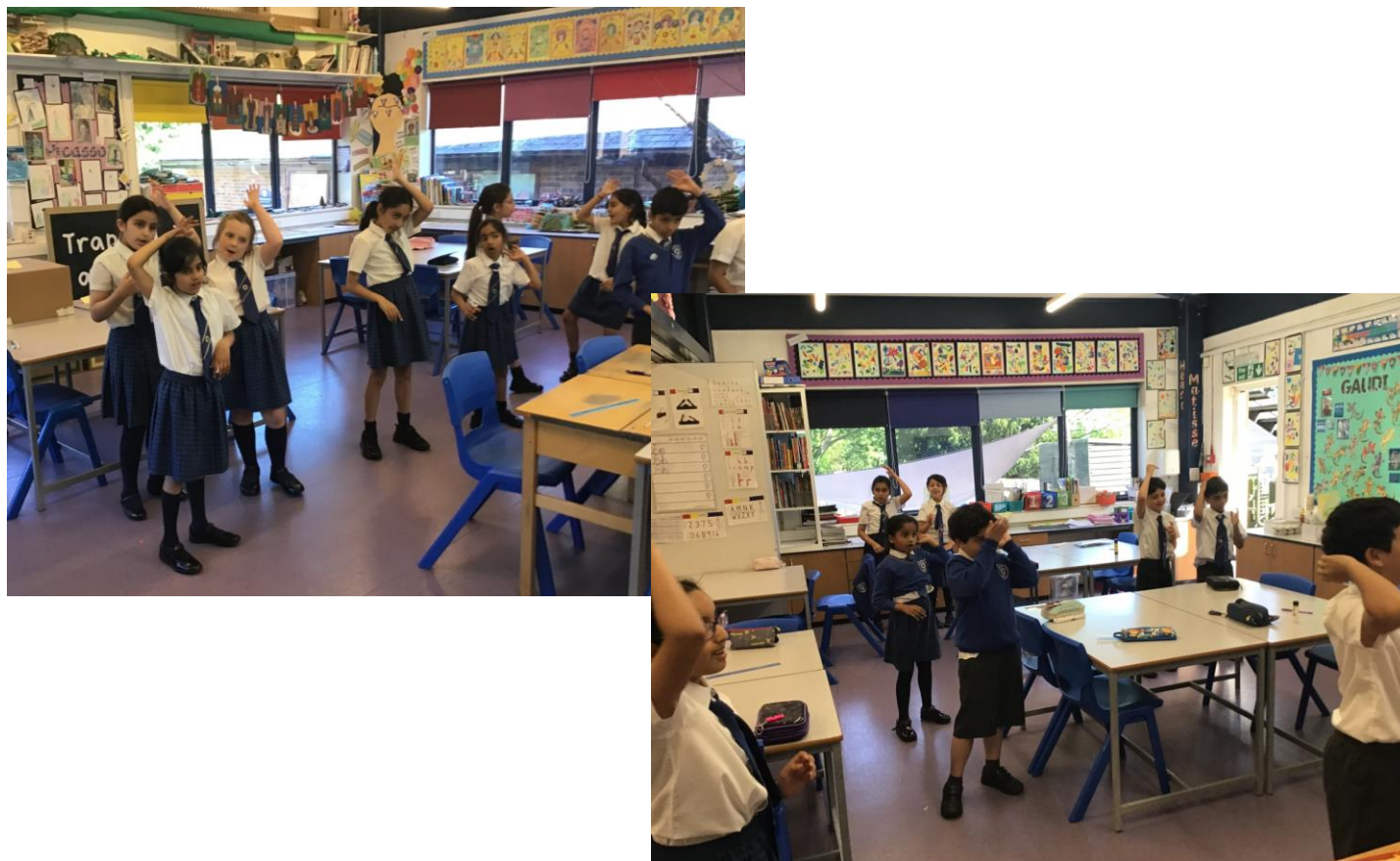
Mrs King



Party like a Roman!

Lower II have certainly been busy this half term, with lots of new and exciting topics to learn about. The children have really embraced the History topic, 'How did the arrival of the Romans change Britain?'. The children have discovered why Claudius was so determined to invade Britain through using their own inference and deduction skills developed during their reading comprehension lessons. In addition to this, they have explored the tactics the Roman Army used to defeat Boudicca through investigating primary and secondary sources.

