

Abbey Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th May 2023

Summer Term 2023- Issue 16

News and updates

I would like to start by saying a big 'well done' to all of Y6 this week. Many of the children have worked hard for many months and completing their SAT's tests this week has been very stressful, but hopefully rewarding. They have shown maturity in their approach and support of each other, as they have completed the variety of tests over the last four days.

Parents and pupils in Y6 will have their results for SAT's with the end of year reports in July.

Walk to School week

This year's Walk to School Week campaign, is from 15-19th May (next week).

The campaign encourages children and families to tick off each day they use active travel for the journey to school. At the end of the week the children who have walked for the full week will be entered into a prize draw to win an A-stars goodie bag. Children have been reminded of this in assembly today.

Mini-Marathon—Friday 26th May

On the day of breaking up for half-term we are aiming to take part in a Mini-Marathon with lots of schools across the country. Class teachers have signed up to be part of the Guinness World Records™ title. The 2023 TCS Mini London Marathon information can be found online, children can come dressed ready to run, and as a contribution towards this marathon attempt, we would ask every child to "Bring a bottle". This will be donated to the PTA for the Summer Fayre. Any alcoholic bottles should be brought to the office, by an adult.

Staffing update

In the last newsletter Mrs Baker introduced herself, and now below we have a little bit of an introduction from Mrs Smith, our new SENCO;

"I am so excited to be joining you here at Abbey as your Special Needs Co-ordinator and Teacher. I have felt very welcome since I started after the Easter break with the children being very helpful in learning the rules and routines of the school. I have worked with children and families for over 20 years; spending a lot of my time working in Early Years and preschool before moving on in my career to work with children higher up in KS2. When I am not at school, you can find me being kept very busy with my 2 boys at home and like to explore new places, as well as enjoying some time in my garden reading my favourite books. I look forward to finding out more about you all over the coming term and helping the children to be the best that they can be in school."

Digital Leaders

Just before Easter the digital leaders across the school met with Mrs Rudge, from the Walsall Online safety team, to create a newsletter article for parents as part of the actions from the survey. Below are the key responsible behaviours they want to share with your child to help to keep them safer online:

- Ask permission from an adult before accounts are created on any app, site or game and look at the terms and conditions together.
- Ask permission from an adult before you do anything on a device including posting videos and pictures online, downloading a game
- They should not be sharing their own personal information with those they don't trust and know in the real world
- Ask permission from people in photos or videos before sharing anywhere
- Be careful when gaming or on social media when chatting, it's more risky if you communicate with people you don't know and trust in the real world
- Respect boundaries, decisions or rules of others including your parents, these are there to keep them safe and show respect
- Check with a trusted adult if something makes you worried, scared or sad and if they can't speak to a trusted adult speak to child line.

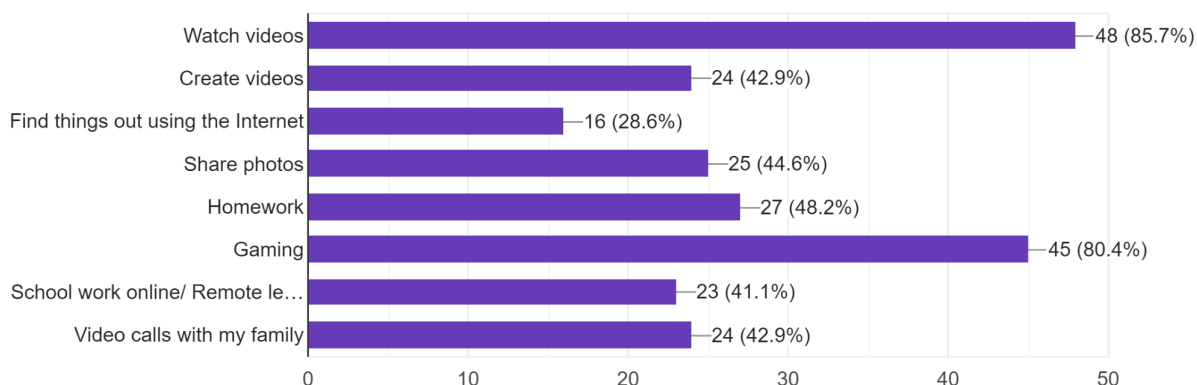
Also please see below results from the surveys produced across KS1 and KS2.

