



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



FRIDAY 4TH JULY
SUMMER TERM

NEWS FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents

It's been an extraordinarily busy penultimate week of term, packed full of sports days, performances and trips.

Kindergarten and Reception Sports Days took place on Tuesday and were a huge success. The children competed enthusiastically in a range of events, including the egg and spoon race, quoit race, sack race, obstacle course and relay. The supportive crowd cheered them on, and the sheer enjoyment on the children's faces was a joy to see. Well done to all who took part in such wonderful spirit. Year 1 and 2's Sports Days are scheduled for Monday, and Prep's Sports Day - held at the Prince of Wales Stadium - is taking place today, with field events in the morning and track events during the afternoon.

On Tuesday evening, our Year 6 leavers presented a superb celebration at the Parabola Arts Centre at Cheltenham Ladies' College. Their many talents were on full display, with every child contributing to the evening in a variety of ways. Parents were welcomed with drinks and canapés served by our brilliant Year 6 front-of-house team, while others managed the stage and introduced performances. We were treated to a vibrant programme of ensemble, solo and duet performances, including a reprise of 'Sherwood Forest' from their Leavers' Production. This event is always a special occasion and a chance to reflect on just how far our Year 6 musicians have come. Enormous thanks to our music team, especially Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Sallis, for their dedication and guidance over the years.

On Wednesday, it was the turn of some of our youngest performers - Kindergarten and Reception dancers took to the stage with their end-of-term dance shows. Their performances were an absolute delight - many thanks to Miss Gill and Miss Grace from Helen Gill School of Ballet for making these such joyful occasions.



DIARY DATES

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday 5th July

1:00pm PTA Summer Festival

Monday 7th July

9:00am Year 1 Sports Day
(track events) - Parents invited

9:45am Year 2 Sports Day
(track events) - Parents invited

2:15pm Reception Stay and Play
- for children in Reception in
September 2025

3:30pm - 6:00pm Art Exhibition
- all Parents invited, Prep Hall

Tuesday 8th July

Move up afternoon

Year 6 Picnic

9:00am Reception, Year 1 &
2 Sports Field Events - no
spectators

3:30pm Reception Transition to
Year 1 - Parents of September's
Year 1 are invited to the Year 1
classrooms

6:00pm Year 6 Disco

Wednesday 9th July

Year 5 & 6 Biathlon Experience
Morning

Year 1 Sian Hughes Author
Workshop

Thursday 10th July

Save the Rhino Switch it up day!

Berky's Got Talent

3:30/3:45pm Summer Term ends
for Kindergarten to Year 5

No after-school club

Friday 11th July

Leavers' Service and term ends
for Year 6

Thursday 4th September
Autumn Term begins



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NEWS FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL CONTINUED

Despite being so close to the end of term, trips have remained a highlight of the week. On Monday, Year 2 visited Warwick Castle, a much-anticipated trip that had been postponed earlier in the year. And on Thursday, Year 1 rounded off their topic 'Under the Sea' with a visit to Bristol Aquarium. Both outings were fun-filled and memorable experiences.

A thrilling and incredibly evenly matched House Chess Tournament took place on Monday. St Patrick's emerged as the champions by the narrowest of margins - congratulations to all who took part and played with such focus and determination.

As we approach the end of term, it is with mixed emotions that we prepare to say goodbye to four valued members of staff: Mrs Holland, Mr Titley, and Mr and Mrs Taylor. Each of them has made a lasting impact on our school community - through their dedication, care and unwavering commitment to the children. They will be greatly missed by colleagues, pupils and parents alike, and we thank them wholeheartedly for all they have given to Berkhampstead. We wish them every happiness and success in their adventures ahead.

And finally, don't forget - the PTA Summer Festival takes place tomorrow at 1pm. It promises to be a fantastic event. My heartfelt thanks to our wonderful co-chairs, Lottie Noar and Charlotte Chapman - and the rest of the PTA team for their tremendous effort in organising this celebration, which rounds off an incredible year of dedication, creativity and hard work. We are so grateful for all they do to support the school community.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Michelle Bareham

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Head of School





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NEWS FROM KINDERGARTEN

What a fun week we have had in Kindergarten. The children have managed the hot temperatures very well and enjoyed lots of activities.

