



Great [Wood] News

Summer Term 4



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Diary Dates

Tuesday 14th July	-	Year 6 Leavers Outing
Thursday 16th July	-	Leavers Lunch
	-	Leavers Service, 2pm, All Welcome
	-	PTFA Disco, 6.30pm-8pm
Friday 17th July	-	Non Uniform Day
	-	School Closes For Summer Holiday
	-	Camp Out
Saturday 18th July	-	Camp Out
Wednesday 2nd September	-	School Re-Opens To Pupils For Autumn Term



Leaver's Lunch

Thursday 16th July

Leavers Lunch



Burger and Chips,
Tomato Pasta,
Jacket Potato or
Sandwiches.

Chocolate Sponge

Leavers Assembly



The Special Leavers' Assembly takes place on Thursday 16th July at 2pm, when we prepare to say 'goodbye' to our wonderful Year 6 children, as their educational journey continues.

You are, of course, very welcome to join us to celebrate their time at Great Wood.

Summer Disco

Our summer disco is on Thursday 16th July 6.30 - 8pm, £2 entrance fee includes raffle ticket, unlimited drinks (please bring your own water bottle) and goody bag. Everyone is welcome, however Reception children will need an adult with them. So get out your dancing shoes and join us for a boogie!



Belongings



Please ensure that your children take all their belongings home, from the cloakrooms and classrooms, at the end of term, thank you.

Non Uniform Day

On Friday, 17th July we will be having a non-uniform day, just for fun. Your children are free to come in their own summer outfit, to enjoy the last day of term. There is no charge, no donation, no cost for this treat, it is just for fun. Enjoy!



Thank You!

Our PTFA would like to send a huge thank you, to all our Great Wood families, for all their support this year, we have had some fantastic events and raised funds, which supports the extras for our children.



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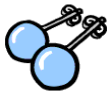
We look forward to welcoming 17 new children in our Reception class in September.

Ear Piercing

As we approach the summer holidays, we would like to remind you about ear piercing for children. If your child is considering getting their ears pierced, we would encourage you to arrange this during the 6 week summer holiday. This allows sufficient time for healing before returning to school in September.

Please be reminded that children are not permitted to wear earrings during PE sessions. Ensuring they have healed properly before school starts will help avoid any inconvenience.

Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter!



Please be reminded to keep up to date with your child's account balances on Arbor.

We would appreciate any outstanding payments being made as soon as possible.

Please remember to top up the correct account, as money can not be moved.



Ahead of September, please can we ask that you ensure your child's name is on their new uniform, ties, PE kit, bags, water bottles etc.



Please can all children return their school library books. This does not include home reading books.
Thank you

TMPF – Term Dates 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

Inset Day for staff (schools closed for pupils): Tuesday 1st September

Term starts for pupils: Wednesday 2nd September

Half Term: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

Pupils return: Monday 2nd November

Term ends: Friday 18th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January

Spring Term 2027

Inset Day for staff (schools closed for pupils): Monday 4th January

Term starts for pupils: Tuesday 5th January

Half Term: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

Pupils return: Monday 22nd February

Term ends: Thursday 25th March

Easter Holiday: Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April

Summer Term 2027

Term starts for pupils: Monday 12th April

May Day: Monday 3rd May

Half Term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Pupils return: Monday 7th June

Term ends: Friday 16th July

INSET Days for staff (schools closed for pupils): Monday 19th July, Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st July.

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September.

Children return to school on Monday 6th September 2027

Important Notice

Please **do not** book holidays during term time. We cannot authorise these, except for exceptional circumstances and you risk receiving a penalty notice from the Local Authority if your child does not attend school.

Leavers



From the whole school family here at Great Wood we would like to say a big Goodbye and Good Luck to Layton, Heidi, Darcy, Jacob, Albert, Imogen, Ivan, Aurora, Emma, Noah, Casey, Connor, Lacey, Lucas, Mahia, Genevieve and Leela, our year 6 pupils leaving to attend High School in September.

We wish them well in their new schools and we look forward to hearing news of all their future successes.

Year 5/6 Swimming

Advanced warning: Year 5/6 Class will start swimming on Monday 7th September. The children will leave for their lesson on Monday afternoons at 1.45pm, so pupils will need to have their swimming kit with them.

Please note girls will need to wear a one piece costume and boys are not allowed to wear baggy shorts.



As we come to the end of another busy year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support for our school.

We would also like to wish everyone a very safe and happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all back at school on Wednesday 2nd September.



MULTI-SPORTS SUMMER CAMPS 2026

FUN • ACTIVE • FRIENDS • SKILLS

Ages 6-15 Years

MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS WELCOME!

