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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a particularly busy one for our Year 6 children and staff. We are immensely proud of all of the children in Year 6 who have taken everything in their stride. SATs are a standardised test across the country and provide the Department for Education with information about English and Maths and inform key priorities for the development of the curriculum nationally. The tests also provide an indicator about what to prioritise as children move onto their next stage of education. Like any test however they do not reflect the unique character of each child, their qualities or the skills and talents they have in other areas such as Art, PE, Languages or Science. The year 6 children should be proud of how supportive they have been of each other, the mature attitude they have displayed and know that we have been extremely impressed with the way in which they have displayed our HEART values throughout and always tried their best. Thoughts now will turn to transitions to new schools, the PGL residential, end of year production and so many more opportunities to continue to learn and grow.

### **Sports achievements**

This term we have once again been able to open the swimming pool and our children are benefitting from regular swimming lessons and swimming club sessions that are being run for some year groups. Each class is also using their Athletics lessons to practice for Sports Day and we are putting together final plans for sports week.

Some of our children have also represented the school at events run by the Arthur Mellows Academy. A team from Year 4,5 and 6 participated in an accessible sports event and were able to try out indoor curling, boccia, dance and other events. Mrs Sewell said that the children all took part enthusiastically and were fabulous role models for the school.

### **Walk, bike, scoot to school**



Next week the School and Eco council have organised a walk, bike and scoot to school week. They have planned and delivered an assembly to the children and are really keen to promote coming to school under their own steam. We know that not everyone is able to walk or bike the whole way to school but we would encourage you to park a little further of you who take part, so please do send in some selfies!

### **Park Farm**

Once again we will be attending the Open Farm event on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at Park Farm and the PFSA will be running a stand. All money that the PFSA raise goes back into providing fantastic opportunities for the children that they may not be able to access otherwise. The PFSA would be grateful for support with prizes for the Rainbow Raffle and the Teddy Tombola. If you are able to spare some time over the weekend to help out (even if it is 30 minutes) then please see one of the PFSA members or let me know on the gate at the start or end of the day. We are thrilled to be able to support this event and we look forward to seeing lots of you there!





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## Attendance

We continue to work closely with families to remove barriers to both attendance and punctuality. We really appreciate how hard our families are working to make sure that the children are in school and in on time. Did you know that missing 5 minutes of school every day can add up to 3 days of missed school in the year. Please do get in contact with us if you need support with attendance. For more information on attendance please see our website under Our School, Policies and Protocols, Attendance Policy.



## Expansion at The Duke of Bedford Primary

As some of you will be aware from the releases in the local press, Peterborough cabinet have approved plans for the school to expand. This involves the internal reconfiguration of the current toilets to provide more toilet facilities and the addition of one mobile unit. This unit provides two classroom spaces, toilets, storage and a cloakroom area. This will enable the school to increase the number of children it takes in each year from 30 to 45. We will continue to work with the Local authority on this to ensure that we maintain the strengths of the school as highlighted in our recent Ofsted and are able to serve the needs of the local community.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Hales



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### Dates for the Diary

19 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School week – organised by the ECO council
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	End of Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Professional Day – no children in school
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Start of term
15 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 PGL
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 AMVC move up day
14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 residential
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to parents – sent via email
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers performance
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Thorney Abbey Service
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Duke of Bedford Talent Contest
	End of term