We had an exciting time at Sports Day! The children were fantastic, showing determination and enthusiasm as they took part in running races, obstacle courses and our favourite - the egg and spoon race! It was wonderful to see everyone cheering each other on and supporting their peers! The children especially enjoyed watching the parents' race. Well done grown-ups!

In maths this week, we've been exploring weight. The children enjoyed comparing heavy and light objects. We have also been practising linking numerals to the correct quantities.

In Forest School, we played a favourite game - I spy! It was a great way to build observation skills, vocabulary, and curiosity about the natural world. We spotted leaves, insects, sticks and even some hidden treasures!

We've loved reading our focus book 'Giraffes Can't Dance'. The story encouraged some lovely discussions about being unique, believing in ourselves, and celebrating what makes each of us special. The children even tried some dancing of their own!

Thank you for your support this year. We're so proud of how much the children have learnt and grown during their time with us. Wishing you all a wonderful summer break.
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VALUES TREE

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

Leaves: Lucius J
Bears: Elowen S,
Shayan S





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NEWS FROM RECEPTION

We simply cannot believe that we have nearly reached the end of the Reception year. It has been so busy, full of smiles and lots and lots of learning! Mrs Gargan, Mrs Hyde and I are incredibly proud of your amazing children; they have come so far in just ten months, and we know they are very ready for the next steps in their school journey.

Along with coping with the heatwave this week, we have also managed to squeeze in lots of fun. Jenny Bajwa, Verity's mummy came in on Monday to talk to us about being a vet. Not only did we see real life x-rays and get to use a stethoscope, we also got to use a microchip scanner and practise bandaging up some soft animals. She ended the session with blowing up some very large examination gloves which made us all laugh!

On Tuesday, our Sports Day was a roaring success! The children managed brilliantly in the heat. They really impressed us with their super speedy racing and the parents' egg and spoon race was the highlight – well done all!

We loved looking at maps in our maths lessons, spotting the differences between Cheltenham and London and looking at symbols on maps. We enjoyed creating our own maps in class and using loose parts and small world materials to create our own little towns.

Transition to Year 1 has been the focus of our CWB lessons this week, as well as our writing task as we wrote about what we are looking forward to as we move over to Pre-Prep. The children loved their session with Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Mac earlier in the week and look forward to spending more time in their new classrooms on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Z M-S



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Leaves: Cleo U-d-S, Aurelia P,
Clemmie P, Lucas D

Bears: Zoe P,
Angelos D





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SCHOOL NOTICES

THURSDAY 10TH JULY – SAVE THE RHINO DAY!

Our School Council chose Save the Rhino as this year's international charity. Earlier this year, we raised over £600 for WellChild – thank you for your generosity! Now it's time to get behind this brilliant cause and support Save the Rhino with a fun-filled fundraising day next Thursday. Here's what's happening:

SWITCH IT UP DAY

All children are invited to wear their own clothes for a £1 donation. They can choose to personalise their look by adding any of the following extras (50p per item):

- Hair chalks
- Painted nails
- Face paints
- Fake tattoo
- Jewellery
- Hair down
- Bring in a teddy

RHINO DASH

Early Years and Pre-Prep will kickstart the day with a rhino 'wake and shake' session, followed by themed challenges on the MUGA - all to raise awareness and funds for Save the Rhino.

