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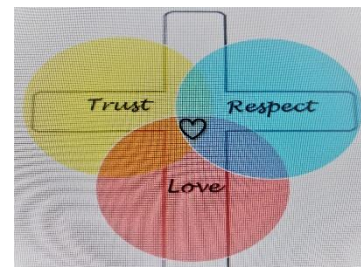
Newsletter 9 Summer Term 2026

22nd May 2026

Learning for the Fullness of Life (John 10:10)

Our Christian Value for this half term is **LOVE and FRIENDSHIP.**

‘Serve one another in love.’ Galatians 5.13



Dear parents, carers and the wider community,

As we reach the end of this incredibly busy half term, I would like to start by thanking the children in Year 6 and staff involved in the delivery of the Year 6 SATs testing.

Thousands of children across the country participated in their SATs.

Remember, this cohort started their primary school journey in September 2019. They were just beginning their life in school when the world changed.

They missed normal classrooms, playtimes, routines, friendships and years of interrupted learning. And yet, they are still here. Still persevering. Still growing. Still Learning for the Fullness of Life. SATs measure Writing, Reading, Maths... but they will never measure kindness, creativity, humour, resilience or potential. Year 6, we are proud of you already.

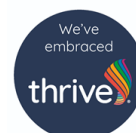
Stars of the Week

Week ending 1.5.2026	Week ending 15.5.2026
Rec: Leo P Year 1: Toby L Year 2: Izzy S Year 3: Georgina A Year 4: Joshua C Year 5: Lola H Year 6: Esme B Star Writer: Waris S (Year 1)	Rec: Callum Year 1: Harrie D Year 2: Hattie O Year 3: Esme B Year 4: Trixie W Year 5: Ivor H Year 6: Eva H Star Writer: Freya (Reception)

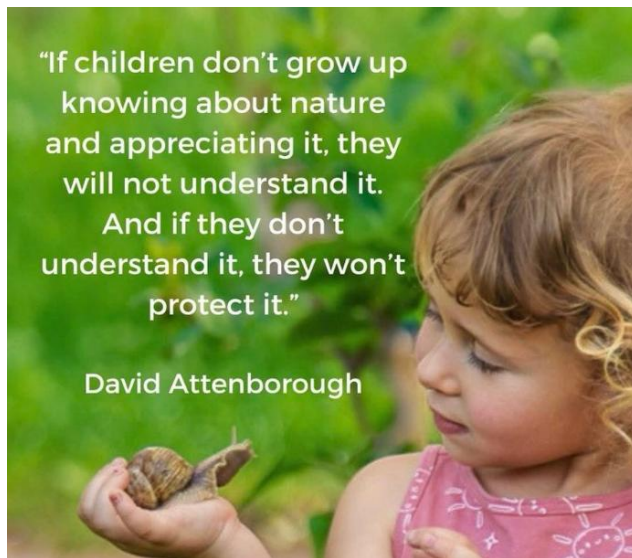
A huge congratulations to all of our stars!



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David Attenborough Celebration Day



During this half term, we marked Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday with a day full of curiosity, creativity, and appreciation for the natural world. Classes took part in nature walks around the school grounds, collecting observations just as Attenborough might have done on one of his famous expeditions. Pupils created mini-documentaries using tablets, narrating their findings in their best Attenborough voices.

Across the school, children also got hands-on with nature-inspired crafts. Some classes made wildflower seed

balls to support pollinators; others produced detailed flower sketches, and younger pupils created colourful paper-plate Earths. Many pupils also crafted beautiful natural crowns using leaves, petals, and twigs collected from the school grounds and Forest School.

To end the day, the whole school gathered on the field for a joyful picnic celebration. Blankets, sunshine and cakes made it a perfect moment of community and a fitting finale to our Attenborough-inspired activities. Thank you, Mrs Pearson and Mrs Hudspith, for organising this momentous day, reminding us of the importance of looking after our precious planet and how to understand sustainability.

May I also thank Mrs Martin and BIFFA, for leading us in Collective Worship and teaching us all about the importance of recycling.

The Big Sing

On Tuesday 12th May, Years 3 and 4 participated in the Big Sing at Coventry Cathedral where they joined children from other schools to perform a range of uplifting songs together. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to showcase their singing in an outstanding location.

The experience was full of joy and unity, as their voices blended in such a special and inspiring setting. This visit supported our school's spiritual development, giving the children time to reflect on the power of music and working together.