Abbey Online safety survey comparison 2023

KS1

What do you do on your devices?

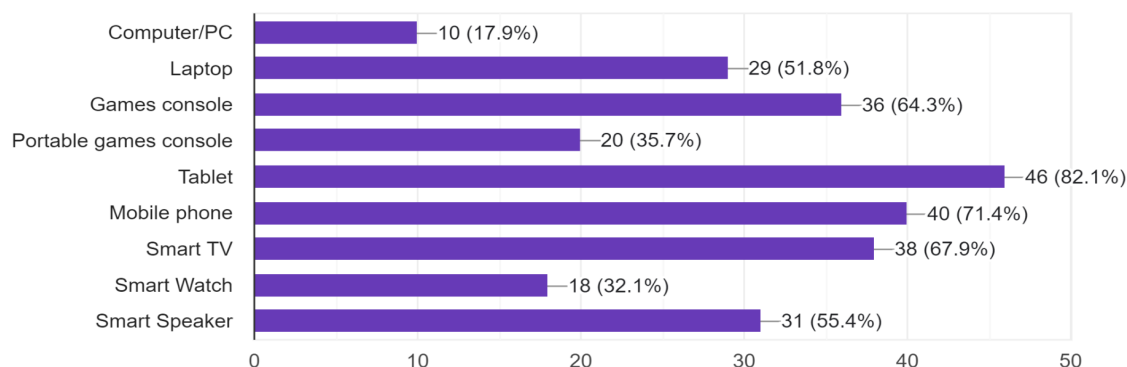
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Most pupils are watching videos (85.7%) and gaming (80.4%). The least common activity is finding things out on the internet (28.6%) Pupils in Yr1 and Y2 are watching videos and gaming more than last year. There is a difference of 45% in the activities between last year and this year.

What devices do you use?

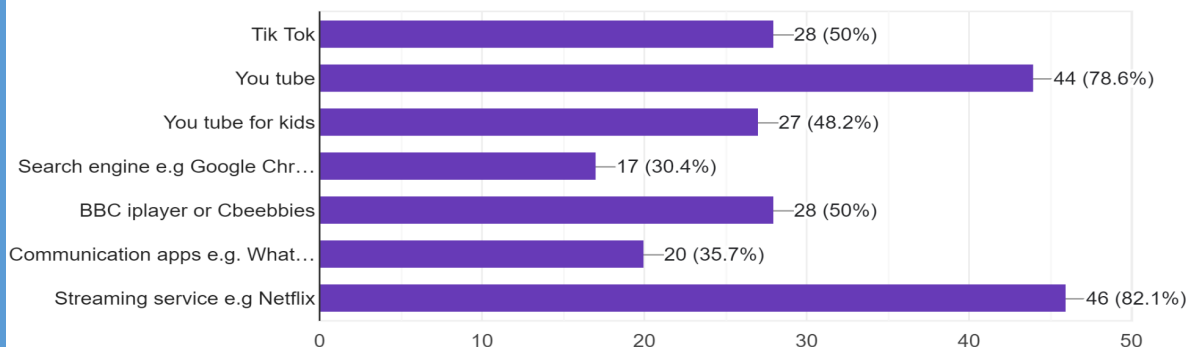
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The devices most people are using are tablets (82.1%) and mobile phones (71.4%). The least popular device is a computer/PC with (17.9%) Most people in KS1 are using tablets but the second most popular device this year is a mobile phone instead of games consoles. The least popular device has remained the same as a computer/PC.

Which sites do you use?

