



CATALYST

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Dear Parents and Carers,

YEAR 6 END OF YEAR CELEBRATION AND ACTIVITY DAYS

It is with great delight that we write to inform you of the details of our Leavers' Celebration and Activity Days to celebrate all that the Class of 2025 have achieved during their time at Dilkes.

To ensure that all pupils are able to take part in each of the celebratory activities, we have organised the time of the below-mentioned events around the various transition days of each secondary school the children have places for next year. Please see the timetable below:

Monday 14th July – Cinema and Bowling in Lakeside

Children come to school at 8.40am to register as normal **in school uniform**. We will be taking the children on the school minibus. **All children are required to bring a packed lunch on this day**. Children will be dismissed from school at 3.15pm.

Tuesday 15th July – King George's Park (Brentwood)

For our second day we will head to King George's Playing Field, Brentwood. Each group of children will take turns enjoying the Tag Active, Splash Pad and Adventure play, regrouping to enjoy a picnic lunch. **All children are required to bring a packed lunch on this day**. Children will be dismissed from school at 3:15pm.

Wednesday 16th July – Climbing Wall and inflatables

A festival of bounce is being hosted by another of our Catalyst schools – Somers Heath Primary School. Children come to school at 8.40am to register as normal **in non-school uniform**.

Thursday 17th July – Kelvedon Nuclear Races and sleepover

Children come to school at 8.40am to register as normal **in non-school uniform (long sleeves and long bottoms)**. Children will need a towel, an extra set of clothes and shoes, and a black bag to put their muddy clothes into. **All children are required to bring a packed lunch on this day**. Children will be dismissed from school at approximately 4:15pm. Pupils are then invited to return to school at **6pm for a BBQ and sleepover**. Children will need to bring their items for their school sleepover with them. Please turn over for list of items that children will need to bring for the sleepover. The children will be advising staff on their preferences for the BBQ and breakfast in advance. There will be a vegan or meat option on both occasions. Please be reminded that no electronic devices will be allowed during the sleepover.

Friday 18th July – Breakfast Orienteering in Belhus Park



Children will be in **non-school uniform**. All pupils will need a packed lunch on this day. If you require a school packed lunch the choices are ham, cheese or tuna sandwiches. Please email the school office admin.da@catrust.org.uk with your packed lunch choice for your child. Children will be dismissed from school at the usual time of 3.15pm.

If you require a school packed lunch for any of the Celebration/Activity Days the choices are ham, cheese and tuna sandwiches. Please email the school office admin.da@catrust.org.uk with your packed lunch choice for your child.

Monday 21st July - Graduation and Disco

Pupils need to arrive back at school by 5.15pm in order to take photos. The graduation ceremony will begin promptly at 6.00pm with the disco commencing at 7.00pm. **All parents collect their children from school at 8.00pm.**

With this programme of events, we are confident that the children will have a fit farewell and make lasting memories of the time spent with their Dilkes Family. Owing to our use of exciting external facilities, activities at Kelvedon, transport to and from the venue and picnic/party food, we ask that you make a contribution of **£80** to your child's participation in this year's events. Owing to the generosity of our staff, use of school fund and wider community connections, this will cover every detail of the fun-packed timetable above. The payment of **£80** can be made on the Arbor App as a one-off payment or in instalments of your choice and should be paid in full by 4th July 2025. To assist with funding this event we will be holding fundraisers just for Y6 pupils which will support us in keeping the cost at **£80**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely



Mr R. Latham
Headteacher

Equipment List:

- For the School Sleepover:
 - sleeping Bag;
 - pillow;
 - padding (for under sleeping bag);
 - toothbrush;
 - toothpaste;
 - face towel;
 - pyjamas;
 - toiletries;
 - flip-flops/slippers;
 - snacks for movie night (no foods containing nuts);
 - Any medicine required to be given to the teacher in a named plastic bag with details about administration
- For Nuclear Races:
 - Clothes to be worn that cover arms and legs, trainers;



- Change of clothes and towel at Kelvedon (for a quick clean up and change after the Nuclear Mud Race, water obstacles and death slide);
- draw-string bag to take to Kelvedon;
- carrier bag to put muddy clothes into.
- Any medicine required to be given to teacher in a named plastic bag with details about administration
- King George's Park:
 - Towel

