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9.7.21

FS2: Evie and Adam
Year 1: Rahees and Esmay T
Year 2: Mollie and Macauley
Nurture: Charlie-Mae
Year 3: Alizee, Jovana R and Oliwia S

Pupil of the week

Year 4: Uros, Zuzanna and Owen
Year 5: Patrick, Daria and Lilly
Year 6: Tadana, Ashdon and Charley-Jane
Potter: Rustan

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FS2: Natalia and Lacey
Year 1: Matei and Olaf
Year 2: Arya and Kacey
Nurture: Richard
Year 3: Ellis, Jayden and Norris

Principal award

Year 4: Ronnie, Hollie and Wiktorja
Year 5: Natalia, Elizabeth, Denissa and Ilija
Year 6: Szymon, Reegyn and Aimee
Potter: Lottie

Well done to all these children.

Upcoming Dates

Friday 16th July: Last day of term
Friday 3rd September – first day of school year for children.

Plans for next year.

We are currently working through the latest guidance sent from the Government in regards to moves into Stage 4. All being well, we will be returning to our original start times of 8:40am, with KS1 finishing at 3:15pm and KS2 at 3:20pm. We will update you mid-August with the final plans.

School vouchers for the summer holidays

If you are entitled to free school meals (Pupil Premium, not universal meals for FS2-Year 2), please keep an eye on your emails for how to retrieve these vouchers. If your child is currently not registered as pupil premium, but believe you may be entitled, please see the attached letter to this email of the letter we sent out earlier this year. To see if you are eligible, please complete the application form online <https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>



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Message from the Executive head teachers

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of what has been a challenging school year but WOW!! What a fantastic and successful year it has been for all – the children have worked extremely hard and we are so proud of their achievements. Every day, we have counted our blessings having been fortunate to be part of such a wonderful school – the children, staff, governors, parents and community.

We feel extremely privileged to have worked so closely with your amazing children. They have been true ambassadors of our school and have fully embraced the challenges they have been set. Their commitment, dedication and attitude towards their learning has improved immensely and as a result, they have broken down all barriers and achieved to the very best of their ability. We are all so proud! We would like to wish you all a fantastic summer break and look forward to welcoming you all and new faces back to Exeter in September. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Goodbye and good luck

We would like to say a massive goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 children. Whether they joined us in reception, or part way through their 7 year journey, every one of them is a valued member of our Exeter family. Our final farewells may not have been as we hoped for, but we still managed an end of year disco, production and leavers' assembly. We will miss you all greatly! Good luck with your next adventure to secondary school – show them what we know you are capable of.

Photo of Year 6

Also, wishing all the best to Miss Sulich and Miss Bradford, thank you for everything and good luck.



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FS2 Butterflies

Since the start of term, we have been learning all about caterpillars! We loved reading the story 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and we did some fantastic writing using our phonic knowledge. We became authors and wrote our own version of the story. We watched in awe as our caterpillars started to make a special journey. They got bigger and bigger and suddenly they went

into a cocoon! We busily learnt all about the butterfly life cycle and waited in awe so excited for what was to come! We looked at symmetry and used paint to create identical patterns by folding our paper in half. Finally, although we were sad to let them go, we said goodbye to our butterflies and let them go. We cannot wait to see if we can spot them in our outdoor area.



Cashless School with effect from 1st September 2021

In light of the current COVID pandemic, and the way we pay in general now for most things, when your son/daughter returns to school in the new term, we will no longer be able to take any cash payments. With effect from the start of the new academic year any payments which need to be made to school must be completed via School Gateway APP.

There are numerous benefits of School Gateway for Parents and Carers :

- School Gateway is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like.
- Payments can be made using all major credit or debit cards.
- Your son/daughter will not have to worry about losing money at school.
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely therefore offering you peace of mind.
- You can choose to be alerted when the balances are low via email and/or SMS text.
- We will be adding ordering and paying for your school uniform through here as well.
- It is a COVID risk free way of paying for goods / services in school. We currently have 70% of our parents that have already registered for School Gateway and so will be able to continue to access School Gateway in the usual way. We are already able to accept payments via School Gateway for significant items such as trips and clubs so this will remain unchanged.. Please contact the office if you have not yet signed up-to School Gateway and we will issue you with an activation letter which contains details of a unique username and password. Our new starters will be sent activation letters at the start of the new term. Thank you for your continued support.



