



**Victoria Park**  
Primary Academy

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**The last month:** It's remarkable to think we say goodbye to our year sixes in a matter of weeks—when I joined they were tiny year two faces—what a pleasure it's been to be part of their development over the past five years. Their last school report (along with all other classes), will be out next week!

### **Commonwealth Games—Smethwick Sports @ Tipton Sports Academy:**

Wednesday saw the long over due return to competitive sports here at VPA, 30 children across years 1-6 represented us against ten other local schools. Children got the opportunity to trial new sports (including short tennis and tag rugby), and meet Perry the Commonwealth mascot. The Commonwealth Games theme will continue throughout next week back here in school with all children participating in aspects of individual and team sporting competitions.

Based on parent, child and teacher feedback, we will revert in September to children coming to school on designated PE days in their kit, alongside a revised PE kit and timetable.

**Transition days:** This year we will host two days in school for children to meet their new teachers, settle into their classrooms, and learn their way around. These will be on Wednesday 13 and Tuesday 19 July.

**Covid :** For the first time this term, numbers and infections have increased in school. Five staff have been impacted and sickness absence amongst children has grown. Whilst there is no longer any lawful need to isolate, guidance [here](#) is still to avoid others if you think or know that you have symptoms.

**Vaping on site:** This week staff found discarded Vape sticks in the playground and car-park after children were dropped off. As these devices can so easily be inhaled by children, we ask families to refrain from all smoking and Vape materials whilst on site

### **End of term dates and arrangements:**

2KK—class assembly, Wednesday 06 July—9am

Rocksteady Concerts: Monday 11 July

Meet your new teacher (transition day): Wednesday 13 July

#### ***Year six arrangements:***

Celebration day (non-uniform) Tuesday 12 July

The Lion King (Production for Parents): Monday 18 July —3.45pm

Graduation and leaving assembly: Wednesday 20 July - 2pm

#### ***End of term arrangements:***

*Last day*—Thursday 21 July—12pm

#### ***Autumn term arrangements:***

*First day children are back*—Wednesday 7 September—8.50am