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Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the Summer term has crept up on us and here we are on the last day of the academic year. Sports days, Plays, Leavers Services and a Pool Party too, there has been so much to see and so much to do. Every child has grown and achieved this year academically, socially and personally, ready to take on the next challenge. As always it has been a privilege to be able to be part of this journey and the dedication of all the staff at The Duke of Bedford has supported all the children to thrive. Thankyou for the cards, gifts and above all kind words that have been shared with us. Some families will be saying their final goodbye as their youngest child leaves the school and we thank you for your years of support and ask that you keep us up to date on what happens next. We love to see children coming back to events at the school so we can catch up on all of their news!

### **Goodbyes**

Not only are we saying goodbye to the Class of 2025, we are also saying goodbye to a number of staff and volunteers. Mr Meadows has been with us for most of the year and is now moving onto new challenges, we wish him luck with all he does and look forward to hearing regular updates from him.

Mr Dyke is also moving on to new challenges, following his passion for Football coaching he is carving out his career in this area after a period of time spent gaining his coaching badges to enable him to continue to progress. Mr Dyke has been on many a residential, held numerous sports clubs and developed new skills such as swim coaching while here at The Duke of Bedford. We wish him luck with his next adventure.

James who has been the school's Head chef for Dolce is also leaving us today, keeping the kitchen running and serving delicious food each day, we will miss James and everything he does for the children and the school. James is continuing to chef locally, and I know that he would love you to say hello if you see him.

Mr Cowdell, steps down as Chair of Governors and we thank him for his 7 years volunteering as a Governor. Moving forward Mrs Allgood and Mrs O'Sullivan will be co- chairing Governors during the Autumn term. We were pleased to present Mr Cowdell with a gift and his own Headteachers certificate and Heart values award at a recent assembly.

This term has been one filled with music, with the choir performing, School – o – Vision hitting our stage and the Leavers service at the Abbey. Mr and Mrs Coates are taking a step back from their music commitments and after many years involved in music at the school, we know that the children have a healthy appreciation of music and that it will continue to thrive and grow from the strong foundations that have been laid. We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Coates for all they have done for the pupils through singing assemblies and choir productions. We are looking forward to continuing to support the choir and will keep you posted.

### **Welcome**

In September we will be welcoming Miss Tigie to the staff team. Miss Tigie is joining us as a Teaching Assistant and will be working predominantly across some of the KS2 classes. We will also be welcoming Mr Pickering who will be providing PE and Sports coaching support one day a week. We know that the children will welcome them warmly and we look forward to them joining our team.

### **Achievements**

We are always proud of our children and the effort that they put into each and every lesson and every minute of the day. We celebrate all of our children's achievements, sporting, creative, social and academic. This term the Year 6 children completed their SATs and we are thrilled with the data. We would like to thank our staff, pupils and parents for their support to help our children achieve such fantastic results.



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SATS	Duke of Bedford Attainment % meeting expected standard	National Attainment % meeting expected standard
Combined Reading, Writing and Maths	81	62
Reading	87	75
Maths	87	74
Writing	87	72
GPS	90	73

### Uniform

We pride ourselves on being smart and ready for learning at The Duke of Bedford but also being practical and supporting families financially. As you start to look at uniform and items for school please remember children do not need individual pencil cases or equipment, these are provided by us. Book bags are available from the School Reception at a small cost and are a good alternative to a large rucksack to carry items to and from school. When buying uniform, we do not require it to have the school logo on but this option is available should you choose. Peterborough City Council are running a used uniform event over the holidays and we would encourage you to see what they have available. The event will be held on August 1st at the Queensgate Shopping Centre, near the Superdry store, from 11am to 4pm.

We encourage all our children to wear their uniform smartly. All items of uniform must be labelled. It consists of the following:

- Navy sweatshirt/cardigan
- White or blue polo shirt (with logo if preferred)
- Grey tailored school trousers/ skirt/ shorts/pinafore
- Black/ grey/ white socks plain/ grey tights
- Black shoes (no trainers)

Optional: During the summer months pupils may choose to wear a blue/white checked dress.

Uniform labelled with The Duke of Bedford logo is available at: <https://myclothing.com/>

Examples of school shoes (not exhaustive). We ask that trainers are not worn as every day school shoes but kept for PE. It has been really pleasing to see more hardwearing and practical shoes on the market to enable active playtimes in both the main shoe shops and the Supermarkets.





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## PE Uniform

House coloured t-shirt (red, blue or green depending on their house). This can be ordered with the school logo on or be plain (please match school colours though).

Plain navy blue or black shorts.

Sensible plain trainers (not plimsolls or fashion shoes) for outdoor use, bare feet inside.

Children may also wear a plain navy or black tracksuit when it is cold during outside lessons.

Earrings **must** be removed for P.E and swimming lessons.

## Next steps

As the academic year draws to a close, it is always good to reflect and we know that there are areas we can continue to improve and look forward to working with you our parents and families as partners, as we continue to strive to provide the very best for every single child who attends The Duke of Bedford Primary School. Thank you to those of you who have filled in the Report Survey, if you would still like to leave a comment please use the following link

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=J37p6PNpiUC5Zt4zM5EW39OszxfCCgVFrkcK6kubejFUNU84ODczSTRRS05VNzhLMUhRRFFHMIJRTS4u>

In the Autumn term we will be sharing our plans for the continued development of outside learning and play areas. We will be seeking both child and parent views and hope to have your support in continuing to create an area that the children can be active in, and have opportunities to be curious and adventurous. We are currently seeking Grants, sponsorship and support from companies to do this so please do get in contact if you think you may be able to help.

To support parents in planning ahead please see the Dates for the Diary section of the newsletter below. We hope that everyone has a restful break and that the sunshine stays with us for a little longer! We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Hales



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## Dates for the Diary

1 <sup>st</sup> September	Professional Day 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Professional Day 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Start of Term 1 for children
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photos
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Harvest Celebration
24 <sup>th</sup> October	End of Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Start of Term 2
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Provisional Matinee Christmas performance
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Provisional Evening Christmas performance
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Provisional Morning Christmas performance
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle at the Abbey (Year 6 parents invited)
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Professional Day 3
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Term 3
28 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 residential
13 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Start of Term 4
27 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 5
11 <sup>th</sup> May to 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	End of Term
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Professional Day 4
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Start of Term 6
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 4 MT check window opens
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics check window opens
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Service at Thorney Abbey (Year 6 parents invited)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 6
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Professional Day 5