



18th July 2025

Dear Parents and Families

As we draw to the end of the penultimate week of the year, I find myself drafting my penultimate letter to you all. This week the students have enjoyed their transition morning to their new classes and teachers for September. This was very successful, and it was lovely to see how much they enjoyed the new classrooms and enjoyed the activities they did. Sometimes 'change' can be tricky for children to negotiate but with the wonderful support of our staff, your children showed our school value of 'resilience' in abundance and jumped with genuine enthusiasm into the morning. I was very proud of them and visited every class to see what they were doing and how they settled in.

We continue to fill our days with activities for the children and will see several exciting days and evenings coming next week.

Parents Evening

It was lovely to see so many of you at our parent and family evening last week. The conversations with teachers were so helpful for us, as a school, and I hope you felt they supported the reports you also received. These face-to-face meetings are an important part of the way we wish to continue our collaborative work with all of you. I will publish all the dates for next year early in the new academic year.

Arbor Roll Out

The school has a new Management Information System (Arbor) and I am very excited about the way this will help us with our communication with you. Early last September, I took feedback on communication with parents and some of the 'wish list' was around emails, paying for school lunches and payment you make to the school.

I am very pleased to let you know that the new system for paying for meals works through our new system as does the school lunches, where you will be able to see all the lunches for the week. We will also send all emails and messages to you via Arbor.

All parents and carers will need to download the app to have Arbor on their phones or laptops. Information on how to do this will be sent out next week. It is very simple process and we will be on hand for the whole of next week to help with any queries you have.

Rock Steady Concert

We have our final Rock Steady concert next week on Monday 21st at 2.00pm. If your child or young person is partaking, please use the link below to let us know if you can attend or not. Please do come along with your singing voice – I know this last concert will be amazing.

<https://forms.gle/f5Zu4fVM8QbzxHjU6>

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Year 11 Leavers Celebration

Our final event for our Year 11s takes place next week on Tuesday 22nd July. We are very lucky to be holding this at the Yacht Club in Torquay and will start at 5.30pm. All details have been sent to our Year 11 families, and I am very excited to see as many of you there as possible. It will be a wonderful evening of celebration for our Year 11s.

Edward Thompson

Mr Thompson, who has worked in the school for 38 years and is retiring at the end of this term, will be walking the Cotswold Way during the first week of the summer holidays to raise money for the Imprezza Academy in Western Kenya. As you may be aware, we have forged a relationship with the school there and this year sent a group of Sixth Form students over to Kenya to visit the school and paint their new classrooms. Mr Thompson aims to complete the 102 mile route solo inside five days, camping rough each night in a suitable location. Please support him if you are able to by sponsoring him via the online giving platform JustGiving (see address below). To date he has raised £960 (48%) of his £2000 target'.

www.justgiving.com/page/cotswoldwaysolotrek



Afterschool Club for September

As mentioned in my last letter, if you would like your child to attend the after-school club in September on Friday afternoons during term time, please click on the link below to register your interest. If you have any further questions, you can direct these to gareth@thefootballfunfactory.co.uk

[Coombe Pafford School - After School Club \(Fridays\) | Football Fun Factory](#)

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I will write again next week with my last letter of the year but take this as a reminder that the last day for students this year is Friday 25th July and they return back to school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Have a lovely weekend with your families and friends.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sally Banfield', written in a cursive style.

Sally Banfield
Headteacher

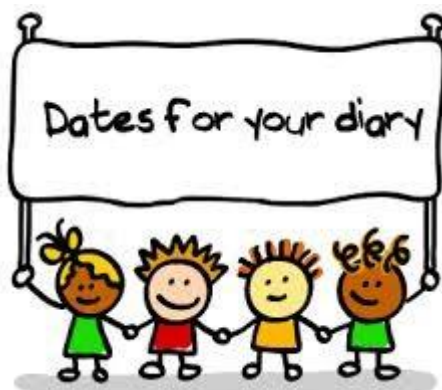
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- 22nd July KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 24th July Rock Steady Final Performance
- 25th July KS2 – Year 7 Swimming
- 25th July LAST DAY OF TERM

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