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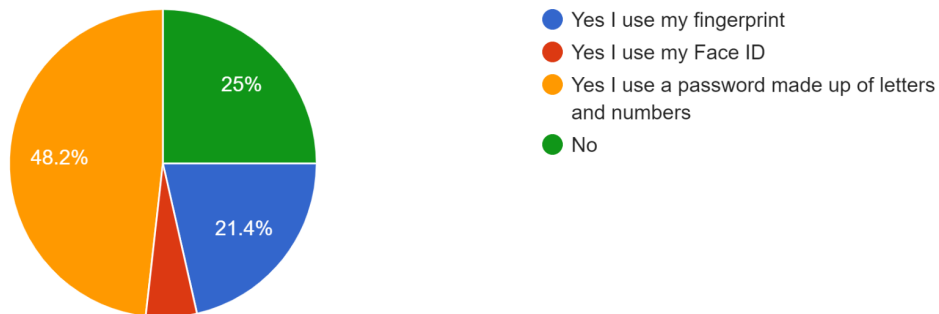


KS2

In KS1 this year the most popular activity is streaming video using platforms like Netflix (82.1%) and then second was Youtube (78.6%). The least popular activity was using Google search engine (30.4%). In comparison from last year Youtube is still a popular activity but we added in streaming services which came out as the top activity for our pupils instead of Youtube.

At home, do you use a special secure password for things you do on the internet/device?

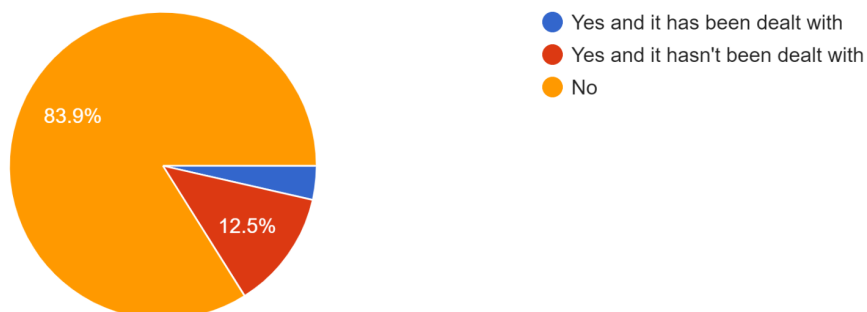
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$\frac{3}{4}$ of the pupils are making good choices with passwords at home and either have a password made up of letter and numbers, Face ID or fingerprint recognition. There is still 25% of pupils who aren't using passwords. KS1 are making better choices with their passwords, last year more children said they weren't using a password at all.

Have you ever been bullied online? Including using a mobile technology.

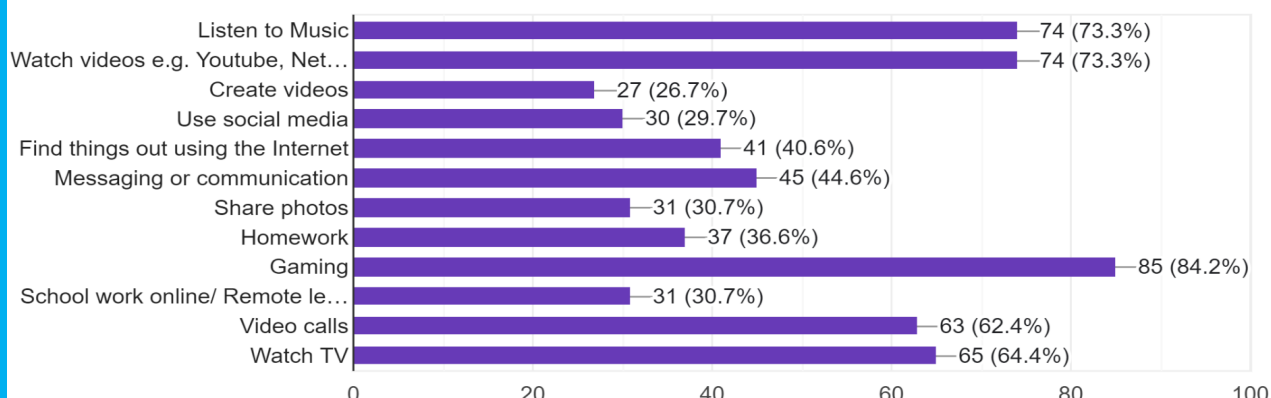
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The majority of children have not been bullied online (83.9%). There are 7 children who say they have been bullied and it hasn't been dealt with this may mean that children are not always reporting incidents. There are more children this year saying they haven't been bullied online. We do need to work on children reporting when they have been bullied so it can be dealt with.

