



'Every Child Counts, Every Moment Matters'



NEWSLETTER

19th July 2019



End of Year Newsletter



End of Year Message from Mrs Montandon

Another school year has come to an end- what a busy one as usual! Thank you all for welcoming me so warmly to Millfields, I have loved getting to know so many of you over the last couple of terms.

Millfields is such a wonderful school and together we can work to make it even better, with lots of exciting opportunities for the children. I hope that you like the changes which have been introduced e.g. the security, the staggered opening, the sharing days, father's day breakfast, forest school open week to name a few. We have more ideas for next year! If you have any ideas which you think would benefit the school community, please do not hesitate to drop me a line, I'm always happy to listen to new ideas.

On behalf of myself and the staff I would like to thank you for the gifts, cards and good wishes. These are not expected - we love working with your children - but are very much appreciated.

We wish all of our children who are moving on to new schools good luck for their futures, they will be missed. They are a credit to you and to the school.

We look forward to welcoming our new Pre-Schoolers and Reception children to our school when we all return on **Wednesday 4th September**.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy summer and safe journeys for those who are travelling. See you in September.

Happy Holidays!

School Games Gold Award

This year, Millfields have been awarded Gold for the School Games Mark. This is in recognition of our children attending sports competitions and festivals, learning new sports and our Sports Crew working incredibly hard to organise and lead parts of their PE lessons.

The School Games is a programme designed to keep competitive sport at the heart of schools and provide more young people with the opportunity to compete and achieve their personal best. It highlights the importance of physical activity and builds links between schools and clubs in the community.

We would like to thank and congratulate all children that have competed or participated in Sports this year at Millfields.



Millfields Carnival Debut

Saturday 13th July saw Millfields First School enter our first ever float at the Bromsgrove Carnival.

The carnival theme this year was 'Safari', our float was based on a 'Forest School Safari' and inspired by our very own Forest School. Millfields Forest School team organised the whole event for us including a very thorough risk assessment.

Our float featured some very colourful decorations completed by children from across the school and even some parents / carers on our sharing day—thank you for your input! After School Club also made some huge pencils which were fastened to the back of the float.

As this was a trial run it was decided that the float should be manned by staff from our Forest School Team—including our regular helpers, and other members of staff

As we felt that children would promote the school better than adults, and due to space restrictions on the small float, children of adults involved on the day were included on the float. Next year, should we decide to enter a float again, we will look to open this up to children from the whole school.

It was lovely to see so many families supporting us on the day in the crowds; thank you for the many positive comments we have received about our float.

We would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Dixon (Forest School), the Forest School Team and Mrs Dixon's family for all their hard work in organising this event and making it a success.





Staffing News

As often happens in school, there will be some staffing changes for September. We say a fond farewell and good luck to Mrs Grainger, Miss Freeman, Ms Birch, Mrs Land and Miss Burgess.

We would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to Millfields during the time they have been with us, They will be missed.

For the next academic year Mrs Langfield is continuing her secondment—we wish her every success.

We welcome Miss Griffiths and Mrs South who will be teaching assistants in Year 2 and 3 respectively. We hope that they will be very happy in our Millfields community.

Mrs Mills is returning from her maternity leave as class teacher to Cedar Class.

Mrs Haines has been appointed as Assistant Head Teacher for the next academic year; she will also continue her SENDCo and Safeguarding role. Mrs Worrall continues her role as Assistant Head Teacher whilst also teaching part time in Oak Class.



Pre-School Sports Day

We would like to thank all Parents, Carers and Family members that came to watch our first ever Pre-School Sports Day on Wednesday 17th July. The turn out was fantastic and all children did remarkably well. Thank you for your support and well done to all in Willow Class who took part!



Friends Summer Fayre

Our summer fayre took place on Friday 18th July and was one of the most successful ones to date.

We are pleased to inform you that our Summer Fayre has raised over £1,500.00 in profit! This is an absolutely fantastic result, we would like to thank everyone who have contributed towards this figure.

We would also like to say a special thank you to Sammy Connell and the whole of the Friends Association for all their hard work and effort in making sure this event was such a success - thank you.

All winners of the raffle and the Gnome have now been notified - congratulations to all the lucky winners.

The school disco also raised over £500.00, again thank you to the Friends for their support with this event and to Mrs Fullerton for her impressive DJ skills. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated - thank you all.

The Friends Association are already busy planning events for next year.

If you would like to be part of this fantastic team please email:
friends@millfields.worcs.sch.uk





End of Year Messages and Memories from...