EVERY WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY
29 JULY - 28 AUGUST 2026

9:00AM - 3:00PM

A WIDE RANGE OF SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

- TENNIS
- FOOTBALL
- CRICKET
- HOCKEY
- NETBALL
- DODGEBALL
- RELAY RACES
- TEAM CHALLENGES
- ...AND MUCH MORE!

Packed with fun, energy and excitement, our camps are the perfect opportunity for children to **stay active, learn new skills and make new friends** in a safe and welcoming environment.

With a variety of sports and games each day, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Whether you're looking to improve your sporting skills or simply have fun during the school holidays, our Multi-Sports Camps offer action-packed days full of activity, teamwork and enjoyment.

PRICES

£24.50 PER DAY **£65.00 FOR ALL 3 DAYS IN THE SAME WEEK**

Prices include all activities and equipment.

COACHING MEMBER BENEFIT

As a valued coaching member, you can enjoy FREE camp days as part of your membership!

- ★ **STANDARD COACHING MEMBERS** receive 1 FREE camp day
- ★ **PREMIER COACHING MEMBERS** receive 2 FREE camp days

Free camp days must be booked through the office or by emailing Jo Heath on manager@draycottfitness.com

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!
SPACES ARE LIMITED - DON'T MISS OUT!

DRAYCOTT SPORTS CENTRE
Crosswell Lane
Stoke-on-Trent
Staffordshire
ST11 9AP

01782 394598
manager@draycottfitness.com

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STEP INTO SUMMER 2026

HOLIDAY CLUBS

BISHOP RAWLE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Royal Walk, Cheadle, ST10 1QA

We are excited to welcome you to our action-packed holiday club throughout the Summer holidays, running from **August 10-28**. Our program of sports, games and special events will provide every child with an unforgettable experience that will live long in the memory.

NEW EXTENDED FULL DAY!
WE'RE GIVING YOU AN EXTRA 30 MINUTES!

HALF DAY 09:00-13:00 £15.00

Multi-Sports **Special Events** **Inflatables** **Arts & Crafts**

SIBLING DISCOUNT
20% off for all siblings!

★★★★★ **READ OUR REVIEWS**

FREE PLACES
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

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We accept payment of childcare vouchers from most schemes. Bookings subject to a £3.00 admin fee.

OFSTED
Registered
(at selected venues)

For more information:
Call: 01782 366332 Website: asmsports.co.uk

OX SPORTS SUMMER CAMP

Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday during the summer holidays

£22 per day/£60 per week
6-12 year olds

ACTIVITIES

- Football
- Cricket
- Dodgeball
- Rounders
- Hockey
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Archery

GREAT WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST10 4LE

08:30-16:00

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ox-sports.classforkids.io

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07872410688
oxsports@outlook.com

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• First aid ✓
• DBS ✓
• Safeguarding ✓

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MESSY MONDAYS

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

ARTS & CRAFTS SESSIONS AT BLESS YOUR ARTS STUDIO 15

TIME SLOTS:

- 10:30AM - 12PM
- 12:30PM - 2PM
- 2:30PM - 4PM

£8 PER CHILD
OR USE CODE: TWOFOR12

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ST10 1NP
07734 548780

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PLAY FAIR.
HAVE FUN.
BE PART OF

SOMETHING GREAT!

WHY JOIN?

- MAKE NEW FRIENDS**
Be part of a team and build friendships that last.
- IMPROVE YOUR GAME**
Improve your game with ECB qualified coaches.
- PLAY. IMPROVE. GROW.**
Develop your confidence, fitness and teamwork.
- FUN FOR EVERYONE**
All abilities welcome. It's all about enjoying the game!

COME FOR THE GAME, STAY FOR THE TEAM!

TRAINING FRIDAYS
6:00PM – 8:00PM

AT OUR CLUB
Checkley Cricket Club
Uttoxeter Road,
Checkley, ST10 4NA

BOYS & GIRLS
AGES 6+
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

READY TO GET STARTED? **CONTACT US TODAY OR TURN UP AND PLAY!** **WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!**

☎ 07840 200323 🌐 www.checkley.play-cricket.com




WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY
11:00AM-2:00PM

JOIN US FOR OUR 2026

FAMILY HUB FUN DAY

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

AUNTIE DAWN'S JUNIOR DISCO
PARTY GAMES
LOTS OF PRIZES
BALLOON MODELLING
FACE PAINTING
REFRESHMENTS
ICE LOLLIES

COME ALONG TO
STAFFORDSIRE MOORLANDS FAMILY HUB,
ALBERT STREET, BIDDULPH, STAFFS, ST8 6DT





MyActive Cheadle

BOOSTER SWIMMING COURSES

Summer Holidays

COURSE DATES: 20th-24th July/ 27th-31st July

Stages 1,3&5 at 8:00am
Stages 2,4&6 at 8:30am
30 minute lessons
Price - £30 for a 5 day course

