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Newsletter 12 - 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Term Dates

Here are the remaining term dates for the Summer. Please note, we may have more dates added but will keep you informed. Those highlighted in yellow are new since the last newsletter.

Date	Infant	Junior	Notes
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Schools reopen at 8.40 am for Summer 2		
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June		Mental Health in Schools Team in To work with Year 6	Sessions to support with transition to High school
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 - 11.30 Mental Health in Schools Team sessions with parents		Infant Nursery
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June		Ellise Owen in for Y6 sessions for transition	
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> June		Y5/6 Girls' cricket & Kwik Cricket competition for selected children	
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 trip to Holkham Hall		
Week beg June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 and 2 phonics screening checks	Y4 Multiplication Checks	
Tue June 11 <sup>th</sup>		Author visit Amanda Hartley Years 3-6	
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Joint assembly for years 2 and 3 at juniors		Infant to Junior transition
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Athletics at Taverham High School		
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Day of welcome		A Day of Welcome aims to build a culture of welcome and understanding for people seeking sanctuary. Celebrated by over 530 schools and tens of thousands of pupils in 2023, it designed to start Refugee Week.
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 Pensthorpe Trip		
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception and parent session 9.15		For children joining Reception in September 24
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup> June	EB2 tour of the Junior School with Mrs Pedlow		Infant to Junior transition
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June		Y2-4 Tennis Competition for selected children	
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June	KR2 tour of the Junior School with Mrs Pedlow		
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> June	RP2 tour of the school with Mrs Pedlow		
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 - 11.30 Mental Health in Schools Team sessions with parents		Infant Nursery

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Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> June		Y3-6 Panathlon at Taverham High school for selected children
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> June	12 - 1.15 Free debt support/ advice drop in for families	Ask at the Junior Office if you wish to come in
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> June 12 noon to 1pm	Family Picnic on the field. Details to follow.	If wet, we will need to postpone
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> June 1.15pm	Year 2 art exhibition for parents	
Thu June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 and 3 paired reading sessions	Infant to Junior Transition
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> July		Team Day event - children only Children to come in PE kit
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> July		Sports' event for children only with West Norwich Sports' partnership
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Team Day event - children only Children to come in PE kit	
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> July		Sports' event for children only with West Norwich Sports' partnership
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> July		Y6 Team Building Transition Festival Taverham High School for selected children
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Karate Taster sessions for Infant children	
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> July		Ellise Owen wellbeing sessions for Junior children
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 - 11.30 Mental Health in Schools Team sessions with parents	Infant Nursery
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> July		Neatherd High School to Visit Year 6 children
Week beg 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 10 Work Experience Students in	
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> July		Wellbeing sessions for the children with the Sports' partnership
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> July		Ellise Owen Y6 transition session
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year reports out to parents/carers	
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Rocksteady Concert for Infant 'Rocksteady' parents 9.15	
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 performances for parents/carers	Timings for Y6 performances <b>9.15 GB6</b> <b>10.30 KH6</b> <b>2pm GG6</b> 2 adults per child, no younger siblings. If you have younger siblings and no one to look after them, please dojo your child's teacher in advance and we can arrange for you to come to a dress rehearsal
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July		Y6 leavers' party (in school time)
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Tennis multiskills Taverham High School for selected children	
Week beg July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 work experience	
Week beg July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Transition week for Years R to 6. All children in current Years R to 5 will spend the week in their new classes	Enhanced transition
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> /Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> July		All Year 6 in
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>		Y6 attending Northgate or Neatherd for 3 days  High School Transition If your child is in Year 6 but NOT attending one of the Dereham High Schools, they will have separate arrangements but should attend here when not at their new schools.

Date	Infant	Junior	Notes
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception group A visiting 9.15-11.30		
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception group A visiting 9.15-1.30 and staying for lunch		
Tue July 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 - 11.30 Mental Health in Schools Team sessions with parents		Infant Nursery
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception group B visiting 9.15-11.30		
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception group B visiting 9.15-1.30 and staying for lunch		
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term		

**These dates are subject to change if necessary but we want to give you sufficient notice to be able to make arrangements to attend.**

Please keep a note of the dates relating to your child.

### Junior Lunch Money

Please ensure your account is up to date before we come back after half term. Thankyou.

### Staff Changes

Sadly, at the end of term we always say goodbye to people as they move on.

At the end of term we will be saying goodbye to three of our staff.

**Mrs Feeke** is retiring and looking forward to new challenges as a Granny and new experiences there. Mrs Feeke has been with the schools for many years, and is a very experienced person in offering support, guidance and advice to children and families alike. Her contribution to keeping children safe and supporting children and families is invaluable, and we are very sorry to see her go. Her calm manner, her approachability and her ability to always focus on the children's best interests will be a hard act to follow. However, we wish her well in her new adventures although we will miss her!

**Mrs Ratcliffe** is also leaving us at the end of term for new challenges too. Mrs Ratcliffe has worked as a TA in Reception for ten years now, and has been a constant source of care and support for all of the children she has worked with. Her commitment to them, and wanting the best for them, has been a pleasure to watch. She will be much missed by us all too.

**Mrs Hughes** is also retiring at the end of term. Mrs Hughes joined us in Year 6 in the Summer term 2018, just before SATS, and quickly became a valued member of the team. Her commitment to the children at a difficult time of transition has been much appreciated, as has her calm manner and dedication to ensuring the children are High school ready when they leave us. She has also been a great support to newer staff to teaching and given support and guidance. We will miss her but hope she enjoys her retirement!

**Miss Marks**, one of our Year 6 TAs, leaves to go on maternity leave at the end of term. We wish her luck with the new addition to her family and look forward to meeting the new arrival.

