



WEEK BEGINNING 15TH JUNE

Events this week:

Monday 15 th June	Year 5, choir & Performing arts performing at The Hexagon Y5/6 Athletics tournament
Tuesday 16 th June	Tear 4 French Cafe
Wednesday 17 th June	Y3/4 Trigolf Tournament
Thursday 18 th June	Y5/6 Transition meeting (parent and child)
Friday 19 th June	Peter Swallow MP to visit PTA Father's Day sale

Looking forwards:

Wednesday 24 th June	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Friday 26 th June	Non School Uniform – donations for summer fete
Saturday 27 th June	PTA Summer Fete
Monday 29 th June	Y5/6 Cricket
Wednesday 1 st and Thursday 2 nd July	School Transition Days
Wednesday 8 th July	Back up sports day
Thursday 9 th July	Y6 Dress rehearsal to the school Y6 performance to parents 6pm – school hall
Friday 10 th July	Y3 Ancient Egypt showcase
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service
Tuesday 21 st July	END OF TERM – 1.30pm FINISH TIME

Mrs Couchman kindly requests that parents do not allow their children to press the school buzzer at the start or end of the school day as this causes disruption with the systems in the office.

Thank you for your support.

Well done Year 1, 2 & 4!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy week, I would like to say a huge well done to all of our Year 1 and some Year 2 children who completed the Phonics Screening Check, and our Year 4 children who took part in the Multiplication Tables Check this week. We know how hard you have worked to prepare and how much effort you put into doing your very best. We are incredibly proud of you all for showing resilience, determination and a positive attitude throughout.

What better way for our Key Stage 1 children to celebrate their hard work than with their exciting trip to Beale Park! We hope everyone has had a fantastic day and we cannot wait to hear all about their adventures and favourite moments when they return.

With love,

Mr Riordan, Headteacher



"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart." - Colossians 3:23

New School House Consultation Survey

New School House, a possible new nursery located in Easthampstead, is exploring opening a new nursery provision for children aged 2–4 years, replacing the previous School House provision (located next to St Michael's Easthampstead CE Primary School) which was open until Summer 2025.

New School House are asking current, former and prospective parents and families around the area to complete a survey, which should take 5 minutes to complete, to understand the childcare and early years needs of local families and whether additional nursery provision would be beneficial within the local community.

Responses will be used to inform their future planning.

Thank you in advance for taking part: [New School House Nursery Consultation – Fill out form](#)





PTA Message – From Mrs Walton (Chair) and Mr Riordan (Headteacher)

We are writing to you jointly today regarding the future of the St Michael's Easthampstead PTA.

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who has supported the PTA over the years. Through your generosity and hard work, the PTA has raised valuable funds for the school whilst providing memorable events and experiences for our children and families.

As many of you know, several long-serving committee members will be leaving this summer as their children move on to secondary school. This means that, at our next AGM, we will need new volunteers to step into key roles: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. **The next AGM will be held on Thursday 9th July at 5:30pm in school.**

Despite previous appeals, we have not yet had any parents come forward to take on these positions.

Put simply, without new volunteers, the PTA will be unable to continue operating from September. This will mean fewer events for our children and families, as well as the loss of a vital source of funding that helps provide additional resources for pupils.

The good news is that there is still time. Parents who are interested in becoming involved can work alongside the current committee before the end of the school year, allowing for a supported handover and the opportunity to learn more about the roles.

Please do not assume that someone else will step forward. If you have ever considered getting involved, now is the time. The current committee will provide support, and an informal conversation does not commit you to anything. We urge you to come along to the AGM if you feel you can help or simply want to find out more.

St Michael's has always benefited from a strong and supportive community, and we hope that together we can ensure the PTA continues to thrive for the benefit of all our children. If you would like to find out more, please contact either the PTA (pta@stmicheast.co.uk) or the school office (secretary@stmicheast.co.uk).