To embed the children's learning, we had learnt an educational song, 'Just like a Roman' that uses the sign language Makaton. Makaton is a UK based communication programme that combines signs, symbols and speech to assist individuals with communication difficulties. This has been a great way of learning new facts about how the Romans built straight roads and even invented central heating! As you can see by the photographs, the children have certainly enjoyed learning the new actions!



Form II

Mrs Crosby

Swallows and Amazons Forever!

Form II have been enjoying a new class reader this term, Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome. The story follows four children whose adventures one summer have captured the imagination of Form II, sparking class discussions on packing for a camping trip to an island and what they might encounter there. During reading groups, the children have enjoyed learning a range of new sailing vocabulary. They have also talked about how times have changed since this book was written, when children, encouraged by their parents, took a sailing boat away to an island for an adventure of their own.

Rajan's favourite part was when the children made the lists for going camping because it helps him think about what to take when he goes camping. Anika liked the idea of taking an adventure, learning new skills and learning how to live outdoors. Dahlia liked the description of the children going camping as it reminded her of when she goes camping and what to take. Anaya's favourite element of the book is the sailing and showed her an experience of what it is like to go camping.





Lower III

Mrs S Marston

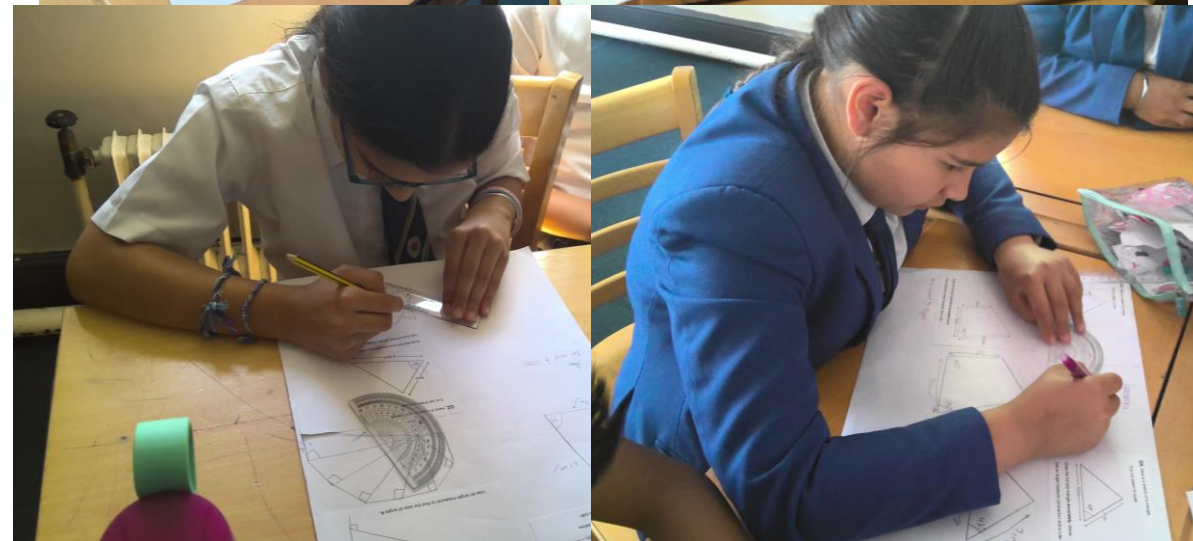


Enterprise

After much researching, ordering, making and marketing, the week finally came to sell the products. The stalls were set up in the courtyard and our wares were displayed. After three evenings of frenzied selling, a healthy overall profit of £544 was made in total. This money will go back into school, for the benefit of all our pupils.

The winning team, who made a fantastic profit of £152.64, with their Fidget Cubes, are The Business Brains. Congratulations!