We are pleased to share that **Miss Sophie White** will be joining us in September as a teacher at the Junior School. She has carried out her training with us at the Infant school and another school working with Junior children. We look forward to welcoming her as a teacher in September and she is joining us in transition week for a few days also.

**Mrs Ponder** returns to us in September after her maternity leave and will be with us on Thursdays and Fridays. We will also see her as she does a few days in school this term.

### Race Days

Thank you all for attending our race days. It was a bit touch and go with the weather but the children all performed well and loved seeing you all. Thank you to all of the adults for organising this and to the children too, especially the sports' helpers who assisted so well on both days.

### **Tesco Blue Tokens**

We have a slot in the Tesco blue tokens voting, so please do consider putting your blue token in the box for us. It is to enhance the children's outdoor provision and experiences.

Thankyou for your support, as always.

### **Another busy half term**

We have had such a lot of things happening this half term! Please do take a look on the website or follow us on 'X' where we share lots of things that have been taking place in our schools.

We appreciate your support from reading with the children, supporting with homework, following our uniform code and supporting us when things are tricky as we work together for the children.

### **Uniform and PE**

Please do remember that shorts for PE should be the black PE shorts, such as you can buy from Tesco, and NOT cycling shorts or other shorts as these are not appropriate for school. If you are buying new PE trainers, our uniform rules are for black trainers also. Please remember these should be trainers suitable for PE and not fashion shoes or shoes such as Hi Tops. They need to be suitable for sports' use.

Please also remember that on PE days the children should come in appropriate PE kit, as shared previously, and in school shoes and have their trainers in a bag on their peg so we don't bring in the grass etc.

### **Shared Playtime**

The children all enjoyed another shared playtime today across the two schools, as requested by the School Council. Lovely to see them so happy to spend time with brothers, sisters and friends.

### **Parental Referral Requests**

We have seen an increase in parents requesting forms to be filled in for referrals to services such as NDS or requests for assessments, as is reported by many other schools.

Please note a GP is able to make NDS referrals, although they will often refer back to a school.

As in all schools, we have limited resources, and we cannot guarantee a specific time frame to be able to complete these, and we will work through them in order we receive them, just as a hospital or GP surgery would.

Please understand this is not a quick process and we have a whole range of duties to perform and we have to prioritise as best we can.

Thankyou for your understanding.

We hope everyone has a good half term and we look forward to hearing all about it from the children afterwards.

## FOTS Book Sale

As a fundraiser, FOTS will be holding a fund raiser of a pre-loved book sale at the family picnic on June 26<sup>th</sup>. After half term, please send in any suitable books to either school office. Thankyou




## FOTS Bags2School

FOTS are also holding a Bags2School collection. A clear bag will come home with your child after half term . If you are having a clear out, please bear us in mind. Please do not send in bags before 20<sup>th</sup> June as we have no storage.

**BAG 2 SCHOOL**  
FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS  
In partnership with your school or organisation  
**Toftwood Infant and Junior School Federation**



 Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.

 By using this paper leaflet we are helping to reduce unnecessary extra plastic. Please use your own bag or bags (there is no limit). The leaflet is FSC accredited, please recycle it.


When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

*We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:*  
**Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.**  
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

**The more we weigh the more we pay!**  
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

**Please return your Bag2School on:**

**Thursday 20 June 2024 by 9am**





# Newsletter



Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre, in partnership with Dereham Baptist Church



An incredible £14,727.98 (including Gift Aid and after processing fees) was contributed through the Aviva Community Fund. We deeply appreciate every donation, no matter the size, as well as the support from Aviva Employees. The funds collected will help the debt centre sustain client services and conduct money coaching sessions.



This week the Annual Client Report has been published at [capuk.org](http://capuk.org), providing evidence on the impact of the increased cost of living and the realities of life for many families within the UK. Over the past two years, the UK has seen a sharp rise in the everyday cost of living and it has left many households in financial crisis. If this is you, please reach out and see if CAP can help.

"Our heart is that people would have enough not only to survive, but to thrive."

Our debt services are free, and available for those living in Dereham and the surrounding villages. There are other centres in Norfolk and across the UK.

For free debt help phone 0800 328 0006. Visit [capuk.org](http://capuk.org) for more info

Many people don't think they're entitled to claim benefits, but a huge number of individuals who've used the benefit calculator on CAP's website have collectively found more than £100 million of additional annual income over the past year.  
<https://capuk.org/money-and-debt-advice/benefits-calculator>

In September, we will be marking 5 years of the Dereham Debt Centre, celebrating the numerous families who have benefited from our services to become debt-free. We are seeking donations from local businesses for an auction to raise funds. Kindly reach out to [catherineweatherill@capuk.org](mailto:catherineweatherill@capuk.org) if you can contribute.

## Football Opportunities

# + PLAYERS NEEDED!



**We are looking for players to join our Academy sides in age groups between U11 – U16.**

- **UEFA B Licenced Coaches**
- **Training and fixture programme on 4G pitch in the Junior Premier League.**
- **Regular trips and tours in the UK and abroad.**
- **16 professional academy contracts signed in 15 years.**



**Scan the QR code to find out more and sign up.**

**GET IN TOUCH**  
[personalbestsoccer@outlook.com](mailto:personalbestsoccer@outlook.com)

## D Day Celebrations

Dereham Aid Centre  
&  
Dereham Community Crafters  
present...

# DEREHAM D-DAY

## 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**FREE CELEBRATIONS**

Ellenor Fenn Garden and  
Dereham Aid Centre

6th of June | 2-9pm

- 1940s songs from Swingtones
- Serving free war time food
- Meet Neil Storey, Historian, Author and Reenactor as a soldier just back from the beaches
- BBC D-Day wartime recordings



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