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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and have enjoyed the weather. This is my penultimate letter to you for the year. As the year comes to an end, I have been reflecting on the various events that have taken place in school. We have had a jam-packed year, and I have to say, I have enjoyed every minute of it. We are a school where we thrive on challenges.

Art exhibition

I hope you were able to attend the art exhibition on Monday. I have to say the work produced by the children was AMAZING. Thank you, to the wonderful Kiristain and Miss Bowie for organising and leading our art exhibition. If you are interested in buying the art work please make payment via School Gateway.

Transition week

Transition can be challenging for all of us, especially for children. To support a smooth and positive start to the new school year, we are introducing an extended transition period. Next week, from Monday to Thursday, the children will spend each morning until 12:00 pm in their new class with their new teacher. Please remind your child(ren) to line up at their new class lines each morning. Year 6 will line up on the pitch. We have already spoken to the children about Transition Week, but please take a moment to remind them over the weekend and again on Monday morning.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to become familiar with the expectations, routines, and environment of their new class, and to begin building strong relationships with their teacher. It will also allow the teachers to get to know the children's strengths and identify areas for further development ahead of September.

We believe this approach will help everyone feel more confident, settled, and ready for a successful year ahead.





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CCTV Update

Currently, our school has four CCTV cameras in place. From September 2025, we will have three additional cameras in the playground areas. These are being added to support health, safety, and safeguarding across the school site.

The new cameras will be positioned:

- on the pitch
- in the main playground
- in the basketball court

These measures are being put in place to help ensure a safe and secure environment for all pupils and staff. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come and speak with me.

Y6 End of Year production

Year 6 put on an outstanding end-of-year show this week. The quality of the performance was truly exceptional – the singing was powerful and the acting was confident, expressive, and full of personality. It honestly felt like a West End production!

The children looked incredibly professional – from their stage presence to the way they delivered their lines and sang their solos, every detail had clearly been rehearsed with care and pride. I was lucky enough to see it twice, and both times I was blown away. It was, without a doubt, one of my favourite moments of the year. A huge well done to Year 6 and all the staff who supported them.

After the show, we enjoyed a lovely BBQ – it was wonderful to have so many Year 6 families join us and celebrate together. No goodbyes just yet – we still have another week to enjoy!





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End of year service

This year, we will be holding our final assembly at Christ Church on Friday 18th July at 9:30 am. This will be a special opportunity for us to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and reflect on the year together.

Only Year 6 parents are invited to attend the service.

The Year 6 children will share their fond memories, and we will present them with gifts to remember us by.

Friday the 18th July will be our last day for this academic year. School will finish at 1:30 pm.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend! Thank you for everything you do for our school community — your dedication, support, and positivity make a real difference, and we are truly grateful to have you as part of our school family.

With thanks,

Ms. Khan

Head of School

