

# Bottisham Community Primary School

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## Year 5/6 Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back! We hope that you enjoyed a wonderful Easter break. We are looking forward to a great summer term ahead. Our topic this term is Active Planet. It will have a geography focus and we will look at naturally occurring forces (volcanoes) that make the Earth the exciting place that it is. We will also look at climate change and its impact on our planet. We will be publishing a vocabulary map for our topic as well as for Science. These will include the key words we would like the children to use, so please take time to look at these with your child.

### SATs preparations and SATs week

Year 6 will be taking their SATs tests in the **week beginning the 11<sup>th</sup> May**.

We will publish a separate timetable for SATs week. The tests will only happen in the morning and afternoon lessons will continue as normal. There will be a SATs breakfast, every morning from 8:30 am, where we will enjoy a delicious selection of breakfast food and have a chance to have a relaxed and informal start to the day. We strongly recommend your child comes along to these breakfasts as they work wonders for settling any last-minute nerves and are often the highlight of the week. For more information on the SATs tests themselves, you will have been invited to a short SATs meeting on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**, online, at 4.30pm.



### Swimming Dates

We will have weekly swimming lessons on a Friday after half term. Year 5/6 children will receive 6 lessons on the following dates: **05.06, 12.06, 19.06, 26.06, 03.07, 10.07**.

**Willow:** 9.30 - 10.30 **Sycamore:** 10.30 - 11.30

Children must bring a one-piece swimming costume/swim shorts, goggles and towel with them.

If you can help us walk to and from the swimming pool on one or more of these sessions, we would be extremely grateful. Please inform your child's teacher if you are able to help. The swimming lesson will replace one of the two PE lessons offered weekly.

Please can we request that the children have a suitable named school PE kit (navy/black shorts and a white top along with a plain white PE t-shirt and trainers) and a water bottle. It is also important that hair is tied back and earrings are removed for PE.

**PE day change:** Please note that PE lessons for this first half term will be on Tuesdays (Cricket) and Fridays (Athletics).

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### Year 5/6 Production

We are so thrilled to share that we will be putting on a 5/6 production once again this year. The children will learn the songs in music and we will be reading through the scripts together after SATs. We will be auditioning for parts and putting together costume lists later this term. The chosen production will be revealed very soon...!

The dates for the performances are: 6<sup>th</sup> July (2pm dress rehearsal), 7<sup>th</sup> July (2pm afternoon show and 6pm evening show) and 8<sup>th</sup> July (2pm final show). Further details are to be confirmed.

### Year 6 parents only

Each year, during the year 6 leaver's assembly on the last day (2pm), we put together a slideshow of the year 6s. Included in it is an early school photo of each child. We would love to do this again and request that you send just one 'first day of school' (or close enough) photo of your child to your child's class teacher. More details of arrangements for leaver's week will be emailed closer to the time.

### Mobile Phones

We understand that for the purpose of walking home and getting used to the transition to secondary school, a small number of pupils bring a mobile phone into school. These must be handed into the class teacher, where they will be locked away in a drawer until the end of the day. We would like to encourage families to delay the use of mobile phones for as long as possible. In our experience, they are often the cause of social anxiety and friendship issues, which can disrupt the flow of what is most valuable in the school day for our children. For more information on use of phones, visit [www.smartphonefreechildhood.org](http://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org)



### Google Classroom

Google Classroom will continue to be used for homework and a copy of what your child needs will also be printed off. They can choose to post it on GC or bring it in for us to mark. Homework is **set on Friday** and needs to be **returned by the following Thursday**. Thank you for your support in helping with this.

Finally, as we look forward to the sunny weather in the term ahead, please make sure your child has plenty of water to drink, their sun hat and sun cream applied before they come to school.

### Contacts

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us, speak to the school office or catch us after the end of the school day.

Best wishes,

Mrs Walker, Mrs Sands, Mrs Ociepko an Mrs Salters

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