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Dear Parents and Carers

It’s a great time of year to get out and about with your children. This week I heard about a family who are doing the Blandford Park Run, which takes place every Saturday morning, and another family who made up their own ‘Race across Dorset’ during half term. Mum and son set off from Shaftesbury with no technology, only paper timetables and maps and a small budget. Their challenge was to get to Brownsea Island and back on public transport, spotting a red squirrel on the island. The trip sounded amazing, such a great thing to do to have quality time together.

**Sports Days – 16th and 17th June**

Spectators are welcome for the afternoon sessions:

Key Stage One (Years R, 1 and 2) on **Monday 16th June from 1-3pm**

Key Stage Two (Years 3-6) on **Tuesday 17th June from 1-3pm**

Seating will be provided but please bring sun protection as we cannot provide shade for the spectators.

Please note that the Field events for all children in Years 3-6 will be in the morning on Monday 16th June. They will all need to wear PE kit and house coloured tops for this event, everyone takes part, they all earn points for their house group. This session is not open to spectators.

Reserve dates are on Monday 23rd June for KS2 and Thursday 3rd July for KS1.

Children should wear PE kit with a tee-shirt in their house colour for Sports Days if they have them, coloured bands will be provided for them to wear on their PE tee-shirt if needed.

**Year 5 and 6 Summer Performance**

The Summer Performance, showcasing the talents of our Year 6 children, supported by our Year 5 class, will take place on Tuesday 8th July at 2pm and Wednesday 9th July at 6pm. Tickets will go on sale today, Monday 9th June, with two tickets per performance available to each family for the first week, then any spare tickets up to our capacity will be available after that.

**Coffee Morning – Speech and Language – Tuesday 15th July – School Hall**

Please come into school for a drink and biscuit and a chat with our lovely, link Speech and Language Therapists. If you have any questions at all about Speech and Language, whether or not your child has been seen by this service, please feel free to join us.

Please could you let Mrs Howard know if you think you might be able to come – either by email [showard@shaftesburyabbey.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:showard@shaftesburyabbey.dorset.sch.uk) or have a word – thank you.

**PTFA**

The PTFA have arranged for our school to be in the Tesco Tokens scheme from the first week of July until September. We hope to get some money to improve the Reception class outdoor area with a new artificial grass surface and play equipment, Please put your blue tokens into our slot and encourage others to do the same.

Please come to these two events and help with them if you can, the money raised is all used to improve the environment and experiences for all the children in our school.

**Inflatable evening – Friday 20th June**

Children's inflatable tickets on sale now. £5 pre-sale. £8 on the door. Affordable food and drinks, a lovely way to enjoy a summer evening together.

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1257940856>

**Summer Fair – Friday 4th July at 3.20pm**

Please sign up to help with the Summer Fair in July.  It will need your help to set up, run stalls and clear up at the end.

**Hatch House Ballet for children**

This looks like an amazing experience for children and families, do have a look at the attached flyer and video link below:

We’re excited to introduce something special just for families: the **Children’s Matinée Performance**, raising money for **The Dicky Buckle Fund**. This will take place on**Thursday, 24th July. Please**[**BOOK HERE**](https://www.dickybucklefund.com/)**or**[**CLICK HERE TO WATCH OUR FUN VIDEO PREVIEW**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NaTnB3DX9Ao)

This new format will be tailored for familiesand hosted by acclaimed Bahamian ballerina **Courtney Celeste Fox**and promises to be an interactive, informal, and joy-filled afternoon featuring:

* A behind-the-scenes peek at theatre magic – lighting, music cues, and stagecraft
* Two short professional ballet performances from our weekend programme
* An on-stage finale where children learn and perform a dance with Courtney

**Location:** Hatch House, Near Tisbury-   
**Date:** Thursday, 24 July 2025

**Time:** 3:00 – 4:30pm (Gardens open from 2:45pm)

**Prices:-**  
Adult – **£25-**  
Child (10–15) – **£15**  
Under 10 – **£10**

**Please note that** seating is unreserved and under cover. You’re welcome to bring a picnic to enjoy afterwards in the beautiful walled gardens.

**Want to stay on?**  
There’s also an optional chance to watch the full **dress rehearsal** after the matinée. Select this when booking, and then please visit the donation section. We ask for a £50 donation per family. Please note that the full dress rehearsal is for production purposes, so delays may occur during the run-through.

[🎥 **WATCH THE PROMO VIDEO**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NaTnB3DX9Ao)

👉 [**Book Your Tickets Now at www.dickybucklefund.com**](https://www.dickybucklefund.com/)

**Forest School – Wednesday afternoons**

Year 6 will have their second session this week, then Year 3 on 18th June followed by Year 1 on 25th June and 2nd July, followed by Year 5 on 9th and 16th July.

Children need to have trousers and long-sleeved tops, wellies and a **waterproof coat** (with over-trousers if they have them). The Forest School philosophy is to wear the right clothing to go out in all weathers.

Michael Salisbury, Head teacher

**TERM DATES 2024 – 2025**

**Summer Term**

Schools due to start back                            Tuesday 22nd April 2025

MAY DAY Bank Holiday                                 Monday 5th May 2025

Summer half term                                          Monday 26th May to Friday 30st May 2025

**INSET DAY                                                       Monday 2nd June 2025**

Summer Term ends                                       Tuesday 22nd July 2025

**INSET DAY                                                       Wednesday 23rd July 2025**