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kerry Walton
PTA Chair

Mr Shaun Riordan
Headteacher

Toys and Unauthorised Items in School

Since returning from half-term, we have seen a rise in children bringing items such as soft toys, fidget toys/ putty/ spinners, Smiggle mini spritz bottle keyrings, Dumpling squishies and other similar trend-based toys into school. These items are not permitted in school and have resulted in an increasing number of issues.

We have experienced toys being used during lessons, causing distractions to learning, as well as items being swapped between children, becoming damaged, going missing and leading to disagreements. This takes valuable time away from teaching and learning and can cause unnecessary upset for children.

Our expectations regarding what children may and may not bring into school are clear and have not changed. Whilst we recognise that many of these items are currently popular and often promoted through social media, it remains the responsibility of parents/ carers to ensure they are kept at home and not brought into school. As per our Home-School Agreement, we ask for your support in reinforcing these expectations with your child.

If children bring prohibited items into school, staff may confiscate them. Depending on the nature of the item/ circumstances, it may be returned directly to you rather than to the child. The school cannot accept responsibility for any personal items that are lost, damaged or exchanged between pupils.

I also encourage you to be aware safety concerns surrounding some products, including Dumpling squishies. Further information can be found on BBC Newsround [here](#) and [here](#).

We also stipulate that any fidget tools should only be brought to school if they are a part of a child's Individual Development Plan (IDP), agreed jointly with the Class Teacher, SENCO and Headteacher, and deemed an essential component for reasonable adjustments. We kindly request that children do not bring these items to school without the required authorisation.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a calm, safe, inclusive and focused learning environment for all children. If you have any questions or concerns related to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Staying Safe During Summer and Be Water Aware

As we enter summer and warmer weather, we would like to share a gentle reminder about personal safety. In school, we consistently remind children about ways to stay safe, and it would really help if these messages could also be reinforced at home.

Some simple reminders for children include:

- Staying with friends when out and about
- Being aware of what is happening around them
- Not talking to or going anywhere with strangers
- Telling a trusted adult if something does not feel right
- Going to a safe place, such as a shop or busy public area, if they feel worried
- Making sure mobile phones are charged before going out

These simple conversations can help children feel safe, prepared and confident while enjoying activities.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us keep all children safe.

<https://www.rbfrs.co.uk/latest-news/2026/be-water-aware-tips-to-stay-safe-in-and-around-water/>

<https://www.rbfrs.co.uk/your-safety/water-safety/>

Public Consultation Now Live – Proposed Changes to Bracknell Forest Council's 2027/28 Education Transport Policy 5-16

We are writing to let you know that Bracknell Forest Council's public consultation on proposed changes to the 2027/28 Education Transport Policy for children aged 5-16 years is now live and open for responses.

The consultation opened on **4th June 2026** and will remain open until **3rd July 2026**.

Why are we consulting?

We are proposing to update our Education Transport Policy to ensure it is consistent with national guidance issued by the Department for Education (DfE).

DfE guidance states that free home to school transport should normally be provided to a child's nearest suitable school where eligibility criteria are met. Currently, some children in Bracknell Forest receive free transport because they attend a designated area school, even where another suitable school is closer to their home.

We are therefore proposing to amend the policy so that eligibility for free school transport would, in most cases, be assessed based on a child's nearest suitable school, rather than a designated area school.

The proposed change would apply from **September 2027**.

It is important to note that:

- Children would not be required to change schools as a result of this proposal.
- The proposal relates only to eligibility for free school transport and does not affect school admissions arrangements.
- Children who qualify for transport assistance for other reasons would continue to receive support.

This includes children who are eligible due to:

- Distance
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Low income
- Unsafe walking routes

We recognise that these proposals may affect some families and are keen to gather feedback before any decisions are made.

The consultation can be accessed via the link below:

<https://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/kpse/event/E01AAD06-A2AF-49E6-9940-C8E6C7D4EB77>

Summer 2026 HAF Programme – Over 50% of Places Already Booked – Secure Your Place Now

Dear Parent/Carer,

Bookings are now open for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme for Summer 2026 across Bracknell Forest.