What do you do on your devices? (Select all that apply)

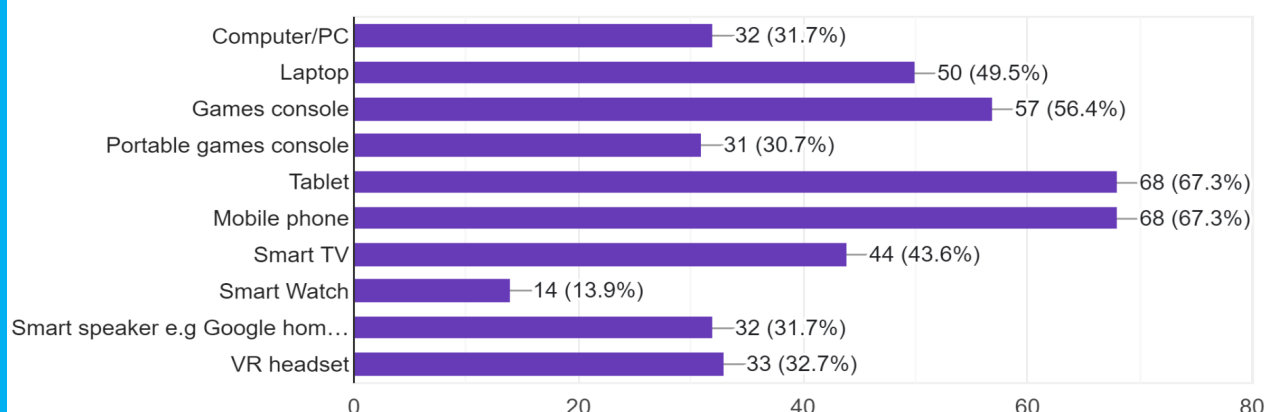
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The most popular activity in KS2 is gaming (84.2%) followed by listening to music and watching videos in joint second place (73.3%). The least popular activities were creating videos (26.7%). The activities are the same in popularity but more children are watching videos this year in comparison to last year.

What devices do you use?

101 responses



The most popular devices are tablets and mobile phones with the same amount of children choosing them (67.3%) followed by games consoles (56.4%) All devices have seen a rise in popularity this year. The same devices are the most popular.

When you communicate with people including in games do you...?

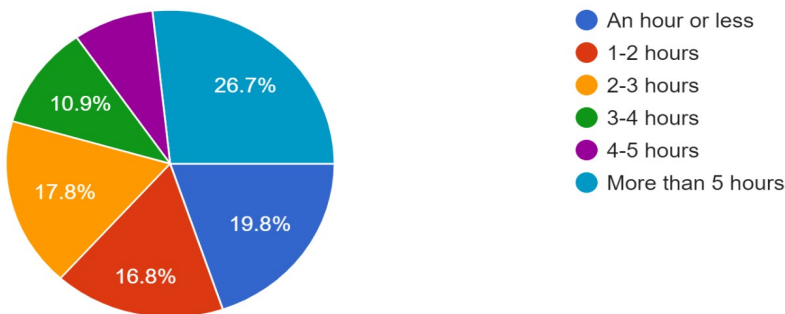
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68.3% of pupils make the right choices in communication online. This is a worse picture than last year as more children were making the correct choices last year than this year.

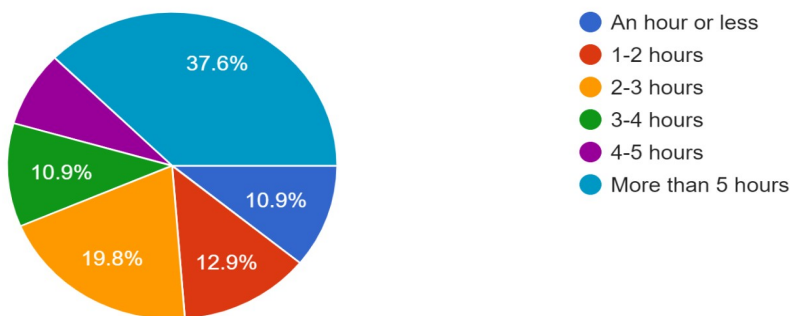
During the week, how much time do you spend on devices after school?

