



Dear Parents and Carers,

The past two weeks have been another busy and enjoyable period in school, helped by the lovely weather we have had. It has been great to see the children making the most of outdoor learning opportunities, spending time on the field and enjoying being active with their friends.

This week, we have taken part in Climate Action Week, with a slightly different approach as children have worked together in whole classes on projects aimed at transforming two unused areas of school into pollinator zones. Across the week, children have explored ways to support wildlife and the environment, including making seed catapults and contributing to practical projects around school. This afternoon, classes came together to share their work and celebrate what they had created — it was fantastic to see the pride children had in their contributions.

Experiences like these are a great reminder that learning happens in many forms. It was great to see all our DRIVE values on display, with the children working collaboratively and supporting one another. A special mention to Miss Carr for organising such a fantastic week!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support this half term. We hope you all have a happy and restful break and enjoy the sunny weather ahead.

Best wishes,
David Belton
Principal

SEND Update – Assessment Pathway

Some of you may have received a letter or seen on social media a communication about the Neurodevelopmental Assessment Pathway. We would like to reassure families that we have received communication from the Nottinghamshire Local Area SEND Partnership that this letter was sent in error, and no child will be removed from the waiting list.

Regards
Andrew Henshaw (SEND CO)

Sports' Day

A reminder that Sports' Day is the Friday we return from the half term break (**Friday 5th June**). There will be no Heroes' Assembly that week.

If poor weather prevents this from taking place, we will notify you via Arbor and have **Wednesday 10th June** scheduled as a backup date.

As usual, the morning session will involve a variety of sporting activities and skills. Parents are welcome to join us in the afternoon at **1.45pm** for the competitive events.

Parents will be seated separately from children throughout, however, should it finish before 3.30pm, children will return to their classes where you will be able to collect them once they have been released by the teacher. Parents will be able to take photos of their child however we ask that for safeguarding purposes these are not posted onto social media.

Children must come to school in full PE kit for the day. Don't forget a water bottle, sun cream and hat.

Parents and carers — don't forget to bring your trainers, just in case we have time for some parent/carer races at the end!

Multiplication Times table Check – Year 4

A reminder that when we return after half term, our Year 4 children will begin completing their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC).

This is a statutory assessment completed by all Year 4 pupils nationally and takes place over a two-week window, with children completing the check online in school.

Please help best prepare your child over the holidays in any way you can. Little and often always helps!



ATTENDANCE and Term-time holidays

As we move into the summer months, we know this can often be a time when families begin planning holidays. We understand that travelling during term time can sometimes be a more affordable option and appreciate the financial pressures many families face.

However, we wanted to remind parents that national attendance guidance has changed, meaning schools are now required to refer cases where a child has **10 sessions (equivalent to 5 school days)** of unauthorised absence within a rolling period, which can include term-time holidays. The Local Authority may then choose to issue a penalty notice (fine).

Previously, school took a more flexible stance around term-time holidays where possible. However, under current national guidance, schools have much less discretion and it can be very difficult to justify authorising individual cases fairly and consistently. Fines are issued and managed by the Local Authority, and **school receives none of this money**.

Beyond fines, regular attendance remains important, as even short periods away from school can mean missed learning, routines and experiences that are difficult to fully replace. Thank you for your understanding and continued support in helping ensure children attend school as regularly as possible.

Parent Governor Wanted

We are looking for a parent governor to join our highly successful governing body who have an interest in supporting the school to deliver the best possible educational experience for all our children. If you are interested in this or would like further information, please email info@bisphamspencer.org.uk. Further information regarding this role will be shared with parents in due course.

Regards,

Cheryl Cooper

Chair of Governors

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Year 3 / Year 4	Sienna, Jessica, Amalie, Ella, Ka Ching, Arthur B, Mollie-Mae
Year 5	Arthur, Celeste, Ivy D,
Year 6	Kobi, Mia

Calendar Dates

May	25 th – 31 st - Half term
June	1 st – 12 th – Year 4 Multiplication Times table check (MTC) window 3 rd – Class Photographs 5 th – Sports' Day 10 th – Back up Sports' Day 30 th – Banks Road Year 2 Visit - Open Afternoon 30 th – Year 2 Parents Transition Meeting (Evening)
July	7 th – Transition Day 8 th – Year 6 additional Transition Day at George Spencer 13 th -17 th – Year 6 Activities Week