It was a memorable experience that nurtured their spirituality, helping them to appreciate connection, reflection and the beauty of coming together in song.

The whole experience was definitely a WOW moment especially singing in such a meaningful place.

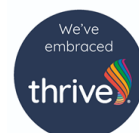


A special well done and thank you to Maeve and Esme in Year 4 who represented the school by giving readings. No mean feat in front of over a 1000 people!

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Sport

In the last couple of weeks, the whole school have recently carried out their 3rd Power Up fitness assessments with great progress and success made across all year groups, which was brilliant to see. On top of this, Year 6 girls took part in 6 games of football, which they thoroughly enjoyed and despite having limited experience, they giggled, laughed and enjoyed the whole experience, with the highlight being a fantastic team goal scored by Heidi.

Many of the year six girls and boys will be taking part in a rugby competition in the first week back after half term so we wish them well.

Mr Higgitt

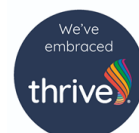
FoES Update

A big thank you to all the parents, carers, staff, and pupils who have supported FoES this term. The committee have been working hard behind the scenes planning for an exciting and busy summer term of events including the Family Quiz Night and raffle, Sports Day and Rainbow Run.

The FoES Family Quiz Night is on Friday 5th June at 6.30pm and we would love as many families, teachers and pupils to come along and support raising valuable funds for our school. Tickets are available online or at Ettington Village Shop.



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The fabulous Street Food Co pizza van will be in attendance again this year with delicious home-made Neapolitan pizza available to pre-order and collect at a time of your choosing throughout the evening.

[Friends of Ettington School \(FoES\) event tickets from TicketSource ticketsource.com](#)

Plans are also underway to host another DIY day in the summer holidays or autumn term and we'd love as many families as possible to get involved. Whether you can volunteer your time, donate materials or provide refreshments every contribution makes a difference. More information to follow.

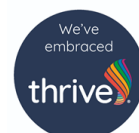
If you'd like to join the FoES or help at future events, please contact us via email friendsofettingtonschool@hotmail.com

New members and fresh ideas are always welcome! Please don't forget that FoES are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could please take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and is quick and easy to do. You can find our easyfundraising page by clicking below. Thank you so much!

[EASY FUNDRAISING ETTINGTON](#)



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FRIENDS OF ETTINGTON SCHOOL

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 5th June, Ettington Community Centre,
 quiz starts 6.30pm prompt. Adult £6, Child £2 (under 5's free)



Maximum 10 people per team.
 Tickets are limited, so please buy early to avoid disappointment.

Ticket sales will close on 29th May, and are available at Ettington Village Store and online (subject to small booking fee). Scan the QR code to buy tickets.



Neapolitan pizza available to preorder from The Street Food Co. Limited time slots available between 4.30 and 8.30pm.

Scan the QR code to preorder.



All proceeds from this event will go towards



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FREE SCHOOL MEALS WARWICKSHIRE

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School meals are free for lots of families, check if you are eligible to apply!

So much more than lunch...

A free school meal:

- creates healthy eating habits
- improves learning and behaviour
- saves money and time
- helps schools get extra funding

Did you know that claiming free school meals means that your child will get access to free school holiday activities and food?

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To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact: freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or call 01926 359189





Can I apply?

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

Find out more and apply at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm



Make the most of May half term with family activities across Warwickshire

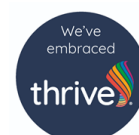
Warwickshire families can access a wide range of activities, events and support in May half term.

Warwickshire families can access a wide range of activities, events and support over the May half term break from school, with opportunities for children and young people to stay active, get creative, learn new skills and spend time together.

From outdoor adventures and museum activities to library events, family support services and heritage experiences, there is something for all ages to enjoy across the county during the school holidays.



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Half term adventures in Warwickshire's Country Parks

There's something very special coming up at Ryton Pools Country Park in May half term: [a 30th Anniversary Fun Day](#). On Wednesday 27 May, the popular park is celebrating its 30th year, and everyone is invited. Come and enjoy miniature train rides, activities like pond dipping, market stalls, a brass band, Morris dancing, have a go maypole dancing, a barbecue and more. It takes place from 10am to 4pm and is free to attend. No booking is required for general attendance, but the free pond dipping sessions can be [booked via Eventbrite](#).

On top of this, there's the usual selection of ranger-led events like pond dipping and minibeast hunting for families to get involved with at Kingsbury Water Park, Ryton Pools Country Park, and Burton Dassett Hills Country Park – [browse and book tickets here](#).