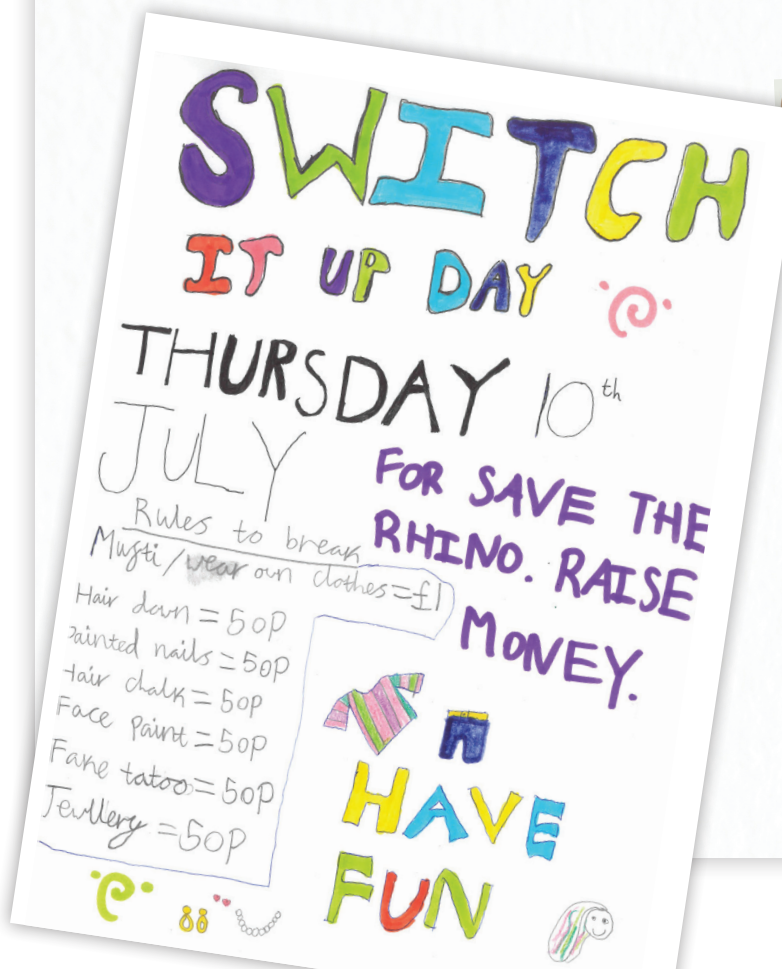
Prep children will take part in a 'rhino dash' around the Victoria Cricket Ground, choosing to run or walk 2, 4 or 6 laps.

Please scan the QR code to donate so Save the Rhino directly. If we raise enough, there's an added incentive - Mrs Holland will don a rhino outfit and run the dash herself... chased by the children!

Let's make this a fantastic day and raise as much as we can for this vital cause! Thank you.

Scan here to donate to Save the Rhino:

UNIFORM SHOP
SUMMER HOLIDAY
OPENING HOURS
29th July and 27 August
3-5 pm





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SPORTS REPORTS



CRICKET

U11 (Mixed) v King's, Gloucester

The U11 team rounded off their season - and their time at Berkhamstead - with a memorable win against King's, Gloucester in a spirited and skilful display of cricket. It was a fitting finale for a group of players who have grown so much both individually and as a team over the course of the year.

King's batted first and with short boundaries started to pick up runs. Berkhamstead's bowlers kept their nerve, with accurate bowling from Archie (2 wickets) and Polly, Rishik, Charlotte, Atlas, Henry and Melba (all getting 1 wicket each). They were backed up by sharp fielding which created consistent pressure, leading to key wickets at regular intervals. Special mention goes to Flo for an outstanding catch in the deep. King's were restricted to 225 for 8.

In reply, Berkhamstead made a steady start, with confident running between the wickets and excellent communication.

Well-paced partnerships from Polly and Angus, Allegra and Flo and Atlas and Henry laid the foundation, while Melba and Charlotte accelerated the scoring with quick running and classy boundaries. Special mention to Atlas for his two sixes in a row. In the end, Berky scored 308 for 5 giving a 83-run victory and plenty to celebrate.

This match not only showcased the team's cricketing skills but also their sportsmanship, teamwork and enjoyment of the game. As their final fixture at Berkhamstead, it was a wonderful way to bow out - full of energy, smiles and pride. A huge well done to all the players and thank you to the parents and supporters who've cheered them on throughout the season. We wish the U11s every success in their next chapter RC

