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# Diary Dates



**20th May** – Reception class Fire Station Visit

22nd May - KS1 Concert 2pm

**23rd May** – Year 1&2 Forest School Parents' Meeting 2.45pm

26th May - Half Term

**2nd June** – Pre-a-Portrait – Class Photos

**3rd June** – Y1 Forest School & Y6 Crucial Crew

6th June - Y5 Pentecost Assembly

**9th June** – Grafham Parents' Meeting 6pm

10th June - Y1 Forest School

12th June - Sports Day

**16th June** – Year 5 Cooking Week

17th June - Y1 Forest School

18th June - Y4 Walton-on-the-Naze

**19th June** – Rain-off Sports Day

**21st June** – First Holy Communion at St Mary's Church. 11am

**26th June** – Y2 Forest School

**27th June** – Reception Class Prayer & Liturgy

Y6 Transition Day SWCHS & JFAN Y5 Quiz at St Mary's School.

28th June – Summer Fete 12pm-3pm

**30th June** – 10am First Holy Communion celebration at St Mary's Church – whole school

1st July - Clothing Collection

2nd - 4th July - Y6 to Grafham Water

**3rd July** – Year 2 Forest School

**10th July** – Year 2 Forest School & Y6 Transition day to St Mary's Bishop's Stortford

**16th July** – Junior Production 2pm & 7pm

**18th July** – Last day of term. Leavers' Mass 9.30am & Leavers' Assembly 11am

## Lunch

### w/c 19th May Week 2

Please pay lunches on School Money - £2.50 per day

#### Swimming

19th May - 4&6

20th May - Year 2

## Year 4 Tea Concert

On Tuesday, Year 4 put on a fantastic tea concert showcasing a range of exceptional talent on a variety of instruments. We are very proud of every pupil in Year 4 for all the effort they put in.





#### **Year 6 SATs Party**

Year 6 had a wonderful time celebrating at the SAT's party – well done to all of Year 6 for your hard work this week!



#### **Reception Class Sushi Day**

Reception had an amazing afternoon on Thursday making sushi. The children tasted the different ingredients, filled and rolled a sushi roll and took home their very own box of sushi. A big thank you to Mrs Pelham for this fantastic opportunity.







## Prayer of the Week

Sunday 18th May is the 5th Sunday of Easter Jesus gives the new commandment, to love one another.

#### Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord,

As May is the month of Mary, help us to look up to her and love her as she loves us and her son Jesus. As we celebrate the news of Pope Leo XIV, please guide him to make the right decisions and follow in your footsteps throughout his Papacy.

Bless those who love and look after us.

Amen

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## Reminder - KS1 Concert - 22nd May at 2pm

We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming **Infant Summer Concert!** 

This relaxed event will feature a selection of songs that each of the infant classes have loved learning throughout the year, many of which are linked to their curriculum topics. It's a wonderful opportunity for the children to share their learning in a fun and musical way.

The concert will take place at **2:00pm** on 22nd May.

To help us manage space and ensure safety, we kindly ask that each family limits attendance to two guests.

### Sports Day – Thursday 12th June

On Sports Day the children are asked to wear their house colour t-shirts:

#### St Francis: Green, St Theresa: Yellow, St Peter: Blue & St Bernadette: Orange.

We will start the day with KS2 at 9.15am. At 11.45am we will have a family picnic (weather permitting) just like last year. Following the picnic at 12.30 we will have the KS1 sports. Please bring a rug and a picnic for you and your child. Please do not bring any alcohol. There will be ice lollies for sale for £1.00 at the end of the day. Children may go home early if we finish before 3.15pm.

## Whole School Mass – St Mary's Church on Monday 30th June at 10am

We will be celebrating Mass with our children who have made their First Holy Communion. All parents welcome.

## Year 6 Tie-Dye T-Shirts

Year 6 made tie-dye T-shirts today. £6 has been added to your school money account to cover the cost of the activity. Please log onto school money to make your contribution, if you haven't already done so.

## **Summer Levy**

Just a reminder that the levy is the fund we use for the up-keep of the school premises. This donation also allows us to match grants etc. to improve and maintain the school building. We would be very grateful for your support with this levy

#### **PSA**

## Summer Fete - Saturday 28th June

Our Summer Fete is on Saturday 28th June 12pm – 3pm. Please contact the PSA or the School Office if you are able to help with preparation or on the day. We would be very grateful for as much help as possible. Please Note: We will be using tokens instead of cash. Tokens can be purcahsed via school money or on the day. Please find attached poster for all the details.

#### Chromebooks

This year, the school would like to update our technology through the purchase of new Chromebooks for use in computing and across the curriculum. Any PSA money raised will help fund the Chromebooks. Thank you for your generosity and support.



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# **More Sports News**

On Wednesday 14th May some of our Year 1 children took part in a morning of sport organised by the Uttlesford Partnership. The children had a wonderful morning taking part in lots of different sporting activities, the highlight of which was the trampoline. Well done to all the children who took part.





#### **Swimming finals update**

Unfortunately, I have heard this week, that the partnership who were due to host the swimming County Finals in July have cancelled the event. This is due to the fact that only three districts have agreed to take part. This is not enough to qualify the event as a County final. We understand how disappointed the children will be that they don't get to swim and compete. My sincere apologies however as you will understand, it is outside of our control. The children should be really proud of their efforts to have got this far.

## Golf

Please could you let Mrs Head know whether your child plays golf and/or has lessons outside of school. We have an upcoming tournament, which will require your child to have their own set of clubs to play. Please email Mrs Head or the school office to confirm.



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## <u>Amazon Wish List – Thank you to everyone who has donated!</u>

All the classes are short of whiteboard pens, pencils and coloured pencils and we have added them to the wish list below, along with some other much needed items. Some parents have asked about class footballs. These are now added to the wish list. If you are able, we would be very grateful for any kind donations. Many thanks for your continued support.

#### Reception

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#### Year 1

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#### Year 2

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#### Year 3

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#### Year 4

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#### Year 5

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#### Year 6

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#### **Sports**

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