



Balksbury Federation

Across the Playground

Monday 13th July

Welcomes and Farewells



We warmly welcome Mrs Whitlock as our new executive headteacher from September. You can read Mrs Whitlock's letter to families in our end of year newsletter, which can be found by clicking the link below:

<https://balksburyfederation.co.uk/newsletters/>

We also welcome Mrs Kew who has been with us since September completing her SCITT programme. She joins us as a class teacher in Year 1 in September.

farewell

Of course, this year we have to wish farewell to Miss Thompson, who after 26 years working in education has decided to take a well earned rest and enjoy retirement. Her contribution to the federation and community has been immense. The school has thrived under her leadership and we know that you will join us as a community in wishing her every happiness. She will be hugely missed by the children, staff and wider members of the community.



INSET Days

Don't forget that Tuesday the 21st of July and Wednesday the 22nd of July are **INSET** days. The children's last day next week will be **Monday 20th July**.

Have a Wonderful Summer

All that is left to say is that we wish you all a fantastic summer break. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you in the new academic year. The children's first day back will be **Wednesday 2nd September**.

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**BACK TO SCHOOL
ONLINE AND INSTORE CUT OFF
DATE**

To guarantee your new school uniform arrives before back to school, please place your order online or instore no later than

Friday 31st July 2026

Orders placed after this date are not guaranteed to arrive in time, but we will try our best!

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STEM Festival 2026

Thank you to all of our families who attended this years STEM Festival. It was wonderful to celebrate the children's achievements from the week with you all (even if it was rather hot!)

Thanks to your kind donations on our stalls, we raised an amazing **£1,923** for our school! This is amazing, and we really do appreciate your support.

A big well done to our competition winners:

- **Thea Rearden** (Families Competition Winner)
- **Barnaby Bacon** (Infants Children's Competition Winner)
- **Mollie Rose Nixon** (Junior Children's Competition Winner)
- **Finley Bickerton** (STEM Week Sticker Design Competition).

We would also like to extend our thanks to **Aerobility, Collards Group, RAF Odiham and HD Labels** for all their support with the STEM Festival. We are very grateful.



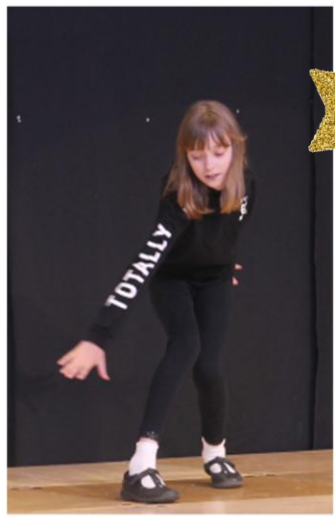
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Balksbury's Got Talent Final 2026



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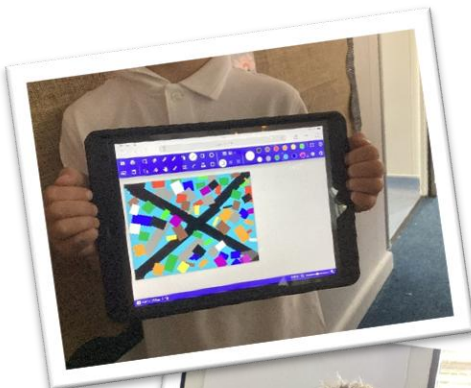
Summer Term

Memories...

Year R



Year 1



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Summer Term

Memories continued...

Year 2



Year 3



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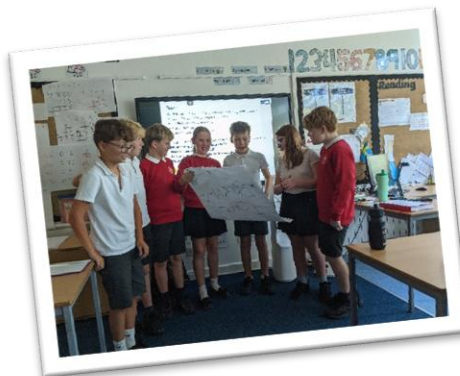
Summer Term

Memories continued...

