



St George's School Bourton

A Church of England School

*work together, play together
learn together ... shine!*

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May Attendance

Rainbow	Blue	Silver	Gold
91.9%	98.2%	96.4%	95.2%

Welcome back to the final half-term of the school year. The swimming pool is heated to 29.5 C and ready to go this week. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help during class swimming and after school sessions. Please try to come along after school to make use of this healthy and confidence-building resource for the children.

Please note that there will not be an Achievement Assembly this Friday.

Site security

During the half term break, some new fences have been put up at each side of the school to strengthen our security during the school day. When the system is fully operational, the gates will be shut between 9am and 3pm, meaning that access to school will only be possible via the main entrance, through the car park. Having only one point of entry is safer for the children when they are playing on the playground or the field.

Access to the Pre-School during the school day will only be possible from the West Bourton Road entrance. Please spread this information to anyone you know who might be caught out! We will not lock the gates for the first two weeks of term to give everyone a chance to see them and get used to them.

I hope you understand the governors view that it is vital that we take appropriate measures to safeguard the children.

Building Project

Our plans to create a bigger classroom for Silver Base and a new Library area are moving along nicely, we expect to appoint a contractor this week and have the work done over the summer holidays. Please support our fund-raising efforts to get the best possible 'fit-out' for the children.

Sun safety

As the sun gets stronger we will have to enforce our 'no hat, no play' rule. Please make sure your children always have a named sun hat in school. Sun cream and a bottle of water should also be part of their protection against the harmful effects of the sun.

Activities Week (26th – 30th June)

The theme is Creepy Critters

The children will be in Non-Uniform for the week, (but will need their PE kit for Sports Day on the Monday).

Sports Day – Monday 26th June at 1.15pm (Reserve date is Thursday 29th June)

Please come along to enjoy the races for the afternoon. We will provide seating but please bring your own sun protection (hats, sun cream, umbrellas) and refreshments.

There is a dressing-up day on Thursday 29th June when children can dress up as a bug, or wear something with bugs on it if they want to.

There will be a whole-school bug hunting safari to Penselwood on Friday 30th June, everyone will need a packed lunch for this expedition. We would love to have parents with us for this day.

The children will do bug related activities in the classrooms and around the grounds during the week.

There will not be an Achievement Assembly this week.

Music Concert – Thursday 13th July, 2.20pm

Our less experienced musicians and some of our more experienced groups will be performing for us at this concert. Your child will be told if they are playing. All parents and friends are welcome to come along and enjoy the music! If your child has recently started playing an instrument out of school, they can be included. Please see Mrs Miller if this is the case.

Move Up Day – Wednesday 5th July

Most of our Year 6 children will be going up to Gillingham School for the day. All other year groups will work in their new classes for the morning, then go back to normal for the afternoon. Our new children will be joining us from 8.45-10.45 that morning.

Swimming Gala – Monday 10th July at 1.15pm (For Years 2-6)

All the children from Year 2 and above will be taking part in our Inter-House Gala. Do come and watch, bringing sun protection if needed.

Our Year 1 and Foundation Stage children will have an open swimming session in the morning, with Foundation Stage from 10-10.30am and Year 1s from 10.30-11am. Please come along to see them swim if you'd like to.

Party in the Park – Tuesday 18th July at 5.30pm

Bring a picnic to this event in the marquee where Gold Base will entertain us with a musical production and the choir will sing for us.

Whole-School Trip to Sandbanks - Wednesday 19th July

To celebrate the end of the school year, we are planning to take the whole school to the beach for games, sand castles, paddling and ice-creams. We would like it to be an equal experience for all the children so we will only be asking for parent helpers to join us on the coaches and will bring all the children back at the end of the trip. It felt rather sad to have only half the children going home on the coaches whilst the others get to stay on the beach. I hope you understand our thinking on this, there are limitations to what we can allow the children to do on a school trip, but the fun of all being out together out-weights these limitations.

Leavers Service – Thursday 20th July, 2pm in the Church**Leavers Party – Friday 21st July 6pm**

The whole school community is invited to both these events to say goodbye to our leavers.

Final Assembly - Friday 21st July, 2pm

Our last assembly in the Marquee is a less formal occasion than the Leavers service, where we give out swimming certificates and other bits and pieces. We have re-located to the Marquee this year because we will be storing lots of furniture in the Hall on the last day in preparation for the building works during the summer holidays.

Ticks

One of our parents has noticed a tick on their child, please check your children in case they have one too.

M. Salisbury