



Friday 26th June 2026

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

It has been a particularly warm week across the school, and I would like to commend our pupils for the maturity and resilience they have shown in navigating these more challenging conditions. Despite the heat, pupils have remained focused and committed to their learning. They have conducted themselves exceptionally well throughout this week. Current weather forecasts indicate that temperatures will be cooler in the week ahead, and pupils will therefore return to full school uniform from Monday.

We are also very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 6 pupils for their two-day visit next week. This is always a highlight in our calendar, and we are excited for them to experience life at our school. I am confident that our current pupils will make them feel warmly welcomed and supported throughout their time with us.

Finally, congratulations to our Year 10 and Year 12 cohorts, who have now completed their end-of-year assessments. We have been extremely impressed with their approach, and they should be very proud of their efforts. In particular, our Year 10 pupils have had their first experience of formal examinations in GCSE style conditions. They conducted themselves with real maturity and determination, setting a strong foundation for the year ahead.

Prayer Theme

'He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'

Mark 16:15-16

We have prayed together as a community:

Dear Lord,

You call us to know You and to live our lives with faith and conviction. Help us to recognise You in our daily lives, in our learning, in our friendships and in the choices we make. Guide us to be confident in our beliefs and to show our faith through kindness, honesty and compassion towards others. Strengthen us to live as true witnesses of Your love, supporting one another and always striving to do what is right. May Your Spirit be with us each day, giving us the courage to follow You and to reflect Your presence in all that we do.

Amen



Warm Weather Reminders

- In light of the recent warm weather, we would like to offer some helpful reminders to support pupils both in school and at home.
- We encourage all pupils to stay well hydrated by drinking plenty of water throughout the day and to use sun cream to protect their skin, particularly during periods of prolonged sunshine.
- Where possible, pupils should seek shade, take breaks from direct sunlight and wear appropriate clothing to keep cool.
- It is also important to remain mindful of the signs of heat exhaustion and to take sensible precautions when spending time outdoors.
- We appreciate your support in reinforcing these key messages to help keep all pupils safe and comfortable during warmer conditions.



Water Safety

- With the arrival of warmer weather, we would also like to remind families about the importance of water safety.
- During periods of heat, young people may be tempted to cool off in rivers, lakes or the sea; however, these environments can present significant risks, including strong currents, cold water shock and hidden hazards beneath the surface.
- We encourage families to have open conversations with their children about these dangers, to avoid swimming in unsupervised or unfamiliar locations, and to always choose safe, supervised areas where possible.
- Simple steps such as never entering the water alone, knowing how to seek help in an emergency and being aware of changing conditions can make an important difference in keeping young people safe.





Summer Music Festival

- We are pleased to invite families to our Summer Music Festival, which will take place on Thursday 2nd July.
- The evening will offer a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the talent, dedication and hard work of our pupils, with a variety of performances showcasing their musical abilities.
- We are also planning to host a barbecue on the school yard, weather permitting, to take advantage of the lovely weather we have been experiencing.
- Tickets can be purchased via Arbor, and we very much hope that many families will be able to join us in supporting and celebrating our students.



A reminder to use our house email addresses if you have any queries.

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Yours sincerely,

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