There's also the free Child Friendly Warwickshire Trail at [Pooley Country Park](#), a great option for an affordable outdoor day out.

Discover Warwickshire's history and heritage

Heritage and Culture Warwickshire is hosting a variety of activities over half term, helping families discover the county's rich history through interactive sessions, exhibitions and trails. At the Market Hall Museum, families can enjoy themed trails, creative workshops and hands-on activities inspired by local history and collections.

Families can also explore exhibitions, museums and heritage sites across the county, with activities designed to make history fun and accessible for children and young people. Find out more at [Heritage & Culture Warwickshire](#).

Library events for all ages

Make new friends, learn something new or simply enjoy a great story at one of the many events and activities taking place at libraries across Warwickshire this half term.

As part of the National Year of Reading, Warwickshire Libraries is encouraging families to discover the joy of reading together and make stories part of everyday life. Warwickshire Libraries is also celebrating National Share-a-Story Month this May, with a range of themed activities and events for children and families.

Pop into your local library and pick up a great read or download one from the [virtual library](#) service. Join in with [Rhyme Time](#), [Story Stomp](#), [Book Magic](#) or one of the [sensory sessions](#) taking place across the county. Families can also take part in "Ready Steady Dance" with Motionhouse at [participating libraries](#), enjoy special Winnie-the-Pooh themed storytelling sessions throughout May and June, and sign up to the [Book Bingo](#) challenge for families and teenagers.



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There will also be additional half term fun including Bhangra Bounce sessions with Sohan Kailey and Minecraft gaming sessions at selected libraries.

Find out more about events and activities through the [Warwickshire Libraries Events Page](#).



Registrations open for 11+ test

If you would like your child to be considered for a Year 7 place at a Warwickshire grammar school in September 2027, you will need to register your child for the 11+ test by the deadline of 4pm on Monday 30 June.

The test is open to all children who will be starting secondary school in September 2027 (those currently in Year 5). [REGISTER NOW FOR 11+](#)

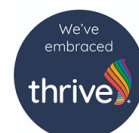


Helping children get sorted for school

Starting school, moving to a new education setting, or preparing for a change is a big milestone for any child. For children and young people with SEND, these transitions can feel more significant. With the right support in place, small steps can make a real difference in helping children feel safe, confident and ready for what lies ahead.



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Parents and carers can access a wide range of information and practical support to help boost their child or young person’s confidence and independence, and to prepare for change - whether that’s starting school, sitting exams or planning for the future.

[Read more about support for transitions](#)



OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Donation Requests

i Important Information

All items should be safe, clean, and age-appropriate

Please check with staff if you are unsure about an item

Resources may be used by all children and may get worn over time

Thank you for supporting Opal and helping us make playtime even better. We are really looking forward to seeing what our class can achieve together!

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO – if you have any of the items below in good condition please could you collect these up and bring in after Easter to help kick start our OPAL programme – Thanks Mr Higitt.



Laundry basket 	Suitcase 	Wooden spoons 	Action figures 	Plastic crates
Dress up items 	Cars 		Pans 	Trug buckets
Lego 	Small balls 	Scooter 	Plastic tubes 	Tarpaulin
Beach spades 	Buckets 	Trowels 	Old Tyres 	Cardboard tubes
Guttering 	Wooden planks 	Helmet 	Aprons 	Chalk



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Living Streets – Walk to School



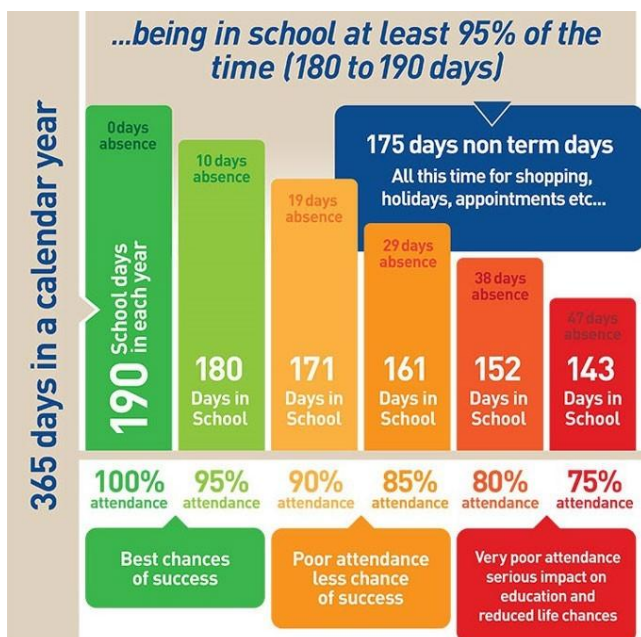
It was lovely to welcome Strider into school yesterday to help us celebrate Walking to School Week. A great source of excitement as you can imagine! Thank you so much for supporting the school in encouraging your children to travel actively to school each day.



