



## Newsletter 01.05.26

Dear Families,

Welcome back and I hope you all enjoyed a restful Easter break. It has been lovely to see the children return to school with such energy, enthusiasm and readiness to learn. The summer term is always a busy but exciting one, and there is certainly lots for us all to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

This half term promises many wonderful opportunities, from trips and special events to curriculum enrichment, sporting activities and performances. The warmer weather often brings a renewed sense of motivation and positivity around school, and we are looking forward to seeing our pupils grow in confidence, independence and achievement as the term progresses.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Working together ensures that every child feels happy, safe and able to do their very best. I look forward to sharing many successes with you over the coming weeks and wish everyone an enjoyable and successful start to the summer term.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Gordon

## Attendance



Winners of the class attendance so far this term are:

### Gold

24th April - 2ET

1st May - 2ET

### Silver

24th April - 3MM

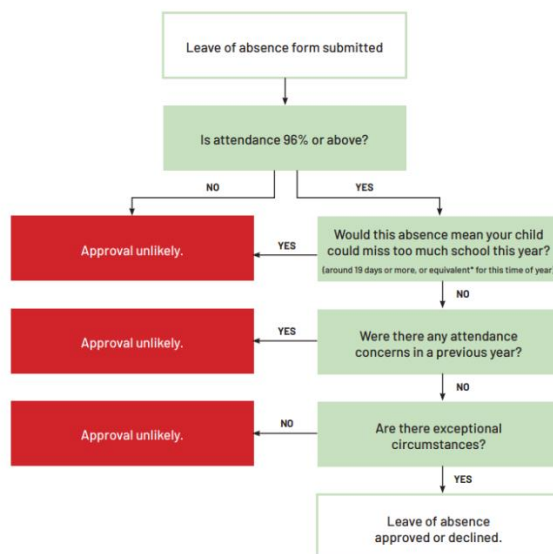
1st May - 5KG

### Bronze

24th April - 6CB

1st May - 6EC/CT

## Considering a Holiday in Term time?



### Term-Time Absence Request

We have had a number of absence requests this week where parents are using the old forms or when the forms arrive they don't have parents/carers full **LEGAL** names and **signatures**.

We would like to remind parents and carers that we now have had updated version of our Absence Request in Term Time form since the start of the year.

The new form is available to download from the school website or can be collected from the school office. If preferred, we are happy to send a copy electronically or provide a printed version.

Please ensure the form is **completed in full**. Ideally, completed forms should be returned to the school office in person or scanned and emailed to the school office. Photographs of the completed and signed form will be accepted; however, we would prefer to receive the original document wherever possible. Parents/carers **full legal names**, address and **signatures MUST** be on the forms otherwise they will not be processed.

If you have saved or printed a previous version of the form, please delete and dispose of it. If an old version is submitted, or if any required information is missing, you will be asked to complete the new form or provide the missing information before we can process your request.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Reporting Child Illness on Arbor



To improve the accuracy and efficiency of our attendance reporting, we now ask that illness absences be recorded via **Arbor**.

To log an absence, please:

1. Log in to Arbor
2. Select **Quick Actions**
3. Click **Attendance**
4. Click the green **Log Absence** button
5. Select a reason and provide full details (e.g., "Sick on 6th March – high temperature," "Tonsillitis," "Chicken pox," etc.)

6. Click the green **Log Absence** button again to submit

**Important reminders:**

- Absences must be logged on the **day of illness**. You cannot log an absence in advance.
- Each day of absence must be recorded separately.
- If your child is absent for several days, we may contact you to check on their wellbeing.

**Please use Arbor as first option for reporting illness.** On the phone line, signals can be unreliable, messages aren't always clear, and class names may be missed. Emails are also less reliable than Arbor, as inboxes are very full first thing in the morning and may not be dealt with in a timely manner.

Using Arbor ensures improved accuracy, faster processing, and helps us keep attendance records up to date.

Of course, if you need to speak to a member of staff to discuss your child's absence in more detail, we are always happy to do so. We will also continue to contact you to discuss absence if more details are required, or we can offer support in any way.

If you are having any issues using this system, please get in touch and we will be happy to help.

