

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break and into the summer term.

As always, we have plenty planned for the children and the school community over the next 13 weeks so please do keep an eye on the Newsletters for information as to what will be happening and what has occurred in school.

Online Safety – Excessive screen time

Screen time can offer children opportunities to learn and develop new skills at a touch of a button but like anything, too much of it can have a negative effect on their wellbeing.

[Click here](#) to download a balancing screen time guide created by "internetmatters.org" which has simple tips to help children develop healthy online habits and a good digital diet to help them thrive on and offline.

NSPCC "Speak Out. Stay Safe"

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the NSPCC's "Speak out. Stay safe" programme this term.

"Speak out. Stay safe." is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age-appropriate a virtual assembly as well as supporting classroom-based activities which we have reviewed.

The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot "Buddy".

If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout .

A whole school assembly for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will take place on Monday 29th April and be delivered by Mrs Worth.

On Friday 17th May, the Year 2 children will have an additional session alongside an NSPCC volunteer to access a "Speak Out. Stay Safe" workshop. This workshop is specifically designed to be age-appropriate for children aged 6-7.

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

<p>Parent/Carer support</p> <p>Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.</p> <p>www.nspcc.org.uk/parents</p>	<p>Activities to extend learning at home</p> <p>Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.</p> <p>www.nspcc.org.uk/activities</p>
<p>Online Safety Hub</p> <p>For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.</p> <p>www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety</p>	<p>Childline – under 12's</p> <p>Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.</p> <p>www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7)</p> <p>www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)</p>
<p>Talk PANTS with your children</p> <p>Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.</p>	

Playgroup and Reception Garden areas

Please could we remind all parents and carers to limit accessing the outside equipment before and after school. We need to ensure that the pathways are kept clear and safe for everyone moving around. Therefore, we need to insist that the bikes and scooters cannot be used before or after school.

At the end of the day, the equipment is tidied away to keep it safe from the weather, however this hasn't always been possible after children have accessed the equipment during home time.

It is particularly important that children do not use any of the equipment in the Playgroup Garden. This all belongs to Club 4 U and not the school. It is also specifically designed for much younger children.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Upcoming ESA Events

ESA Family Bonkers Bingo

Please see the [attached poster](#) for an exciting family ESA event - Family Bonkers Bingo!!

Date: Saturday May 11th
Time: 3-5pm
Cost: £4 per family member

Lots of fun activities are planned for the event, (further details are within the poster).

Booking is done via [school gateway](#)- please book ASAP as there is limited availability due to space in the hall.

Frozen Fridays



Frozen Friday's will be making a comeback from Friday 26th April and will run every Friday throughout the Summer Term, straight after school.

All Ice Lollies are £1 each and can be purchased from the main playground, just outside Hedgehog Classroom.

Payments can be made either by using cash or scanning one of QR codes.

We will also be having a bonus "Frozen Friday" on Thursday 23rd May.

NB: If there is a bit of queue, please ensure the line veers towards the Nursery to avoid blocking parents/carers collecting children from Hedgehog Classroom 😊

ESA Film Night

Straight after school on the Monday 20th May, we would like to invite the children to stay in school to have a film night. Reception will have the opportunity to watch a film in Rabbit Class whilst Year one and Year two will join together to watch a film in the school hall. Popcorn and drink will be supplied too. We have not yet confirmed which films will be shown and this information will come out in the next newsletter on the 3rd May.

Reception	Year One & Year Two
<i>Film</i>	<i>Film</i>
<i>TBC</i>	<i>TBC</i>

If your child wishes to take part in this after school ESA event, we request a donation

of £3 per child made payable through the [Schoolgateway](#) entitled "ESA Film Night". Children can then be collected from the following locations at 5pm
Reception – Rabbit Class
Year 1 – Owl Class
Year 2 – School Hall (from the courtyard)

The deadline to book film night is Friday 17th May.

Summer Fayre

After the success of the joint summer fayre and circus event last academic year, ESA and WSA have decided to join forces once again for this event. There won't be the circus element this year, but the two school communities appreciated and enjoyed these key events for both schools being held as one.

The Summer Fayre will take place on Thursday 20th June straight after school.

Since booking the date in the school diaries, it has come to our attention that England will be playing Denmark in the group stages of the Euros at 5pm on this day. We will therefore be screening the football for families and staff who wish to watch it and extend the access to the refreshment stalls during this time.

Further information about the Summer Fayre event will be shared in due course but for now we wanted to let you know to "save the date" in your diaries.

