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Dear Parents/ Carers,

It's been another great week, with lots going on. With only another week and a half until the end of the academic year there is still quite a bit to squeeze in!

Parents Evening

It was great to see so many of you at parents evening yesterday. If for whatever reason you missed this opportunity, we would like to set up a phone conversation with you.

Raising awareness of the legal and safety issues around e-Bikes and e-scooters

We have been contacted by the neighbourhood policing team to ask if we can share some important information and safety messages around the use of e-bikes and e-scooters. Please see the information below from the neighbourhood policing team:

Police and partner agencies are seeing a sharp rise in the number of young people using these vehicles – many of which are not legally allowed on public roads, pavements or in parks. There is also increasing concern around safety, with several incidents involving modified or high-powered vehicles capable of reaching significant speeds.

What parents and carers need to know:

Privately owned e-scooters are illegal to use on public roads, pavements, cycle paths, or parks. They can only be used on private land, with the landowner's permission.

E-bikes (electrically assisted pedal cycles) are only legal if they meet strict conditions. Any electric bike that can be ridden without pedalling or travels faster than 15.5mph with motor assistance, is classed as a motor vehicle. It must be taxed, insured, registered and can only be ridden by someone with a driving licence.

Enforcement: Police officers can seize e-scooters and illegal e-bikes. Riders may face warnings, fines, points on a future licence or prosecution.

Safety risks: Many of these vehicles are capable of speeds over 30mph. When used without helmets, proper training or awareness of road conditions, the risk of serious injury is significant.

Wiltshire Police will be taking proactive steps this summer to deal with anyone found using e-scooters or e-bikes illegally. We appreciate that some families may be unaware of the legal restrictions around these vehicles. By working together, we can help young people understand the legal and safety risks associated with using these vehicles unlawfully and keep our communities safe.

Please see the attached posters for further information.

Trips and activities

Trip to the Olympic Park

The school trip to the Olympic Park in London was a thoroughly enjoyable and educational experience for all involved. Students had the opportunity to explore the local environment, learning about the diverse habitats that support a variety of animals and insects within the park's carefully maintained green spaces. This hands-on learning experience helped deepen their understanding of urban ecology and the importance of conservation.

In addition to the environmental focus, the group visited several iconic landmarks from the 2012 Olympic Games, including the Olympic Stadium—now the home of West Ham United Football Club—the sleek Olympic Velodrome, and the exciting BMX track.

For many students, it was their first time visiting London, adding a sense of wonder and excitement to the day. The trip was not only informative but also inspiring, offering a glimpse into both the natural and sporting heritage of the capital. Throughout the day, students conducted themselves with maturity and respect, making it a memorable and successful outing for everyone involved.

Trip to Salisbury Cathedral

9A visited Salisbury Cathedral this week and photographed the extensive range of art on show as part of their Art class with Miss Tarka.

Frisbee Golf

Starfish class had an afternoon session at the Amesbury Frisbee Golf Park, as they worked on their aiming and throwing skills. They also looked at different rocks in the area – mainly flint - which contrast to the chalk river areas they have visited recently for their science study.

The rest of the term...

Shark class at the Rec have been busy preparing for the Primary Wet Fun & Sports session on Monday 21st July. We have been testing out a new slip and slide to get it ready and preparing various activities alongside our usual offsite learning.

There will also be a Primary WOLT extravaganza session on Tuesday 22nd July thanks to the lovely WOLT team.

Transitions for new and current students

On Tuesday 15th July we are welcoming new primary students for a short period in the morning to visit the site, the classrooms and teachers and do some short activities to familiarise themselves with the systems at SAIL and how we work as a school.

On Wednesday 16th July we have two new classes of year 7 students taking part in a slightly shortened day to meet their new tutors, complete induction sheets and forms as well as tours of the school and some “fun” lessons. New students will have a chance to mix with their new peers and existing students during break and lunchtimes.

On Thursday 17th July we have another two new classes of year 7 students completing a day very similar to that on the 16th, meeting teachers, seeing the rooms, completing some induction forms, enjoying some fun lessons and the same opportunity to socially mix at break and lunchtime.

