



Diary Dates

Tuesday 17 May

Open morning 9-10am

Wednesday 18 May

Movie Night—Raya and the Last Dragon

Thursday 19 May

Year 5 visit to Magna Science

Monday 23 May

Years 5 & 6 rail safety talk

Wednesday 25 May

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations



School closes for Spring Bank holiday

Thursday 9 June

School reopens after Spring Bank

Year 6 visit to synagogue

Friday 10 June

Year 4 visit to Nell Bank

Tuesday 14 June

Year 4 visit to Gurdwara

Wednesday 15 June

Y1, Y2 & Y3 water safety talks



Thursday 16 June

Year 5 visit to Murton Park

Thursday 30 June

Year 3 visit to Cliffe Castle

Monday 18 July

Sports Day (am)

Wednesday 20 July

End of year disco

Thursday 21 July

Nursery and Reception visit to Hesketh Farm

Tuesday 26 July

School closes for Summer holidays



Wednesday 18 May—Raya & the Last Dragon

Movie night will finish at 4.45pm.

Tickets cost £2 and are available from the school office.



We are absolutely delighted with how popular Movie Night has been; well over half the school have attended the latest two events!

Thank you for your patience whilst we find the quickest and safest way to release the children afterwards. Moving forward, the playground gates will remain locked until the children are lined up on the playground.



Headteacher's Message



This week our year 6 pupils have completed their end of key stage 2 SATs tests. These assessments are challenging at the best of times and demand a huge amount of determination, focus and resilience. Add to that the obstacles these children have faced over the last two years and I can honestly tell you that I am in awe of what year 6 have achieved this week. As teachers, it is always tricky to find the right balance between emphasising the importance of pupils trying their very best and taking these tests seriously, whilst also being careful not to overwhelm pupils or let them feel too much pressure. I think our amazing staff got the balance just right. In breakfast club and around school, year 6 have been relaxed, calm and chatty, whilst during the assessments we have seen nothing but concentration, focus and determination. I am incredibly proud of this fabulous group of children. I know I say it all the time, but they are a credit to you and to themselves. Our ultimate goal is to prepare pupils for the next chapter of their journey and to be confident, independent and engaged learners. Given that several year 6 pupils have told us they actually *enjoyed* the tests, I think they're going to be just fine in September when they begin Secondary school!

Open Morning

We are excited to be holding our first open morning in school for over two years! This will be held on

Tuesday 17 May from 9-10am

and is an opportunity for you to visit your child and spend time in their learning environment.

We look forward to seeing you!



Reading Championship Superstar

You will all be familiar with our reading championship, where pupils are rewarded for each time they read (in Early Years and Key Stage 1) or the amount of books they read (in Key Stage 2).

Tommy-Lee in year 6 has read over **105** books this academic year! This means he's already earned his bronze, silver and gold badges, a reading ambassador shield, an engraved trophy and a book of his choice.

Tommy is the first pupil in school this year to achieve the next phase of the championship and today visited a local book shop to choose a book of his choice.

Well done Tommy!!



Attendance data for the last 2 weeks is as follows:

w/c 2 May 22		w/c 9 May 2022	
Reception	93.8%	Reception	95.0%
Year 1	94.2%	Year 1	94.0%
Year 2	94.4%	Year 2	98.1%
Year 3	95.8%	Year 3	99.0%
Year 4	92.1%	Year 4	91.0%
Year 5	91.0%	Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	94.8%	Year 6	97.9%

★ Congratulations ★
to Year 3 for
achieving 99%
attendance this week!

Enjoy your extra-long
playtime, hot
chocolate and biscuits
on Monday!

In the last newsletter I explained that we would be implementing the Local Authority's staged approach for improving attendance. All parents and carers of pupils who have been late on more than 5 occasions or whose attendance was lower than 90% were sent letters outlining our concern.

In the last fortnight (since letters were sent out), whole school attendance has been **4% above** the average attendance since September, and persistent absence is **17.8% lower** than the average since September.

This is an absolutely outstanding improvement! Thank you to all those parents and carers who have worked with us to improve their child's attendance—we can already see the positive impact this is having on pupils.



At the end of each half term, every pupil who has achieved 100% attendance in that half term are entered into a raffle to win a scooter.

Last half term, in a bid to further boost attendance, we felt extra generous and so we picked two names out of the hat!

Well done to Mason in Year 1 and Gracie-Mae in Year 6.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

What is the Jubilee?

On 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, events and initiatives will take place throughout the year, culminating in a four day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June.

When will school celebrate the Jubilee?

At Worth Valley Primary School we are looking forward to playing our part in the celebrations. Due to our Spring Bank holiday coinciding with the bank holiday dates, our celebrations will take place in school on **Wednesday 25 May**.



Is it a non-uniform day?

Children are invited to come to school dressed in the colours of the Union flag; red, white and blue.

What do we have planned?

On this day, the whole school will participate in a gala-style parade around our local community. The exact route and timings will be sent out in the next fortnight and members of the wider community will also be invited to come along.

In preparation for our parade, children in each phase will make their own royal creations to be showcased during the parade:

Early Years and KS1 will create a crown fit for a King or Queen!

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) will create different flags of the commonwealth using a range of media styles

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6) will be learning a song and dance to perform!

After the parade, children and staff will return to school in time for a Jubilee picnic; we will have our fingers crossed for good weather!

The day will finish off with a 'Worth Valley's got Talent' show in the hall, with pupils performing their acts in front of their peers!

Will there be a lasting display of pupils' work?

In the days leading up to 25th May, each child in school will create a portrait of Her Majesty the Queen from a chosen decade of her reign using different media styles. Selected pieces will then be used to create a special display in school.