We will be extending requests out to the parental community for offers of support to volunteer on stalls and refreshments – watch out for the sign-up email 😊

Thank you in advance for your support in this popular and crucial event for raising much needed additional funds for each school 🙏🌞

Eastfield Wishlist

The funding schools receive per financial year is based primarily upon pupil numbers and covers the essential aspects of running a school i.e. staff costings, utility bills, food for lunches, staff training and a minimal range of resources. All the extra things to enhance the school's curriculum provision is where the school's fundraising becomes so vitally important.

In addition to this, it becomes increasingly more difficult to ensure that the basic resources such as pencils, paints, glue sticks, whiteboard pens etc are provided for.

Therefore, the school has an [Amazon wishlist](#) of basic everyday school resources. There is absolutely no pressure or expectation from the school for people to donate through this way but is there should you feel that you can.

Recently the school has received generous donations through this platform of stickers, pencils, glue sticks, plastic wallets, file dividers and storage equipment for our new phonic resources. These are all hugely helpful and means that it lessens the burden slightly on the overall school budget. If you are able to donate, please add your name onto the order confirmation so we can say thank you to you when it arrives!



Eastfield's Annual Art Gallery

On Monday 22nd April, the children will take part in Earth Day, Art Day. Throughout the day the children have had opportunities to talk about a range of earth related issues and discuss ways in which we can help and support our environment.

They will also have the chance to experience a range of Art skills along with a range of cross-curricular activities which include both Science and Geography.

We would like to invite parents and carers into school at 3:15pm on Thursday 25th April to experience a gallery of the children's work from this cross curricular day of activities.

The galleries will be in the children's classrooms, but you are extremely welcome to tour around all classes within school, from Nursery right the way through to Year 2, to see what every class has produced.

We just ask that no one enters the school hall to access any of the classrooms and use their external doors due to Yoga club running on that day after school.

EIFA drop in appointments

On Thursday 2nd May, Katie Smith, our allocated Education Inclusion Family Advisor is offering drop-in sessions. These sessions will be held at school and can be booked directly through Katie for time slots between 1:15 – 3pm.

More information about the drop-in session's Katie can offer support and guidance with, and how to book a session directly with her, please [click here](#).

St Ives Methodist Church Spring Fayre

The fundraising team at St Ives Methodist church are holding a spring craft fayre on Saturday 4th May.

Please [click here](#) for further information.

The event is fundraising to help support the community work done at the church especially with their tots group and events for their older generation.

All Stars Cricket

We have been asked to share the following information from the St Ives and Warboys Cricket Club:

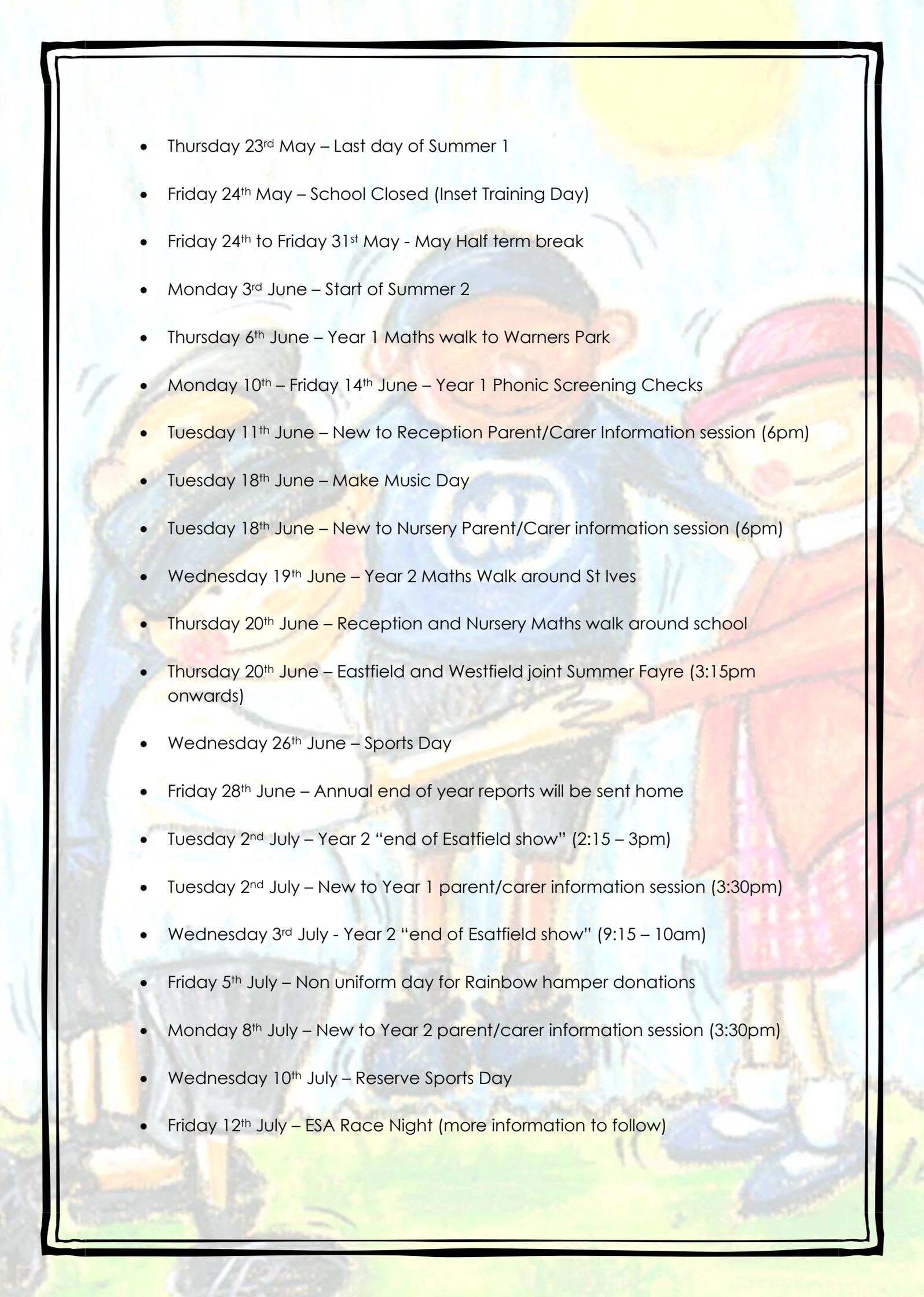
All Star Cricket sessions are aimed at 5-8 year olds. This year these sessions will be delivered at the Outdoor in St Ives starting on Saturday 10th May and running until Saturday 29th June, 9am-10am. The cost of the All Stars Cricket program also includes a personalised T-shirt pack.