Mrs Gould and Mrs Wheeler, Willow Class

We have had a very exciting year in Willow Class. The children really enjoyed seeing Father Christmas at the Severn Valley Railway. We were so excited to be able to choose a class name - we love Willow Class!

Mrs Wheeler was very brave when the animal came in; Mrs Gould had emailed Steve to bring a large toad, as she knows it is Mrs Wheeler's favourite amphibian! Our bravery shone through again when it came to food tasting, especially Robyn and Harry, they tried everything!

Before we knew it, it was time for Pre-School's very first Sports Day, where we watched the children happily compete in the beanbag and egg and spoon race and had a chance to say goodbye to our school leavers and their families. We wish our 4 year olds good luck in Acorns and look forward to welcoming existing and new children in September.



Miss Evans, Acorns E Class

How do we narrow it down to a few memories over such a great year?! This year group have been fantastic - Miss Evans and Miss Cullin have loved watching the children grow in confidence and height!

If we had to choose some highlights, we would have to say:

We loved watching the Nativity - where you all performed brilliantly.

Holding spiders, snakes and frogs - wishing they were furry like cats or dogs!

Our trip to see animals at the farm - you were well-behaved and really calm.

We will miss you more than you'll ever know: enjoy Year One, you'll run that show!



Miss Hault, Acorns H Class

In Acorns H we have had many exciting trips and visitors such as Rudolph at Christmas, Sohan to teach us all about Hinduism and our latest one was the farm trip, our favourite was bottle feeding the piglets.

One of the children's favourite games to play is 11's and they have become so quick at playing it. In our classroom the favourite areas to develop their skills is the maths space where we have had gigantic towers and playing teacher. They also love to be creative and draw and paint many new ideas. One of the children's highlights was the Titanic theme, they loved listening to the music, playing instruments to the beat and making their own titanic from paper, bricks and cardboard boxes.

I have truly had the most amazing experience this year with all of my class and I am so grateful that they have helped me start my teaching dream. I will miss them all so much.



Miss Hughes, Holly Class

What a year we have had Holly Class! The Severn Valley Railway, visiting a Synagogue, Going to the Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast, Gymnastics Festival and Our Sandwich making. You were a credit to our school on all of our adventures! It has been lovely seeing you all grow from tiny Reception children into grown up independent Year Ones. You are ready to face your new challenges that Year 2 will give you.

My favourite memory of you all will be how you always manage to make me smile, whether that is when you're telling me your jokes, being enthusiastic learners or joining in with the stories we read together.

Parents thank you all for your continued support throughout the year.

I hope you all have wonderful Summer Holly Class, I can't wait to here all about your holidays in September.



Miss Hynes, Maple Class

It has been a fantastic year in Maple class. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching as the children have flourished and become their own characters.

There is a lot that I will remember from this year, the trip to Sanders Park for the Bandstand and being super proud of how well each child gets involved, enjoying having a brain break in class dancing along to Go Noodle - Maple class definitely know how to move!

The children in Maple class show such passion and a love for learning that is admirable. I am sure they are going to really enjoy Year Two! I wish them the best of luck and hope they all have the brightest of futures.

Well done to all the superstars of Maple class and thank you for being such a wonderful class.



Mrs Worrall and Miss Smith, Year 2

Year 2 Adventures (well some of them!)

A new term, a new class and now we are Year 2,
Exciting times, adventures ahead all within our view.

First we learnt to recycle and went for a walk to our park.
We cleared the park of litter, Millfields had made its mark!

Next we went to Africa, well not quite but nearly there!
The Animal Man brought creatures that we could hold and share.

We met an Olympic athlete and his performance left us in awe!
It was a special privilege to hold an Olympic Torch.

Off to Stratford this time to find out about Shakespeare's time.
A chance to perform with actors, a real opportunity to shine!

Mini beasts and pond dipping, we had a great day out,
We could hear the steam trains as we wondered about.

So many tales to tell of all the times we have had,
And as we leave Year 2 we are all a little sad.

But new times ahead as we move to Year 3 in the summer sun.
We can't wait to meet our new teachers, but
WATCH OUT HERE WE COME!



Mrs Watkins, Cedar Class

What a wonderful year we've had in Cedar class. You have all had so much fun, worked incredibly hard and matured into determined children who are ready to take on any task.

We had lots of fun at the Think Tank centre learning about light and shadow together, and especially enjoyed watching everyone learn to swim or improve their swimming skills during your lessons, I think the final session was the most enjoyable!

There have been so many happy times in Cedar class and the room has been filled with smiles and laughter. Thank you for welcoming me half way through your year, it has been brilliant seeing you all achieve everything you have.



