



Summer Term Fun!

Year 6

We have been hard at work planning an exciting and action-packed final few weeks for our fantastic Year 6 children! With lots of fun activities and special moments ahead, we are making sure they create lasting memories as they come to the end of their wonderful journey as Barksbury Citizens.



**Monday 13th July and Tuesday
14th July: 6pm**

Hoodwinked

We have already begun rehearsals for our exciting end-of-year production of *Hoodwinked*, and the buzz of enthusiasm is building every day! The children are working incredibly hard to bring their characters to life with energy, humour and confidence, and we are so proud of their commitment. We can't wait to welcome you to watch what promises to be a fantastic and entertaining performance.



Further details about this can be found in the attached letter.

Wednesday 15th July

Year 6 Fun Day

On this day, the whole Year 6 cohort will come together to celebrate and enjoy some well-deserved fun after all their hard work throughout the year! It promises to be a fantastic day filled with laughter, teamwork and memorable moments with friends. One of the highlights will be an exciting water polo swimming session, giving the children a chance to splash, play and make the most of their time together.

We have even more exciting plans in store, with full details coming soon - watch this space!



Thursday 16th July: 10am

Graduation at The Lights

Organised by the local authority, the children will take part in a truly special and memorable graduation ceremony, marking the end of their journey through the federation. Dressed proudly in their gowns and mortar boards, they will celebrate not only how far they have come academically, but also the friendships, growth and unforgettable experiences they have shared along the way. It promises to be a wonderful occasion, filled with pride, reflection and joy.

One parent per child is warmly invited to attend and share in this special event.

Further details can be found in the attached letter.

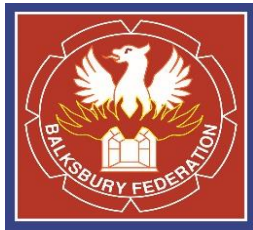


Monday 20th July: 9:15am

Leavers' Ceremony

On the children's final day at Bawksbury, we warmly invite you to join us for a truly special Leavers' Ceremony, on the Junior School field (weather permitting). This will be a celebration of each and every child, recognising their unique personalities, achievements and the wonderful memories they have created during their time with us. We would be delighted for families to attend - including grandparents and family members - so that together we can share this milestone. Following the ceremony, there will be time to take photographs, giving you the chance to capture these precious final moments as they say goodbye to Bawksbury and look ahead to the exciting adventures to come.

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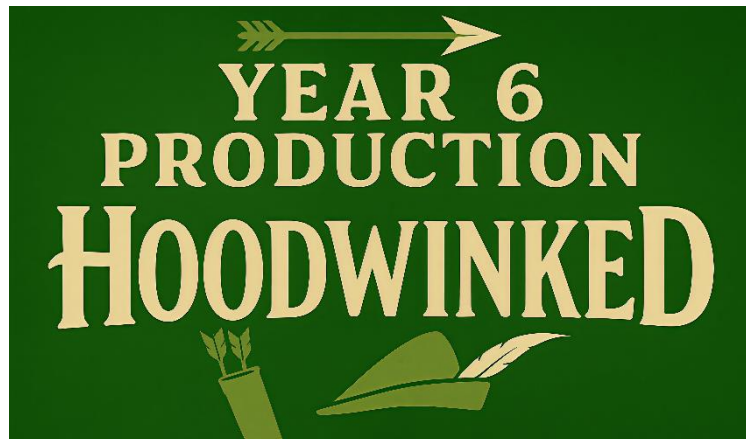
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The Year 6 children have been very busy practising this year's production – Hoodwinked. The children are already sounding fantastic, and we cannot wait for them to show you all of their hard work.

When are the performances?

Date: Monday 13th July and Tuesday 14th July

Time: Doors will open at 5:45pm for a 6pm start

Location: Balksbury Junior School Hall

Booking Information

Each child is allocated 2 seats in total. A programme can be ordered at 50p per person to secure each seat for the production. This can be booked via Arbor School Shop.

When do tickets need to be booked by?

The booking system is open from **Monday 22nd June at 10:00am**. The booking system will close at **3:30pm on Thursday 9th July**.

The Year 6 Team will be filming the dress rehearsal of the production and will share the video with families after the final performance.