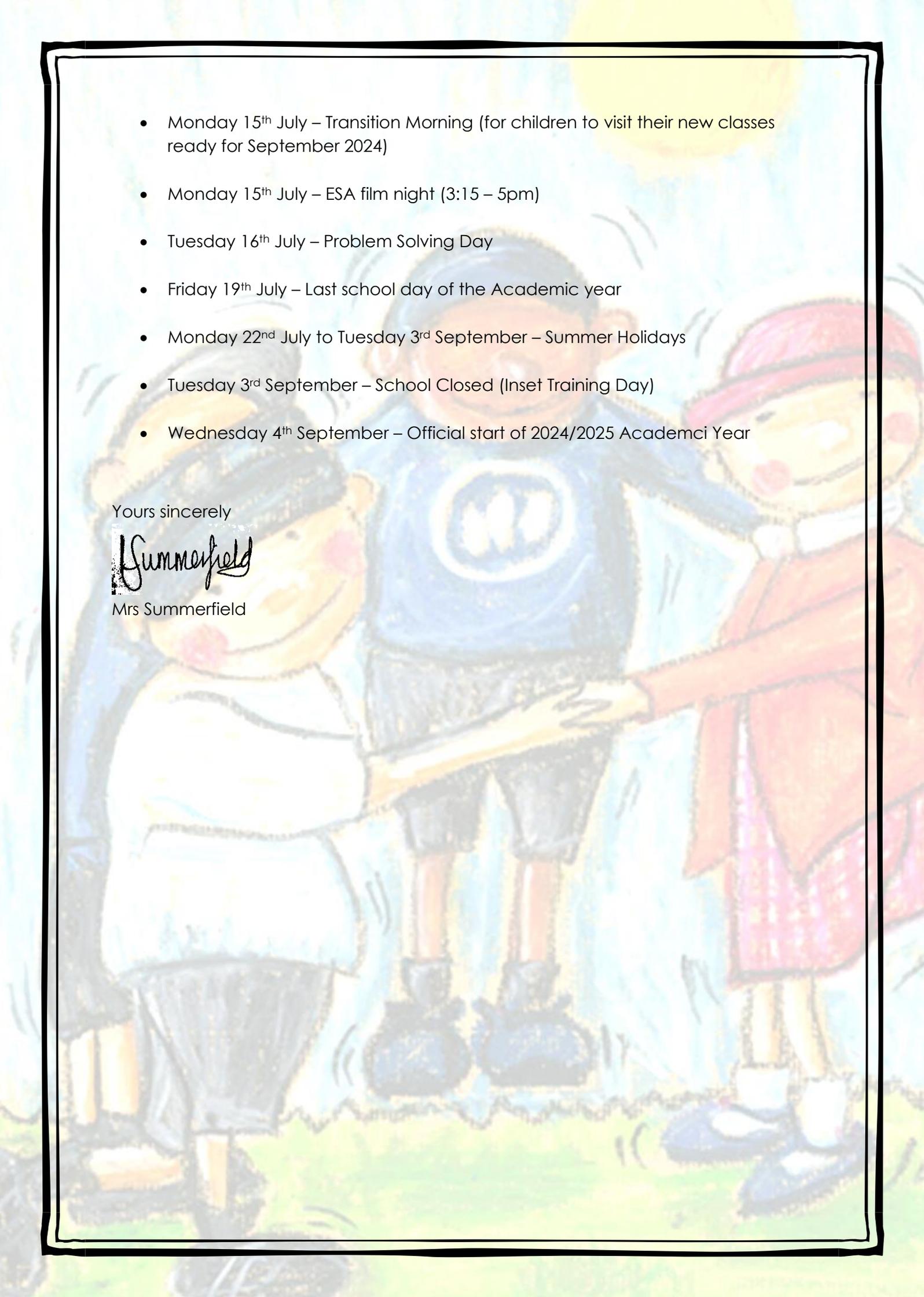
Booking opens in April during the Easter holidays but parents can register their interest or seek further information through this link <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars> or they can email siwcc.juniors@gmail.com if there are any questions (this email can also be used for any children interested in joining our older age groups this summer).