We're pleased to confirm that the programme will be running again this summer. Funded by the Department for Education (DfE), HAF provides free access to fun, active, and enriching holiday clubs for children eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals (FSM).

This summer, we are offering over **35 clubs** as part of the HAF programme. Families can book up to **16 sessions per child**.

Please note that places are limited, subject to available funding, and allocated on a first come, first served basis.

To view available clubs and make bookings, please visit the EEQU booking site:

[Eequ · After school. In place of school. Beyond school.](#)

More information is available on our webpage:

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/HAF

Important information about Free School Meals eligibility:

From September 2026, there will be changes to how Free School Meals eligibility is assessed. However, these changes do not affect eligibility for the Summer 2026 HAF programme. If your child is currently eligible, they can access HAF this summer as normal.

You can find more details here:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals>

We understand that every family's situation is unique, and we're here to support you. However, we ask that families book thoughtfully and only secure places they intend to use.

Late cancellations or non-attendance can prevent other children from accessing these opportunities and result in significant costs to the council. Over the past three years, more than £110,000 has been paid to providers for places that were not attended — funding that could have supported more families.

Please remember:

- Cancel bookings as early as possible if your child can no longer attend
- Cancellations made within 48 hours of a session, or non-attendance, will still incur a cost to the council

A few key reminders:

- HAF funding is for holiday clubs only and cannot be used for term-time activities
- We purchase places within existing clubs; we do not commission clubs to run (except for SEND provision)
- Transport to and from clubs is not covered by HAF funding

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us ensure the HAF programme benefits as many families as possible.

Warm regards,

The HAF Team

HAF@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Bracknell Forest Council



Changes to Free School Meal and Pupil Premium Eligibility



What's new?

The Department for Education has updated its guidance on Free School Meals (FSM) and Pupil Premium.

From the start of the 2026/27 school year, transitional protections are due to end, and eligibility will need to be checked again. Families will need to re-apply so eligibility can be rechecked and your child (and school) don't miss out on support.

Why apply?

- Free, healthy meals for your child
- Extra funding for your child's school to support learning and improve outcomes
- Annual checks will now take place
- Apply now to make sure your child's entitlement is in place for September 2026

How to apply

Apply online today



For further information on the recent changes, eligibility criteria, and how the changes may affect you, please visit our website.



Headteacher Award Winners

- Acorns - Connor – for working so hard with his writing
- Year 2 - Azaria-Rose – for writing a passionate letter to Florence Nightingale!
- Year 3 - James – for working really hard to master his times tables
- Year 4 - All of year 4 – for their fantastic effort in learning their multiplication tables and for having a great attitude throughout the Multiplication Tables Check assessments
- Year 5 – Ava H – for her excellent contributions in English and Science this week
- Year 6 - Henry – for working really hard to learn his Peter Pan lines



St Michael's School & Church
Easthampstead

SUMMER FETE

27th June 12-3 pm

**FREE
ENTRY**

GAMES

BBQ

RAFFLE

CAKE





FATHER'S DAY

Gift donation



19TH JUNE

**PLEASE BRING IN £1
PER CHILD**



**YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE
BUSY MAKING A GIFT FOR
THEIR LOVED ONE FOR
FATHERS DAY.**



SUMMER CAMPS



AGE 5 TO 11 YEARS

 WILDRIDINGS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

 9AM TILL 3PM

 £20 PER DAY

DATES:

Week 1: 27th July - 31st July

Week 2: 4th Aug - 7th Aug (4 Days)

