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Friday 6th June 2025

Diary Dates	
June	9 th – Reception visit to Mountfitchet Castle 11 th – Year 4 visit to Cadbury's World w/c 16 th – Year 5 Bikeability 17 th – R2025 new parents evening 26 th – Year 1 class assembly 26 th – Year 5 visit to Kentwell Hall 27 th – Sports Day 27 th – FIPS Summer Fete
July	2 nd – Jump Up Day 2 nd – R2025 Getting to Know you session 2 nd – Year 6 transition Day to Sawston Village College 2 nd – 8 th – Travelling Book Fair 10 th – Year 3 Class Assembly 17 th – Rocksteady Concert 17 th & 18 th – Year 5 and Year 6 Summer Production 22 nd – Leavers Assembly 22 nd – Last Day of term

Welcome Back

I hope you had a wonderful half-term break. The first half of the summer term was so short, but last week came as a lovely refreshing opportunity to take some rest.

As you can see from the dates in the diary above, there is much to look forward to this half-term. We are looking forward to the many exciting but sometimes sad events. Whilst we begin the process of welcoming our new Ducklings class with induction events, we are also preparing our Owls class for their transition to secondary school.

'Change can be difficult and painful. Ask the caterpillar and then ask her again if it was worth it when she becomes a butterfly.' Lauren Eliot

Class Photographs



Braiswick photographers were in school taking class photographs on Monday. They took some lovely photos of the children in their class groups. The children have brought home proofs for you to see and details of how to order online.

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NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme this term. Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline. This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age-appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the Speak out Stay safe programme please visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout

Class Trips

Ladybirds



Year 1 had rather a blustery day when they visited Hunstanton on Tuesday this week. The June weather was somewhat disappointing, but the class still had a wonderful day. They had a super tour of the Sealife Centre before grabbing sometime on the beach when the sun decided to come out. David told Mrs Moir that 'it was the best day of his life!' What a lovely thing to say.



Ducklings:

Excitement is growing in Ducklings class as they look forward to visiting Stansted Mountfitchet Castle on Monday of next week. This is their first real school expedition on a school bus. During this visit we will explore the historic grounds of the Motte and Bailey castle, complete with roaming animals! It is unique in that it is the only wooden Motte and Bailey reconstruction on its original site anywhere in the world! They will then visit the extensive toy museum to explore toys from throughout the ages. This fits in with their summer 2 topic 'Once Upon a Time' where the children will learn about knights and castles and explore traditional fairytales

Foxes:

On Wednesday of next week, Foxes Class will be visiting Cadbury's World in Birmingham. Year 4 have been spending a lot of time exploring chocolate across the curriculum. During the Autumn term, the class worked on where cocoa beans come from and their transition into chocolate as part of their geography topic. In science they have looked at chocolate in its various states, and now as part of their writing unit of work they are reading the excellent Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The visit to Cadbury's World will encompass all of this learning and will be so useful and important for the children to consolidate all of these topics.

Badgers:

Later this month Badgers class are visiting Kentwell Hall. This is an immersive experience where the children will enter a community living as if in Tudor times. They will see people going about their daily business dressed, talking and behaving as if they were actual figures from the past. A real time-

travel experience, at a genuine Tudor Manor. The class and staff/parents will wear Tudor costumes and walk through a time tunnel to get them from 2025 into the year 1800. This will be a truly fantastic experience.

National Thank a Teacher Day



The UK-wide celebration of all teaching and support staff is back. National Thank a Teacher Day will be celebrated on Wednesday 18th June! As always, we will be celebrating all the amazing teaching and support staff in our school - from the dinner helpers to the teaching assistants and support staff. They deserve the spotlight for everything they do to keep things running smoothly.

Want to make someone's day? If you know a special teacher, dedicated support staff member or even a whole school team, let them know how grateful you are by sending a free e-card on the [Thank a Teacher website](#).

With celebrations across the UK get involved on social media using the hashtag #ThankaTeacherDay. There will be plenty of exciting updates ahead of the day, so don't forget to follow Thank a Teacher to hear the latest on competitions, giveaways and celebrity shout outs.

Gardening Club



Mrs Seymour was delighted to see how well the labours of Gardening Club have flourished over recent weeks. She asked that we share some photos of their achievements with you all. Well done to The Garden Gnomes for their hard work.



EIFA Newsletter

Sam Stacey, our Education Inclusion Family Advisor, has sent us her monthly newsletter for you to read.

If you have any questions about anything on the newsletter, or need to speak to Sam please email her on Samantha.stacey@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Footpath Closure

We have been advised by the Parish Council that the entrance at the top of Lynton Way recreation ground on Babraham Road will be closed next week due to a ramp being installed.

Year 10 Work Experience Students

Over the next two weeks we will be welcoming 4 students from Sawston Village College. They will be working in all classes supporting learning and getting an understanding of school as a workplace. If you see them at the gates, or in the playground, please say "Hello!"