## Stars of the Week



We are super proud of our stars over the last few weeks:

### **Nursery**

Rose, Evelyn

**Reception**

Daisy, Poppy

**Year 1**

Lyra, Matilda, Fleur, Alfie

**Year 2**

Arthur M, Willow L,

**Year 3**

Harper, Toby, Aubrey, Angus

**Year 4**

Oliver A, Arthur, Edith, Bella

**Year 5**

Ruby F, Hugo, Jack

**Year 6**

Jess, Lydia, Harry T, Mason, Layla

**OPAL**

**WAC**

Seb (3MM), Elliott (3MM), Lydia (6CB)

[Staffing update](#)



I am delighted to report that we have recruited a new teaching assistant in nursery. I am sure you will join me in extending a warm Webheath welcome to Katie Colby who starts with us on the 5th May.

I am also delighted to share Mrs Taylor's exciting news that she is expecting a baby. Baby is due in September so Mrs Taylor will be with 2ET until the end of the year.

I also have some sad news that Mrs Allen has made the decision to retire. She will be leaving just before May half term, so seeing year 6 through there SATs and then making her escape to enjoy the summer sunshine. I know that she will be sadly missed by children, families and staff alike and wish a very happy retirement.

## Cross Country Year 4

On Wednesday 22nd, a group of Year 4 children took part in the District Cross Country event, competing against pupils from other schools. They represented our school brilliantly, showing excellent manners, determination, and outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day. We are delighted to share that our team achieved fantastic success, winning gold medals for both the fastest girl and the fastest boy. In addition, our boys' team secured first place overall. Congratulations to everyone who participated! We are incredibly proud of you all for your effort, enthusiasm, and achievements.



## Rocket Workshop

Year 1 enjoyed investigating energy, thinking about what it is and what it can do. We looked at how it makes things move and fly. The highlight was making some rocket fuel and watching it launch a rocket. The children then got to make their own rockets and launch these into the air. The children were filled with excitement, and awe and wonder.



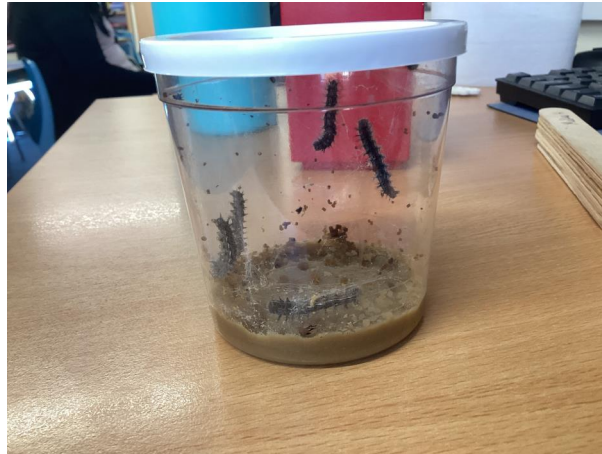




## Life Cycles Year 5

To support our work on life cycles, year 5 have been to the school pond to observe our resident frogs and their frogspawn. We also have our own class pet – some quickly-growing caterpillars. We can't wait for them to metamorphosise into butterflies.





## Fun Reading Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed some relaxing time in the hall reading for fun!





## Heart Dissection Workshop Yr 6

Year 6 had a fantastic workshop exploring the human heart and circulatory system as part of their science work. All pupils were engaged and participated with great respect and curiosity as they took part in a supervised scientific investigation examining real Ox and Lambs hearts.

When children were asked about the workshop this is what they had to say:

“Really great fun and interesting.”

“So fun, you got to experience something you don’t normally get to”

“At first I was a bit grossed out but it was actually thrilling and interesting.”



# Earth Day




## Earth Day

PIC•COLLAGE



Webheath Academy P... Name: Phoebe Year: 6 School: Webheath

### Invention Title: mobile

My Invention (Drawing): cartridge  


What does it do?  
You press a button in the hand, and pick it out side so it can water your plants (like a drone)

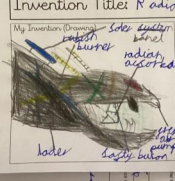
How does it help the Earth?  
It helps flowers grow for long time (like a bee)

Skills: The power or ability to perform a task well.

Stereotype: A fixed idea that people have about a thing, person or group that may often be untrue.

