

17<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

**PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE – 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

Welcome back to our Summer Term – we hope you all had a great break and are looking forward to the Easter weekend. As we embrace the warmer weather and longer days, there is a wonderful sense of excitement throughout school. The building is prepped and ready for its roof refurbishment and we have lots of planned events we wish to share for your diaries.

**Statutory Assessment Dates (a reminder of the information previously published in the 10<sup>th</sup> January update):**

This year's statutory assessment dates are shown below. It is crucial that children in these year groups attend school leading up to, and particularly during, the assessment period so they do not miss key review preparations and the statutory tests.

**KS2 SATs**

Year 6 pupils will be taking their Key Stage 2 SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests) from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The SATs are nothing to worry about and are the same as other tests that our children have taken during their time at Richmond Hill, with the main difference being that they are marked externally and not by school staff. It is important our children just try their best and show the confidence and resilience they have developed over these years.

**Year 1 Phonics Screening Check**

The Phonics Screening Check for all Year 1 children and Y2 re-sits will take place during w/c 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025. A Parents' Meeting (virtually via Microsoft Teams) to give parents information about the Phonics Screening Check has been arranged for 3.45pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April - link to follow.

**Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check**

The MTC tests for our Year 4 pupils will take place during w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> June and w/c 9<sup>th</sup> June.

**KS1 Assessments:**

Pupils in Year 2 will start their assessments from 7<sup>th</sup> May-9<sup>th</sup> May and will continue during w/c 19<sup>th</sup> May (following the Y6 SATs).

**Richmond Hill's Got Talent:**

Back by popular demand and after much persuasion from our children (they are very good at this) we will see 'Richmond Hill's Got Talent' planned to take place at the end of June. A chance for our children to showcase their wonderful talents and interest. Get practicing!

**VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May:**

We will be commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day with special celebrations across the school. This important historical milestone provides our children with a valuable opportunity to reflect on themes of peace and community spirit. Our planned activities will bring history to life through age-appropriate learning experiences and an afternoon celebration on the school field in the afternoon. Pupils are invited to bring along a treat to eat on the field (example: bun, biscuit – no nuts/nut products) for the afternoon sing-a-long.



**Class Photographs:**

The School Photographer will be in school on Wednesday 4th June to take class photographs.

**With Me in Mind:**

We are very pleased to be working with a mental health support team based in Doncaster who will be visiting our Y6 pupils for sessions to focus on emotional health and wellbeing in preparation for their transition to secondary school as well as coping with exam stress.

**Healthy Week:**

Healthy week will be taking place during w/c 16th June where pupils will be taking part in a whole week of sporting activities. Details about all the arrangements for Healthy Week and Sports Days will be published in the next Principal's Update.

**Sports Day for KS1 (Y1/Y2)**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

**10.00am-12.00 noon**

**Sports Day for KS2 (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6)**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

**1.30pm-3.00pm**

**Sports Day for Reception and ALL Nursery\***

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**10.00am-12.00 noon**

\*Nursery 15 hours end of week children should come to school for 8.35am and will stay with us for lunch on this day finishing at 3.00pm as usual (please remember to book your child's extra lunch for that day if applicable).

\*Nursery 15 hours beginning of week children will start at the usual 8.35am but will leave a little later about 12.00 noon that day when their sports day has been completed.

**Opera North Wonderland Restored:**

Some of our pupils from Year 4 are working with Opera North to perform a production of Wonderland Restored which will be held at the Dome at the end of June.

**Transition:**

Transition will see the whole school (children new to Reception up to new Y6) spend some time with their new class teachers for September on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Children new to Nursery will also visit during the transition week.

**Easter Bank Holiday:**

School closes	3.15pm on Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
Good Friday	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April – school closed to pupils
Easter Monday	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April – school closed to pupils
School re-opens	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April

**May Day Bank Holiday:**

School closed to pupils on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Half Term Holiday:**

School closes	3.15pm on Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Half term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
School re-opens	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June

Regards

Yours sincerely



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Principal

# PARENTS' DIARY DATES – APRIL-JULY 2025

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup> April	WMIM (With Me In Mind) Y6 Managing Exam Stress
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1 Parents' Meeting Phonics Screen Check at 3.45pm – virtual – link to follow
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE Day 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Thursday-Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> May-9 <sup>th</sup> May	Start of Y2 Assessments – continues w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> May
Monday-Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> May-15 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 End of SATs Celebrations 1.00pm-3.10pm
w/c Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> May	Y2 Assessments continue
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Parents' Residential Meeting – virtual at 4.00pm – link to follow
MAY HALF TERM		School closes on Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May at 3.15pm School Closed Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May School re-opens Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
w/c Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y4 MTC Tests week 1/2
w/c Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> June- 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Bikeability Training
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photos – Photographer in school
w/c Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Screening Tests and Y2 Phonics re-tests
w/c Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 MTC Tests week 2/2
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Walk to St. Mary's Church
w/c Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> June	Healthy Week
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day KS1 (Y1 & Y2) 10.00am-12.00 noon KS2 (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6) 1.30pm-3.00pm
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> June	WMIM (With Me in Mind) Y6 Managing Transition to Secondary School
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day Reception and ALL Nursery 10.00am-12.00 noon
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 End of Primary Performance in the Main School Hall – 2.00pm-3.30pm - parents/carers invited
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> June	Richmond Hill's Got Talent
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> June	Trust Choir – Parents' End of Year Choir Concert
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup> June	Opera North Wonderland Restored Performance Y4 selected pupils The Dome
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> July	Reception Visit to Austerfield
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> July	Y2 Visit to Whitby
Wednesday-Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Residential Visit
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y4 Visit to Weston Park Museum
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y1 History Van Visit in-to school
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 RSE Session with School Nursing Team
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 Visit to the Great Yorkshire Show
Tuesday-Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> July-10 <sup>th</sup> July	Ridgewood School Transition Visits for new Y7 pupils
Wednesday-Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition – pupils from current Nursery to current Y5 will spend time in their new classes for September
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Disco 1.00pm-3.30pm
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3 Visit to Murton Park
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes at 3.15pm for the summer holidays

## September 2025:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September Training Day 1 School closed to pupils

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September School re-opens (staggered start dates for new Nursery and new Reception by-pass)