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Key Dates and Actions for MCAS transition:

- **July booking have now been removed from School Gateway, any new bookings for July should be made by emailing admin@exminsterschool.co.uk for this interim period**
- Balance transfers (credits or debits) for Epic Clubs will be processed at the end of June. This allows June bookings to remain manageable through School Gateway. If you were charged for a booking on School Gateway, you will not be charged again on MCAS.
- Later this month, **bookings for Epic Eve and Early Epic for Autumn 1 (September - October 2025) will go live exclusively through the new MCAS app.** All balance reconciliations will be completed before September sessions go live, ensuring a clear overview of your account when booking.
- **After-school sports clubs for September will be bookable through MCAS in July.**
- **As per our recent communication we are now using MCAS for school lunches.**

Friday 27 June 2025

Future dates:

Fri 11 July: Summer Fair 4.30-7pm
non-uniform in exchange for prizes for Summer Fair

Wed 16 July: ESA meeting at The Stowey Arms 7pm

Mon 21 July: Rainbow Day

Wed 23 July: Last day of term

Please find attached a Parent Guide for MCAS that walks you through the basic functions. It's really important that you download and log in to the Bromcom MCAS app as soon as possible. **Please note, our School Gateway account will close on June 30, 2025.**

Big Explorer: Looking for a summer holiday adventure? Exminster Parish Church will be running a fun-packed holiday club for local children of preschool and primary age from Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th August. Led by Vanessa Pestrige and Michaela Petherick with additional volunteers to ensure lots of support for children who need it, it is sure to be packed with games, crafts, challenges and creative learning together. Please see attached poster. Spaces are limited so please book in early to avoid disappointment via www.exminster.church/kidsclub

Climate Club update: Please send in your pictures of your growing sunflowers as we would love to see how they are doing. You can email them into admin@exminsterschool.co.uk

Don't forget to visit the pre used / pre loved uniform range on class transition day - a great way to get ready for the next school year which supports our commitment to re-use / save our climate and saves you lots of pennies. Donations for uniform are made via our new Bromcom APP.

Current news and managing children's feelings: Some children (and adults) are finding the news around the world tricky. Please see the attachment with this newsletter for ways in which we can support them with this. Whilst we are not covering the current topics in school, this information may help you answer any specific questions your children have or talk to them about news events.

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Calling Year 2 parents - Can You Help Make the Summer Fair a Success?

We're gearing up for our annual Summer Fair, our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we urgently need the support of our Year 2 parents to help make it a fantastic event! Specifically, we're looking for a volunteer(s) to lead the Year 2 ESA stall. Don't worry if you haven't done something like this before – our wonderful ESA members, who are organising the entire fair, will provide full guidance and support on what's involved. Your help is crucial in making this year's fair our most successful yet. If you're able to lend a hand, please let the school office or the ESA (esa@exminsterschool.co.uk) know.

How else can you help?

Create "Jazzy Jars" in advance: Get creative before the fair by making "jazzy jars"! These are old jars filled with exciting treats like sweets, chocolates, stickers, or even colouring pencils – anything fun that fits inside! Decorate your jar to make it eye-catching and fill it with something people will love to buy.

- **Bake for the Cake Stall:** On the day of the fair, we'd love your delicious cake donations for our popular cake stall. Whether you're a baking pro or just enjoy whipping up a simple sponge, all contributions are welcome!
- **Non-Uniform Day Donations (Friday, July 11th):** Students can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation. We're looking for bottle donations, tombola donations, or toiletry donations. These items will go directly to our fair stalls, helping us raise even more funds!

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Duo Tutti Delivers Another Fantastic Live Music Experience! A huge thank you to Alex Wilson and Ruth Molins of Duo Tutti, supported by Rachael Shearmur, for providing all our year groups with another incredible live music performance last week! It's such a valuable and fantastic event for our children to experience live music, and we feel exceptionally lucky to host Duo Tutti again. Their performances truly enrich our children's learning and exposure to the arts.

NITS: Unfortunately, we are currently experiencing an outbreak of nits in the school. This can happen regularly as head lice are very common amongst primary school children. They can easily be transferred by head-to-head contact. Prevention is the key and we therefore recommend that all long hair is tied back and you check your child's head on a weekly basis. Regular application of lots of conditioner and combing through thoroughly using a nit comb before rinsing out is also recommended for the ongoing management of nits alongside the use of chemical treatment when nits are found. We appreciate your support by regularly checking your child.



This June we are joining schools across the country to participate in 'The BIG Sport Relief Run' throughout the Summer Term!

We are challenging everyone to get active and raise money via our JustGiving page! We want your child to join us in moving as much as possible.

Pupils can contribute mileage through PE lessons, walking to school, and family walks/runs logged on class charts. Mr. Gibson will also lead a weekly 1-mile run/walk for KS2 children.

Your donations make a real difference: £5 helps a young person attend a support session, £10 provides a week of sports, and £50 covers summer hot meals. Please donate if you can, share our JustGiving page, and encourage your child's participation. Thank you for helping us feel good and do good!

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sr25-primary?utm_medium=CA&utm_source=CL

Thank You for Supporting Mental Health Workshops: We want to extend a huge thank you to one of our parents whose insightful suggestion led to the creation of our mental health workshops for all year groups, complete with engaging activities for the children. So far, we've successfully held sessions for Years 2 3, 4, 5 and 6. The format for these workshops begins with an adults-only session where we discuss the various ways our school promotes positive mental health. This is followed by a second part where the children join in for activities alongside the attending adults. Please check out for the dates for your child's year group and consider joining us! Your participation makes a real difference.

Class	Date
Year 1	2.7.25
Reception	16.7.25

Weather permitting, we intend to spend time in our Nature School and Cloud 9 area. If you would like to attend, please complete this Google form and select the appropriate workshop for your child's year group.
<https://forms.gle/HSkYWBEdNJKiw3YLA>

Mental Health update: Daily Happiness Tasks Do one small thing each day;

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						
Gratitude sharing	Positive Affirmations	Kindness Chain	Support Squad	Confidence Boost	Creative Boost	Positive Playlist
What's one thing you're grateful for today?	What's one nice thing you could tell a friend who's having a bad day?	Share one kind thing someone did for you recently. How did it make you feel?	Who is one person you can talk to when you're feeling worried or upset? How do they help?	What's one thing you've done recently that made you feel proud?	Draw or write about a happy memory that is special to you.	What's one song that always makes you smile? Sing or play it!

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