



Tuesday 11th July: Cygnets Graduation 9.30am/ Swan's Graduation 2.15pm
Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th July: KA transition days
Friday 14th July: Reports sent home
Tuesday 18th July: Y3 visit to Chester Zoo
Thursday 20th July: Y6 Leavers Concert & Disco (6-9pm)
Friday 21st July: School breaks up for summer
Key Dates for 2023-2024
4th & 5th September: INSET day (nursery & main school closed for training)
Wednesday 6th September: Children return to school
Friday 20th October: Break up for half term

Monday 30th October: School returns
Wednesday 20th December: Break up for Christmas
Monday 8th January: School returns
Friday 16th February: Break up for half term
Monday 26th February: School returns
Thursday 28th March: Break up for Easter
Monday 15th April: Children return
Friday 24th May: Break up for half term
Monday 3rd June: INSET day (nursery and school closed)
Tuesday 4th June: Children return
Friday 19th July: Break up for summer
Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July: INSET days

Need to know:

A welcome to new staff: We're delighted to announce that we have appointed a new teacher, Miss. Dickinson, to fill the shoes of Mrs Maguire in our KS1 team. She is visiting the school today and is very much looking forward to getting to know the children. We have also appointed an additional part-time teacher, Mrs. Patton, who will be working in our EYFS team from September. She will replace Mrs. Jardine's hours and we are very much looking forward to working with her.

Swimming Lessons for KS2 children: A reminder that KS2 children will need to have in school (every day for the next two weeks) their swimming costume, a towel, swimming cap, goggles and flip flops or sliders. Please put these all in a plastic bag with their name on.

Reading Books: Please can children and parents check book bags and at home for any reading books that need returning? We need to begin to sort and label the books for next year. Thank you.

Summer Reading Project

In our assemblies this half term, we've been encouraging the children to take part in the Knutsford Library [Summer Reading Challenge](#). This involves reading six books over the summer and registering for the challenge in the library. Any child who completes the Summer Reading Challenge will get a Headteacher's Award. We're also encouraging children to complete a [Summer Bingo Challenge](#) which looks lots of fun! Any child who completes the bingo card will get a certificate and a Headteacher's Award. If you need some inspiration on what to read over the summer with your child, please have a look at the resources on our website [here](#).



OPAL Platinum Award!

We're delighted to announce that, last week, we achieved the **Platinum OPAL play award** (the highest award available in the OPAL assessment process). We all know how much fun and learning goes on during our playtimes and this is a wonderful recognition for everyone's hard work and parental support over the past two years. Our children are so happy during their playtimes and it is wonderful to observe all the children developing their resilience, team work, perseverance and character through their play. A huge thank you needs to go to Mr Evans, Mrs Maguire, Mrs Whelan and Mrs Wilson for all their hard work over the last two years to achieve this wonderful accolade.



Baking Competition

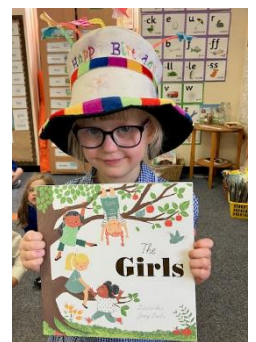
The Tea Room are asking children to send their favourite cake recipes for a summer competition that will see the winning recipe form part of their August menu. Harriet Henry, co-owner of The Tea Room said, "Throughout the year we meet plenty of budding bakers. As the summer holidays are looming, we thought it would be a lovely idea for children to submit their favourite cake recipes to us. The winning entrant can help me bake the cake and the bake will take pride of place on our August menu". Entrants can email their recipes to manager@thetearoomknutsford.co.uk (along with contact details) or drop it off at the Tea Room in Cotton Shop Yard. The competition is open now and closes on 24th July. The winner will be notified direct by Friday 29th July. Large cakes, traybakes, cupcakes and savoury bakes can all be submitted. The competition is open to children aged 4 to 11 years.

Y4 Tennis Tournament



A big well done to these Y4 superstars who were awarded bronze medals for their performance in the Knutsford Schools' Tennis Tournament at Knutsford Tennis Club last week.

Happy Birthday!



A very happy birthday to Emily! Thank you for the lovely birthday book.