Week 3: 10th Aug - 14th Aug

Week 4: 17th Aug - 21st Aug

Week 5: 24th Aug - 28th Aug

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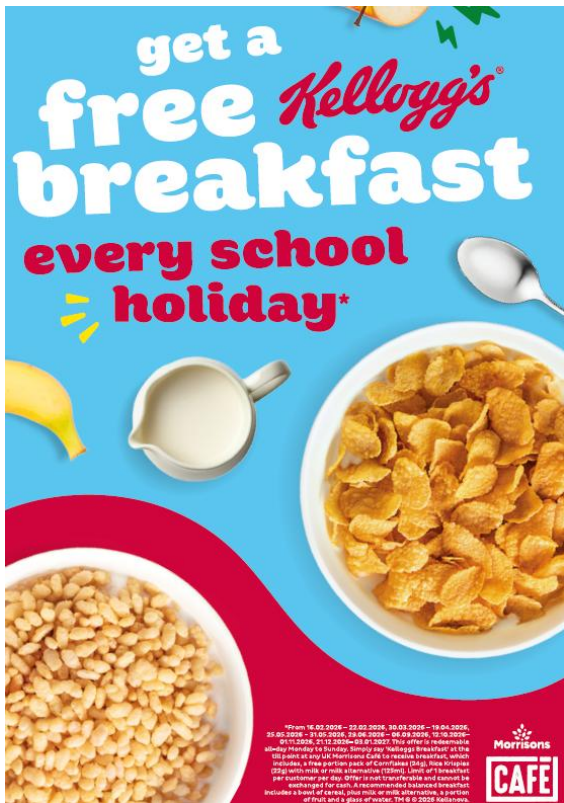
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Prestige also offer wrap around care

Wrap around care is a vital service that we provide at Prestige Sports Coaching which enables you, as parents / carers, to not worry about meeting the expectation of dropping your children off before school or picking them up at the end of the day. Our wrap around service is the perfect opportunity for your children to prepare for or wind down from their busy school days while also participate in highly engaging activities.

At Breakfast Club your children can enjoy a healthy breakfast with the choice of toast with a range of spreads or a choice of cereals accompanied with a drink of water.

Breakfast club offers a relaxed, slow start to the morning so your child is ready for a fun filled day of learning at school.



Who can get a free Kellogg's breakfast?

The offer is available to everyone, children and adults, when they ask for a "Kellogg's Breakfast" in any Morrisons café.

What is included in the free breakfast?

A free bowl of Kellogg's cereal (Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies) with a choice of dairy or soya milk, plus a free portion of fruit (a banana, apple, or orange).

What time does the offer run?

The free Kellogg's breakfast offer will be running in Morrisons cafés across all school holidays including half terms.

Is the offer available at all Morrisons cafés?

Yes, it is offered in all Morrisons cafés nationwide, you can find your nearest café by using the store locator on the Morrisons website.

Do I need to buy anything to get the free breakfast?

No purchase is required. Simply ask for a "Kellogg's Breakfast."

Is this only for families, or can adults without children take part?

It's open to everyone, not just families or children. Adults can claim it too.

Is this linked to Kellogg's school breakfast club programme?

Yes. Morrisons' free holiday breakfasts extends Kellogg's long running school breakfast club support, which has been running since 1998.

Are there other kids' meal deals running at the same time?

Yes, Morrisons also offers one free kids' meal with any adult main meal costing over £5. This runs every day, for children under 16.

Do I need to book ahead or reserve breakfast?

No booking is required. Simply turn up and ask for a "Kellogg's Breakfast".

**Free holiday activities and food (HAF)
for children and young people entitled
to benefit related free school meals (FSM).**



Summer fun

Bracknell Forest Council is working closely with local organisations to help support a wide range of children's summer holiday clubs for older children.

The holiday clubs provide:

- water based activities
- golf and tennis
- theatre and dance
- day trips
- basketball

and so many more fun activities!



Most clubs provide a healthy meal and snacks.
Check the clubs booking page for more information.

The holiday activities and food programme is a Department for Education funded programme to support children aged 4-16 years (Reception - Year 11) in receipt of benefits related free school meals.

Booking is
available from
1 June 2026
for children
registered for free
school meals.



Register for free school meals:

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals.

Book your place on the HAF programme: bit.ly/haf-bracknell