Mrs Coles, Cherry Class

As my first ever class, your children will be a group that I will never forget! They are an incredible bunch of children and I feel very privileged to have been their teacher.

Throughout the year, Cherry Class have been part of a Stone Age workshop, had a visit from a Buddhist Monk, been on a trip to watch Beauty and the Beast at the theatre and visited Thinktank Birmingham. They also sang with all their hearts when participating in The Big Sing at the University of Worcester Arena.

They have matured and grown so much across the year and I will miss them greatly. I wish them all lots of luck in Year 4.



Mr Parker, Hazel Class

We have had a fantastic year in Hazel class and I am so proud of the progress they have all made.

They have all become independent and mature children with a brilliant attitude to learning, perfect manners, a great sense of humour and such lovely personalities. We have created wonderful memories during our Residential trip (despite the snow!), sports and drama workshops and being wrapped up as mummies.

You have created a warm and happy environment in Hazel class, where we could all learn, laugh and enjoy every day of the year!



Mrs Hill, Oak Class

Oak class, you have been a delight this year. You are a talented, caring and hardworking group of children and I am so proud of all you have achieved.

What a busy year, with many memorable moments, trips to Norton Museum, the theatre and our Residential visit. You displayed maturity and skill when dancing and representing Millfields at the Cathedral.

We will all miss you as you move on to your middle schools, but know you will all continue to shine and are ready for this next step.



Ms Neale, Forest School

We are so proud to be able to offer Forest School to all of our children throughout the year especially as these are sessions that they value so highly and learn so much from. The children have been able to observe the seasonal changes at first hand; they have learnt how to use different equipment and tools at age appropriate levels safely; they all understand the need for self-risk management. The children's skills of shelter building at different levels are amazing.

We have been so fortunate to have had wildlife cameras installed at Forest School this year. The children are all involved in filling the bird feeders and putting out food for the foxes and other animals that may visit our site. They have been so excited to see the night time activities of our wildlife Forest School visitors.

The highlight of our year has definitely been our Forest School Open Week when so many parents and other family members were able to join us and work with their children on site and see exactly what the children gain from working at our wonderful Forest School.

Thank you for all your support in donating plants, pots, hanging baskets, bulbs, a mini- greenhouse; the list could go on. We really appreciate it.

See you in September for a new year at Forest School.

Outstanding Achievement Award

We would like to congratulate William Ives in Year 4 who has been presented with an Outstanding Achievement Award for his 100% Attendance throughout his whole time at Millfields First School.

This is a fantastic achievement recognising the fact that he has never missed a day of school—ever!

William was presented his certificate and award by Mrs Montandon in assembly on his last day at Millfields.

Well done William, you should be very proud of your achievement, we wish you well in Middle School.



Boccia Event

We would like to congratulate our Boccia Team who recently represented Millfields at the Worcestershire Games. There were over 1,200 children participating in this event, including children from local first and middle schools all taking part in a range of sporting activities.

We are really proud to inform you that our Year 3 Boccia team came in **2nd place overall!**

Well done to Magali, Isabele, Libby and Freya for all your hard work—what an achievement!



We would like to say a special thank you to Miss Lee for all her coaching and support.





Gold Book Award

Millfields First School Gold Book

5th July 2019

Willow: Layla for showing excellent sportsmanship whilst we've been practising for our Sports Day!

Acorns E: Paige for persevering with all her work and having a real positive attitude to school life. You are ready for Year One, well done Paige!

Acorns H: Daisy for settling in so quickly and making some lovely friends ready for Year 1

Holly: Heidi R for trying really hard in everything she does at school! Keep working hard Heidi

Maple: Harry for having an improved attitude towards his work. He always works really hard taking his time to ensure that his work is the best of his ability. Well done Harry, really proud of you.

Beech: Jude for being a very helpful and caring member of our class. Thank you Jude.

Rowan: Theo B for his enthusiasm and fantastic behaviour during our school trip. Well done Theo!

Cedar: Noah for always being so enthusiastic towards school and making every effort to achieve any task he is given. Well done Noah!

Cherry: Ruby for her hard work in both English and Maths this week! She is showing determination and developing real resilience. Keep it up Ruby.

Hazel: Alix for her consistent effort, enthusiasm and achievement throughout the year. An excellent role model for Year 4!

Oak: Ashleigh for approaching all activities with enthusiasm and energy. Well done Ashleigh.

Forest School: George M and Charlie R - Holly Class, for having an excellent attitude towards their learning and for listening to others and valuing their views and ideas.

Millfields First School Gold Book

12th July 2019

Willow: Harry for being a really thoughtful friend and making sure everyone has someone to play with!

