



25 April 2025

'...many members, but one body, as it is with Christ.' 1 Corinthians 12:12

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is a delight to have all the children back after the Easter Holiday; we look forward to a busy term ahead.

Year 5 and 6 Brain Buddies

We are lucky to have the Mental Health Support Team coming into school each week to deliver a program to help pupils understand and manage anxiety and emotions as part of our wellbeing work. The first session is on Monday 28 April, and there will be a total of nine sessions.

There is an additional paper information letter coming home from the team for parents of Years 5 and 6 pupils.

Our Sponsored Guide Dog Puppy - Jack

Some of the money we have raised this academic year has gone to sponsor a Guide Dog called Jack. We received this link from the charity if you would like to see his progress and 'pupdates': [Sponsor a Puppy - Jack | Guide Dogs](#)

Term Dates

Please look ahead through the attached term dates and add them to your calendars. As you can see, we have a busy term ahead.

Extra Information for Hiking Trips

- For our hiking trips we recommend that pupils bring a small backpack to carry their equipment
- They will carry all their own items for the day and this makes it comfortable and keeps their hands free
- Pupils should wear sturdy clothing from home to hike in, clothes that can get muddy or battered
- Pupils should wear sturdy footwear, e.g. hiking boots, practical trainers or for some hikes, wellington boots
- Pupils will all need to bring a waterproof jacket and wear their School hoody for identification on the trip
- Pupils bring water bottles, packed lunch and a snack; during our hikes we change the rule so that the snack can be something like a piece of cake, Twix or similar, doughnut or biscuits. Please do not send sweets or solid bars of chocolate
- Some weather specific items may be needed, e.g. sunhat/suncream, warm gloves depending on the time of year
- We ask all pupil to bring a plastic carrier bag, folded flat, which is handy to sit on if the ground is damp
- If your child has a Chorister commitment at the end of the day, they will need to bring their full School uniform in a bag to leave at school and change into later

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Ludford
Head of Junior Department

Date	Activity	Action Needed
Fri 25 Apr	Swimming - both classes	
Mon 28 Apr	Years 5 and 6 Brain Buddies sessions begin with the Mental Health Support Team	Read the paper letter that comes home to Years 5 and 6 parents
Fri 2 May	Swimming - both classes	
Fri 9 May	Swimming - both classes	
Mon 12 May	Year 6 SAT Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	
Tue 13 May	Year 6 SAT Reading	
Wed 14 May	Foodbank	
Wed 14 May	Year 6 SAT Mathematics Papers 1 and 2	
Thu 15 May	Year 6 SAT Mathematics Paper 3	
Fri 16 May	Swimming - both classes	
Fri 16 May	JD1 cake sale to all JD pupils	Please start planning what your child might bake, please avoid any products containing nuts.
Fri 16 May	Rounders / Swimming	
Mon 19 May to Thu 22 May	Bikeability training for Year 6 pupils	Bikes and helmets can be stored overnight in locked classroom
Fri 23 May	Swimming - both classes	
Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May		HALF TERM
Tue 3 Jun	Parents/carers will be able to join their JD children for lunch in the canteen	(more information nearer the time)
Fri 6 Jun	Swimming - both classes	
June (Date TBC)	Year 4 Mathematics SAT - times tables	
Fri 13 Jun	Swimming - both classes	
Wed 18 Jun	Foodbank	
Thu 19 Jun	JD Sports Day - Garton End Road Playing field, 11am start. Races/events take around 1 hour, picnic until 1pm	Please join us, bring food and stay for a picnic lunch afterwards
Fri 20 Jun	Swimming - both classes	
Fri 27 Jun	Swimming - TBC who swims	
Fri 27 Jun	Cathedral Service for Year 11 and Year 13 leavers	
Wed 2 Jul	Foodbank	
Wed 2 Jul	Move-up Day for Year 6 pupils moving to the main school - all JD pupils move to their new classes for the morning, with new Year 3 pupils joining us	Year 6 pupils are part of the main school for two days and should follow the arrangements sent in their packs
Thu 3 Jul	Move-up Day for Year 6 pupils moving to the main school	
Fri 4 Jul	Swimming - only JD1 swimming	
Fri 4 Jul	JD2 Sailing, canoeing, kayaking 9am depart, 9.30am-12.30pm, picnic then 1.30pm return	No cost to parents/carers – appropriate clothing to get wet

Mon 7 Jul	JD1 Hike Day in Hunstanton with activities: rockpooling, sandcastles and dune exploration. Likely to be 8.30am to 4.30pm	No cost to parents/carers. Packed lunch and hiking gear required
Tue 8 Jul	JD2 ROCK UP! Trip to the climbing centre at Rushden Lakes	No cost to parents/carers. Packed lunch needed, clothing for climbing - arms/legs covered
Wed 9 Jul	JD2 Hike - Thornham to Old Hunstanton along the beach. Likely timing 9am to 3.15pm	No cost to parents/carers. Packed lunch and hiking gear required, collection from School at the normal time
Thu 10 Jul	JD 1 trip to GO APE at Thetford Forest	No cost to parents/carers. Sturdy clothing and picnic lunch required
Thu 10 Jul	Primary Maths Challenge Four JD2 pupils will be selected to take part nearer the time	
Fri 11 Jul	Swimming - both classes	
Fri 11 Jul	JD Open Afternoon Please come and join us for the final visit of the year, gates open from 2.30pm	
July (Date TBC)	School reports will be sent home once the SAT results have been received in school	
Wed 16 Jul	Leavers' Service for Year 6 pupils, 2pm start	Year 6 parents/carers are welcome to attend
Thu 17 Jul	Main School Sports Day at Peterborough athletics track. JD will attend part of the day	JD relay teams will be taking part. Collection from JD at the end of the day as normal
Fri 18 Jul	Last Day of Term Collection of pupils anticipated to be 12.30pm	