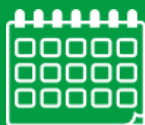




Dates for Your

**DIARY**



**Bank Holiday**—School is closed.  
Monday 5th May

**Choir singing as part of VE day celebrations at the Care Home**  
Thursday 8th May

**Essential that Year 6 are in school for SATs**  
Monday 12th May—Thursday 15th May

**Half term**—School closed  
Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

**Year 4 completing Multiplication Check**  
Monday 2nd June—Friday 13th June

**Year 6 Duxford Trip** —Tuesday 10th June

**Year 1 completing Phonics check**  
Monday 9th June—Friday 13th June

**Year 5 concert at The Apex**  
Thursday 19th June

**PD day**—school closed to pupils  
Friday 20th June

**Year 6 Residential**  
Wednesday 25th—Friday 27th June

**Year 6 Performance to parents**  
Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th July

**Year 6 End of year party—Silent Disco**  
Monday 21st July

The **2025 / 2026 calendar** is now available on our school website or by clicking [here](#).

# NEWSLETTER

## A message from Mrs Mitchinson



Welcome back to school for the Summer Term! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break and managed to enjoy some well-deserved family time.

As we step into our final term of the year, I'm filled with pride at how much our children have already achieved and excitement for all that lies ahead. The Summer Term is always a busy but joyful time, filled with learning, creativity, and celebrations. From sports days and school trips to our Year 6's end-of-year performance and transition activities, there is so much to look forward to.

Our teachers have shared their plans for an engaging and enriching half term through their class newsletters.

Our Year 5s have welcomed a Netball coach on site, who will be supporting their PE lessons over the next half term. Reception class have spotted a bird nesting in their garden and their class tadpoles have started to grow legs. Nursery are waiting for their caterpillar delivery in the hope that they'll see the full butterfly lifecycle. Year 4 have kick started their topic looking at Museum artefacts and Year 3 are already busy with their DT project.

With the warmer weather upon us, we want to encourage as many children as possible to be active and healthier. We believe that children need to find something that they love doing that works for them. If you want to try a new sport or join a new club, please take a look at the local club directory via this [link](#)

As always, we appreciate your ongoing support in helping your child thrive—together, we make a fantastic team.

Let's make this term one to remember!

*Mrs Emily Mitchinson*

**Head of Academy**

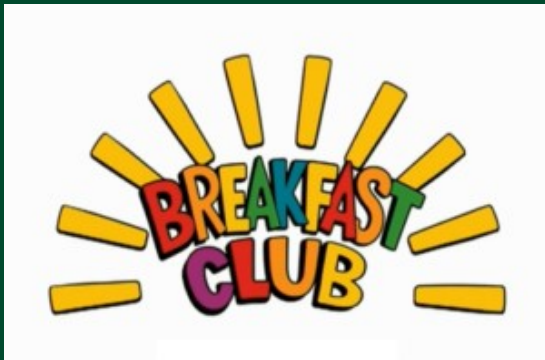




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Please continue to send your children's achievements outside of school so we can share them with our school community on Facebook. All photos or messages can be emailed to our Office;

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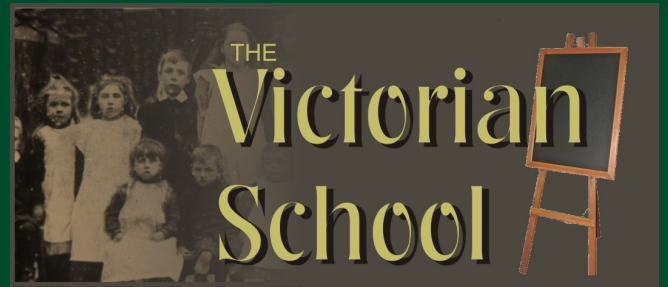
Our \*free\* breakfast club has started and I'm pleased to announce that Mrs Young has joined the team.

A gentle reminder that the door to breakfast club will be closed at 8.25am so the team can prepare children for class. Over the next few weeks we will be trialling some new activities with children, from outside exercises, catch up activities and homework support. It remains essential that you use our booking system when requesting a space each morning. This can be accessed via your MCAS link. If your child is attending the Early Bird session, there is no need to register on the other, free, breakfast club link.

Early Bird sessions will start at 8.00 am and will be charged at £1 per session.

Our free 30 minute breakfast club will start at 8.15 and will run until the start of the school day at 8.45am.

