

# MOORTHORPE NEWS - MAY 2025

The pupils (and staff!) are loving the new quiet garden on the field – especially with this lovely sunshine! Thank you again for all the fundraising you do. We hope to do more! May is here! Unfortunately, as a headteacher my first thought is year 6 SATs but of course there is lots more going on than that including two INSPIRE sessions (Y1 and Reception) – we'd love to see as many parents and carers as possible. Similarly, June means Phonics screening and Year 4 multiplication tests so we continue to push for high attendance, especially at this time so the pupils do not miss any vital revision/preparation sessions. It is a key time to ensure our children are fully prepared and feel confident to do their best.

## ATTENDANCE

As well as affecting learning, poor attendance has a negative impact on a child's confidence, social skills, friendships and general happiness in school. If you have any issues with getting your child into school, please phone the school office or speak to Mrs Hardy/ Mrs Grace for support.

## PENALTY NOTICES

**Reminder:** the new framework for Penalty Notices came into effect last August. Don't get caught out. Penalty Notice Fines will continue to be issued per parent per child for:

- Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days
- 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

### FIRST OFFENCE:

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday or Irregular School Attendance the Penalty Notice will be charged at £160 **per parent, per child** if paid within 28 days of issue, reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days.

### SECOND OFFENCE: (within 3 years of the First Offence)

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second Penalty Notice will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days (no reduced fee for paying early). Unpaid Penalty Notice's after 28 days may result in a parental prosecution.

### THIRD OFFENCE (within 3 years of the First Offence)

On the third time that an offence is committed for either a Term Time Holiday and / or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case may proceed straight to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000.

