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# FIR VALE FORTNIGHTLY

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into the final half term of the academic year, it is hard to believe that there are now only five weeks remaining until the summer break. These last five weeks will be incredibly busy as we work to ensure that everything is in place and ready for a successful start to September. There is much to celebrate and much to prepare for, and we are looking forward to making the most of every opportunity between now and the end of term. This week also marks the end of an important chapter for our Year 11 students as they complete their time with us. We are extremely proud of their hard work, resilience and achievements throughout their school journey. As they prepare to take their next steps, whether into further education, training or employment, we wish them every success and happiness for the future. At the same time, we have begun welcoming our incoming Year 6 pupils as they visit the school ahead of joining us in September. It has been wonderful to meet so many enthusiastic young people, and we are excited to welcome them into our school community in the new academic year. Over the next five weeks, there will be a number of important updates and communications shared with families regarding end-of-year arrangements and preparations for September. Please keep an eye for school communications to ensure that you do not miss any key information.



**Mr Bullock**  
Principal

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**Determination**



**Togetherness**



**Achievement**



**Opportunity**



**Kindness**



**Respect**



We're now in full swing with Arbor, our school's information system that keeps you connected to your child's attendance, achievements, behaviour, and all our updates. **It's really important that you download the Arbor app so you can stay fully in the loop.**

Please take a moment to download it and log in so you have everything you need at your fingertips!

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## Key Dates Ahead

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Y11 last day

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

School Closure Day  
(Staff Training, no students in school)

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Y11 Prom 2026

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Presentation Evening

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

School Closure Day  
(Staff Training, no students in school)

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Y6 Parent/Carer Welcome Evening

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Y6 Student Welcome Day

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

End of Year Reward Trip to Alton Towers

## Can't Wait to Meet You!

We have been delighted to welcome Year 6 students from a range of local primary schools for a series of exciting taster sessions. With students already enjoying lessons in mathematics, science, music, and technology. With further sessions in drama and English, helping them gain a real sense of life at our school.

We have been impressed by the positive attitude and excellent conduct of the students throughout their visits, and we are very much looking forward to seeing them again for their full day visit on Welcome Day, taking place on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July**.





## **Orchestras for All!**

Mrs Koch and Mrs Swift took four musicians from Fir Vale to the Houses of Parliament to perform for Orchestras For All's 15th Birthday celebrations.

They truly did Fir Vale proud, not just in their excellent musicianship, but in their professionalism and togetherness throughout the day.

They held their own alongside professional musicians and they represented the school in such a fantastic way.



## **Celebration of Different Cultures!**

On Friday 22nd May, we celebrated our annual Culture Day. This was a non-school uniform day where students wore traditional cultural clothing to celebrate and showcase the diversity of cultures within our school community. A range of activities took place throughout the day, including:

- Guess the Flag
- Music & Dance performances
- Cultural music

£91 was raised from the event and will be donated to the local food bank.



## **Drop Down Day!**

A huge thank you to our amazing emergency services for attending our Drop Down Day. Our Year 7 students had the opportunity to learn valuable life skills and gain important knowledge through engaging sessions delivered by the teams. We are incredibly grateful for their time, support and expertise shared.



## **Work Experience!**

Our Year 10 students took part in a range of work experience placements providing them with a valuable insight into the working world, with placements across local businesses. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the providers who supported our students and helped them gain firsthand experience of different career sectors.