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How has this year gone? A summary from each year group



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This year has shown us just how resilient our nursery children are. It is a well-known fact that where the children lay their coat and bag, they will make that space their own, and our children have certainly done just that! Our children have embraced the change of environment and routine and flourished. Our nursery children have done what children do best, they have developed their understanding of the world through their play and

explorations. They have become authors and illustrators, creating their own books. They have become explorers, climbing in the trees, taking risks, learning about themselves and their strengths. They have become artists, creating their own masterpieces with beads, paint and clay. They have become master mathematicians, solving problems and using their understanding of size and shape to create structures. Our nursery children have a sustaining interest in mark making. They were observed drawing small pictures and cutting them out. We saw an opportunity to make a collaborative piece which the children have proudly called "A walk in the park". Above all, they have grown together, building relationships and making lasting friendships. The nursery team are tremendously proud of all the children and wish them every success as they move on to their next adventure.



What an adventure we have been on this year in Foundation Stage. Our children have shown us time and time again how amazing they are. We are honoured to have been involved in their first experience of 'big' school. We have seen them build fantastic friendships which stood the test of another lockdown! Our children continued to wow us with their eagerness to join in with our live lessons on Microsoft Teams. We are so proud of the journey they have made this year. We started the year working hard to write our names and now we are super sentence writers, trying hard to write letters, stories and even riddles! We have thoroughly enjoyed learning our phonic sounds and have become fantastic phonic teachers in our own right! We have become confident mathematicians who have smashed numbers to 20 and beyond thanks to our friends the NumberBlocks. We have loved learning about all of our topics this year, especially mini beasts. We loved being explorers hunting for worms, beetles, snails and anything else that came our way. We nurtured our caterpillars and watched in awe as they took their first flight as butterflies. We cared for Suzy our snail and loved watching her grow and grow, just like our children. All in all a fantastic year and we cannot wait to see the journey continue as they move into Year 1.





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What a fantastic year we have in **Year 1**, despite the hurdles the children have faced and overcome. They have made us so proud and achieved so much this year! What Super Stars they are! The Year 1 children this year have been the first children to experience having the continuous provision and wow how this has made a difference in their development and progress. This year we have investigated some amazing topics and learnt about Superheroes, including everyday people too from mums, dads to doctors and nurses. We learnt about Space, travelling around the planets and building rockets wearing space gloves. We enjoyed discovering an Enchanted Woodland, learning about habitats and all living things. This half term has been our Bright Lights, Big City Topic and the children have developed their knowledge of London and drew some great representations of famous landmarks in London. The children explored the fire of London and drew images of Pudding Lane. They went back in time to discover Dinosaurs, investigating carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Every child 'hatched' their own dinosaurs from dinosaur eggs and created their own 'Dino' fossils. We enjoyed becoming historians and learning all about Mary Anning. We have had a brilliant year and we wish them all the best for Year 2!



All I can say is a massive well done to all of the children from **Year 2**! They have overcome so many obstacles and have made so much progress throughout this year. This year we have learnt so much from our much mess and mixtures science day right at the beginning of the year to all of the amazing work exploring different castles throughout our time in lockdown. In addition to this, it has been lovely to see how the children's confidence within their timetables has blossomed as they have been practicing and practicing their rolling numbers. This has not only shown in the numbots scores but also the TTRock star leader board. It has also been amazing to see the children's reading skills improve battling to see who will be invited to starbooks, a real hit amongst the children. A massive well done to all of the children this year for your hard work and determination. We wish you all the best as you move into Year 3!





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What a year we all have had! **In Nurture**, we are so immensely proud of how our children have adapted to the changes; we can never underestimate the resilience they have shown. During Christmas term we started to learn White Rose Maths alongside the rest of the school curriculum we split into smaller learning groups taking on Colourful Semantics and phonics, this allowing the children to expand their number knowledge and writing skills. Some of us are completing maths/writing independently for the first time which is shaping our confidence, we are learning to build good conversation through this. Our children tell us they have learnt to make positive friendships to change behaviours and attitudes which make their parents and us proud. Our transition to classes were held up due to the pandemic. However, we are coping best we can and looking forward to settling into years 3 and 4 whilst we