Acorns E: Charity for always having a positive outlook to her learning - you always try your best with everything and make all the adults really proud. Well done.

Acorns H: Oscar C for always asking to help the teachers and his friends. Thank you.

Holly: Freya and George for being fantastic, helpers throughout sports day. I couldn't have done it without your help! Thank you for being superstars *

Maple: Chloe for being a fantastic friend to others.

Beech: Blake for winning first prize during all three of his sports day races! Blake, you quietly enjoyed your glory and modestly accepted praise. We are very proud of you. A true sports person!

Rowan: Eleanor for being a supportive and caring friend during sports day. We're all really proud of you - well done!

Cedar: April for the super effort she has put into her work and all areas of school life recently. Keep it up April!

Cherry: Edith for being such a pleasure to teach. She always works hard and is a good friend to others.

Hazel: Ava-Mae for her effort, positive attitude and beautiful singing during the rehearsals for our leaver's assembly.

Oak: Freddie M for always giving his best in all he does and for being a lovely friend to others.

Forest School - Holly: Nancy C for working so well with her team listening to their ideas and offering solutions to problems. Well done Nancy.



Celebration Page Continued...

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Willow: To all the Pre-School leavers, thank you for working so hard this term in preparation for your next big adventure.

Acorns E: To all of Acorns E for shining like stars this year! Have the best summer and good luck in Year 1!

Acorns H: For all of Acorns H for being the most amazing first class anyone could wish for. They all have marvellous characteristics that when we work together they achieve so many great things. I hope they have enjoyed everything in Acorns, and I can't wait to see them grow through the school!

Holly: All of Holly Class for being superstars all year long, I hope you continue to shine in Year 2.

Maple: All of Maple Class for being a fantastic class! You have all worked so hard this year and I am really proud of you all. Best of Luck in Year 2!

Beech: All of Beech Class for being fabulous and for all your hard work. I'm so proud of you all!

Rowan: All of Rowan Class for working extremely hard this year and for overcoming many challenges. Well done! Mrs Ramsden and I are really proud of you. Good luck in Year 3!

Cedar: All of Cedar Class for showing such strength and determination to achieve all that you have this year. You're a wonderful group of children with fantastic bubbly personalities, I'm so proud of you all.

Cherry: All of Cherry Class for being such kind and caring Jelly Baby babysitters this week and showing how mature and 'Year 4 ready' you all are.

Hazel: All of Hazel Class for your progress, maturity and independence over this year. You are a wonderful class with such lovely personalities, manner and attitudes. You have kept me laughing throughout the year, making Hazel Class a very happy place to be. Thank you and well done!

Oak: All of Oak Class for a superb leaver's assembly. You've all worked really hard, cared for one another and smiled throughout Year 4. Good luck at your Middle Schools.

Forest School: All in Oak and Hazel Class! You have been amazing and are able to talk about the environment in such caring and knowledgeable

Class Attendance Award

Each week we celebrate the class with the highest attendance rate.

Well done to the following classes for their brilliant attendance over the last few weeks:

Week ending:
28th June 2019

'Oak Class'

97%

Week ending:
5th July 2019

'Maple Class'

