

"We should love people not only with words and talk but by actions and true caring."

1 John 3: 18



**HYTHE BAY**  
Church of England  
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## Newsletter 26

# Happy Easter



Good Afternoon

Well, we have finally made it to the end of term and are now all set for the long summer term. The end of the school year is going to be here before we know it.

The next two terms are filled with lots of exciting, lovely things for children to do. It is also that time of the year when we begin National Testing and Assessment, the dreaded SATs, Multiplication check and the Phonics check. Children in Y1 will be completing their SATs during May, we have a whole month in which to test these children. They will do reading tests, maths tests and writing assessments. These tests are very low key for the children, they will work in small groups or individually with their teacher and the work they do should feel just like their usual classroom activities. Y6 children will sit their SATs in the week beginning the 9<sup>th</sup> May (KS2 SATs usually run Monday to Thursday but this year everything has been shifted along a day because of the Coronation). Children will sit papers in reading, maths and spelling, punctuation and grammar and teachers will also assess their writing. These tests are a little more formal, delivered at times set by the Department of Education and are sent away to be marked. In June, Y4 will take part in a multiplication check for their 0-12 times tables, children will take this as an online test – not dis-similar to the challenges they do at school and at home on the Times Table Rock Stars website. The test is fast and children would really benefit by practising their times table recall skills at home whenever they can. Children in Y1 and those who didn't achieve the expected level last year and are now in Y2 will take part in the phonics check in June. Again this is a very informal assessment completed individually with the class teacher, which feels just like a normal classroom activity. Children will be well prepared for these tests and assessment, so hopefully they should all take them in their stride.

To celebrate the Coronation, we will be having a Playground Party on the afternoon of 5<sup>th</sup> May. We hope that everyone will dress in their party clothes and take part in various Royal activities and we will end the afternoon with a Royal Picnic. Look out for more details closer to the date.

Have a very Happy Easter when it arrives and a great holiday.

Carolyn Chivers  
Headteacher

Anchored by God, we strive to teach children to be confident, connected, and creative through outstanding teaching and care. We show our love, tolerance, forgiveness, and compassion, not just by talking about them but living them each day of our lives.

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**2022-23 Dates for Your Diary**  
**Yellow highlights – change of date / New Dates**

17 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of term 5
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Herald Cup Boys v Palmarsh at Palmarsh
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Seashells Class Worship – 10.30am
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Friends Rock and Roll Bingo – 7.00pm
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Herald Cup Boys v Dymchurch
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
2 <sup>nd</sup> May to 26 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 SATs Tests for Y2 children
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Sea Otters Class Worship – 10.30am
<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Coronation Playground Party – 1.30pm</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – King’s Coronation – School Closed
9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs Tests for Y6 children
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 Church Day
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Hythe Bay’s Got Talent
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term 5
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of term 6
5 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Multiplication Checks for Y4
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Check for Y1 and some Y2 children
12 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Y6 Bikeability Training
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Friends Father’s Day Shop
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Church Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Puffins Class Worship – 10.30am
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Jellyfish Class Worship– 10.30am
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to parents
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Pufferfish Class Worship 10.30am
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Celebration Party
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Afternoon
11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Starfish Class Worship – 10.30am
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Friends Summer Party on the Playground
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Assembly
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term 6 for pupils
20 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Staff non-contact days
1 <sup>st</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Staff non-contact days
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of Term 1