



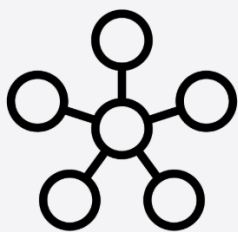
## Head teacher's Roundup May 2025



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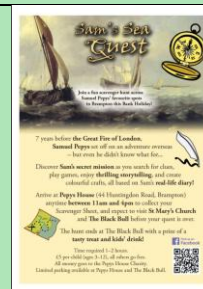
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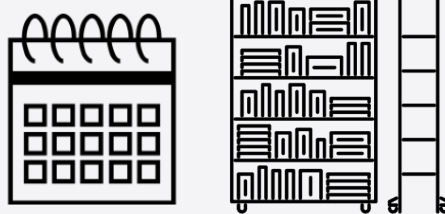


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Statutory guidance

### Relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education

In line with DfE guidance, all classes will be undertaking their RSE units



Dates for your diaries and Local library opening times...



**A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Sports Day on Tuesday and 'Book Look' on Wednesday.**

Sports Days wouldn't be so much fun without our children's families to cheer them on, so it was brilliant to see so many of you here on Tuesday.

This year there were some great individual and team efforts, but the best thing for me as Head teacher was watching on with pride as so many of our older pupils helped and supported the younger members of their teams.

This year the team scores were very high – and very close – but in the end our trophy was awarded to the Green Team. Their team name will be engraved on our Sports Day trophy, the Ian Marshall Shield, which is dedicated to the memory of our wonderful governor and long-term supporter of the school, Ian, who was himself a keen runner before sadly passing away last month.

We are already looking forward to next year's Sports Day and are loving the return of traditional races like the egg and spoon and sack race – thanks to our PE Leader Miss Mitchell for organising the afternoon so well and for bringing back my old favourites!



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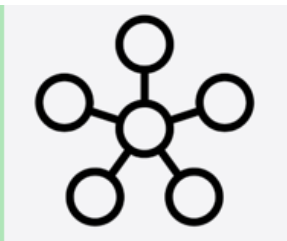
As you will be aware from previous newsletters, yesterday was Mrs Best's last day before her well-earned retirement and we spent the day celebrating her 34 years with us by sharing some of her favourite team activities – marshmallow toasting, orienteering, cloud spotting, outdoor games and a brilliant campfire singsong led by Mr Best.

Although children – and staff - will be sad to see Mrs Best go, we feel proud and privileged that she chose to stay with us for so long and are happy to know that she will be enjoying an active retirement after a life-time of hard work and dedication.

Though waving goodbye to Mrs Best is hard, we are delighted to be able to welcome a new TA, Mrs Lawrence, to our school from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Mrs Lawrence has already met our Year 3&4 pupils and is looking forward to joining us too.

This summer, we must also say goodbye to our Year 5&6 teacher, Mrs Ballester, who leaves at the end of July to take up a promotion in another school. Mrs Ballester joined us before the pandemic as a newly qualified teacher and has worked hard to support our school and our children, gaining national accreditation as both a subject and senior leader on the way. She leaves behind a legacy of excellence and enjoyment in Science and a new scheme of work for Computing, which is popular with both staff and children. We wish her all the best and will watch with enormous pride as she takes the next step on the career ladder at her new school.

We are currently advertising for a class teacher and will keep you posted on our progress. In the meantime, I am happy to announce that Miss Mitchell, who currently teaches our Year 3&4 Class has accepted the role of Year 5&6 Class teacher from September.



**We are currently planning for our class structure in September.**

Looking at pupil numbers for September, our class structure will be in 6 classes as follows:

Sea Horses Class – pre-school  
 Angel Fish Class – Reception  
 Rainbow Fish Class – Years 1 and 2  
 Salmon Class – Years 3 and 4  
 Blue Tang Class – Years 4 and 5  
 Koi Class – Years 5 and 6

As we still have some pupil movement amongst our Service families, we are still finalising our class lists for next year. Final lists will be decided in July and parents will be informed of their children's classes in a letter included in their children's reports, which will be sent out on July 11<sup>th</sup>.



Following suggestions from our whole school suggestion box, the School Council are holding a special board games day today to raise funds for children across the UK who do not have access to games.

Our School Council sub-committees continue to work on our three main projects for this year: developing our school garden, keeping our school environment free from litter and making sure our school toilets are the best they can be for everyone.



**Governing Body news...**

This month, our Governing Body has been continuing its research into ways of managing our budget and achieving a sustainable structure going forward, as well as monitoring the school's arrangements for administering the SATs and monitoring spring and summer term progress data.

In June, committees will be focusing on our annual review of our safeguarding policies and procedures.

We currently have vacancies for two parent governors. If you feel you would like to learn more about the crucial role our governors play in the life of our school, please visit their webpage for more information via this link:  
<https://wytonprimaryschool.org.uk/governors>

Alternatively, please email our Chair of Governors, Chris Lewis, who will always be happy to talk to you ([clewis@wyton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:clewis@wyton.cambs.sch.uk)).



**We've been asked to let you know about this fantastic hands-on history activity at half term ...**

Many of our older children will remember Chip, a talented and inspiring local storyteller, who spent many hours in school with our children, teaching them about the art of storytelling before moving onto new adventures.

Well, Chip and his equally talented partner, Emma, will be hosting a fantastic opportunity to

experience the magic of storytelling and history in Brampton this half term and has asked us to share this message with you...