On both the 16th and 17th, current year 6 students will have the opportunity to meet their new classmates and see their tutor rooms. As all 5 students are very familiar with the school, they will also start and end the days with their usual teacher and TAs.

On the 16th and 17th, we will also have a chance to introduce the four new teachers who will be starting at SAIL formally in September; Damien, Danielle, Jason and Rachel.

Heat health warning

In Wiltshire and Southern England there is a health warning in place as below:

The yellow heat health alert is in effect from 10AM on 09/07/2025 until 10AM on 15/07/2025.

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle on them (there are many places where they can be refilled at school). If your child has significant difficulties with temperature regulation, please ensure that they are wearing cool and loose clothes. At school we will be encouraging students to stay in the shade, stay out of the sun, and to keep drinking water.

Parent governors

Last week we sent out a communication asking for nominations for interested parents to join our Local Governing Body (LGB) from September. If there is anyone who is still interested the information is below:

What is the role of Local Governing Bodies (LGBs)?

LGBs are responsible for monitoring a wide range of matters, which include ensuring that pupils receive a high-quality education. Local parent governors play an important role as members of the LGB and are welcomed as valued members of the team. The LGB works together – Governors do not make decisions individually. A parent governor brings a parental perspective to the issues discussed but a parent governor is not to speak on behalf the parent body. A parent governor has the same rights, responsibilities and duties as other Governors on the LGB.

Local Governors will support and, at the same time, challenge Headteachers by gathering views, asking questions and working with stakeholders. The LGB is answerable to parents, pupils, the Reach South Academy Trust and the wider community.

LGBs comprise of various types of Governors. The LGB will include:

- Local parent Governors elected by other parents at the academy
- Local staff Governors elected by their colleagues
- Co-opted Governors appointed by the Local Governing Body
- Trust appointed Local Governors

What is the commitment?

Our meetings are held on a Tuesday from 3-5pm once a term. Meetings should last no more than 2 hours. Governors are encouraged to visit the academy to learn more about the way the academy works.

What will you gain as a Local Governor?

- The opportunity to make a real difference and the chance to contribute to the good of the community, leading to real satisfaction and a sense of achievement.
- You will gain an understanding of the decision-making process of LGBs and an awareness of the education system as a whole;

- Working as a Governor will give the opportunity to work with a wide variety of people and pupils from a variety of social, cultural and religious backgrounds;
- You will develop new skills and strengthen existing ones. You will be offered training on various aspects of the Governor role.

If you would like any further information about the role of parent Governor please contact Amy Priest, Clerk to the LGB via email: amy.priest@reachsouth.org.

End of Year Celebration Assembly and PTA cafe

Friday 18th July – End of Year Celebration Assembly – all parents/carers welcome.

The Parent café will be at 1:15pm with an honesty pot for donations for teas, coffees and cakes and the ice cream stand will be back by popular demand.

The primary assembly will be from 1:40pm-2pm as we celebrate our Year 6s transitioning to secondary school as well as all our pupils end of year.

The secondary assembly will be from 2pm – 2:25pm.

Ice creams/lollies can be purchased by primary pupils at 2pm and secondary pupils at 2.25pm

There will be a raffle drawn at 2:25pm and winners can collect their prizes on the day or the following week. The pre-order form for tickets will be coming out next week in your children's bags so keep an eye out for it.

Ready, Respectful, Safe

We have had another successful week with students gaining lots of RRS points and merits for some great learning, behaviour and attitudes – well done to everyone involved!

This week's Ready, Respectful, Safe Teacher and Tutor Nominees are:

Angelfish – Marley

Turtle – Tyler

Starfish – Harry

Penguin – Thomas, Jack

Dolphin -Kaden

Shark - Alivia

7A - Reece

8A – Taylor

9A - Kian

9B - Jack

9C - Steven

10/11A – Lucas

Well done to all those students who have been doing really well this week and a particular well-done to our Ready, respectful, safe teacher and tutor nominees

Key Dates

w/b: 14th July - Transition days for new students

18th July - End of term celebration assembly (see details above) & PTA cafe

21st July – Primary trip to Nomansland Recreation Ground

23rd July - Last day of term - PTA FUN DAY

23rd July – Insight Day – Key performance training – Workplace visit