
Term 6 – 3rd July 2026

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A huge well done to the whole school this week who have managed their transition days so well. The Year 6 children have been out at their secondary schools at different points in the week and have come back really positively about starting in September. We have had our new Year R pupils in for their final stay and play sessions and they already seem to be settling in to their new environment. And of course, all the other children in the school went to their new classes for September on Thursday – so many of them have said it was their best day this week! However, if you should have any concerns for September, please do let us know and we will do everything we can to make that process as smooth as possible when we return after the summer holidays.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

Quick Cricket Tournament – Years 1 and 2

On Tuesday, Mrs Delaney and I had the pleasure of taking nine children from Parrot Class to a Quick Cricket tournament at Mersham Cricket Club. We were absolutely amazed by their excellent fielding and batting skills, as well as the fantastic teamwork and communication they showed. The team won six of their eight games and drew one, which is a tremendous achievement. They should all be incredibly proud of themselves and the outstanding way they represented our school. A huge thank you also to the kind parents and carers who stayed to support the team throughout the day. I know the children loved having you there and really appreciated your encouragement from the sidelines. Miss Maher

Sports Day – Monday 6th July

A reminder that Sports Day has been rescheduled to Monday 6th July. In the morning (9:15-11:15 am) we will be holding Sports Day for all children in Duckling, Parrot and Robin classes. The afternoon (1:15-3:15pm) will be for children in Kingfishers, Toucans and Falcons. All children will come together for a final presentation at approximately 3pm. Refreshments for parents, families and friends will be made available by the PTFA.

Upcoming Events

6 th July	Sports Day 9:15-11:15 Years R, 1, 2 and 3 1:15-3:15 Years 4, 5 and 6
13 th July	Annual reports to Parents
13 th July	Yr 6 Performance 6pm
14 th July	Yr 6 Performance 1:30pm
17 th July	End of Term 6
20 th July	Staff Training Day
21 st July	Staff Training Day
1 st Sept	Staff training Day
2 nd Sept	Start of Term 1

School Dinners

We have let parents know some while ago but this is a reminder that for those children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who have school dinners (and who are not eligible for free school meals), the cost of a school dinner is going up to £3.10 from September.

Changes to Free School Meals

A letter has gone out today explaining the changes to free school meal eligibility from September. Please read carefully as many more children will become eligible but it needs parents to submit a claim in order to access the benefits. If you should need any help, please contact the school office.

Mersham Brownies

Mersham Brownies (age 7-10) and Rainbows (age 4-6) have spaces for any girls that are interested in joining. Please see attached poster for more information.

Reading Challenge – see attached poster

The Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge is back at Kent Libraries from Saturday 4 July to Saturday 5 September – and it's completely free to take part.

This year's theme, Read to the Beat, celebrates music, stories and creativity, encouraging children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy reading in a way that works for them.

Children can join at any time by visiting their local library, borrowing a book and getting started. They can also take part online by logging their reading digitally.

With flexible reading-related goals and rewards along the way, children can read to their own beat and build confidence over the summer.

Can't wait to start? As part of the National Year of Reading, you can Go All In and begin now by sharing your reading goals in the Kent Libraries Book Chat group on Facebook.

Library staff are on hand to help, and you can plan your visit with virtual tours and social stories available online.

Find out more at www.kent.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge

Ashford Family Hubs

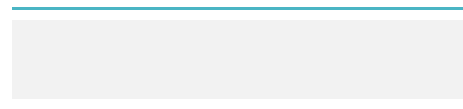
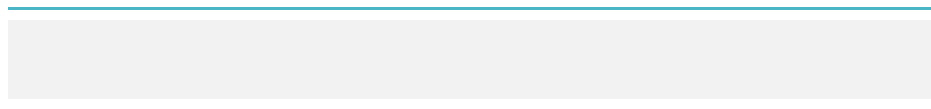
Please see attached Ashford Family Hubs Summer Timetable

Message from Ashford Concert Band (please see attached flyer)

We are a local community band and I wanted to let you know about our 'Summer Sounds' concert taking place at 3pm on Sunday 5th July at St Mary's parish church in the town centre.

We're raising money for a fantastic local charity - Lily's Social Kitchen – and we would like to bring together the people of Ashford for a great afternoon of live music. The concert programme features a wide variety of music, including feel-good classics and popular themes from films and shows – perfect for all the family! We would love it if members of your school community could join us.

Tickets are available via our website: www.ashfordconcertband.co.uk Standard ticket prices are £10 for adults and £5 for children when booked in advance, but to thank you for your support we're delighted to be able to share a special offer with you, your colleagues and the parents/students – just use the promo code SOUNDS26 when prompted to receive a 20% discount.



Sandcastle Competition

Please find attached details of a sandcastle competition being run in Folkestone.

Class Assemblies – Terms 5 and 6

Class assemblies will be performed at 9:00am in the school hall.

Dates are as follows:

9 th July	Kingfisher Class
16 th July	Duckling Class
17 th July 2pm	Falcon Class Leavers Assembly

Term Dates 2026-2027

Term 1

Tuesday 1st September – Friday 23rd October

Staff Development Days – Tuesday 1st September and Friday 23rd October

Term 2

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Term 3

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February

Term 4

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March

Term 5

Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May

Term 6

Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July

Staff Development Days – Monday 19th July, Tuesday 20th July and Wednesday 21st July

PTFA News

Can you Help?

We're looking for lovely volunteers to help provide refreshments at the upcoming school events in the summer term:

- **Sports Day – 6th July**
- **Leavers Performances** – evening of **13th July** and afternoon of **14th July**

Even an hour of your time would make a huge difference. If you're able to help at any of these events, please let us know – we'd love to have you involved! Email hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk or drop a message via Facebook or WhatsApp.

Thank you for supporting our school community.

