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Dear Families,

Year 6 Events

The Summer Term is going to be a jam-packed and exciting term, and the Year 6 team have lots of activities planned after SATs are completed.

Please see below for a list of key dates.

Thursday 19 th June 2025	Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral
Tuesday 24 th June 2025	Junior Citizen's Visit at Guildford Spectrum
Thursday 26 th June 2025	Ancient Mayan Workshop (in school event)
Tuesday 1 st July 2025	Ash Manor Year 7 Transition Day # 1 – please contact Ash Manor for any information relating to this event, if your child is going to a different secondary school, please refer to the communication you will have received from that school regarding transition days
Wednesday 2 nd July 2025	Ash Manor Year 7 Transition Day # 2
Thursday 3 rd July 2025	Heathlands Workshop (in school event)
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Leavers' Performance – to the rest of the school
Thursday 10 th July 2025	Leavers' Performance – Parents Invited – more information to follow
Monday 14 th July 2025	Overnight stay on the field including Leavers' BBQ
Tuesday 14 th July 2025	The Outdoors People Activity Day
Wednesday 16 th July 2025	Water Fight
Thursday 17 th July 2025	Alice Holt
Friday 18 th July 2025	Leavers' Assembly (parents welcome) Shirt signing



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Leavers' Service - Thursday 19th June 2025

On Thursday 19th June, our Year 6 pupils will be attending a Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral, along with other Year 6 children from schools in the Diocese. The coach will leave school at 9.15am and the children will enjoy a picnic in the grounds of the cathedral after the service. Unfortunately, parents are not able to attend this service.

It is important that your child:

- is wearing full school uniform (including their school sweatshirt/cardigan) on the day as they are representing our school.
- brings a packed lunch on this day.

Junior Citizens Visit – Tuesday 24th June 2025

On Tuesday 24th June the children have been invited to participate in this year's Junior Citizen Scheme, which is being held at Guildford Spectrum. The children will visit a few mini workshops, where, in a safe and controlled environment, they can experience and discuss everyday situations that could affect their personal safety. The workshops are provided by Child Safety Media and the children will be accompanied by their class teachers. We will be travelling by coach, leaving promptly at 9.00am and will return to school in time for lunch service.

Ancient Mayan Workshop – Thursday 26th June 2025

The children will go deep into the world of the Ancient Maya and find out about topics such as: Daily Life, Religion, Sport, Chocolate and Farming. We will be looking at artefacts, playing games, and taking part in drama, discussion, role play and a quiz. This event will take place in school.

The Outdoors People – Monday 14th July 2025

We are very excited to announce that we have arranged an overnight camping stay on the school field. The Outdoors People are coming to set up camp on Monday afternoon, the children will enjoy and evening of games and activities on the school field, evening meal of Dominos pizza and a visit from an ice cream van before settling down to toast marshmallows and listen to campfire stories. They will spend the night under canvas and wake to camp breakfast before a full day of activities.

Fire lighting: using a sparking fire-steel, everyone will set cotton-wool ablaze.





Bush-tucker challenge – learning to make pancakes over the open fire (bugs seasoning are optional!)





Crash and Carry – a survival activity.... Our plane has crashed in the jungle and we need to gather supplies, help an injured teammate, build a shelter and survive!





Water purification – A core bushcraft activity, working in pairs to build a purifying filter able to take on the muddiest water!

Life Skills and Team Building



Water Fight – Wednesday 16th July 2025

As in previous years, we will be having a Year 6 water fight. Children may bring in NAMED water pistols for this if they wish (they must be kept in the child's locker/bag, or teacher's cupboard until the time of the water fight). Children should also bring in a change of clothes and shoes (they can use their PE kit). If your child does not want to take part in the water fight, please ask them to tell their class teacher.

Alice Holt – Wednesday 17th July 2025

We will be visiting Alice Holt to become rangers for the day. We will be learning about forests with activities, scenarios and role play. By becoming trainee ecologists for the day, we will find out why it is so important to survey forests and monitor animal species. We will be carrying out a minibeast survey, create a forest food chain and finding out why Forestry England's favourite microhabitat is decaying wood.

We will also be completing the walks there, where we can be mindful and take in the beauty of the forest, play on the different structures there, and also investigate the new marble run that they've had installed.



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To keep the cost as low as possible we are asking that parents arrange for their child to be dropped at Alice Holt for 9:30am and then collected at the end of the day for 2:30pm, this is to give everyone ample time for collecting younger siblings from other schools.

Leavers' Assembly – Friday 18th July 2025 - 9.00am

On Friday 18th July, there will be a Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at school which all parents and carers are welcome to attend. **The assembly will start at 9.00am**. Whilst we usually do welcome siblings at class assemblies, this is one occasion where we would appreciate it if only parents attend as, due to space, we can only seat a limited number of people during the assembly. The assembly should last no more than an hour.

Later in the day Year 6 can then take part in shirt signing. They will have the opportunity to collect signatures and well wishes from each other. They may want to bring in a spare polo shirt, their PE T-shirt or a school shirt that can be written on with pen - please discuss with your child whether or not you give them permission to get their school shirt signed.

Year 6 will then have lunch as normal and as it is the last day of term, school will finish early at 1:15pm.

Payments

As with all our events, these cannot happen without the support of parents. The cost of all these activities is £90.00. We understand the financial pressures families are under, and this is why the payment will be split into more manageable instalments, and we are happy to consider individual payment plans.

Please see below the suggested instalment amounts, of course, you can pay in full if you prefer -

By Friday 4^{th} April 2025 - £22.50 By Friday 2^{nd} May 2025 - £22.50 By Friday 6^{th} June 2025 - £22.50 By Friday 4^{th} July 2025 - £22.50

Unfortunately, we have no other means of paying for these events and so, unless ALL contributions are received, some of the activities will have to be cancelled or changed.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the PTFA for subsidising the cost of these activities to help make this a really memorable final term for the children as they prepare themselves for life at secondary school.

Thank you for your continued support

The Year 6 Team.