If you have any further queries regarding booking tickets, please do not hesitate to contact the Junior School Admin Office.



How do I sign in and enter the performance I have secured a seat for?

- Doors will be open at 5:45pm
- Please head to the Junior School Reception (down the driveway)
- On the performance night, please sign in and collect your programmes when you arrive (these will be labelled and help will be on hand)

As always, the federated car parks will be unavailable (unless you have a permit). Please 'Park and Stride'.

Does my child have to take part?

The children have all worked very hard to produce this show, which we hope you will enjoy. If your child does not wish to take part in the evening performances, please let your child's teacher know by Wednesday 24th June.

How do I need to bring my child in for the evening performance?

All children must be brought back to school by 5:45pm. They must be signed in at their classroom door. Once you have dropped your child off, you can wait for the doors to open if you have tickets for that evening's performance, or you can return to collect them at **7:00pm**.

Where do I collect my child from?

You will need to collect your child from their classroom door at the end of the performance.





Please see below information about the upcoming Year 6 Graduation, held at The Lights, Andover.

Graduation at The Lights Andover

We are delighted to be invited, once again, to the Year 6 Graduation, organised by Test Valley Borough Council. This will be taking place at **The Lights Theatre, Andover**, on **Thursday 16th July 2025 at 10am** and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the children's primary education.

Can families watch at The Lights?

Families are invited to watch at The Lights. The Lights have allocated **one ticket per family**. Unfortunately, we have no control over the allocated seating as this is laid out by The Lights. **Please indicate, using the form attached, if you would like to take your allocated seat.** Please ensure this is returned by **Tuesday 7th July**.

Tickets will be sent home prior to the day of the graduation and these must be brought with you to the event. Unfortunately, The Lights will not admit anyone to the auditorium without their allocated ticket.

Please arrive at the theatre by 9:45am **ready for the presentation at 10:00am**. The presentation is likely to **finish at approximately 11:00am** and there will be an opportunity for photos before returning back to school.

What should my child wear?

All children must wear their full school uniform (no leavers' hoodies) - they will be given a graduation gown and hat when arriving at the venue. Black shoes or black trainers should be worn (no white trainers).

Can my child go home after the ceremony?

The children will return to Balksbury and will continue their school day as normal.



Arrangements for the children on Thursday 16th July

- All children will come to school at **usual time**
- A coach will collect the children, from Bawksbury Federation, at **9am** to take them to The Lights Theatre
- The children will be given their graduation gown and cap and have formal photos taken
- The children will then be seated in the theatre for the graduation presentation
- After, the children will be able to meet their adult for photos
- The children will return to school in time for lunch





Please see below information about the upcoming Year 6 Leavers' Ceremony.

Balksbury Federation's Year 6 Leavers' Ceremony

We would like to invite you to our Year 6 Leavers' Ceremony. This will take place on **Monday 20th July at 9:15am** outside, by the Tipi, on the Junior School field.

During this ceremony, the children will be celebrated and we will recognise their personal achievements. They will also share their memories from their time at Balksbury and, afterwards, there will be opportunities for photographs with family members, and their friends.

How many family members can come to watch?

We hope that family members will be able to join us and we would like to offer you **up to 4 tickets per family** so that extended family may attend.

How do I sign in when I arrive for the Leavers' Ceremony?

On the day of the Leavers' Ceremony, please make your way to the Junior School Office where you will be asked to sign in and then will be taken to the field, ready for the beginning of the ceremony.

Please indicate, using the attached form, how many tickets you will require. This must be returned by Tuesday 7th July.



Please return this to your child's class teacher by **Tuesday 7th July**.

Graduation at The Lights, organised by Test Valley Borough Council

I **would/would not** like **1 ticket** that has been allocated by The Lights to attend **the graduation on Thursday 16th July**. *(please delete as appropriate)*

Child's name: _____

Full name of the family member attending: _____

Signed: _____

Balksbury Federation Year 6 Leavers' Ceremony

_____ (up to four) family members will be attending the **Leavers' Ceremony on Monday 20th July**. *(please indicate number of family members attending)*

Child's name: _____

Full name of parent/carer: _____

Signed: _____