Webheath Academy P... Name: Phoebe Year: 6 School: Webheath

### Invention Title: Radiation absorber 2.0

My Invention (Drawing): robot  


What does it do?  
A generally good robot that absorbs radiation, and all pollution also it turns rubbish

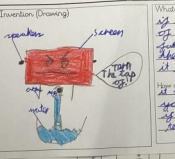
How does it help the Earth?  
It takes earth by absorbing radiation and it turns pollution into energy

Skills: The power or ability to perform a task well.

Stereotype: A fixed idea that people have about a thing, person or group that may often be untrue.

Webheath Academy P... Name: Phoebe Year: 6 School: Webheath

### Invention Title: The Super Sensitive water Saver

My Invention (Drawing): screen  


What does it do?  
If you don't turn the tap off it will make a noisy screen that you can't hear the tap off! If you don't it will turn it off for you

How does it help the Earth?  
It saves water by turning off the tap if you don't turn it off for you

Skills: The power or ability to perform a task well.

Stereotype: A fixed idea that people have about a thing, person or group that may often be untrue.

Webheath Academy

Name: za Year Group: 3 School: webheath

**Invention Title:** walk on moss door

**My Invention (Drawing):**

**What does it do?**  
 it can help me get  
 out of my house  
 and it can help me  
 get out of my house  
 and it can help me  
 get out of my house

**How does it help the Earth?**  
 it can help me  
 get out of my house  
 and it can help me  
 get out of my house

What I will learn  
 I can name jobs that have from different  
 I can explain about myths and gender related to work.  
 I can identify some needed to do part  
 I can recognise how interests, skills and achievements may link to future jobs.  
 I can set goals for what I would like to achieve this year.

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money from ss or  
 property.  
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 stereotype

employment  
 debt

Name: ella-lovise Year Group: 555 School: webheath, bookley primary school

**Invention Title:** brianna the helping bunny

**My Invention (Drawing):**

**What does it do?**  
 helps pick up litter and eat  
 carrots!

**How does it help the Earth?**  
 it helps pick up litter and eat  
 carrots!

Name: Emma Year Group: School:

**Invention Title:** ROBOT COLLECTOR

**My Invention (Drawing):**

**What does it do?**  
 it can help me  
 get out of my house  
 and it can help me  
 get out of my house

**How does it help the Earth?**  
 it can help me  
 get out of my house  
 and it can help me  
 get out of my house

bin  
 E-cob  
 dog  
 cat



To celebrate Earth Day, children across the school were invited to enter the trust- wide eco invention competition. There were some amazing entries ranging from realistic water saving devices to futuristic litter picking robots. Well done to everyone who got involved to remind us how to respect and nurture our planet.

## Drumming Workshop

On Wednesday 29th April, year 1-6 all participated in a class drumming taster session provided by DCP drums. The children really enjoyed the sessions and were very excited to take home their letters to sign up for lessons. If you would like to sign up your child to this, please visit [www.dcpdrums.co.uk](http://www.dcpdrums.co.uk).



