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Monday 4th	Bank Holiday
Friday 8th	Class Photos
Monday 11th to Thursday 14th	Year 6 SATs
Friday 15th	Year 6 Bowling
Monday 18th	Year 2 trip to Colchester Zoo
Wednesday 20th	Reception trip to Highwoods Country Park
Friday 22nd	Year 4 trip to Daws Hall
25th—29th	Half Term
June	
Monday 1st	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 2nd	Children return to school
Wednesday 3rd	Year 4 WonderDome
Thursday 4th	Children's Entertainer/ Disco
Tuesday 9th	KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 10th	Year 1 trip to Colchester Castle
Wednesday 17th	Year 6 Imperial War Museum
Monday 22nd	Year 1 and Year 2—Sports Day



Ambition ♦ Respect ♦ Kindness

Dear families

Monday next week (4th May) is the May Day bank holiday. We hope you enjoy the long weekend with your families.

Goodbye Mrs Khan

This week we said goodbye to Mrs Khan, one of our LSAs. We are sad to see her go but wish her all the very best for the future.

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 children will be taking their statutory end of key stage tests from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May. It is vital that Year 6 children arrive on time each day, and that they have a settled week and weekend before. A good night's sleep and breakfast are very important too!

Lost Property

Please ensure all of your child's clothing and belongings that they bring into school are named. This includes lunch boxes and water bottles. We have noticed a big increase in lost property. If your child's items are named, it makes it much easier for us to return the items to their owner.

Class Photos

Next Friday, 8th May, Van Cols Photographers will be in school to take class photos. Your child will bring home a card in their school bag with details of how to order a copy of their class photo.

School Meals

Week commencing Tuesday 5th May we will be eating meals from menu 1. Don't forget to order from our special [Pokemon menu](#) on Thursday.

FOP Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who came to our annual quiz night on Friday 24th April, we raised £187. Congratulations to the winning team, Gemma, Michael, Amy, Emily, Amelia and Sophie





Phonics Practice Videos - Year 1

As we head toward the Phonics Screening Check this June, we want to ensure all children feel confident and well-prepared. To support their learning at home, we have uploaded a series of helpful Phonics Practice QR Codes to the school website.

Scanning these codes will take your child directly to targeted practice videos, helping them master the sounds and blending skills they need.

Head over to the website to find the following documents with the QR codes within:

- QR Codes PSC Practice Set 2
- QR Codes PSC Practice Set 3
- QR Codes Layout Set 3 and Additional

Simply open the camera app on your smartphone or tablet, point it at the screen and click the link that appears. Spending just a few minutes a day watching these videos can make a huge difference in your child's reading fluency and confidence.

My Future

We have been looking at careers that link to 'Life from Earth' and how we can have an impact. Why not have a discussion with your child about the career they found most interesting.

Local Events and News

Take a look at the Local Events and News page on our website. It has details of events happening in our local area soon.

[Prettygate Schools - Local Events and News](#)

Late Arrivals

We have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving after 8.40am and we would like to remind all parents about the importance of arriving at school on time. We are aware that some children have valid reasons for lateness i.e. medical appointments, family emergencies etc and these are understandable, singular events, but repeated, habitual lateness can be detrimental to a child's education.

Late arrival is very often unsettling for a child and can mean that they miss vital information about their day which is explained during the registration period. It can also be unsettling for the whole class when someone arrives late and disrupts the learning process.

Finally, not all parents are aware but frequent lateness can also be subject to a penalty notice dependant on how much time the child has missed.





Friday ARK Assemblies

Each Friday we hold an assembly to celebrate our school values of ambition, respect and kindness. Each week, class teachers choose one child from their class who has demonstrated all three values consistently. A certificate is presented in the assembly and their parents are invited to come along. See the photos of this week's winners below!

Class	Name of Child
RB	Luke D
RLI	Daisie-Rae M
1T	Jai H
1S	Mia-Rose R
2MB	Isaac R
2N	Carried forward
3FJ	Kiki S
3G	Tabitha C
4K	Poppy C
4M	Mei R
5D	Neave J
5RG	Ava-Rose B
6L	Gabby R
6MH	Maddison P



House Points

Mars – 331	1st
Pluto – 222	2nd
Venus – 193	3rd
Jupiter – 164	4th