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Working Together to Improve School Attendance

We do still have **too many children arriving late**, however. Everyone is expected to be in school **by 8.45am** when the gates close.



Always on time!	No hours missed!	No learning lost!
5 minutes late each day	15 hours missed	3 days learning missed
10 minutes late every day	32 hours missed	6.5 days learning missed
20 minutes late each day	65 hours missed	13 days learning missed
30 minutes late each day	95 hours missed	19 days learning missed

Should I keep my child off school?



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Useful contacts



Text ChatHealth (11-19 years): 07507 331 525

Text ParentLine: 07520 619 376

Call us: 03300 245 204

Email us: connectforhealth@compass-uk.org



Child Friendly Warwickshire

The Family Information Service (FIS) supports families across Warwickshire with information and signposting. You can get in touch with the team by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk, calling [0800 408 1558](tel:08004081558) or finding support at [Warwickshire Family Information Support](#).



SMARTPHONE free childhood alternatives

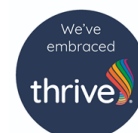


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Internet Safety



...RESPECT THE WATERS

If you got into trouble in the water, would you know what to do?

What about if it was someone you care about in danger?

Find out how to keep you and your loved ones safe with advice from the RLSS and Everyone Active.

STAYING SAFE AT THE BEACH

-  **RED AND YELLOW FLAGS** will show the safe places to swim, body board and use inflatables on the beach. You will often see a lifeguard positioned between the red and yellow flags.
-  **RED FLAG** is the sign for danger and means **NO SWIMMING**. Never go in the water when the red flag is flying, under any circumstances. Possible reasons may be fog, large waves or pollution.
-  **BLACK/WHITE FLAG** for hard surf craft including surfboards, kayaks, canoes and other craft without engines. Never swim or body board in this area.
-  **ORANGE WINDSOCKS** indicate offshore winds blowing out to sea or strong wind conditions – never use an inflatable when the sock is flying.

Safeguarding

LISTEN TO YOUR HELPFUL LIFEGUARD

Lifeguards are there to help you to stay safe by seeing the dangers, preventing accidents before they happen and responding instantly. They wear a red and yellow uniform, sometimes in black wetsuits, with Lifeguard clearly marked on the back.

Where to find your helpful lifeguard

- At the Beach Lifeguard Unit – a white hut at the beach with an RNLi flag
- They patrol along the shoreline and between the red and yellow flags
- On larger beaches they may be on the sand in a white or red truck
- Wardens operate, patrol and rescue services at large inland lakes



ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are in, on and around water:



LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SWIMMING LESSONS.



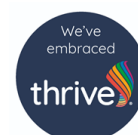
Swim England everyone ACTIVE



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FLOAT TO LIVE

If You Get into Trouble in the Water — Float to Live. No matter how you entered the water, if you feel yourself struggling, Float to Live.



1
Tilt your head back
Let your ears submerge and allow your face to stay clear of the water.



2
Relax
Slow, steady breathing will help your body float more naturally.



3
Gently move your arms and legs
Use small movements only if needed to help you stay afloat.



4
Don't worry if your legs sink
Everyone floats differently — this is normal.



5
Find your float
Practise floating in a safe, supervised environment so it feels familiar when you need it.



HELP US PROMOTE WATER SAFETY

Help us spread the word about the importance of staying safe in the water by creating an engaging poster.

Share your finished post with us on Facebook by using the hashtag #EASafeSwimming.

Make your poster really stand out by using bold colours, punchy words and different materials.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page as we'll reshare as many as we can!

Scan the code to find our page.



LEARN TO SWIM
WITH
everyone ACTIVE



SCAN ME FOR AVAILABILITY

or visit joinonline.everyoneactive.com/lessons

HELPING TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE IN THE WATER



LEARN TO SWIM WITH AWARD-WINNING LESSONS FROM THE UK'S LEADING PROVIDER

We all love to swim! Not only does being able to swim allow you to enjoy your time a little bit more on holiday, but the most important reason is that swimming is the only sport which can save you or your child's life.

