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Newsletter

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Here at Great Wood Farm we are enjoying the warmer weather at the moment and are making the most of our fantastic outdoor spaces.

We are now busy working with schools to support all of our leavers with their transition to school, a time of mixed emotions; we will be sad to see them go but immensely proud of how they are all developing and the journey we have been part of during their time here.

Events during term 6 are listed below and further information is included in this newsletter.

June

Tuesday 10th June (am) – Sports Day

Thursday 12th June (am) – Reserve Sports Day

Friday 13th June – Father's Day, Join us for Breakfast

Monday 23rd June, week commencing – Forest School Spinney Trip for School Leavers

Wednesday 25th June, 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm – Social for Parents/Carers of School leavers

July

Saturday 5th July, Sponsored Charity Run, start time of 9.30 am

Monday 7th July, week commencing – Parents invited to attend Forest School sessions

Friday 18th July – Leavers Presentation at 1.30 pm

Friday 18th July – End of term 6 for term time funding

Monday 28th July (week commencing) – End of Term for children on stretched funding who commenced January 2025 (Term 3) or April 2025 (Term 5)

August

Monday 11th August (week commencing) - End of term for children on stretched funding who commenced Sept 24 (Term 1)

Sports Day, Tuesday 10th June (am)

Our nursery sports day will be held during the morning of Tuesday 10th June. We no longer invite parents to our sports days as we found the children became overwhelmed by the whole occasion. We hope you understand our decision and are not too disappointed; races will be filmed and sent to parents on eyLog. If your child is not in on the Tuesday, they will enjoy practicing and doing races through planning in the moment on other days. If your child is going to school this summer and not in on Tuesdays we are making an exception for these children; you are welcome to bring them in for 10.15 am and sit in the carpark for half an hour or so until their races are finished. Please inform

the office as soon as possible if you would like to do this. The reserve sports day will be Thursday 12th June if it is too wet on Tuesday.

Father's Day – Join us for Breakfast, Friday 13th June

To celebrate Father's Day we would like to invite Dads or a special person in your child's life to join their child for breakfast. This will be between 7.45 am and 9.30 am on Friday 13th June for all children in the nursery or between 9.00 am and 9.30 am for children in Kindergarten Hares. If you would like to attend please complete the link (if you haven't already done so): [Father's day booking form](#)

Monday 23rd June, week commencing – Forest School Spinney Trip for School Leavers

As a special treat, we would like to take the school leavers on a forest school trip to the Spinney at Little Bytham the week commencing 23rd June. We will send out a permission form to the older children shortly for this trip with further details.

Social for Parents/Carers of School Leavers, Wednesday 25th June 4.30 to 5.30 pm

We are inviting parents/carers of this year's school leavers to attend a social on Wednesday 25th June at 4.30 to 5.30 pm to meet some of the parents of children who are going to the same school as your child. This will be held in Farmer Brian's Wood and our cob oven pizzas will be served. It will also give you an opportunity to ask any further questions about the transition process. We will send out an invitation shortly.

Sponsored Charity Run or Walk, Saturday 5th July, start time of 9.30 am

We're delighted to announce that on Saturday 5th July, Great Wood Farm will once again be hosting a sponsored walk or run to raise vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support—an event we hope will become a much-loved annual tradition. The walk will begin at 9:30am from the nursery. Choose your challenge around the woods with routes of 5k, 2.2k, or 1.1k—whether you walk, jog, or run, every step counts! All money raised will go directly to Macmillan, helping them continue their incredible work supporting individuals and families affected by cancer. You'll even get a cuppa and a cake at the end! We'd love to know how many of you will be joining us, so if you're planning to take part, please let us know by filling out the google form (if you haven't already done so): [Macmillan sponsored run](#)

Parents invited to attend Forest School, week commencing 7th July

We would like to invite the parents of all Toddler and Kindergarten children to attend their child's forest school session during the week commencing 7th July to celebrate this year's forest school. Parents of school leaver children are also invited to stay for lunch cooked on the fire. We will send out a booking form shortly.

School Leavers' Presentation, Friday 18th July

Our leavers' presentation will be held on Friday 18th July at 1.30 pm and is open to parents/carers of children leaving for school in September. The children give a performance followed by the staff. The children are then presented with a book and we finish with afternoon tea. The event usually finishes by 3.00 pm. If your child is not in on this day, please do bring them in for 1.15 pm if you're able to. We very much hope you are able to join us.

Rangers' Holiday Club

Bookings are already open for our Rangers' summer holiday club and we will be sending out the programme of activities very shortly.

Ticks

We would like to remind you about the risks of a tick bite and encourage you to look at the end of every day for any possible tick bites, as they are most active at this time of year with the long grass around.

Summer Clothing

We are happy for children to go on Forest School in summer clothes to maintain their well-being but please ensure they have sturdy shoes such as trainers. We also advise clothing to go over the shoulders, however, we understand this is parental choice.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to enjoying a wonderful summer at Great Wood Farm.