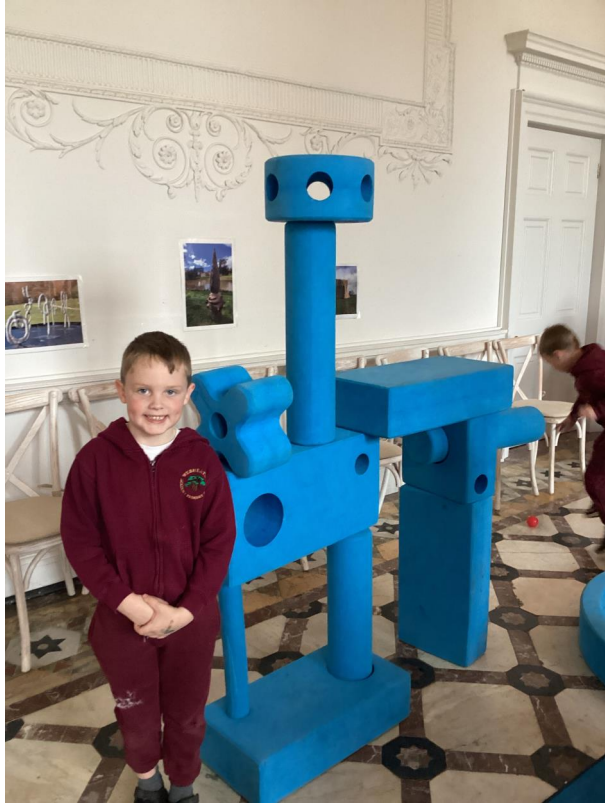


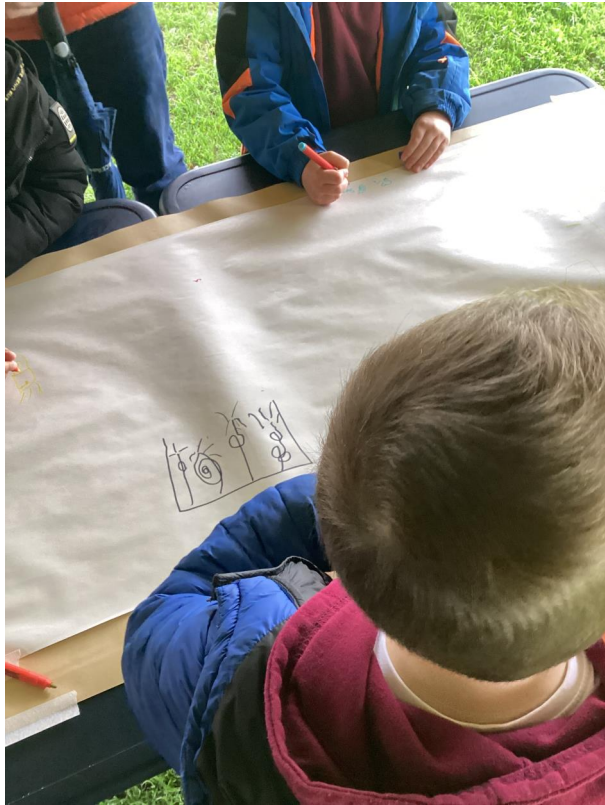




## Compton Verney Year 1

The children had a wonderful time during our visit to Compton Verney, where they were excited to explore the life-sized sculptures set within the beautiful grounds. They eagerly shared their thoughts, ideas and interpretations of the artwork, showing great curiosity and imagination. Following this, they took part in a hands-on workshop, where they brought their ideas to life by creating their own sculptures inspired by what they had seen. It was a fun and engaging day, and the children represented our school brilliantly throughout.









## Trust Positive Picture Competition



### **CELEBRATING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS**

Over the next few weeks, we would like you to capture some of your positive moments on your phones/cameras, and share them with us.

It would be great to see some images of happy, positive times. What/Who makes you happy?

This is a competition for staff and students... Let's spread the positivity!

### **Competition time!**

Once you have taken your positive pictures, please send to Mrs Needle [cne@northbromsgrove.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:cne@northbromsgrove.worcs.sch.uk)

In the email, please state your name, your form/class, and your school. This is a Trust-wide competition, so we want to make sure we are giving points to the right students!

All entries will receive house points – which will contribute to the Shires Creative cup.

The winning pictures will be displayed on our social media pages, and shown at the Creative Arts Showcase at the end of June!

The deadline for this competition is...

**THURSDAY 21ST MAY!**

**GOOD LUCK!**



## Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell. The NHS sets out easy to follow guidance if you click this link:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

We have also attached their poster.

# child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

## Nursery

Nursery has been busy enjoying lots of exciting learning opportunities since Miss Jones took over the room.

We began by exploring seeds and planting, helping the children learn about growth and caring for the world around them. This linked with our Earth Day activities, where we explored recycling and how we can look after our environment.

The children also loved taking part in Space Week, exploring planets, rockets and stars through creative activities, sensory play and number counting. We also worked together to make a rocket ready for its 'launch'!

We have also introduced Sound Bags to support early phonics skills, helping children recognise sounds and link them to everyday objects.

Keep an eye out for our epic sunflowers that we will be planting soon — we can't wait to see how tall they grow!





## OPAL

With the weather picking up, the children have been enjoying our new summer garden games equipment during our OPAL lunchtimes. These fantastic games were kindly funded by

our amazing 'Friends' team. We are very lucky to have a new giant chess board, that has been a huge hit with the older boys especially. We also have 6 giant wooden games, these being: ring toss, bean bag toss, connect 4, Jenga, noughts and crosses and dominoes. An assembly was led by Miss Evans to show the children the new equipment and explain the rules of each of the games. The children thoroughly enjoyed this assembly and loved when we got some members of staff to come to the front and play against one another, it got very competitive!! The new equipment has been out for just over a week now, and it has been amazing to see children from all year groups engaging and playing so respectfully with it. Once again, a big shout out to our 'Friends' team for providing us with such high-quality equipment for the children.





