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Dear Parents/Carers,

Today is the last day of the academic year although we are inviting back our Year 6 children tomorrow for a couple of hours to say a final farewell.

Of all the children in the school, it is these who I feel most sorry for. Whilst they have had the opportunity to be in school since 1st June, there have been a great many experiences and 'rites of passage' that they have missed, in particular the Year 6 residential and the Year 6 production. These are experiences that the children won't be able to 'get back' but it is to their credit that they have not moaned or complained about this but approached the time that they have had in school in a positive way.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how immensely proud we all are of the Year 6 children and we're looking forward to the leaver's assembly tomorrow which will primarily take place in classrooms but will have a final outdoor element. There may even be a surprise or two for the children...!

Rev. Estella has also created a farewell video that she would like to share with our families and this can be found on the Bridge Benefice YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/RrjmRPxk0hM>



As well as the children, we are also saying a farewell to some adults as well. Kym Goddard has been undertaking her Teacher Training at Bridge School and has been a real asset to the school in her time here. She leaves us to take up a position as a Year 1 teacher as Aylesham School and we all wish her good luck in her future career.

Charley works in our Bridge Bees Breakfast & After-School Club and she starts her teacher training in September. She's been an exceptional and flexible member of staff over the past two years and she'll still be working at our holiday club provision so we're not losing touch with her completely.

Julia Perfect, whilst not leaving us, is semi-retiring and I'm very pleased that we're not completely losing her skills and expertise. Many of you will be unaware that Julia recently received a commendation from Canterbury Christ Church University for her skills as a mentor and we'll certainly be making good use of these next year!

September will bring many changes and challenges but I remain confident that we'll meet these in a positive way and, most importantly, together as a community.

Have a wonderful summer break. With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Tibbles'.

James Tibbles

