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## School Newsletter – June 2026 – week 8

### Important Health Notice

We are currently experiencing high levels of illness among both pupils and staff. To help prevent the spread of infection, we kindly ask that if your child is unwell, they are kept at home. In line with Public Health guidance, children should remain off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

Do I need to keep my child off school?				
<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Chicken Pox</b> Until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed
<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

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We would also encourage all families to support good hygiene practices at home. Regular and thorough handwashing with soap and warm water, particularly before eating and after using the toilet, is one of the most effective ways to reduce the spread of illness. Encouraging children to catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue (“Catch it, Bin it, Kill it”) and dispose of tissues promptly can also make a significant difference.

In addition, we would like to remind parents to be vigilant for chicken pox symptoms, which are currently more common at this time of year. Early signs can include a mild fever, headache, and general tiredness, followed by an itchy rash that develops into small red spots and fluid-filled blisters. Children with chicken pox should remain at home until all spots have crusted over, which is usually around 5 days after the rash first appears.

### Prize Giving Assembly



We are delighted to invite parents and carers to our Prize Day celebration on **Friday 12th June**. This special event recognises and celebrates the hard work, progress and

achievements of our pupils throughout the year, with awards presented to students across the school. The celebration will begin at **9:15am for mainstream classes** and at **11:00am for our specialist provision**.

We look forward to sharing this proud occasion with you and celebrating our pupils’ successes together!

### House Team Event

To celebrate the excellent behaviour shown by pupils across the year, we are excited to reward our house teams with a special treat. The winning house team will enjoy a free trip to the cinema on Friday 19th June. All other house teams will still get to join in the fun and will enjoy a cinematic experience back at school.

The winning house will be announced as part of our Prize Day celebrations—we wish all teams the very best of luck



### Leavers Plans

We are looking forward to a special week of celebrations for our P7 pupils as they prepare to leave VPS. On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, P7 pupils will take a *walk down memory lane*, revisiting some of their favourite experiences from their time at the school. On Wednesday, their day will begin with a **Big Breakfast**, which is always a highlight of the year. At 11:00am, we will hold our Leavers’ Assembly, to which we warmly invite parents of P7 pupils only. To mark the end of their time with us, pupils will then be given a guard of honour as they leave the school at 12 noon on Wednesday 24th June.



- 9<sup>th</sup> June – Tots Play Session
- 10<sup>th</sup> June – Drama Tots in S1, L1 and S2
- 12<sup>th</sup> June – Prize Day Assembly (mainstream 9.15am, specialist provision 11am)
  - PFA summer fair 2pm – 3.30pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> June – Therapy Donkey
- 17<sup>th</sup> June – Foundation Stage trip to Streamvale Farm
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – House Team Celebration Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> June – P7 last day. Leaver’s Assembly at 11am
- 25<sup>th</sup> June – class transition day
- 26<sup>th</sup> June – school closes at 12noon for all pupils.