## Reminders




### ☀️ Summer Reminder for Parents & Carers 🌸

With summer just around the corner, please ensure your child comes to school prepared for the warmer weather.


🧴 **Sun protection** – apply sun lotion to your child before school and make sure they bring a named sun hat




📦 **Be organised** – packing bags the night before helps avoid last-minute stress. This also prevents office staff and teaching assistants from having to leave their important duties to collect and deliver items that arrive late.

 **Get children involved** – encourage them to help remember their daily essentials!

A quick morning checklist can make all the difference:

- ✓ Book bag
- ✓ Drink
- ✓ Lunch box
- ✓ Coat (just in case!)
- ✓ Sun hat

Thank you for your support in helping our school run smoothly and keeping everyone safe and comfortable in the sunshine! 


 **Lost Property Reminder – Please Label Clothes!**  


We've had a *huge* number of emails and phone calls over the past few weeks about lost property. Yesterday, I was able to return several items to children (which was great!), but we still have a very large pile of unclaimed clothing, including:


- ◆ Unnamed clothing
- ◆ Items belonging to children who have now left the school and have been handed down
- ◆ Names written in pen that are now illegible
- ◆ Black felt tip that has bled and can't be read
- ◆ Sticky labels that look lovely... but are already peeling off


 **Please, please, please label your children's clothes clearly!**

This helps *all* staff members – even those who don't know your child – return lost items quickly and easily.

 We strongly recommend checking out the links below to order **Stickins labels** – they seem to survive washing machines and tumble dryers better than any others we've seen!

 A quick tip: Use **first AND last names**, as we have several children with the same first name.

 We genuinely want to return items to families – we know how expensive they can be. Thank you for helping us make that possible!

 **Over the long bank holiday weekend, please take a moment to check and refresh the labelling in all of your children's clothes** – it really does make a huge difference!

Friends Association





A Cracking Easter Fundraiser Total! 🍫

The Friends Association held a chocolate tombola on the playground on the last day before the easter holidays to raise money for the school and are pleased to say they raised a brilliant £425! Every penny will go towards funding wonderful experiences and resources for pupils at the school. Thank you so much for your donations, for queuing patiently on the day and to those parents who volunteered for the event.





### Spring Refresh for our Learning Garden

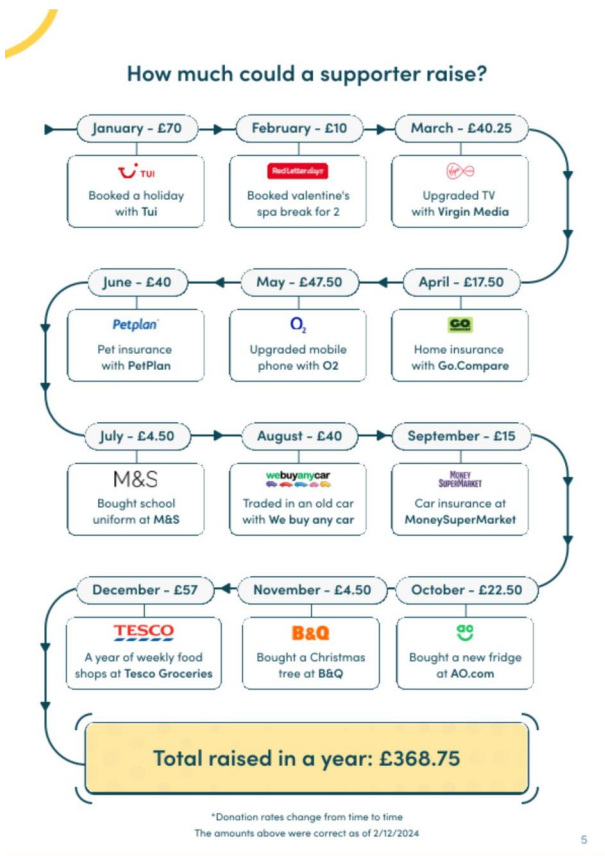
Friends Association volunteers got together in March to give the Learning Garden next to the school office a spring tidy up, removing leaves and weeds to get it ready to use in the warmer weather. It was great to get together. If you think you could spare an hour here or there to help with weeding over the coming months, or know someone who might be

interested, please email [friendsofwebheath@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwebheath@gmail.com) to join their garden WhatsApp group. Thank you!