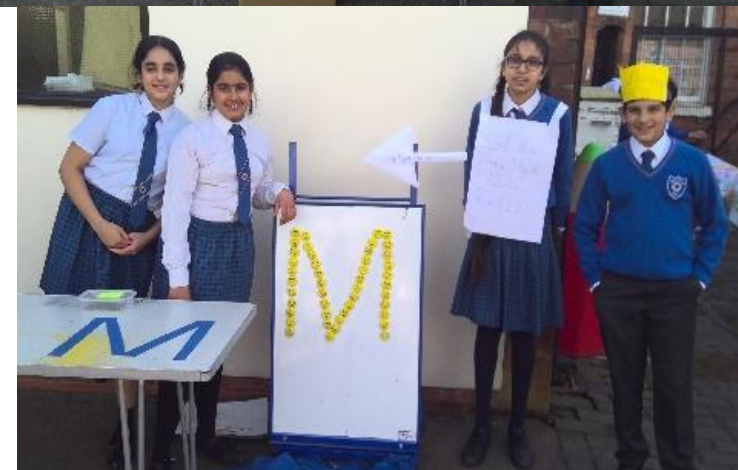
Well done to all our Lower IIs. A fantastic team effort from children, staff and parents to make the project a success. Everyone worked really hard and hopefully learned some valuable business lessons to take forward into the rest of their lives.



This half term, during Mathematics lessons, we have been focusing on Shape. We classified angles and calculated missing angles in a variety of shapes. We have learned how to use a protractor to draw and measure angles accurately. We also explored the nets of Three Dimensional shapes, trying to draw them using the properties of each. Our final task was to construct Two Dimensional shapes accurately. This required careful measuring, with a ruler and protractor, to carefully construct scale versions of shapes from images that were not to scale. We peer marked each other's work and uploaded photos to our online learning platform- Seesaw.

Upper II

Mrs S Marston



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Mrs Flanagan's Run Update

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MARATHON
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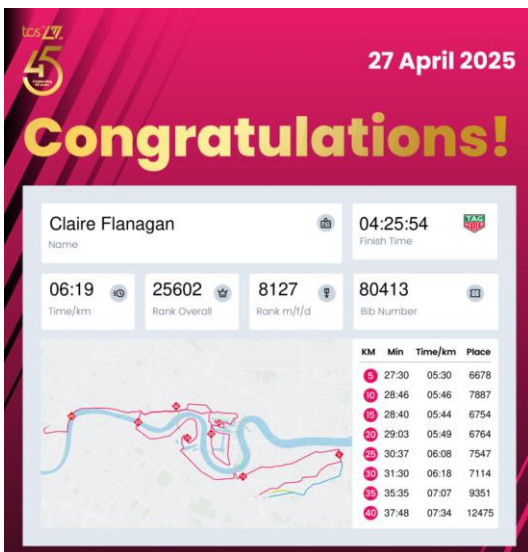
Thank you so much to everyone who has wished me congratulations and recovery wishes for the marathon. What a day it was! From the incredible crowds, the camaraderie to the punishing heat, it is a day I will never forget. It was the hardest thing I think I'll ever do, and I was very pleased to get through without stopping and in one piece, especially when the heat was forcing lots of runners to stop or fall ill.

I am so proud to have raised such an amazing amount for Dementia UK, and I never imagined that my total could have surpassed £6600 – but it is something I would never have been able to achieve without the tremendous generosity of so many families from Mayfield. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The children followed in my footsteps and took part in their mini marathon (in brutal heat again!), joined by staff and parents. Well done to everyone who took part, it was inspiring to see so many people share in the running community and get some endorphins. Hopefully, it is something we can do every year and start a new tradition!

If you have been inspired by the efforts from the two marathons, the link below will still work for a few more weeks. Thank you!

LINK: Dementia UK: Mrs Flan's Marathon Fundraiser



believe
achieve
succeed

The TCS Mini London Marathon



WOW

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who took part, supported or cheered our runners for the TCS Mini London Marathon in aid of Dementia UK. We raised an incredible £439, from the entries and proceeds of the Livingstone Tuck Shop!



Mrs C Flanagan

Connect 4

Mrs Marston

Spring brought the return of our Connect 4 Tournament. Each class needed several rounds to find a winner. The class winners then played each other until just two players remained. The finalists, Luca and Neve, competed in assembly in front of the whole school. Luca was the worthy winner of the trophy. Congratulations to everyone who took part!

