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LAYSTON C of E FIRST SCHOOL

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18th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Dates for the remaining months:	
June	July
Sports day - Thurs 19 th June am Y3/4 rounder's tournament - Fri 20 th June Non uniform day - Thurs 26 th June INSET day Friday 27 th June - school closed	YR cake bake - Wed 2 nd July Y4 to Edwinstree School play - Fri 4 th July Reports out - Mon 7 th July YR Animal experience - Wed 9 th July Transition day - Thurs 10 th July Y1 Shepreth Wildlife Park visit - Thurs 17 th July Leavers' service - 22 nd July school hall 9:20am Leavers' BBQ - 22 nd July school field 3:15pm School closes 1:30pm - Wed 23 rd July

Spirituality:

Children have been identifying small creatures: mini-beasts and pond animals, looking closely at ladybirds and at smooth newts. YR were astonished at Dave the courgette plant producing a courgette saying, "It's like magic!" Thanks to Jill Digby for the annual courgette plant donation.

Transition:

Children are beginning to get to know their new teachers with visits from the teacher for story time, eating lunch together or visiting their new classroom. Mr Strahan and Mrs Betley have liaised closely with Edwinstree Middle School and Ralph Sadleir, and the school are preparing for the Y4 leavers' celebrations next month.

New staff:

Mr Harwood is visiting regularly throughout the rest of term to do deputy head handover with Mrs Betley, Y4 curriculum handover with Mr Strahan and most importantly to meet the children and begin building relationships with them. He will also be in school for the transition morning on Thursday 10th July. We have also booked in an opportunity for him to meet with Y3 parents and this will happen at 2:30pm on Thursday 10th July.

Year 3 parents will also get the chance to meet him again when all classes offer meet the teacher meetings in September.

Mrs Rolt is meeting with Mrs Betley on the 1st July to do a thorough SEND handover and Mrs Betley is also preparing pupil passports for SEND pupils to support the next class teacher and TA. If you have any questions about your child's SEND needs please email Mrs Betley.





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Sports day:

Sports day will take place on the morning of **Thursday 19th June**. We will start at **9:30am** and look forward to welcoming as many parents/carers as possible to the school field so that you can support and cheer your child/ren on.

Access to the top field will be through the car park gates which will be open from **9:15am** and we will aim to finish at **12:00pm** lunchtime (heat dependent). The children will then go back into school for lunch and an afternoon of learning.

Hot weather:

The weather is forecast to be hot. Please send your child in with a named water bottle and a named sun hat/cap, and to apply sunscreen before children come to school. Thank you to parents who have loaned gazebos to provide shade for the children on sports day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Parent Survey: Last chance to have your say - closes Friday

We're now in the final week of the Layston Parent Survey, and we've had 67 responses so far - a big thank you to everyone who's already taken the time to complete it.

There's still time to share your thoughts if you haven't yet - the survey takes less than 2 minutes.

We've had fewer responses so far from families in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2, so if you're in one of those year groups, we'd especially love to hear from you to make sure all voices are represented.

⇒ [Parent View 2024/2025](#)

The survey closes this Friday 27 June.

Thank you for being part of the Layston community.

Best wishes,

Adele McMurrrough
Head teacher