Sign up to **easyfundraising** and earn funds for the school!





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## Doughnut Sale



### After School Doughnut Sale

The Friends Association is delighted to announce a special after-school treat for pupils! On **Thursday 21st May**, we will be hosting a doughnut sale on the playground at the end of the school day to raise money for more important resources for our pupils.

Please note that this will be a cash-only event, so don't forget to bring some money along - small change would be very helpful. Doughnuts will be £1 each.

**If you think you might be able to volunteer and help Friends at this event, please email them on [friendsofwebheath@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwebheath@gmail.com)**

We look forward to seeing you there and hope you enjoy this tasty treat!



## Stikins - Order Name Labels - Earn Money for School!

### Keep Uniform out of Lost Property – Label With Stikins!

We all know how quickly jumpers, cardigans and PE kits can end up in the lost property pile. The simplest way to make sure your child's belongings find their way back home is by clearly labelling everything - and **Stikins name labels** make it quick and easy.

Stikins labels are:

- ✓ Easy to apply - just stick onto the wash-care label
- ✓ No sewing or ironing needed
- ✓ Durable and long-lasting
- ✓ Suitable for clothing, shoes, bags and lunchboxes

Not only will labelling help prevent lost items (and save you replacing uniform!), but it also helps staff return belongings to children quickly and easily.

### Support our School While You Shop

Don't forget - every time you buy Stikins labels, **Friends receive 30% commission** from your order, which directly benefits our school.

To make sure your purchase counts, simply click [ORDER HERE](#), quote our fundraising number **24663** and complete your purchase.

It's a simple way to keep track of uniform *and* support school fundraising at the same time. Thank you for your support!

### The Friends Association

Who we are and what we do:

<https://webheath.worcs.sch.uk/key-information/friends-of-webheath/>

Join our Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1245770362115411/>

## Community

### AU Sports Holiday Clubs

Their holiday club will run Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th during this May half-term at St Augustine's High School in Redditch. They offer multi-sports clubs everyday, as well as specific days for netball, football, dance and gymnastics. See the photos for details.

As always, we are not recommending and aren't affiliated with any sports club. Just offering our community an option for school holiday childcare.



**A GYMNASTICS & DANCE HOLIDAY CLUB**  
Trampolining - Dance - Movement - Skills - Challenges - and more  
May Half-Term - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May with Hayley

Early bird booking discounts

St Augustine's High School, Redditch  
Ages 5 to 13  
9:00 am - 3:30pm

Sibling discounts

Early drop-off option from 8.30am

Book Online - [ausported.com](http://ausported.com)

AU SPORTS Sports Coaching

This poster features a large image of a female instructor in a blue hoodie with arms outstretched. To her right is a grid of smaller photos showing children performing various gymnastic and dance moves. The background is a mix of blue and red.



**A MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB**

Early bird, sibling & multiple day discounts

St Augustine's High School, Redditch  
Ages 5 to 13  
9:00 am - 3:30pm

Early drop-off option from 8.30am

Booking - [ausported.com](http://ausported.com)

AU SPORTS Sports Coaching

This poster features a group of children in various sports uniforms posing in a gymnasium. Some are standing, some are sitting on the floor, and one is being carried piggyback. The background is a mix of blue and red.

# A NETBALL HOLIDAY CLUB

Skills - Games - Coaching - Skills - Mini Tournaments - and more

May Half Term - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May with Clare

Early bird booking discounts



St Augustine's High School,  
Redditch  
School Years 1-8  
9:00 am - 3:30pm

Sibling discounts



Early drop-off & late pick up optional

Book Online - [ausported.com](http://ausported.com)



# A FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLUB

Skills - Games - Coaching - Skills - Mini Tournaments - and more

May Half-Term - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Early bird booking discounts



St Augustine's High School,  
Redditch  
Ages 5 to 13  
9:00 am - 3:30pm

Sibling discounts



Early drop-off & late pick up optional

Book Online - [ausported.com](http://ausported.com)



# A HOLIDAY CLUB

Multi Sports - Football - Gymnastics & Dance - Netball

Early bird, sibling & multiple day discounts



St Augustine's High School, Redditch  
Ages 5 to 13  
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