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Dear Families

In school this week, our Year 5 and Year 6 children have been very busy rehearsing for their performance next week. You are in for a real treat! Please make sure you have ordered your tickets if you want to come and watch the show.

School is really busy at the moment with our two shows next week, Year 1 and Year 2 class assembly on Wednesday and our 'Weaving Day' on Friday. Please do keep an eye on the Newsletter.'

The swimming pool is now open! We plan to have all of our children using it over the next 2 weeks. On behalf of the school and the governors, I would like to say a big thank you to Mick Dicker and Cheryl Kidd who have worked extremely hard to make this possible.

Enjoy your weekend

Jane Sharrock

STAFFING UPDATE

At the end of this term, we will be bidding farewell to Mrs. Hurren as she moves house and begins an exciting new chapter in a new job. Over the past five years, she has made a significant contribution to our school community, both as a dedicated Teaching Assistant and as our compassionate and supportive Learning Mentor. Her warmth, commitment, and care for the children have made a lasting impact, and she will be greatly missed. We thank her for everything she has given to the school and wish her all the very best for the future.

URGENT HELP NEEDED!

Next Friday, children across the school will be taking part in a creative project around the art of weaving and the work of Anni Albers.

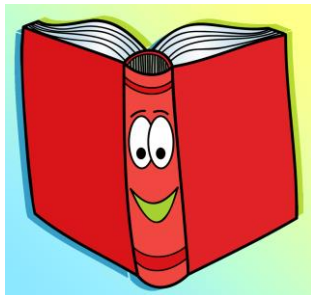
We will also be producing some woven mats to sit on in the yurt which will be made from old clothes. If you have any old t-shirts - they don't have to be in good condition - that you are willing to donate, please could you bring them to school at the beginning of next week. We would also like any colourful magazines too, please!



MUSIC CONCERT

We are looking forward to showcasing some of the musical talent in our school at a special concert on Thursday 10th July. The performance will begin at 9:15am and will feature the Boys' Vocal group, choir, the recorder club and guitarists. Parents and the whole school community are warmly invited to join us for a celebration of music.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Findon Valley Library came along to our Collective Worship on Monday and introduced this year's Summer Reading Challenge – Story Garden. We would encourage children to take part and bring in their medal and certificate to show during our Celebration worship in September. We have attached a flyer giving more information.

REMINDER - SWIMMING POOL

All being well with the pool water levels, we will be using the pool for the next two weeks to give our children the opportunity of being in the water. They are not having official swimming lessons for these two sessions.

Here is the timetable for your child's class.

Week 1

Monday (pm) Willow (3 groups)
Tuesday (am) Oak (2 groups)
Tuesday (pm) Rowan (2 groups)
Thursday (am) Holly (2 groups)
Thursday (pm) Ash (3 groups)

Week 2 as above, apart from Holly Class who will have their session Wednesday (pm).

In order for your child to take part and use the pool they will need:

- Appropriate swimwear (no bikinis)
- Towel
- Swim cap – school will provide
- Goggles, if needed
- Verruca sock, if necessary

We have flotation aids, however, if your child needs to use arm bands or a particular buoyancy aid then please send them in when it is your child's session. A timetable for staff and other adults to support the sessions has been arranged.

PTA NEWS

Summer School Disco - Friday 11th July

It is only one week until the Summer School Disco! Please return any money and slips by Tuesday 8th July. If you have paid online, please also make sure to return your slip.

PTA Meeting - Tuesday 8th July

Please join us for the last PTA meeting of the school year on **Tuesday at The Black Horse, at 7.30pm.** This is an opportunity to give feedback on Revels and other events from this year and to talk about ideas for next year! We already have some exciting plans in the works and would love to have your input.

Pre-loved school uniform

Watch this space for some exciting news regarding pre-loved school uniform! If you have any items that you no longer need, please put them in the collection bin under the stairs in the car park.

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WANTED – NEW COMMITTEE FOR FINDON SWIMMING CLUB

As readers will know a lot of work has been done by the existing committee of Findon Swimming Club to repair and renovate our school swimming pool. This has all happened since the Covid shutdown, when inactivity caused much damage to the pool, and equipment failures meant expensive replacements were needed. ***Thanks to the generosity of some kind local people and village organisations*** all the money needed was raised and we are nearly ready to open.

We are now going to need a lot of volunteers to help us run the pool. In particular ***we are going to need a new Committee to help run things.*** Our current excellent chairman, Mick Dicker, a parent at our school, has brought to bear his professional skills of running a sporting facilities company (Raw Energy Pursuits Ltd.) to enable us to get to where we are now. Mick and his committee are ready to step back in order for a new committee to take the reins and make way for ***willing volunteers to oversee the day-to-day running of our pool.*** Our present committee comprises parents at school who live outside Findon and whose children have now left us; it is felt that people living nearer, and with the requisite skills, are best suited to perform this role.

Our pool is managed by a committee of volunteers forming themselves into The Findon Swimming Club. This committee effectively runs the pool on behalf of school, generates income from entrance fees and pool hire and pays school for what it uses in electricity and water.

The treasurer and secretary roles involve dealing with social media messages, answering e-mails, updating social media, as well as occasionally applying for grants (and possibly many other things). The committee also manage the booking systems and obtaining supervisory cover for pool openings and lifeguard cover for the public swim sessions.

Interested? Please contact the writer: John_Roche@compuserve.com

Thank you.

John Roche

Vice-chair of Governors

St. John the Baptist School.

Recent correspondence

- Pool sessions – email to all families
- Year 5 information about Open Days at secondary schools

DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.

JULY 2025

Mon 7 July	Last Board Games Club No Y5 & Y6 Production rehearsal
Tues 8 July	Y5 & Y6 Production (6pm) PTA meeting (7.30pm at The Black Horse)
Wed 9 July	Y1 & Y2 Assembly for parents (2.45pm) Y5 & Y6 Production (6pm)
Thurs 10 July	Music Concert (9.15am) – parents invited
Fri 11 July	Parent Forum (2pm) PTA Summer Disco
Fri 18 July	Leavers' Service at school (9am) Year 6 Cheesy Chips (12 noon)
Mon 21 July	Year 6 Leavers' party (3.30pm)
Tues 22 July	Last day of term