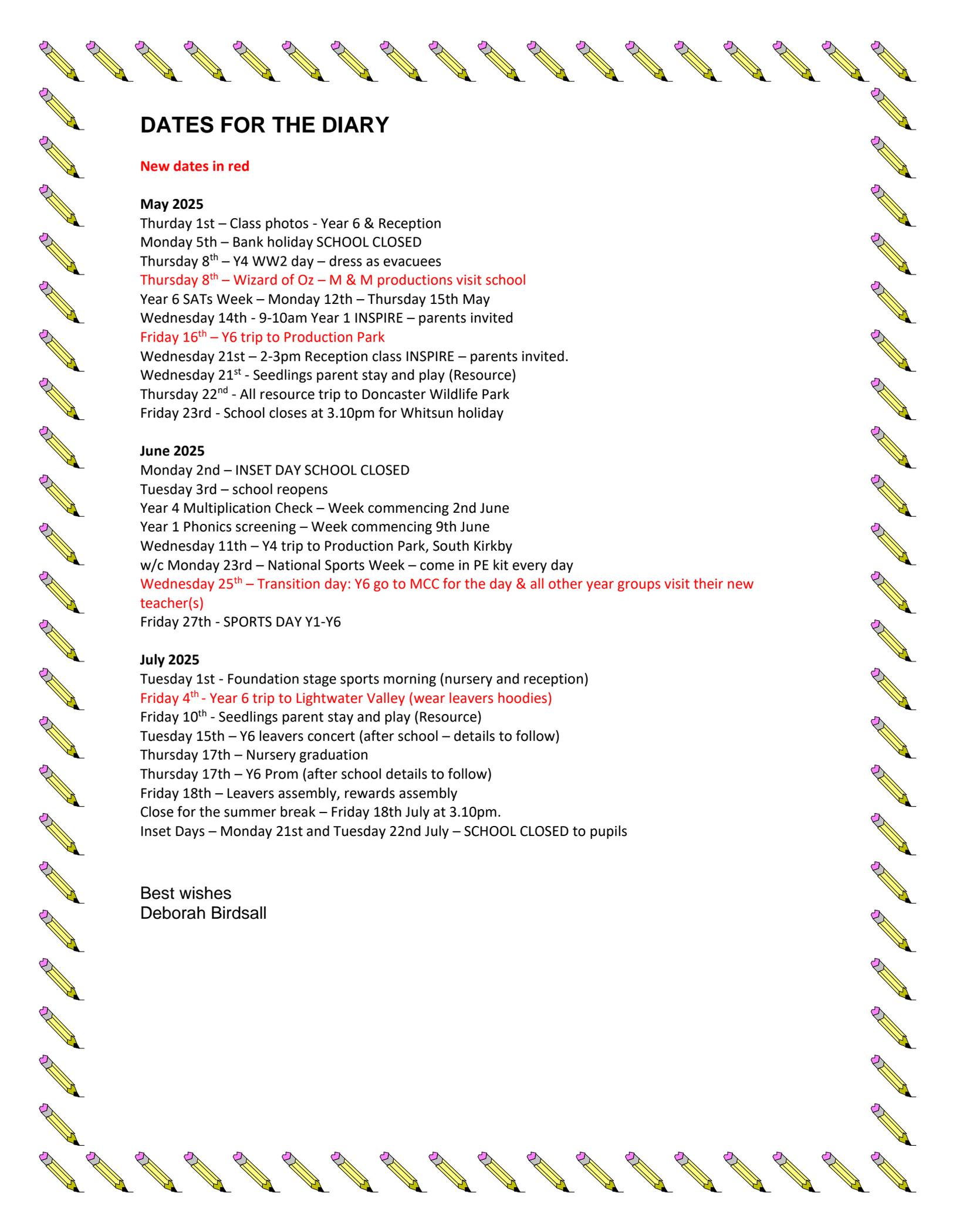
## CLASSES AND STAFFING NEXT YEAR

Staffing and classes are still being finalised for next year. We plan to do plenty of transition in June/July so children are fully prepared. Next year in main school, there will be 8 classes overall. For the first time this means just one class in every year group.

## PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Keep an eye on Dojo – both class pages and the main school page, for up-to-date information! Also, our school website has all the curriculum information you need:

<https://www.moorthorpeprimary.co.uk/>



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**New dates in red**

### May 2025

Thursday 1st – Class photos - Year 6 & Reception

Monday 5th – Bank holiday SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> – Y4 WW2 day – dress as evacuees

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> – Wizard of Oz – M & M productions visit school**

Year 6 SATs Week – Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May

Wednesday 14th - 9-10am Year 1 INSPIRE – parents invited

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Y6 trip to Production Park**

Wednesday 21st – 2-3pm Reception class INSPIRE – parents invited.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Seedlings parent stay and play (Resource)

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - All resource trip to Doncaster Wildlife Park

Friday 23rd - School closes at 3.10pm for Whitsun holiday

### June 2025

Monday 2nd – INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 3rd – school reopens

Year 4 Multiplication Check – Week commencing 2nd June

Year 1 Phonics screening – Week commencing 9th June

Wednesday 11th – Y4 trip to Production Park, South Kirkby

w/c Monday 23rd – National Sports Week – come in PE kit every day

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Transition day: Y6 go to MCC for the day & all other year groups visit their new teacher(s)**

Friday 27th - SPORTS DAY Y1-Y6

### July 2025

Tuesday 1st - Foundation stage sports morning (nursery and reception)

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 trip to Lightwater Valley (wear leavers hoodies)**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Seedlings parent stay and play (Resource)

Tuesday 15th – Y6 leavers concert (after school – details to follow)

