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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to know where to begin! Thank you all for your support this year! As always it has flown by but we all have some really special memories and look forward to creating new ones' next year! Rumpelstiltskin, the Year 6 Leavers assembly and evening celebration of course really stand out for us. We have some amazingly talented children and staff who made these events really special. I can't wait to see what the Year 6 children achieve in the future but I also really look forward to seeing how all of the other children continue to blossom in the coming year. We will be thinking about leavers again all too soon!

We had an amazing evening at South Green Park with the Year 6 children. Thank you so much to the Friends for funding this activity! The Segways and the burgers were very popular! It was lovely to catch up with the children after their first few days at high school. I hope they continue to embrace the new experiences in September.



On behalf of all of the staff I would like to say a huge thank you for all of your kind words. We have had some lovely messages from children and parents which have really touched us. We are so lucky to have received some lovely gifts too.

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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| Key : White dates - schools open to pupils Yellow dates - pupil holiday Red dates - bank holiday | Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 2 & 3 September, 19 December, 2 April and 22 July. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these days. |
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Following the recommended days our terms will be as follows:

Autumn

Children return Wednesday 4th September 2019

School closes at the end of Friday 18th October 2019

Children return Monday 28th October 2019

School closes at the end of Wednesday 18th December 2019

Spring

Children return Monday 6th January 2020

School closes at the end of Friday 14th February 2020

Children return Monday 24th February 2020

School closes at the end of Wednesday 1st April 2020

Summer

Children return Monday 20th April 2020

School closes at the end of Friday 22nd May 2020

Children return Monday 1st June 2020

School closes at the end of Tuesday 22nd July 2020

Other Messages

The class with the best attendance this week:

Robins 94.83%

Swimming

Swimming sessions are part of our PE Curriculum at Yaxham. By the end of Year 6 children should be taught to:

Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of **at least** 25 metres

- use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

Children will take part in a range of activities throughout the sessions to develop these skills and will be grouped by ability in order to provide relevant levels of support and challenge.

For 2019-2020 Eagles will swim in the autumn term, Robins in the spring term and Puffins/Ducklings in the summer. As we did this year, Reception and Year 1 will swim in the first half of the summer term and Year2 in the second half.

As this is part of the curriculum there is no 'opt out' as with other areas of the PE Curriculum (unless on medical grounds) We don't stop teaching any other area of the curriculum once children reach a certain level and the expectation is the same for sport.

Request for Robins

Please collect shiny chocolate wrappers for a project next term. Sounds like a good excuse for me to eat a bit more chocolate over the summer – all for a good cause!

Roald Dahl Day

We are looking forward to celebrating one of our favourite authors on Friday 13th September. We are giving you advanced warning as we would like everyone to dress up as a character from his books.

On the subject of reading, the children will be bringing home a challenge for the summer, we would love to see your photos on Tapestry, the parent Facebook page or even email them to me head@yaxham.norfolk.sch.uk

New Appointments

We are excited to announce that we have appointed a PE apprentice for next year. As well as supporting in the classrooms generally, Miss Larter will support and lead sporting activities throughout the day, break times and afterschool.

We have also appointed a teacher ready to cover Ducklings in Mrs Deary's absence. Miss Alden will be visiting and covering on occasions during the first half of the autumn term so she knows everyone well before starting after half term.

I am sure you will join us in welcoming both Miss Larter and Miss Alden to our team.

All that remains is for us to wish you a fantastic happy and healthy summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting year in September.

Jennie Müller

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 4th September 2019 Children return

Friday 6th September 2019 **No Parents Assembly**

Wednesday 11th September 2019 Eagles Swimming

Friday 13th September 2019 Roald Dahl Day

Wednesday 18th September 2019 Eagles Swimming

Monday 23rd September 2019 Individual School Photos

Wednesday 25th September 2019 Eagles Swimming

Wednesday 2nd October 2019 Eagles Swimming

Wednesday 9th October 2019 Eagles Swimming

Wednesday 16th October 2019 Eagles Swimming

Friday 18th October 2019 School closes