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What a lovely and busy couple of weeks it has been after the Easter break! I hope that you all had an enjoyable time. Spring has finally made a belated appearance and it has been wonderful seeing the school's grounds coming alive again with colour.

Everyone in school has been very busy over the past couple of weeks. Beech had a fabulous time on their residential to Llandudno. First, they visited the RNLI to learn about the vital work they do to keep people safe. Afterwards, they went for a stroll along the pier and spotted some of the geographical features they'd been learning about in school like headlands, the bay and the coastline. The next day saw them heading up the Great Orme on the tram where they went fossil hunting at the summit and learned about different local habitats at the visitors' centre. After some time for reflection in a beautiful local church, they headed back to the school and home for a well-earned rest. Thank you to all of the staff who helped to make it such a successful and memorable experience.



Beech at the RNLI in Llandudno



Beech up the Great Orme on the tram

#### Northwich Sings



Willow and Oak's Year 5 children in fine voice at Northwich Sings



Year 5 in action for the dance

Willow and Year 5 raised the roof at Northwich Sings this week as they performed songs from the musical *Wind in the Willows* in front of a huge audience. They even treated onlookers to an expertly choreographed dance routine designed with the help of Mrs Harries (who said how incredibly proud she was). A huge thank you to all of the staff who gave up their time to help our children make Wednesday night such a success.

#### Residentials

The children in Cedar and Oak will be departing for their residentials in the coming weeks. Cedar will be heading to Cloverley Hall and along the way they'll be visiting Shrewsbury Prison, Blists Hill Victorian Village and Bewilderwood. I'm sure they will have a fantastic time!

Oak will be enjoying a similarly action-packed few days as we head to the Quinta, stopping at the Chester Military Museum, walking to Chirk Castle and marvelling at the incredible sights at the RAF Museum at Cosford. We'll also be enjoying team-building activities like low-ropes and painting countryside scenes on canvases. A well-earned reward for all of their hard work in preparing for the SATs!



## School Football

A huge well done to our fantastic football teams over the past couple of weeks. Years 5&6 kicked off their mini league competition with a convincing 5-3 win against a strong Cuddington side. The return fixture was an extremely competitive matchup between two strong sides. After conceding two early goals, Whitegate turned the fixture on its head and were unlucky not to win in normal time. The game finished with a nail-biting penalty shootout with Whitegate eventual 9-8 winners!

The Years 3&4 Inspire Competition saw two Whitegate sides competing, both of which played some fantastic football. They demonstrated some excellent playing out from the back and playing the longer ball when necessary. Whitegate A finished second to Hartford Primary and Whitegate B finished 5th overall—two results we are extremely proud of for such a small school!

## Walkathon

The second Whitegate Walkathon will be on Friday 7th June, marking an end to Healthy Eating Week in school. The entire school will lace up and walk to raise money for our exciting new build. We are aiming to raise £8000 and have therefore set every child the challenge of raising £50. We will be walking along the Whitegate Way, stopping for a picnic lunch together before heading back to school. It promises to be a memorable summer walk that celebrates the best of our local area and community spirit. Further details can be found in the letter sent by Mrs Ross on ParentMail on 23.4.24.

## Mayfair

The Mayfair will take place on Saturday 18th May. The gate will open at 12pm, the procession will be at 12:30 and the dances at 1pm. There will be a fair hosted by FOWs on the field afterward which will have refreshments and various stalls for everyone to enjoy. Please see the letter that was sent on 30.4.24 on ParentMail for further details such as the dress code. All children are expected to attend. As Mrs Mackenzie mentioned in her letter, these memorable days are not possible without the commitment from you, the parents, to bring your child to the event, so we thank you in advance for your support in ensuring the success of the occasion.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and that Spring decides to make an extended visit for our extra day off. I'm looking forward to spending some time with my friends and family in Chester and at Chirk Castle.

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## Dates

Sunday 5th May	9:30am	Family Service at St Mary's
Wednesday 8th May—Friday 10th May	9:00am	Cedar class residential to Cloverley Hall
Monday 13th May	6pm	Llandudno Sharing Assembly for Beech class parents
Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May	All week	SATs Week for Year 6
Saturday 18th May	12pm	Whitegate Village Fair (Mayfair)
Monday 20th May—Thursday 23rd May	9:30am	Oak class residential to the Quinta
Friday 24th May	All day	INSET Day
Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May	All week	Half term
Monday 3rd June	All week	Healthy Eating Week
Tuesday 4th June	9:00am	Reception and Year 6 photos
Wednesday 5th June	6pm	New Starters' Evening
Thursday 6th June	3pm	D-Day Celebration on the Village Green
Friday 7th June	All day	Whitegate Walkathon