leave our drawers empty for the next child who struggles in busy classrooms. Horse riding must be the very best activity we have ever engaged in, we will always remember how big our horses' hearts are. For those returning to Nurture in September, we wish you a safe and happy holiday and good luck to those who are joining their classes, we will miss you all! Our children have achieved so much this year despite the many barriers they have faced, they should be so proud of themselves as we are of them.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank and praise all of the children in **Year 3**. What a lovely year it has been! Despite all of the challenges we have been faced with this year, we have still taken time to create some brilliant memories. We have had some great fun learning about a variety of topics this year, from exploring the life of cave men to making some delicious sweet kebabs in our Scrumptiddlyumptious topic! We have also read some brilliant books this year with Bill's New Frock making us all laugh. It has been lovely to watch you all grow and mature this year. You have made us all proud, especially with your rolling numbers and times table knowledge. We have loved watching you all battle for 1st place each week on the TT Rockstars leader board! Well done to each and every one of you this year, you have been amazing. We wish you every success for your time in Year 4.





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We have been talking about our best moments and memories of **Year 4** and there have been plenty, it's hard to choose! We have really enjoyed all our English texts this year, from 'Pooh to Vikings' to 'The Deep to Dead Composers', the children have really embraced the books and their writing has been amazing. We have achieved so much this year, including adapting brilliantly to home learning and the teachers are really proud of the children's continued enthusiasm for their learning. We have learnt about electricity, lighthouses, mountains, rocks, about Jacques Cousteau and Grace Darling, a bit of Corby history and much more besides. We recently enjoyed sports day and have done some orienteering in PE. Good luck to all the children in Year 5 next year.

What a topsy-turvy year again! We are so proud of the way that the children in **Year 5** have dealt with everything thrown at them. From getting to grips with Microsoft Teams, to keeping in bubbles and the constant washing of hands, we have all had to work differently. We have accomplished so much. We now can handle any fraction



problem sent our way, we know everything about the Solar-system *and* Ancient Egypt *and* the plague. Many of us have learnt to swim, about how to lose graciously and how to come to school the next day even if we have stayed up most of the night to cheer our team on. Thank you so much Year 5 for an unforgettable year. Good luck in Year 6.



What a brilliant year the children in **Potter** have had! I want to say a big thank you to the children for the determination and hard work but also to the adults at home for all of your support. Potter children have shown great perseverance with their Maths and arithmetic this year and developed their skills and methods to work out addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations. The children have enjoyed our writing units where we have retold stories and have written some great stories of their own using the correct punctuation. Our science topics have brought lots of excitement to the children as we have explored: different materials where we tested different materials for umbrellas, different habitats and microhabitats where we made our own bug hotels and how friction is affected by different surfaces. Our class reads have given us lots of chances to discuss the characters and what we think will happen next. I hope you keep this love of reading for next year!

You have all worked incredibly hard this year, make sure you rest and enjoy some well deserved family time! If you are leaving us, good luck in your new school – you will be amazing! Everyone else, I cannot wait to see you and hear about your summer in September!



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Year Six have had an unforgettable last year at Exeter and we are so proud of each and every one of them. We began our Year Six journey in the Autumn Term as artists in our Gallery Rebels topic. Before Christmas, we became historians as we researched World War One. We didn't let the challenges of remote learning stop us in the Spring Term as we became scientists and learned all about climate change and its impact in the coldest regions of our planet. Returning to school in the Summer Term, we were geographers, learning all about Mexico. Over the course of the year, we have read some amazing books, discovering lots of fantastic authors. We have also used our acting skills to put on a production of Aladdin and some of us went on residential. What a fantastic year we have had! Good luck for secondary school – keep shining bright like the stars you are.



