

Week Beginning 11th May

SATS Week

During the week beginning 11th May the children in Year 6 will be sitting their end of key stage tests. Due to this the swimming pool will be closed to the rest of the school during this week (to reduce noise/distractions).

The children have been all working hard on their exam technique and will have the opportunity to shine and share all the things they have learnt during their time at Coldean.

My message to all the children in Year 6 is best summed up in the poem below:-

SATs don't measure sports
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons,
You were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly,
You can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,
Of who you really are.

So sitting at your table,
With a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are,
Remember **you're the best!**

Don't get stressed...



Just do your best!

Remember you've been blessed...

With skills that SATs

**DON'T
TEST!**



What do the children need for Sports Day?

On Sports Day all children should come to school in their PE kit. We ask that children wear a t-shirt that matches the colour of their House (Brunswick = Blue, Palmeira = Red, Regency = Green and Sussex = Yellow)

The children will be outside (hopefully in the sunshine) so please make sure that they have a sunhat and have had sun cream applied.

What if it rains?

We always hope the sun will shine for Sports Day, however as we live in the UK this is not always the case. If the weather is slightly overcast, we will still have Sports Day.

In the event of rain we would cancel the Sports Day. Parents will be informed via text message, the school website and the school Facebook page of the cancellation.

If Sports Day is cancelled, we shall reschedule it for a later date. If it rains again on this second attempt, then we will **not** have a Sports Day.

How do the parents get access to the field?

Parents will get access to the field via the green gate access to the Junior Playground (next to Nursery). This gate will be opened at **9.10am** on day.

What time does Sports Day start?

Sports Day starts at **9.30am**

Teams gather on the junior playground so that parents/carers can follow them to their first event.

Can I give food and drink to my child during Sports Day?

Please do not give your child any food during Sports Day. This is a morning in school – the same rules apply – you don't walk up to them in class and hand them a packet of crisps so please do not do it during Sports Day.

At regular intervals the children will be provided with water.

Can I take pictures of my child during Sports Day?

Of course you can take pictures of your child. Please be mindful of other children around them. If you are planning to put pictures of your child's sporting endeavours onto any forms of Social Media, please make sure that you do not have other children in the shot.

How is Sports Day organised – what do the children do?

Within their House the children are divided into smaller teams. Each team consists of children from Reception to Year 6. Siblings are placed in the same team.

The children then rotate around 20 activities *e.g. sack race, obstacle course, rugby pass, high jump, hockey dribble, beat the goalie, shuttle runs, etc* to collect points for their House.

The children are at each activity for 2 minutes. They are then awarded an amount of points that are collated into a House Score. Extra points are awarded for good sportsmanship at the various activities.

Do not remove your child from their team. This is a school activity.

When the final activity is over the children gather on the Junior playground in their Houses and the Headteacher announces the winners.

Stickers are awarded to the children and then they will go to their class teacher.

Why do the children not take part in a competitive Sports Day?

This is a competitive Sports Day. The children are representing their house and competing against the other three houses.

By completing a carousel of activities the children are more active (not sitting around waiting to run their race) and also developing their 'team spirit'. It is wonderful to watch the older children supporting and helping the younger children achieve success.

When can we take our children home?

At the end of the day as normal. After the Sports Day the teachers will take their classes. Please **do not** try to remove your child at the end of sports - we still have an afternoon in school.

What happens at the end of the Sports Day?

At the end of Sports Day the children will go to their class teacher and return to class. As the children gather by their teacher, we ask that spectators exit the field via the green gate at the side of nursery.

Are refreshments available for spectators?

Yes. The PTFA are selling teas/coffees before this event.



Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd May

Year 6 Residential



From **Wednesday 20th May** to **Friday 22nd May**, children from Year 6 who have signed up for the residential outing will be heading to Broadstone Warren for a few days of outdoor activities.

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May

Half Term Break

Have a wonderful break and all children return to school on Monday 1st June.

Tuesday 2nd May

Year 1 Trip to Stanmer Park (Ruby Class)

Year 1 (Ruby Class) are heading over to Stanmer Park for a day of activities in the Stanmer Wellbeing Gardens. These activities will include pond dipping to discover the various things that inhabit the pond.



Thursday 4th May

Year 1 Trip to Stanmer Park (Scarlet Class)

Year 1 (Scarlet Class) are heading over to Stanmer Park for a day of activities in the Stanmer Wellbeing Gardens. These activities will include pond dipping to discover the various things that inhabit the pond.



Friday 19th June

Bottle MUFTI

Children come to school in home clothes in exchange for a full bottle (unopened) that will be used in the 'Bottle Tombola' at the Summer Fair.



Friday 26th June

Summer Fair: 3:30pm – 5pm

Our Summer Fair is booked in the diary for Friday 26th June. Classes from across the school and members of the PTFA will be running a variety of stalls and games.

We will also have a car-boot sale element to the Summer Fair this year.

I will send out a communication in June that fully outlines the arrangements for the Summer Fair.

Wednesday 1st July

Year 5 Bike/Hike Camp

Children in Year 5 will be heading to Chalky Downs Campsite on 1st July for their annual bike/hike camp. This is a wonderful event where the children pitch their tents and enjoy an evening in the 'great outdoors'.

I look forward to visiting the children when the tents are pitched and the dinner is prepared!



Tuesday 14th July

Coldean Colour Run 2026

After the success of our inaugural Colour Run last year we are bringing the event back this year. The children will run in small groups over an obstacle course and at various points be covered with coloured powder.

If you wish your child to take part in this event they must sign up and pay a £5 entrance fee by Tuesday 23rd June. Sign Up via Parent Pay.

Once we know who is taking part in the event, we will send out an optional sponsor form. If you would like to get some sponsors for your child to take part it would be greatly appreciated. We are going to use the money raised to fix the electronic gate into the school carpark.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE SPONSORED TO TAKE PART IN THE RUN.

Tuesday 14th July

Coldean Colour Run 2026 (continued)

Once again parents will be able to come in and cheer the children on as they complete the obstacle course.

We are anticipating more children wanting to take part this year. If you can help in the preparation for the event in the morning (filling the cups up with powder and setting up the obstacle race) or help with the throwing of the powder please contact the PTFA (coldeanptfa@gmail.com)



Coldean Colour Run 2026

TUESDAY 14TH JULY
2PM START ON SCHOOL FIELD