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At the weekend, how much time do you spend on devices?

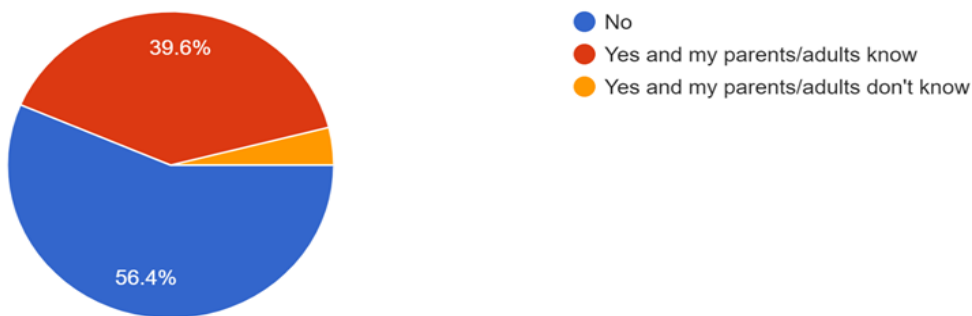
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Children spent more time on their devices at the weekend. During the week 36.6% of pupils are using devices for the recommended time of an hour a day. At the weekend, 23.8% of pupils do this at the weekend. There are more children spending more time on their devices than last year. Digital leaders have two differing opinions about this, some think it depends on what you are doing on the device e.g homework, times table rock stars etc. Others think that it doesn't matter that you shouldn't spend too much time on your devices regardless of what you are doing.

If you find out an age restriction for a game and it is inappropriate for your age you ask permission but your parents say no, would you still play it?

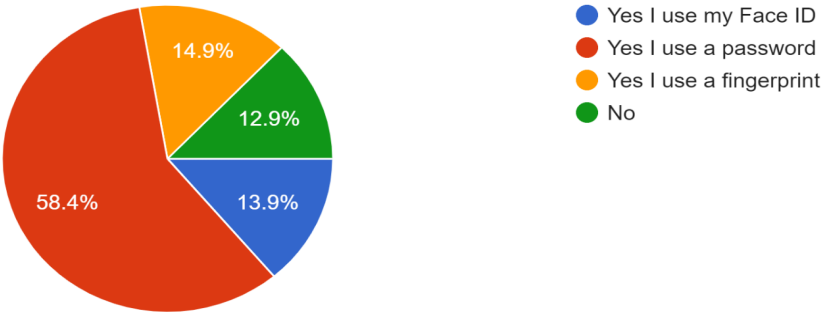
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It is a positive picture that over half the pupils would make the right choice (56.4%). This is also a bad thing because the other half of the pupils are not listening to their adults about the choices they make. The percentage of pupils playing without adult permission has gone down however we still need to include this in family sessions with pupils working alongside their family members.

At home, do you use a special secure password for things you do on the internet/device?

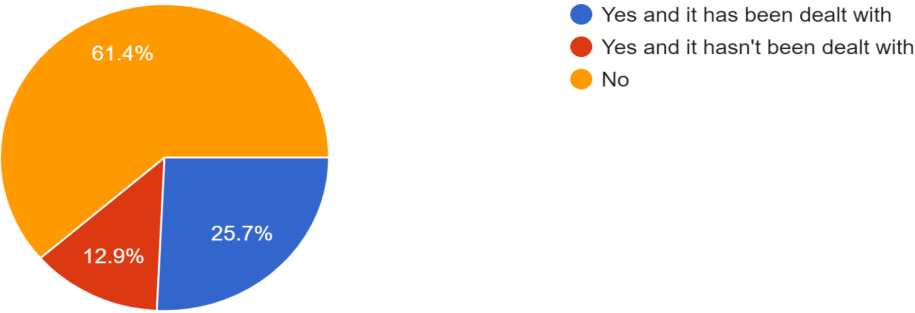
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This is a great picture as 12.9% of pupils don't use a password at home. There was 25.8% in 2022 not using passwords on devices and this has reduced to 12.9% this year. This has halved.