Thursday 17th – Nursery graduation

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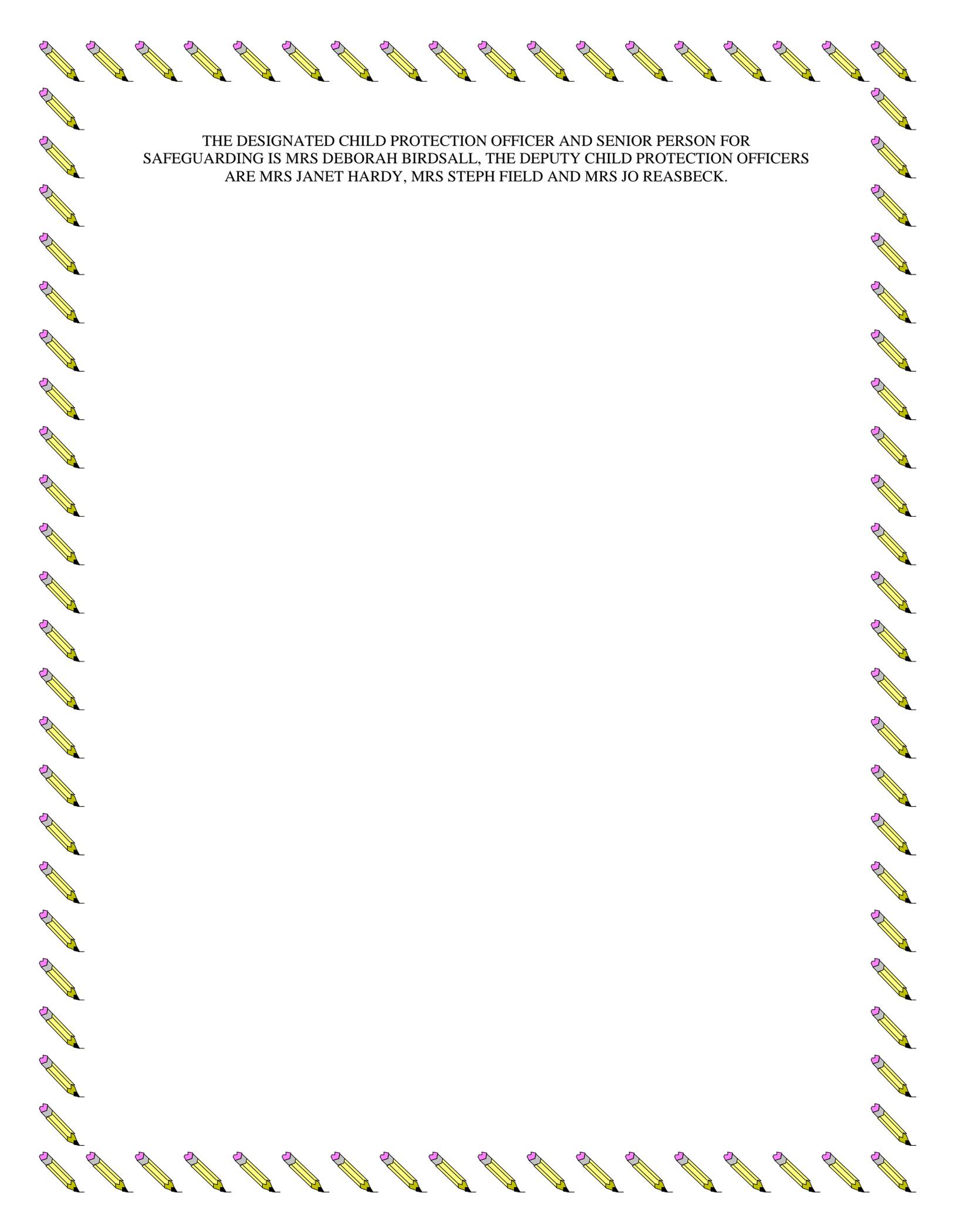
Friday 18th – Leavers assembly, rewards assembly

Close for the summer break – Friday 18th July at 3.10pm.

Inset Days – Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July – SCHOOL CLOSED to pupils

Best wishes

Deborah Birdsall



THE DESIGNATED CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER AND SENIOR PERSON FOR  
SAFEGUARDING IS MRS DEBORAH BIRDSALL, THE DEPUTY CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS  
ARE MRS JANET HARDY, MRS STEPH FIELD AND MRS JO REASBECK.