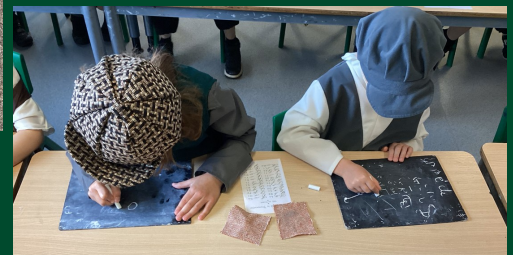
Please speak with Mrs MacDonald in the Office if you have any further questions.



What an exciting time we've had exploring life in the Victorian era! Last week, pupils in Year 1 had the chance to step back in time and experience what school and daily life might have been like over 100 years ago.

From traditional classroom rules and dressing up in Victorian-style clothing and learning about old-fashioned games, the children fully immersed themselves in the experience—and did so with great enthusiasm and curiosity. It was both educational and eye-opening, helping our pupils gain a real appreciation for how much has changed (and thankfully improved!) since those days.

Thank you for helping with costumes and for supporting your children's learning at home. These hands-on experiences really help bring history to life, and we're so proud of how engaged and thoughtful the children have been.



# You've got this, Year 6!

Pupils in Year 6 will be doing their end of Key Stage 2 SATs from Monday 12th May until Thursday 15th May. Pupils will be invited to attend their own, special breakfast club.

## A message from us to our Wonderful Year 6;

As you get ready to sit your SATs next week, I want you to pause for a moment and remember just how far you've come. These tests are just a small part of your journey, and they do not define who you are.

What really matters can't be measured in a paper or score: your kindness, your sense of humour, your curiosity, your creativity, and the way you support each other every day. These are the things that truly make you shine.

We know how hard you've worked, and we're incredibly proud of your efforts. So as you head into the next few weeks, hold your head high and know that all we ask is for you to try your best. Eat well, get some rest, and believe in yourself—because we certainly do.

You've got this, Year 6!

We're cheering you on every step of the way.



## How can I help my child prepare for tests?

### 1. Focus on Encouragement, Not Pressure

- Remind them that tests are just a part of their learning journey.
- Celebrate effort, not just results.
- Reassure them that doing their best is more important than being perfect.

### 2. Keep Routines Calm and Consistent

- Make sure they get enough sleep, especially in the days leading up to tests
- Keep mornings stress-free with a good breakfast (join our school breakfast club, especially for Year 6!) and everything ready to go.
- Keep evenings relaxed with downtime and no last-minute cramming.

### 3. Support Gentle Revision

- Use fun tools like flashcards, games, or short quizzes if they enjoy them.
- Help them focus on topics they find tricky—but keep sessions short and positive.
- Let them lead the pace so it doesn't feel like a chore.

### 4. Talk and Listen

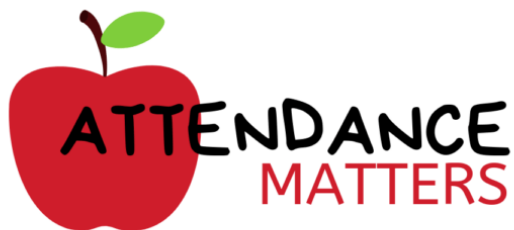
- Ask how they're feeling and let them know it's okay to feel nervous.
- Share your own experiences of feeling nervous to help normalise it.
- Keep things light-hearted—laughter can ease tension!

### 5. Plan Something to Look Forward To

- Plan a small reward or treat at the end of tests (end of SATs week) —like a movie night, a fun day out, or their favourite meal.
- For our Year 6s—Let them know there's life after SATs—and lots of exciting things still to come!







We continue to see improving attendance figures.

Our whole school attendance up to the last day of the Spring term was **96.7%**

We had a number of classes with 100% attendance last week, which is brilliant.

**Congratulations** to Mango, Pineapple and Eagle.

Please continue to support your child to see school as a place they can grow and thrive;

*"Going to school every day helps you learn new things, meet friends, and grow smarter. Each day you miss is like skipping a step on your path to success. When you're at school, you have the best chance to do your best work, ask questions, and get all the support you need. So, let's make it a goal to be there every day, because every day counts!"*

# Culture Day

Culture day has been postponed until next year.

We will be celebrating this event, with both Beck Row and Icen Primary Academy on **25th June 2026**.

Thank you to those families that have paid their contributions. We will refund you and then send a new letter next year.



We would like to kindly remind all families that, for the safety and comfort of our students, dogs (except assistance dogs) and other pets are not permitted on the school grounds. This policy helps ensure a safe, clean, and allergy-friendly environment for everyone.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in keeping our school a safe space for all pupils.



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# Summer Fayre

Friday 27th June

**AFTERSCHOOL PICK UP**

3:15PM-6PM

Stalls | Inflatables | BBQ  
Raffle | Tombola | Popcorn | Cakes

*If interested in a stall please contact us at  
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