To enrol on to any of the Crash Courses or you would like any more information go to:
Reception 01538 753331
lindsay.prince@myactive.uk





Drowning Prevention

Tragically, we have reviewed the deaths of a number of children from Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire who have died as a result of drowning

48% of deaths occurred in the warmer months. Research from Bournemouth University (2024) found when the temperature reaches 25c there is a fivefold increase in accidental drowning risk.



Young people can be drawn to open water - weirs, quarries and canals are not safe places to 'hang out', swim or play.

Don't take risks around water.

Children need to be supervised in and around water. They might understand instructions but are likely to forget if they are having fun.

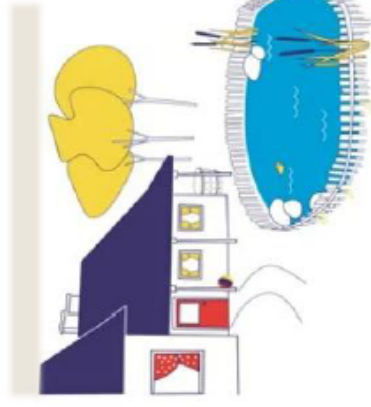
A drowning child/young person can't speak or control their arms. They slip quietly under the water. It's only in the movies they splash about and cry for help.

- Teach older children to choose safe places to swim like public pools and beaches with lifeguards.
- Explain the dangers of swimming in open water like rivers, lakes and reservoirs, strong currents, deep, cold water and things under the surface they can't see.
- Even on a very warm day, open water can still be cold enough to cause cold water shock. This physical reaction makes it hard to control breathing or to swim, causing swimmers to panic.
- Talk them through what to do if this ever happens. Explain how the reaction will pass quickly, so they need to recognise it and control the panic enough to be able to float.
- Teach your child to float. The RNLI has a great video.

CAPT offer safety advice to reduce the risk of drowning. The Float to Live campaign reduces the chance of panic when people get into difficulty in water.

In the garden

- Watch children when they are in or around water, without being distracted.
- Keep young children within arm's reach.
- Securely cover all water storage tanks and drains.
- Empty paddling pools, containers, buckets and watering cans, as soon as they have been used and turn them upside down. Cover hot tubs after use.
- Make sure older children are accompanied every time when they swim
- If you have a pond always supervise closely, fence it or fill it in!
- Always turn hoses/pipes off at the tap, so children cannot fill vessels themselves.



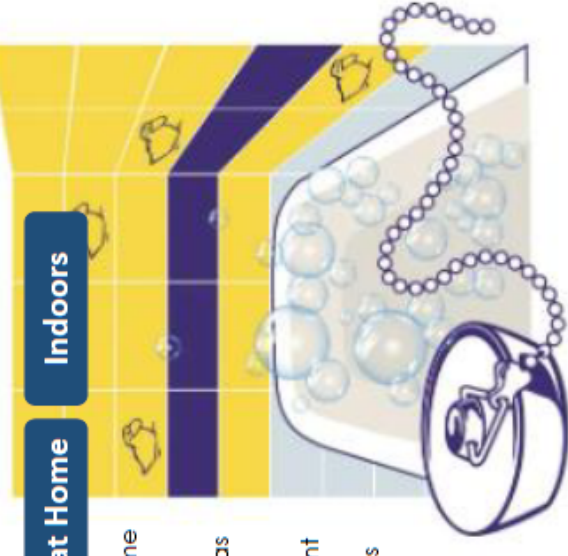
Further information on water safety can be found on RoSPA's website, CAPT website and the NHS website. The Royal Life Saving Society have recently launched the 'Splash and Safety' Campaign.

Drownings around the home are easily preventable. The Royal Life Saving Society have created these easy-to-follow tips around water safety.

Tips for Water Safety at Home

- Always supervise bath time (never leave children unattended)
- Empty the bath as soon as possible after use
- Close toilet lids and use toilet seat locks to prevent drowning
- Keep doors to bathrooms and utility rooms closed
- Vulnerable adults and children who suffer from sudden seizures should consider using showers rather than baths

Indoors



Did you know that children can drown in as little as 2cm of water?

!Never Leave children unattended near water!