

April 2026



Campfest

Campfest 2026 will be on Friday 10th July, so please save the date in your diaries. For those new to the school, Campfest is our very own mini-festival held on the Box recreation ground every two years in July, shortly before the end of the school year. Our talented schoolchildren (and teachers!) entertain us with dancing, singing, comedy and much more. Many families pitch a tent and camp overnight on the rec. It really is a memorable evening as well as a great fundraiser for the school. If you can spare some time (however much or little) to help with Campfest 2026, or have some skills or contacts that could be useful, please get in touch using this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/fzEttayVVg>

Community Meal

Thank you very much to FOBS, and especially Rob Lewis, for the huge effort that went in behind the scenes to make the community meal such a success and such delicious food. The children of all ages had great fun preparing the meal.

Easter Bingo

It was lovely to see a full house at **Easter Bingo**. Thank you to everyone that came along or provided prizes. The winners were delighted with their prizes.

Mobile Phone User Policy

Attached to this newsletter is a new Mobile Phone User Policy written by The Mosaic Partnership Trust for their schools. The policy is to provide clarity to children, parents, staff and all stakeholders on the Trust approach to mobile phones and smart watches. Please read the policy and pay particular attention to:

5.0 Use of mobile phones by pupils

Staff will collect any mobile phones/ smart watches from pupils on arrival at school, store them securely throughout the day and return them to pupils at the end of the school day. Pupils are prohibited from bringing mobile phones on residential and/or school trips.

and

6.0 Use of mobile phones by parents/carers, volunteers and visitors

Parents/carers, visitors and volunteers (including governors and contractors) must adhere to this policy as it relates to staff if they are on the school site during the school day.



School Diary

Term 5

13/04/26 - first day of term

17/04/26 - Year 6 transition day, The Corsham School

23/4/26 - Year 5 & 6 tennis tournament

27/04/26 - class photos

01/05/26 - Oak Class assembly 9:05am in the school hall

05/05/26 - Jamma de Samba

06/05/26 - Ash Class to Warleigh Lodge Farm

06/05/26 - Year 5 swimming to start

07/05/26 - Year 3 & 4 rounders

w/b/11/05/26 - KS2 tests (Year 6)

12 & 13/05/26 - Year 4 to Braeside

14/05/26 - Ascension Day services in the Methodist Church

15/05/26 - Jamma de Samba

18-22/05/26 - Year 6 to Jamie's Farm

19/05/26 - Jamma de Samba

22/05/26 - last day of term

Term 6

01/06/26 - first day of term

04/06/26 - Year 5 & 6 cricket tournament

w/b 08/06/26 - Year 4 multiplication test and Year 1 phonic screening test

11/05/26 - Campfest auditions

11/05/26 - Year 3 & 4 cricket tournament

12/06/26 - Chestnut Class assembly 9:05 am in the school hall

19/06/26 - Sports Day

25/06/26 - Orienteering 3:40—4:30pm The Corsham School

03/07/26 - Year 6 Young Apprentice

w/b 06/07/26 - RE week and Mandela Day

08/07/26 - choir performing at The Forum, Bath

09 & 14/07/26 - Parents evening

10/07/26 - Campfest

17/07/26 Leavers' service 2pm church & last day of term

20-22/07/26 - SDDays

This means:

- Not taking pictures or recordings of pupils, unless it's at a public event (such as a school fair), or of their own child
- Using any photographs or recordings for personal use only, and not posting on social media without consent
- Not using phones in lessons, or when working with pupils

Parents/carers, visitors and volunteers will be informed of the rules for mobile phone use when they sign in at reception or attend a public event at school.

Parents/carers or volunteers supervising school trips or residential visits must not:

- Use their phone to make contact with other parents/carers
- Take photos or recordings of pupils, their work, or anything else that could identify a pupil

Parents/carers or volunteers supervising trips are also responsible for enforcing the school's policy for pupils using their phones, as set out in section 5 above, but must refer any sanctions to a member of staff, as they do not have the power to search or confiscate devices.

Parents/carers must use the school office as the first point of contact if they need to get in touch with their child during the school day. They must not try to contact their child on their personal mobile during the school day.

And

7.0 Loss, theft or damage

Pupils bringing mobile phones to school must ensure that the phones are appropriately labelled and are stored securely when not in use and this is at their own risk.

Headlice

A few parents have mentioned that their children have headlice and asked if we can inform parents. Below is an extract from the Wiltshire Council booklet, 'Control of Communicable Diseases In Schools & Nurseries' that we refer to in situations such as this:

Although head lice are quite common in childhood and are often noted amongst children in school, spread occurs wherever children socialise. It is not recommended that schools send out letters to parents whenever a teacher suspects a case of head lice infection. The reason for this is that it is likely that there will always be some cases of head lice infection in school; this is normal. Sending out letters can give the impression that an outbreak is occurring rather than an expected and normal number of cases. Schools are not responsible for detecting, treating or excluding children who are thought to have head lice infection. This is a family duty. Therefore regular detection combing is recommended within families to ensure early detection and treatment of cases.