Class winners-

- Kindergarten - Arian
- Transition - Neve
- Form I - Veer
- Lower II - Luca
- Form II - Pearl
- Upper II - Anand
- Lower III - Manraj





Mayfield's Got Talent

Mrs Draper

At the start of the Academic year, members of the Pupil Leadership Team and our School Council requested the return of Mayfield's Got Talent. This event had not been held since the onset of Covid. Great excitement ensued as attractive posters designed by our Lower III pupils using a new software program appeared around the school to encourage our talented pupils to participate. Class heats were held, and two finalists were voted from each Form to represent them at the Grand Final in our Sports Hall. The talents on show ranged from rappers, actors, singers, dancers, musicians, card tricksters to an incredibly fast Rubik Cube puzzle solve. Our winner, Sana, performed an emotional rendition of 'Moon River' on the piano, Kaiya, an upcoming gymnast, was second, with Sehej solving the Rubik Cube and Eva who performed a lovely Indian-style dance, tied in third place. The Pupil Leadership Team compered the event brilliantly, giving Ant and Dec a run for their money! Congratulations to all who competed in the heats and final – Mayfield certainly has Got Talent!

Mayfield Musicians

Mrs Anslow

Tatenda, Gabriel and Alayna all passed their piano prep test.

Ruby and Ryan passed the piano initial grade.

Lovely comments were made by the examiner for all student's, they showed a great start to learning the piano.



Art workshops

Transition and Form 1

Mrs Hatton

On Wednesday 21st May, we welcomed Benny, an artist from Walsall Art Gallery to Mayfield. Benny was able to share work from the Gallery and inspire Transition and Form 1 to create some amazing artwork. Transition looked at landscapes and how they included sky, a horizon and a foreground. They were then able to create their own landscape on canvas using acrylic paints. The children created fantastic imaginative and colourful canvases, which they were very proud of. Form 1 looked at botanical illustrations and a variety of leaves and flowers. After detailed observational drawings, they were then able to draw onto foam. Next, they used block printing paint with rollers to transfer the paint evenly onto their foam tile. The results were very effective, and the children really enjoyed learning about this printing technique.

Both classes thoroughly enjoyed their workshops and their visit from Benny. There is lots going on at The New Walsall Art Gallery this half-term, so pop along and explore the art on display and activities; you may even see Benny!



Key Dates

Monday 9 th June	Start of 2nd half term
Tuesday 10th June	PN, NUR & KG - Father's day event @ 2:25pm
Wednesday 11th June	Upper II trip to Woodlands Adventure
	PN, NUR & KG - Sports Day 2pm to 3pm (Reserve date Wednesday 25th June)
Friday 13th June	Lower II, Form II, Upper II & Lower III Sports Day - starts @ 1:00pm (Reserve date Friday 20th June)
Tuesday 17th June	Under 9's cricket v's West House School (home) @2.00pm
	Pre-Nursery Key Workers Parents Evening - 4pm to 5:30pm
Wednesday 18th June	Transition & Form I Sports Day - starts @ 1:30pm (Reserve date Friday 27th June)
	Pre-Nursery Key Workers Parents Evening - 4pm to 5:30pm
Thursday 19th June	Walsall Street Teams Talk - Secondary school transition (Lower III)
Thursday 26th June	Transition & Form I trip to Dudley Canal Trust Black Country Schools Finals 9.00am – 3.00pm
Friday 27th June	Hydesville Maths Quiz (8 pupils from Upper II)
Wednesday 2nd July	PN, NUR & KG - trip to Ash End Farm
Friday 4th July	Whole School Summer Fun Activities Day
Monday 7th July	Whole school moving up afternoon
	Parents Open Evening - 3:30pm to 5pm including presentation to new Kindergarten parents
Wednesday 9th July	Lower III Prizegiving and play to parents @ 1:45pm
Thursday 10th July	Lower III farewell party in school
Friday 11th July	End of Summer Term
Wednesday 3rd September	Start of the New School Year



Thank you for taking the time to read our magazine, we hope it has provided an enjoyable insight into the half term.

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