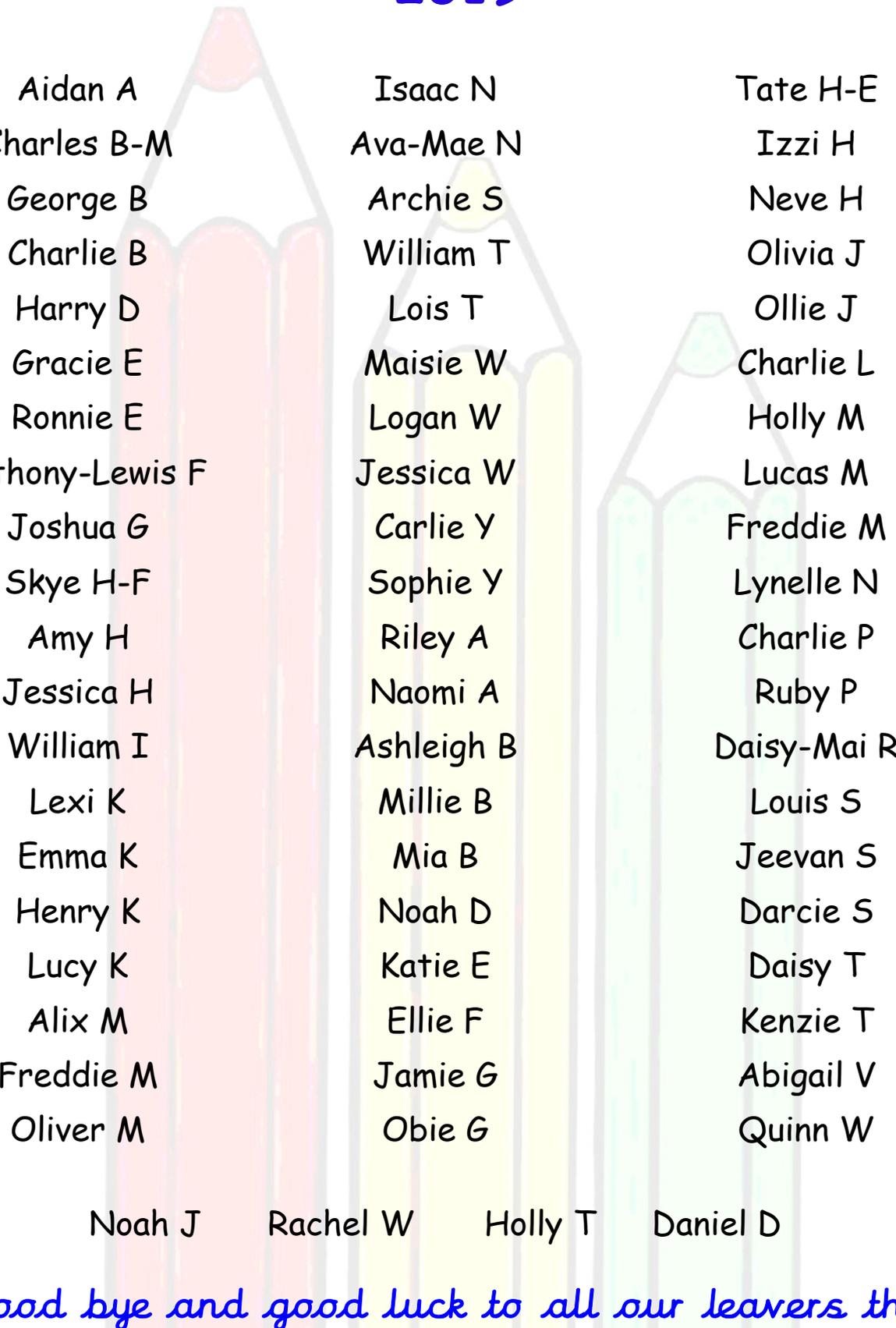
99%

Week ending:
12th July 2019

'Acorns E and
Maple Class'

100%

Millfields First School Leavers 2019



Aidan A	Isaac N	Tate H-E
Charles B-M	Ava-Mae N	Izzi H
George B	Archie S	Neve H
Charlie B	William T	Olivia J
Harry D	Lois T	Ollie J
Gracie E	Maisie W	Charlie L
Ronnie E	Logan W	Holly M
Anthony-Lewis F	Jessica W	Lucas M
Joshua G	Carlie Y	Freddie M
Skye H-F	Sophie Y	Lynelle N
Amy H	Riley A	Charlie P
Jessica H	Naomi A	Ruby P
William I	Ashleigh B	Daisy-Mai R
Lexi K	Millie B	Louis S
Emma K	Mia B	Jeevan S
Henry K	Noah D	Darcie S
Lucy K	Katie E	Daisy T
Alix M	Ellie F	Kenzie T
Freddie M	Jamie G	Abigail V
Oliver M	Obie G	Quinn W

Noah J Rachel W Holly T Daniel D

*Good bye and good luck to all our leavers this
year, we wish you well in your new school*



Term Dates 2019 / 2020

Millfields First School Term Dates for the Academic Year 2019 / 2020

Term	Date School Re-Opens	Date School Closes
Autumn Term	Wednesday 4th September 2019	
Autumn Half Term 1	Wednesday 4th September 2019	Thursday 24th October 2019
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 4th November 2019	Friday 20th December 2019
Spring Term	Tuesday 7th January 2020	
Spring Half Term 1	Tuesday 7th January 2020	Friday 14th February 2020
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 24th February 2020	Friday 3rd April 2020
Summer Term	Monday 20th April 2020	
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 20th April 2020	Friday 22nd May 2020
Summer Half Term 2	Monday 1st June 2020	Friday 17th July 2020

School will also be closed on the following dates:

Teacher Training Days
Monday 2nd September 2019
Tuesday 3rd September 2019
Friday 25 th October 2019
Monday 6 th January 2020
Monday 20 th July 2020

Bank Holidays
Friday 8th May 2020 (May Day)