



Victoria Park
Primary Academy

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Two thirds down: We're forever talking fractions in maths, either in sharing, shapes or number. Amazingly we're now $\frac{2}{3}$ of the school year through—with possibly the busiest term ahead of us. Today's newsletter looks back at recent successes and flags dates for your diaries for the Summer months ahead...

Swimming: It's the turn of the final Year 5 class to start their lessons (during the second week back) 5SB. It will also be the final time we use the historic Thimblemill baths. I'm delighted to share that from next year our lessons will transfer to the Commonwealth Games venue, the [Sandwell Aquatic Centre](#), let's hope it helps inspire a future swimming medal winner from VPA.

Challenge Outcomes: A busy week in school has seen parents attend 1GH's first assembly, a joint Year 4 INSPiRE session to bake Hot Cross Buns, Year 5 invite peers to their live Planetarium and Years 3 and 4 partner up to host their pop-up museum. Keep following school on [Twitter](#) to capture any of the events missed.

New Challenge Packs: Our last Challenge packs of the year launch the day we return:

Reception: A Magical Word	Year 1: Buckets and Spades	Year 2: Up up and away
Year 3: Catastrophe	Year 4: Crazy Ciontrpations	Year 5: Invade and Attack
Year 6: Ballot Street Spice		

For an overview of all the subject knowledge, and weekly planning that you can use to support your child's learning at home, please find all [here](#) or ask at the office for copies.

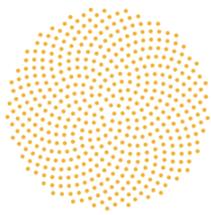
SATs, (and Statutory tests in Year 1, 2 and 4): The Summer term sees our Year Six children take their SATs tests in Maths, Reading and English Grammar. Year 2 will sit National Tests in Reading and Maths, Year 4 will take the National Multiplication Check and Year 1 children will complete their Phonics Screening Checks. I'll write out at the start of next term with further details Please see [here](#) for the Government guidance on what they are and why they are taken.

Tuesday 09th—Friday 12th May—Year 6 SATs

Monday 15th—Friday 28th May—Year 2 SATs

Monday 6th—Friday 16th June—Year 4 Multiplication Checks

Monday 12th—Friday 16th June—Year 1 (and some Year 2) Phonics Screening Checks



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Holiday and Food Easter Club: Victoria Park Academy will be hosting 4Community Trust's HAF club on site during the Easter break. They will be in school for 8 days over the two weeks, with free spaces available for Free School Meals families and paid spaces for all others. Please see the Sandwell [link](#) here for more information.

Nursery and Reception places for September: Spaces are quickly filling in Reception and Nursery for September.

If you would like to secure a reception place, (you need to do this even if you are already at our Nursery), please contact [Sandwell or apply online here](#):

If you would like to discuss a Morning, Afternoon, or Full Time Nursery place, please apply via our [website](#) or leave your details with the school office.

Dates for your diaries:

May Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May
Kings Coronation Trust Tea Party	Friday 5 May
(Kings Coronation) Bank Holiday	Monday 8 May
3TB Class Assembly	Wednesday 10 May
3SW Class Assembly	Wednesday 24 May
Parents Evening	Wednesday 7 June
3JF Class Assembly	Wednesday 14 June
Reception and Nursery 2023 Meeting	Wednesday 14 June
2KK Class Assembly	Wednesday 19 June
Sports week	Tuesday 26—Thursday 29 June
2SP Class Assembly	Wednesday 28 June
School training day (Closed)	Friday 30 June
2AY Class Assembly	Wednesday 5 July
Year 6 Production to families	Tuesday 11 July
Year 6 Graduation Assembly	Wednesday 19 July
School ends for Summer (Half day)	Friday 21 July

Support for families: Shared at the same time as this newsletter is a Victoria Academies Trust guide for supporting colleagues and families. It pulls together some of the local links we've been able to share recently, with wider, National support.

With best wishes, Mr Reed