Please [click here for an information flyer](#) with further detail

Important dates for your diaries

- Monday 22nd April – Earth/Art Day (more information to follow)
- Thursday 25th April – Art Gallery for Parent/Carers. 3:15 – 4pm (more information to follow)
- Friday 26th April – the start of ESA Summer Frozen Friday's (3:15pm)
- Wednesday 1st May – Rabbit Class Assembly + Classroom visit (9 - 9:45am)
- Thursday 2nd May – Squirrel Class Assembly + Classroom Visit (9 – 9:45am)
- Monday 6th May – School Closed (Bank Holiday)
- Tuesday 7th May – Class Photo Day
- Wednesday 8th May – Year 2 visits to the Mosque (more information to follow)
- Wednesday 8th May - Owl Class Assembly + Classroom visit (9 - 9:45am)
- Thursday 9th May - Hedgehog Class Assembly + Classroom visit (9 - 9:45am)
- Saturday 11th May – ESA Family Bingo Afternoon (3-5pm)
- Monday 20th May – ESA Film Night (3:15 – 5pm)
- Tuesday 21st May – Maths in Stories Day

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- Thursday 23rd May – Last day of Summer 1
 - Friday 24th May – School Closed (Inset Training Day)
 - Friday 24th to Friday 31st May - May Half term break
 - Monday 3rd June – Start of Summer 2
 - Thursday 6th June – Year 1 Maths walk to Warners Park
 - Monday 10th – Friday 14th June – Year 1 Phonic Screening Checks
 - Tuesday 11th June – New to Reception Parent/Carer Information session (6pm)
 - Tuesday 18th June – Make Music Day
 - Tuesday 18th June – New to Nursery Parent/Carer information session (6pm)
 - Wednesday 19th June – Year 2 Maths Walk around St Ives
 - Thursday 20th June – Reception and Nursery Maths walk around school
 - Thursday 20th June – Eastfield and Westfield joint Summer Fayre (3:15pm onwards)
 - Wednesday 26th June – Sports Day
 - Friday 28th June – Annual end of year reports will be sent home
 - Tuesday 2nd July – Year 2 “end of Esatfield show” (2:15 – 3pm)
 - Tuesday 2nd July – New to Year 1 parent/carer information session (3:30pm)
 - Wednesday 3rd July - Year 2 “end of Esatfield show” (9:15 – 10am)
 - Friday 5th July – Non uniform day for Rainbow hamper donations
 - Monday 8th July – New to Year 2 parent/carer information session (3:30pm)
 - Wednesday 10th July – Reserve Sports Day
 - Friday 12th July – ESA Race Night (more information to follow)

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- Monday 15th July – Transition Morning (for children to visit their new classes ready for September 2024)
 - Monday 15th July – ESA film night (3:15 – 5pm)
 - Tuesday 16th July – Problem Solving Day
 - Friday 19th July – Last school day of the Academic year
 - Monday 22nd July to Tuesday 3rd September – Summer Holidays
 - Tuesday 3rd September – School Closed (Inset Training Day)
 - Wednesday 4th September – Official start of 2024/2025 Academic Year

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Summerfield