Why learn to swim with us?

- All Lessons are lifeguarded
- Free public swimming all year round
- Learn from four months old
- Adult lessons available
- Available up to seven days a week
- All teachers are Swim England or equivalent qualified
- Pay monthly by Direct Debit
- Follow your child's progress on our interactive Sport Passport

DROWNING IS STILL ONE OF THE MOST COMMON CAUSES OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH IN CHILDREN, SO BEING ABLE TO SWIM IS AN ESSENTIAL LIFE-SAVING SKILL.

For details of your nearest centre, visit www.everyoneactive.com

everyone ACTIVE

Create and build with thousands of bricks, mini figures and accessories.



LEGO CAFÉ

Ettington Church

2 - 4pm

TOMORROW
Saturday 23rd May

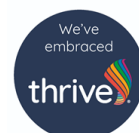
Enjoy DRINKS and CAKE
from our Pop-up Café



Fun for all ages!



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Please remember...

Parking

Park away from school gates

Always hold hands with young children

Remember – your child will copy you

Every road means STOP LOOK LISTEN

Never get children out of a car roadside

Think safer places to cross the road

Secure your child's car seat correctly

Let's all work together to keep all our children safe outside school.

Please use the Community Centre for drop off and pickup.



Finally...

May I just take the opportunity to wish you all a very safe and happy half term holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on **TUESDAY 2nd June at 8.40am.**

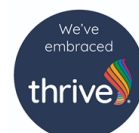
Very best wishes,

Mrs Michelle Crowe

Head Teacher



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Dates for your calendar and diary

Summer 2 2026

Monday 1 June

Teacher Training Day – school closed

Tuesday 2 June

(School reopens to pupils)

w.c. Monday 1 June

Government Year 4 (2-week window)

Multiplication Check

Tuesday 2 June 3.30pm

Year 6 Residential Information for Parents
Y6 classroom

Friday 5 June

Year 5 / 6 Tag Rugby Tournament

Friday 5 June

FoES Quiz Night

w.c. Monday 8 June

Government Year 1
Phonics Screening Check

Monday 8 June

Reception Zoolab visit to school

Monday 8 June

Year 6 Retreat

Thursday 11 June 6pm

New Reception September 2026
Induction Information Evening

Monday 15 June – Wednesday 17 June

Year 6 Residential
Culmington Manor

Wednesday 1 July

Year 5 – STEM Day (Shipston High School)

Friday 3 July

Sports Day – Back up date

Monday 6 July 1.30pm-2.30pm

New Reception Stay and Play

Tuesday 7 July 1.30pm-2.30pm

New Reception Stay and Play

Wednesday 8 July

Year 6

Secondary School Transition Day

Thursday 9 July 1.30pm-2.30pm

New Reception Stay and Play

Friday 10 July

Colour Run

Monday 13 July

Reports to Parents

Tuesday 14 July 9.30am

Leavers Church Service
(All welcome)

Tuesday 14 July PM

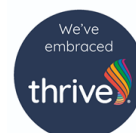
Curriculum Open Afternoon – look at
children's books, visit classrooms

Wednesday 15 July

Glow in the Dark Dodgeball



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<p>Friday 19 June Ethel String Quartet showcase</p> <p>Tuesday 23 June Year 3 Tudor Day</p> <p>Friday 26 June Sports Day</p> <p>Monday 29 June Year 6 Trip Stratford Race Course</p>	<p>Friday 17 July End of Term</p> <p>Autumn Term 2026 Tuesday 1st September Teacher Training Day – school closed</p> <p>Wednesday 2nd September Teacher Training Day – school closed</p> <p>Thursday 3rd September Children return to school</p> <p>Monday 7th September</p>
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Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1 st September Wednesday 2 nd September	Designated Teacher Training Days
Thursday 3 rd September	Term starts
Monday 7 th September	New Reception Intake start
Friday 23 rd October	Designated Teacher Training Day
Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Friday 18 th December 1.30pm	End of Term

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4 th January	Designated Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 5 th January	Term starts
Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February	Half Term
Thursday 25 th May	End of Term

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12 th April	Term Starts
Monday 3 rd May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 28 th May	Designated Teacher Training Day
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	Half Term
Wednesday 21 st July	End of Term



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