



Shine as Lights in the World
Philippians 2.15

Friday May 10th, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Playtime and Lunchtimes

We are hoping to move our playtimes and lunchtimes to the school field on Monday providing that the ground is dry. We have spoken to the children about our expectations on the field and how best to be safe and have fun! When we move to the field, children are allowed to climb trees that have ribbons around them, and we also have a digging area that the children enjoy as well. In addition, we use the pitch for football, some of the field for cricket, the willow domes are a quiet space to read and draw and of course the children invent their own wonderful games to play.

As the weather improves can you please ensure that your child comes to school with a hat and a water bottle. You can provide sunscreen for your children and they will supervised at lunchtime putting it on. (Be mindful that our swimming pool is quite a sun trap so be extra vigilant on swimming days after half term). Thankfully we have plenty of shady areas on the field that we can encourage children to play under when it is extremely hot.

Year 6 SATS

On Monday our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their end of year testing (SATS). We see it as an opportunity for the children to demonstrate all they've learned over their time at Wychwood. I imagine there will be feelings of nervousness about the tests for some children and I wanted to reassure you that as a school, we will do our utmost to ensure that the children are comfortable and confident when approaching these tests. You can help by ensuring that the children have an amazing weekend, plenty of sunshine and fun! Don't forget to ensure they have plenty of sleep and encouragement as well! We will start each day with a test, followed by a normal school day. There will be no changes to their day otherwise. Please see below for the SATS schedule.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	Reading	Maths	Maths

Due to SATS there will be no swimming at Chipping Norton on Tuesday. The Year 5/6 PE sessions will therefore revert to the previous pattern (for this week only):-

Rowan & Chestnut PE – Monday and Wednesday
Cherry PE – Tuesday and Thursday



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New Vicar!

We were so pleased when the Wychwood Benefice asked our Reflective Area Monitors to take part in the Vicar Interview last week! Our children asked interesting questions like: 'How do you Shine as a Light?' and 'Why do you want to work in our community?' We are pleased to share that Rev. Sarah Sharp has been appointed as our new vicar and will be joining us in September.

Year 4 Residential

We are looking forward to our annual Bushcraft Residential for the Year 4 children next Wednesday. If you have any last-minute questions, please do contact the school office on Monday.

Under 9 Tennis Tournament

We are so proud of our tennis team who placed second in the Burford Partnership Tennis Tournament. Despite some initial nerves, they played excellent tennis and represented our school really well. Thank you to Mrs James and Mrs Carter for supporting this event.

Dates this term

Date	Event	Who
13 th – 16 th May	SATS	Year 6
15 th – 17 th May	Bushcraft Residential – Badminton Woods	Year 4
20 th & 21 st May	IMPS at Horton Hospital	Year 6
21 st May	Under 11s Quad Kids Tournament	Selected Yr 5/6
22 nd May	Burford School Head parent meeting	Parents of Year 4 and 5.
3 rd June	INSET Day	All
4 th June	Under 9s Quad Kids Tournament	Selected Yr 3/4
10 th June	Fire Safety Visit	Year 5/6
11 th June	Enrichment day at Burford School	Year 5
12 th June	Corinium Museum Visit	Year 3 & 4
14 th June	Under 11s Cricket	Selected Yr 5/6
21 st June	Whole School Picnic	All
24 th June	Music Festival at Burford School	Year 2
27 th / 28 th June	Burford Transition Days	Year 6
28 th June	Move Up Morning	All
29 th June	Summer Fayre	All
2 nd July	Cotswold Transition Day	Year 6
2 nd July	Cricket at Burford School	Year 2
5 th July	Sleepover	Year 2
8 th July	Great Wychwood Bake off – Round 1	All
10 th July	Sports Day	All
12 th July	Cotswold Wildlife Park outing	Year 1 & 2
15 th July	Great Wychwood Bake off – Round 2	Round 1 winners

17 th July	Year 5/6 Performance – Beaconsfield Hall 7.00pm	Year 5 & 6
18 th July	Leaver's BBQ – 4-6pm	Year 6
22 nd July	Great Wychwood Bake off Final	Round 2 winners
22 nd July	Wychwood's Got Talent	All
23 rd July	Moving On Service – 9.30am	Year 5 & 6
23 rd July	End of Term – Finish 1.30pm	All
24 th July	INSET Day	All

Thank you for your continued support.

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