



NEWSLETTER

Summer 2
17/07/26

That's it. Another year over. Thank you to all of the wonderful children and families at the school but especially the amazing team we have here. I continue to be incredibly proud to be the headteacher of such a great school and with the families around us it is more joyous. Well done to all of the children for a wonderful year. I hope everyone enjoys the summer holidays and gets some much needed rest. Good luck to those that are moving on from Sampford too.

Year 6 Leavers

Orry, Avery, Wilf, Chloe, Lexi,
Charlie, Harry, Isabella,
Sienna, Ezra, Henry and Fox.
Good Luck.

Also to the other children
who move on to new schools
in September. Good luck.



Diary Dates

- 20/07/26 - Non-Pupil Day
- 21/07/26 - 31/08/26 - Summer Holidays
- 01/09/26 - Non-Pupil Day
- 02/09/26 - School starts

House Points

4th - Aphrodite - 6,308
3rd - Athena - 6,364
2nd - Apollo - 6,444
1st - Poseidon - 6,564

Attendance

We'll do Year 6 with the best attendance this year with 96.9% for the year.

School Updates

- This year the garden got a huge makeover. With the help of the PTA, families and community, the garden was stripped back and with the continuous work from the PTA it has been transformed into more of a learning space for the children. Thank you so much.
- We enjoyed the first Colour Run which was just a amazing to be part of.
- We have had some really enjoyable trips including: Boydells Farm, Colchester Zoo, Danbury Residential and Chelmsford Museum.

Word of the week

cluttered

*adj. messy
or littered*

Week 2	Week Beginning: 20/04/26 ; 11/05/26 ; 08/06/26 ; 29/06/26 ; 31/08/26 ; 21/09/26 ; 12/10/26			
		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Red		Jacket Potato Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Bacon & Cheese Turnover Hash Brown Bites, Spaghetti Hoops	Fish Fingers Chips, Peas
Dessert		Mandarins & Ice Cream	Shortbread Biscuit	Yoghurt
Blue		Sausage Baguette	Chicken Wrap	Cheese Baguette



Dear Parents and carers

As we come to the close of another successful school year, we want to express our thanks for your continued support. It has been a joy to see the children grow, learn, and flourish, and we are deeply grateful for the trust you place in the school.

Throughout the year, our dedicated staff have worked with great care and professionalism, following all protocols and policies to ensure that every child receives the best education possible in a safe, nurturing environment. Their commitment to creating a place where children feel valued, encouraged, and supported shines through in all they do. We also remain proud of our open-door policy, welcoming parents to share any concerns or ideas so we can continue to work together for the good of the children.

The Governors would like to commend the staff for their calm, effective, and wholehearted work in providing such a positive and caring educational setting.

We would also like to take a moment to thank Andrew Shelly, who has stepped down as Chair of Governors after many years of dedicated service. His commitment to the school has been greatly appreciated, and we hope you will join us in wishing him every happiness for the future.

I have now taken on the role of Chair after serving as co-chair with Andrew over the past year. Having lived in the village for 35 years and now serving as Pastor at Great Sampford Baptist Church, I feel deeply connected to this community. All three of my children attended Great Sampford School and went on to build successful lives, helped by the strong foundation they received here. I am passionate about the school, its ethos, and its place at the heart of village life. It is a precious part of our community, and we are all richer for having it.

This September marks a very special milestone—the 150th intake into the school. To celebrate, we warmly invite you to join us for a series of events. Festivities will begin with a walk by the children to St Michael's Church at 2.30pm on Friday 18th September, followed by a barbeque, Victorian-style games, Maypole dancing, and a historical exhibition. On Saturday 19th September, there will be an afternoon tea featuring stories from the past. The school will also be open for visitors to explore and reminisce.

These celebrations are open to everyone—past and present pupils, parents, staff, and friends of the village. We look forward to marking this wonderful anniversary together with the whole Sampford community.

Wishing you all a restful, enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Kind Regards,

Ann Wolstenholme

Chair of Governors