



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the final term of the 2025-2026 academic year! This term is always full of lovely activities and prepares the children for their transition into the next year group or new school. There are lots of opportunities for you to support your children or celebrate their successes. Please read correspondence carefully.

Best wishes,

Mrs Webb and Mrs Houghton



June Dates

Monday 1st June—Back to school

Thursday 4th June—Year R Trip to Wellington Country Park

Saturday 6th June: Victoria Day parade

Monday 8th June: Phonics screen checks (all week)

Monday 8th June—Healthy relationships parent drop ins - EYFS, year 1 and year 2 @ 2.45-3.15pm

Monday 15th June: Healthy Relationships week

Friday 26th June—Sports Afternoon

July Dates

Thursday 2nd July—Move Up Morning

Friday 3rd July—Break the Rules Fundraising Day

Thursday 9th July—Final Stay and Play for Oak Class

Friday 10th July—Back up Sports Day

Wednesday 15th July—Year 1 and 2 Progress Parties

Thursday 16th July—Rocksteady Concert

Monday 13th July—End of Year Celebration in North Camp Methodist church 9.30am

Wednesday 22nd July—End of summer term.

Thursday 3rd September: Children return to school for 2026-2027 academic year

Water Safety

There have been several incidents in the news tragic accidents when swimming in open water in the heat. Please take some time to make sure your child knows how to keep themselves safe. Open water may look calm, but currents, hidden hazards and sudden changes in depth can make it extremely dangerous, even for strong swimmers. Children should always swim only in supervised areas, follow lifeguard advice, and never enter water alone. It is also vital that they understand the importance of staying away from canals, rivers, lakes and quarries unless accompanied by a responsible adult.



<https://www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/>

Online safety

As technology becomes an increasingly central part of children's lives, it is vital that we work together to help young people develop **healthy and safe online habits**.

The NSPCC has produced an excellent guide for parents and carers about age-appropriate access to technology, including smartphones, tablets, gaming and social media.

We would encourage all families to carefully consider whether the technology their child has access to is right for their age and stage of development, and to regularly review privacy settings, parental controls and online routines together.

You can read the NSPCC guidance here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/access-to-technology-for-different-ages/>

It is important to consider the section for under 5s alongside the new government screen time guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-screen-time-guidance-for-parents-of-under-5s>

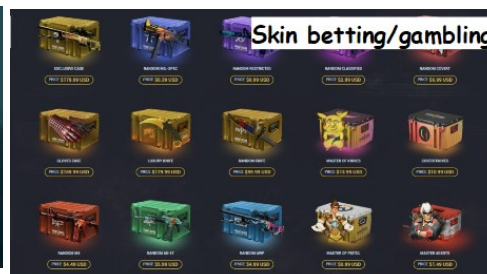
The NSPCC reminds us that "every child is different and will mature in their own time", and that open conversations and clear boundaries are key to helping children stay safe online.

Gambling and gaming

The line between gaming and gambling for children has blurred through mechanisms like **loot boxes** and **skins betting**. Because these features operate on chance and reward systems, they are increasingly recognised by public health and regulatory agencies as a **gateway to gambling harms**.



Loot boxes



Skin betting/gambling

Loot boxes are virtual, randomised consumable items in video games that players can earn or purchase to receive a random selection of digital goods, such as cosmetic skins or gameplay equipment. **Skin betting/gambling** is the practice

of using virtual in-game cosmetic items, known as "skins," as currency to bet on esports matches or play online casino games.

Children are susceptible to the "dopamine rush" of betting because their prefrontal cortex is not fully developed until their mid-twenties. This means they are also susceptible to addiction. Problematic gambling in children is **highly correlated** with other risky behaviours, including substance abuse and declining academic performance. This, in turn, can lead to higher rates of depression, anxiety and suicidal ideation.

Recognising the signs

- Excessive use of devices
- Spending money online without permission
- Changes in behaviour
- A change in attitude to school
- Disengaged with family life
- Compulsive eating
- Impatient
- 'The look'
- Obsessive behaviour
- Dishonesty

Warning Signs of Video Game Addiction



As a parent, you should:

- Be aware
- Visit the GP
- Speak to the school
- Take an active interest
- Become the expert
- Put barriers in place
- Financial controls
- Discuss loot boxes and skin betting
- Not lend money for gambling



Warmer weather reminders



Please make sure you are sending your child in with a sun hat as they will be encouraged to wear them at breaks, lunches and during outdoor PE. We also advise putting sun cream on your child before school.

Please do not send your child in with sun cream unless you have spoken to the class teacher. In which case, your child's sun cream needs to be labelled and given to the class teachers for safe keeping. **Children must apply their own sunscreen.** If you have any questions about this, please contact the admin office.

Events



We enjoyed a wonderful Cultural Day celebrating Nepali Day, which was very well supported by our Nepali community and beautifully organised by Mrs Tamang. The children delighted us with a fantastic dance demonstration, joined by the talented Mrs Gurung, creating a real sense of celebration and togetherness.

Our generous Nepali mums also cooked a delicious selection of dishes for the children to choose from, including khir, aloo dum and momos. To begin training for the Gurkhas, Mr Lepcha led an energetic assault course.



The day was filled with laughter, colour and excitement, and it gave everyone the chance to learn more about Nepali traditions, music and food. It was a brilliant celebration of our proudly diverse community, and we are very grateful to everyone who helped make it such a memorable occasion.