*7 years before the Great Fire of London, Samuel Pepys set off on an adventure overseas – but even he didn't know what for...*

*Discover Sam's secret mission as you search for clues, play games, enjoy thrilling storytelling, and create colourful crafts, all based on Sam's real-life diary!*

*Arrive at Pepys House (44 Huntingdon Road, Brampton) anytime between 11am and 4pm to collect your Scavenger Sheet, and expect to visit St Mary's Church and The Black Bull before your quest is over.*

*The hunt ends at The Black Bull with a prize of a tasty treat and kids' drink!*

*Time required: 1–2 hours.*

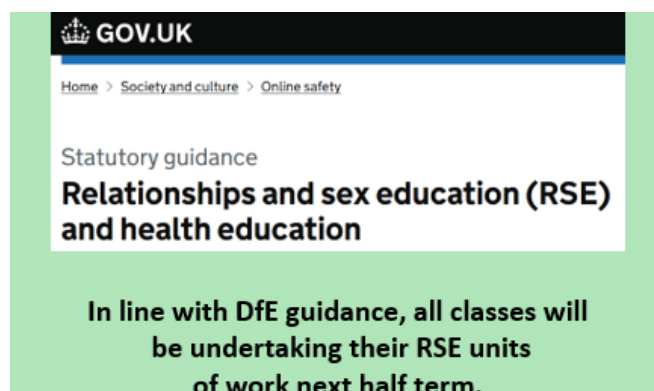
*£5 per child (ages 3–12), all others go free.*

*All money goes to the Pepys House Charity.*

*Limited parking available at Pepys House and The Black Bull.*

*Find us on Facebook*

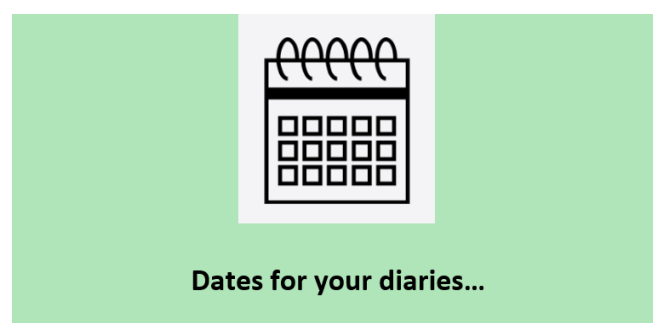
*at <https://fb.me/e/6FOLFHrpv>*



As you will be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) became statutory on September 1, 2020. We choose to undertake this teaching and learning in the summer term, so that children have got to know their teachers well and are able to articulate their learning confidently at an age-appropriate level. Where we have mixed year groups, these lessons will be set in year groups wherever necessary / appropriate, according to lesson content.

Classes will be bringing home a letter outlining the curriculum content this afternoon, but if you would like to read more about our approach, please see our [RSE policy](#).

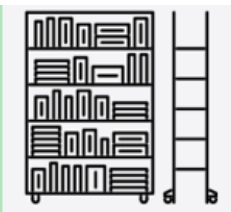
For further information about the DfE's statutory guidance, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>.



Our online calendar is by far the best way to keep up to date with upcoming school events. The link to our online calendar for parents is here: <https://teamup.com/ksqqpu66iy6t7uiyt3>

#### School Events upcoming:

- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June – half term holiday
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Bikeability
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Jun – Reception trip to Bressingham
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Jun – Class Photos
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Jun – Y2/3 trip to Paxton Pits
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Pre-School trip to Sacrewell Farm
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Key Stage 2 production: 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' (!)
- Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – St Ivo taster days for Year 6
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – End of year reports out to parents
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – St Peter's taster days for Year 6
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - last school day of term



### Local Library opening times...

Don't forget that our local libraries are open again this year (opening times below) and don't forget that the mobile library service stops at Wyton on the Hill, on the main road just outside the school on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month between 3.05pm and 3.40pm.

For details on how to access the mobile library service, please use this link:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/visit-a-library/mobile-libraries>

#### St Ives Library:

### Opening time notes

Closed on bank holidays.

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**Monday:** 9.30am – 7pm  
**Tuesday:** 9.30am – 5pm  
**Wednesday:** 9.30am – 5pm  
**Thursday:** 9.30am – 1pm  
**Friday:** 9.30am – 5pm  
**Saturday:** 9.30am – 4pm  
**Sunday:** Closed

**Availability:** All Year

For further information, including directions, please visit:  
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/directory/listings/st-ives-library>

#### Huntingdon Library:

### Opening time notes

Closed on bank holidays and between Christmas and New Year.

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**Monday:** 9.30am – 5pm  
**Tuesday:** 9.30am – 5pm  
**Wednesday:** 9.30am – 7pm  
**Thursday:** 9.30am – 1.30pm  
**Friday:** 9.30am – 5pm  
**Saturday:** 10am – 4pm  
**Sunday:** Closed

**Availability:** All Year

For further information, please visit:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/directory/listings/huntingdon-library-and-archives>

For further information about other local libraries, please follow this link:  
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/visit-a-library/your-library>

And finally...

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries, concerns or suggestions you may have regarding any aspect of school life. I am always happy to meet via telephone, Zoom or in person – or you can always catch me on the playground first thing every morning.

Should you need to contact your child's class teacher, please email using the contact details below and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

Years 5&6 Koi Class - Mrs Ballester:

[lballester@wyton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:lballester@wyton.cambs.sch.uk)

Years 3&4 Blue Tang Class - Miss Mitchell:

[tmitchell@wyton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:tmitchell@wyton.cambs.sch.uk)

Year 2&3 Salmon Class – Mrs Phillips:

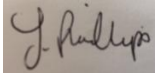
[head@wyton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@wyton.cambs.sch.uk)

Years 1&2 Rainbow Fish Class - Mrs Giddings:

[kgiddings@wyton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:kgiddings@wyton.cambs.sch.uk)

Angel Fish Reception Class:  
[lpugh@wyton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:lpugh@wyton.cambs.sch.uk)

Best wishes,

A small, square image of a handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Phillips'.

Jo Phillips (Head Teacher)