Year 4



Year 5



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Summer Term

Memories continued...

Year 6



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Sporting Highlights

Throughout the academic year, the children have made wonderful progress in their physical development and sporting skills. In Year R, the children have confidently developed their understanding of the fundamental movement skills, including running, jumping, balancing, throwing and catching, building a strong foundation for future learning. Progressing into Years 1 and 2, the children demonstrate increasing confidence, coordination and resilience, applying these skills in a range of games, activities and team challenges. They have shown enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship, while developing their ability to work collaboratively and think strategically. Their achievements this year have prepared them exceptionally well for the next stage of their learning journey and have equipped them with the skills and confidence needed to succeed in Key Stage 2.



In Key Stage 2, the children have continued to flourish, applying their skills with growing confidence and tactical awareness. Many have had the opportunity to represent the federation in inter-school tournaments and matches, where they have been superb ambassadors for our schools - showing perseverance in hard-fought contests, respect for opponents and officials, and collaboration in every team performance. Win or lose, they have made us incredibly proud.

Special mention must go to our Year 6 Sports Leaders, who did a fantastic job at Sports Day - leading activities, encouraging younger children and helping the day run smoothly. They are wonderful role models, and we thank them for their dedication throughout the year. It has been a joy to watch the children grow as sportspeople this year, and we look forward to building on these successes in the year ahead.



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House Points and Tokens



House Points

The House with the most points across the Federation to date is: Walbury.

Tokens - Infants

The class with the most tokens in the Infant School to date is: Heron Class.

Tokens - Juniors

The class with the most tokens in the Junior School to date is: Maple Class.



In the Community



FREE ENTRY

ANDOVER CARNIVAL

SUNDAY 19TH JULY 2026
12PM – 9PM (VIGO PARK) | 12PM – 4.30PM (HIGH STREET)
PROCESSION 4PM – 5.30PM

FOOD – RIDES – MUSIC – ENTERTAINMENT
HIGH STREET - TOWN PROCESSION - VIGO PARK

[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ANDOVERCARNIVALEVENTS](https://www.facebook.com/andovercarnivalevents)



CHILDREN SOCIAL CARE PRESENTS

CLOTHES SWAP

FREE

Bring along your old, good condition clothes and swap for something else. Clothes in adult's and children's sizes.

27TH JULY 2026 • 12PM
SPRING MEADOW CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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PTA Message



The PTA would like to thank our federated families for their support this year. Because of your generosity, we have been able to continue our fundraising and provide essential uniform and food support to families too! We hope to be able to bring you our final fundraising figures really soon!

We would also like to thank Miss Thompson and all school staff for their continued guidance, support and friendship. We couldn't ask for a better school team to work alongside. We would like to wish Miss Thompson all the best and she will be very sorely missed. She has been a steadfast supporter of our team for many years, and this has meant the world to us.

Congratulations to all our Year 6 students who are setting off on their new adventure in Secondary school! We wish you all the very best of luck and know you'll smash it!

We are very much looking forward to September and all the opportunities it may bring! We love what we do, and hope that in September, some of you may join us too!

From everyone at the Barksbury Federation PTA we hope you all have the very best summer with your friends and families. See you all in September!

Barksbury Federation PTA

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Diary Dates

July 2026

Monday 20 th July 2026	Year 6 Leavers Ceremony 9:15am
Monday 20 th July 2026	Children's Last Day of Summer Term
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	INSET Day
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	INSET Day

September 2026

Tuesday 1 st September 2026	INSET Day
Wednesday 2 nd September	First day back at school for all children

February 2027

Monday 22 nd February 2027	INSET Day
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April 2027

Friday 30 th April 2027	INSET Day
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June 2027

Friday 18 th June 2027	Sports Day
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July 2027

Tuesday 20 th July 2027	INSET Day
Wednesday 21 st July 2027	INSET Day

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