In **PE** this year, the children have been fantastic with all the changes we have had to make to ensure PE lessons were Covid safe. Even with lockdown in our spring term, we took on the challenge to deliver PE online and had some great feedback and involvement with the children which was great to see. It has been amazing to see how much joy PE has brought the children over the year and we have watched their confidence grow. This year we have covered a lot of different sports from gymnastics and dance to volleyball, badminton and rugby. We also introduced “PE champions” this year to help encourage the

children to go above and beyond in their lessons so that they could be rewarded with 10 effort marks and 30 minutes of extra PE on a Friday. The Northampton Saints have been in to work with our Year 3's about a healthy lifestyle and they have worked with Year 5's on tackling, character and values. We have seen a huge difference in the Year 5's from swimming, with those who were afraid of the water to fully embracing it and are now no longer afraid to try something new to those who already knew how to swim have learnt how to correct their technique and swim longer distances than they have before. We have been incredibly lucky this term with setting up horse riding for the children in nurture. Within 6 weeks of equine therapy, they have learnt how to take care of a pony, the different colours and markings of a horse, how to walk and trot over poles and mini jumps. Through these lessons they have shown maturity, their posture has improved as well as their core strength. It has been an incredible year and we hope that you all have a well-deserved break and we cannot wait to see what September brings for us all!





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How many famous people have you met?

You may recall our 'Wear Yellow Day' a few weeks ago, to support the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Kayden in Year 1 had to shield during the first and second lockdown and whilst shielding, managed to mingle with royalty, the Prime Minister and TV stars!



Attendance Our school / government minimum expectation is 96%

Year group	Attendance (Monday 5 th July to Friday 9 th July)
Reception	94.2
Year 1	96.5
Year 2	95.9
Year 3	98.0
Year 4	96.3
Year 5	98.4
Year 6	95.6

Year group	Attendance (Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th July)
Reception	94.4
Year 1	97.7
Year 2	88.5
Year 3	95.7
Year 4	92.8
Year 5	97.7
Year 6	96.5

Wanted – School logo's uniform

If you have unwanted logo'd school uniform and would like to donate it to school, we would love to take it. **Please only donate school uniform with the school logo** (jumper, T-shirt and PE tops) as we have plenty of plain blue spare uniform. This can be brought into the school office between 10-2pm, you may want to call the office beforehand to check we are open the day you wish to come in.



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Maths is an ESSENTIAL life skill and one that we use day in, day out

Even though the summer holidays are now here, please do not let your child's math's knowledge slip. Here are some great, FREE website and projects your child could be working through the summer break.



Maths factor – Carol Vorderman

<https://www.themathsfactor.com/summer-adventure/>

What's the Summer adventure?

The Maths Factor Summer adventure is a FREE online course aimed at helping children boost their maths confidence and be ready for the Autumn term. Ideal for helping children get back on track, accelerate their learning and advance their progress after a tricky year. **Who can use it?** All children aged 4 to 11 are welcome to join and will be able to move through activities matched to their school year and confidence level.

White Rose and Morrisons <https://whiterosemaths.com/morrison/>

White Rose Maths is proud to team up with leading supermarket, Morrisons, to give primary pupils a series of exciting and **FREE** workbooks to use at home. These colourful and engaging workbooks are perfect for revisiting and practising work that children have covered earlier in the year, or to prepare them for the new school year ahead.

Parents and carers can collect the books from 26 July onwards at any of

Morrison's network of stores nationwide. All you need to do is to call in at the 'Children's Little Library' in your local Morrisons store during your regular shop, and collect their free copies!



TTRockstars / Numbot All children in school have their own log in to TTRockstars / Numbots. This is a great online tool to support children timestables – the children compete against the clock to bet their



score. Can they get onto the school leaderboard? We use this programme in school daily to help the children with their quick recall. <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Mrs James would love to see some photos of your work over the summer – please send them to me via your child's new dojo class.

We wish everyone a great summer and look forward to seeing you on Friday 3rd September 2021. Stay safe.



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Exeter a learning community

School Term Dates

Academic Year 2021 – 2022

2021

Term 1	Training Day	Wednesday 1 September
	Training Day	Thursday 2 September
	Re-open	Friday 3 September
	Closes	Friday 22 October
Term 2	Re-open	Monday 1 November
	Closes	Friday 17 December

2022

Term 3	Training Day	Tuesday 4 January
	Re-open	Wednesday 5 January
	Closes	Friday 11 February
Term 4	Training Day	Monday 21 February
	Re-open	Tuesday 22 February
Easter	Closes	Friday 1 April
Term 5	Re-open	Tuesday 19 April
May Bank	Closes	Friday 29 April
Holiday	Re-open	Tuesday 3 May
Spring Bank	Closes	Friday 27 May
Holiday		
Term 6	Re-open	Monday 6 June
	Closes	Thursday 21 July
	Training Day	Friday 22 July