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Mrs Ellis To Retire At The End of The School Year

After 32 years working at our school, Mrs Ellis has taken the decision to retire at the end of the school year.

Mrs Ellis has fulfilled a wide variety of roles during her time at our school, most recently those of Assistant Headteacher, SENCO and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). She is extremely knowledgeable and has supported a great number of children and other members of our pupils' families. She has been a big part of our school for a number of years - and has made many great friends during this time. There is no doubt that she thoroughly deserves the opportunity to retire but she will be greatly missed by all of the staff and pupils. We wish her the very best of luck and the very best for the future.

The school has appointed a new Assistant Headteacher (who will also be the school's SENCO and DSL). Mrs Lloyd will take up this position at the beginning of September and we are looking forward to welcoming her to our school.

Mrs Lloyd, along with Mrs Ellis, will be attending the New Intake Information Evening - so the parents and carers of our new Reception children will get to meet her next week. Therefore we felt that it was important that we shared the news of Mrs Ellis's retirement and Mrs Lloyd's appointment with you all.

I'm sure many of you will want to pass on your own best wishes to Mrs Ellis over the next two months.

Good Luck Mrs Roberts-Cann – You'll be an amazing mum!

Next week will be Mrs Roberts-Cann's final week in school, before she starts her maternity leave and gets ready for the arrival of her first child.

Although this is an extremely exciting time for her, and her husband, we will greatly miss her being in school and wish them both all the happiness in the world as they enjoy becoming a family of three.

Provided the baby doesn't decide to make an early appearance, Mrs Roberts-Cann's final day in school will be on Friday 26th May. On this day, the children in Year 1 will be having a party to celebrate everything they have achieved this year and to wish their teacher the very best of luck.

For the final 6 weeks of the school year, Miss Knight will be joining the KS1 team of teachers - which will mean that Mrs Moss and Miss Hunt will primarily be teaching in Year 1, while Mrs Birchall and Miss Knight will be primarily based in Year 2.

KS2 SATs

There has been a lot of media attention about the End of Key Stage 2 SATs this year. There is no doubt that the level of challenge was extremely high and questions need to be asked of the people (and agencies) responsible for determining which texts and questions should be asked of children at the end of their primary school years.

That said, I don't feel - as a school - that we could have been any more proud of ALL of the children in Year 6 for the hard work, effort and determination that they showed to do their very best. They were amazing (and I hope they display the same positive attitude and endeavour during the remainder of their time at our school AND when they start the next stage of their journey, at high school, in September).

We will not get to find out how well they have performed until 11th July (just before we finish for the summer). However, there is no doubt that our pupils didn't give up, they attempted as many questions as they possibly could and they used all of the time available to them).

If you are interested in seeing the infamous tricky reading paper, you can view the [reading materials here](#) see and see the [questions here](#).

What's Coming Up?

- Mon 22 May **Class Photographs** - Please ensure that your child is dressed in full school uniform - with the correct coloured socks - and looking as smart as possible.
- Tues 23 May **5:30pm New Intake Information Evening** - for all parents and carers of the children who will be starting at our school in September

25th & 26th May **Year 5 Residential Visit to London**
 – including river cruise from Westminster Pier, ride on the London Eye, watching Matilda The Musical and a visit to the Natural History Museum

Thurs 25th May **Last Day to place an order for the Father's Day Surprise Room.** You need to make a payment on School Spider and return your order form.

29th May to 2nd June - Half Term

5th to 16th June **Year 4 Multiplication Check** - This is the time for our Year 4 pupils to show how well they know their multiplication facts!

Tues 6th June **Aladdin Dress Rehearsal** - The children in school will be able to watch the dress rehearsal of Destiny Dance's pantomime: Aladdin

Thurs 8th June **5:30pm Performance of Aladdin**

Fri 9th June **Year 4 Class Visit to The Catalyst Museum** - to take part in two science workshops

12th to 16th June **Phonics Screening Check Week** for the children in Year 1

Fri 16th June **Father's Day Surprise Room** (ahead of Father's Day on Sunday 18th June). You must have ordered (and purchased) a gift via School Spider on, or before, 25th May for your child to take part.

Thurs 22nd June **Bake Sale** to raise money for the charity - WWR Wings - that came to school and safety rescued (and rehabilitated) the sparrowhawk that took up residence in our school hall before Easter.

Tues 27th June **CHANGE OF DATE - Sports Day** - Juniors (am) and Infants (pm)

Due to the Year 1 and Year 4 tests taking place at the beginning of June, we have decided to move Sports Day

to a date that will ensure that every child gets to take part. We hope anybody who has booked time off work for the original date (Tuesday 13th June) is able to reschedule this, so they can still get to see their child or grandchild take part!

Thurs 29th June **Year 4 and Year 5 Science Day at St Chad's** (from 12:30 until 15:00)

3rd, 4th & 5th July **Year 6 Pupils at their high schools for three consecutive transition days**

4th & 5th July **Move Up Days** - so the children get to experience what life will be like next year, when they return to school in September.

Mon 10th July **Year 5 Class Trip to Daresbury Laboratories**

Tues 11th July **5:30pm Year 6 Production - Porridge**

Fri 14th July **School closes at 1:45pm**

Summer Holidays

Our school reopens to pupils on Tuesday 5th September 2023

School Holiday Dates for 2023/24

	First day of term	Last day of term
Autumn Term	Tuesday 5 September 2023	Friday 27 October 2023
	Monday 6 November 2023	Thursday 21 December 2023
Spring Term	Wednesday 3 January 2024	Friday 9 February 2024
	Monday 19 February 2024	Wednesday 27 March 2024
Summer Term *	Monday 15 April 2024	Friday 24 May 2024
	Tuesday 4 June 2024	Wednesday 17 July 2024

* Includes May Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May 2024

INSET Days

Monday 4 Sept 2023	Thursday 28 March 2024	Monday 3 June 2024	Thursday 18 July 2024	Friday 19 July 2024
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Father's Day Surprise Room

Child(ren)'s name:

Class(es):

	Price	Quantity	Total
Gift for dad (or stepdad)	£3.50		
Gift for grandpa	£3.50		

I have made a payment of £ on School Spider.

These gifts are for:

Please write the names clearly – exactly as you would like them to appear on the label.