Have you ever been bullied online? Including using a mobile technology. Please remember bullying is more than once (repetitive)

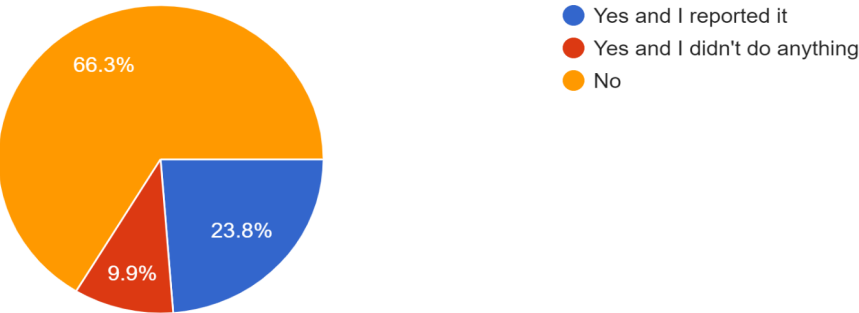
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This is a quite positive picture because 61.4% of pupils say they haven't been bullied, 25.7% say they have but it has been dealt with. 13 children say they haven't dealt with the bullying incident. 38.6% say they have been bullied in comparison to 25.6% in 2022 so we have seen an increase in bullying.

In the last year have you seen something to make you worried, scared or sad online?

101 responses



This is a positive picture most of KS2 haven't seen something to make them worried, scared or sad. Of the 34 children who had 24 had reported it and 10 didn't.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 15th May—Y6 at Black Country Museum all day.

Tuesday 16th May—Police visiting EYFS

Thursday 18th May—Y3 at Cadbury World all day & Fire Service visiting EYFS

Monday 22nd May—Y5 computing session - Microbots session in school

Tuesday 23rd May—Y6 computing session - Microbots session in school

Wednesday 24th May—Y3 computing session—Robotics session in school

Thursday 25th May—Y4 computing session—Robotics session in school, 2.15pm, Online safety workshop for YR children and parents

Friday 26th May—Mini Marathon day and "Bring a Bottle" for PTA.

Break up for Whitsun, at normal time.

WHITSUN HALF-TERM

Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June 2023

Monday 5th June—start of summer term 2

Thursday 8th June—Dance club attending Dance festival at Forest Arts Centre

Friday 9th June—Y5 visit to Walsall Art Gallery. 1.30pm-3pm—Makaton Workshop for parents that requested a place. If anyone would like a place, please see the school office.

Monday 12th June & Tuesday 13th June—Bikeability L1&L2 for Y6 and Y5 pupils (aged 10 and over) - more details to follow

Wednesday 14th June—9am, New to Reception parents meeting

Thursday 15th June—KS1 trip to the seaside

Friday 16th June—Street teams (online safety & exploitation) sessions for Reception to Y5

Wednesday 21st June—9am, New to Nursery parents meeting

Monday 26th June—Dance workshops all day as part of Sports Week, inc. sports days—KS2 9.15am
Wednesday 28th June, Nursery 9.15am Thursday 29th June, KS1 and Reception 9.15am Friday 30th June

Tuesday 27th June—Y3 and Y4 computing session—Robotics in school. Tri-golf as part of sports week.

Wednesday 28th June—Tri-golf as part of sports week. 3pm, PTA Summer Fayre

Thursday 29th June—Y6 visit to the theatre to watch 'The Demon Dentist'

Monday 3rd July—Climbing Wall in school as part of sports week

Thursday 13th July—Y6 PROM (times to be confirmed)

Friday 14th July—EYFS Graduation (times to follow) and annual reports to parents

Monday 17th July—3pm-4pm Parents book look for YR-Y6 parents & meet the teacher for YR-Y5 parents

Tuesday 18th July—Y5, last swimming session

Wednesday 19th July—1.30pm Y6 Leaver's assembly

Friday 21st July—WOW of the year assembly

1.30pm—Break up for summer holidays (no clubs on this day)

Monday 24th July & Tuesday 25th July—TRAINING DAY, no children in school on these days.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Wednesday 26th July 2023—Friday 1st September 2023