



Headteacher Newsletter – Summer 1

Dear pupils and parents,

Welcome back to the Summer term. We hope you all had a lovely break and enjoyed some well-earned family time. It's been wonderful to see the children return to school refreshed, happy, and ready for the new half term ahead. We have lots of exciting learning planned over the coming weeks.

Diary Dates (Please watch Dojo for updates):

Monday 13th April	Swimming lessons begin for Ash Class
Tuesday 14th April	Ash & Willow sports afternoon with Aiden
Wednesday 15th April	Rec & Y1 Dental Survey
Friday 17th April	Ash Class begins weekly tennis lessons
Tuesday 21st April	Ash & Willow sports afternoon with Steve (Hathersage Cricket)
Thursday 23rd April	Willow Hockey (HVC)
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Thursday 7th May	Ash & Willow Orienteering (HVC)
Monday 11th May- Thursday 14th May	SATS for Y6
Friday 15th May	Y6 Whitworth Park event
Wednesday 20th May	Last day of school (no after school clubs)

PFTA Support

Ice-Cream Friday will start up again and continue until the end of the school year. If anyone can lend a hand with scooping, please contact Bonnie. Both regular and one-off help would be much appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE – Bamfest is back! 20th June. Get ready to party at Bamford's own festival!

Our wonderful PTFA chair, Bonnie, is stepping down this year and we thank her for the dedication and enthusiasm that she has brought to the role. For the PTFA to continue we need new parents step forward, especially those with children in the younger year groups who will be at the school for the next few years. The PTFA doesn't have to be a huge time commitment. It's simply a small group of parents helping to run events that bring the school community together and raise money for things that benefit every child. If you're interested (even just for a quick chat or to shadow), please contact Bonnie (Skyla's mum).

Summer

Please could we ask that children have appropriate clothing in school depending on the weather including a sunhat and that they are wearing sunscreen. Children should ALWAYS have a water bottle with them every day and appropriate layers for cooler days.

Healthy Eating

We would like to remind you of our pledge to be a 'Healthy School'. We kindly request that sweet treats for birthdays are not brought into school and instead are kept for home celebrations only. We understand that some children love sharing their special day with their class friends and we continue to ensure they still feel special during the school day without the need for food items. The children really enjoy the school fruit snack. Message Miss Clarkson if you wish your junior child to benefit from this scheme.

Solar Project Update

We have now raised enough money for this project to go ahead, our thanks go out to all who contributed to this fundraising. The delay has been caused by waiting for permission from the LA to place the panels on the school roof which requires further structural assessments. We will keep you updated and hope to have more information in the net few weeks.

SATs for Year 6



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Formal SATs will take place in the week commencing Monday 11th May all parents are reminding that all children must be in school on these days. There will be a meeting for parents on Tuesday 21st April at 5pm and we encourage all Year 6 parents to come along to this.

Earrings

Our policy of jewellery in school- Children should not be wearing any jewellery in school at any time except for small stud earrings. In PE lessons, we have adopted the Association for Physical Education guidelines which state that earrings should be removed for all PE lessons.

After school Clubs

We have continued the clubs into this half term. Please message if your child would like to join a club, or if they do not wish to continue with their clubs this term.

Nut Allergies

We have a confirmed allergies in school. We would like to remind you that we aim to be a nut-free school. Please refrain from sending nuts into school. This includes peanut butter, chocolate spread, and cereal bars.

Online Safety

If you have any concerns about your child's online safety The Peak Federation lead is Mrs Gemmell she can be contacted directly by email at gemmell_k@bamford.derbyshire.sch.uk.

2026-2027 School Term Dates

4th September 2026 to 23rd October 2026

2nd November 2026 to 18th December 2026

4th January 2027 to 12th February 2027

22nd February 2027 to 25th March 2027

12th April 2027 to 28th May 2027 (Monday 3rd May 2027 is a bank holiday)

7th June 2027 to 26th July 2027

Kind regards,

Jen Chapman, Deputy Headteacher and Kate Gemmell, Executive Headteacher