



NEWSLETTER
Friday 18th July 2025

I can't believe it's the end of another year! Good luck to all of our amazing Year 5 children who go onto the next step in their adventure, we will miss seeing you around school, keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on.

Good luck to staff members that are also moving onto new adventures, thank you for looking after our children so well.

It has been a privilege for me to lead the school through this difficult period but I am glad to be able to hand the reins to a new leader and resume my role as deputy head. I couldn't have done it alone and I want to thank all of the amazing staff who have supported me through the most difficult challenges- what a great team we are! Thank you also to our wonderful families who have been supportive throughout, we are lucky to be part of such a brilliant community.

I hope you all have a lovely summer break - hopefully the sun will come back out - and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Thank you

Mrs Enstone

PSHE

This term in PSHE, we have been completing work on relationships with friends, family and loved ones. Children have learnt what a life cycle is and some learnt how new life is created. In key stage one, children learnt the names of human body parts and discussed how we have changed since we were babies. In key stage two, children were able to discuss how their bodies have and may change over time. The whole school spent time sharing their thoughts and feelings about moving into their new year groups.

Written by Mrs Cooper



Nursery welcomed parents/carers to join them in a Forest School workshop

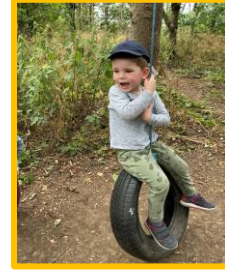
The nursery children were really excited to show their parents/ grandparents around our forest school area. There were lots of fun activities to join in with from creating a 'Supertato' from soil, grass seed and a selection of materials. Investigating the mud pit to free the carrots, and a problem-solving activity to move water from one area to another using drainpipes and different resources. Also, we had an orienteering challenge to find the different coloured leaves hiding around the forest, to complete a pictured mini beast hunt.

Thank you to everyone who managed to come and have fun. We know the children loved showing you around, by their smiles, giggles and excitement.

Written by Anita Wood



NURSERY TRIP TO SANDFIELD FARM

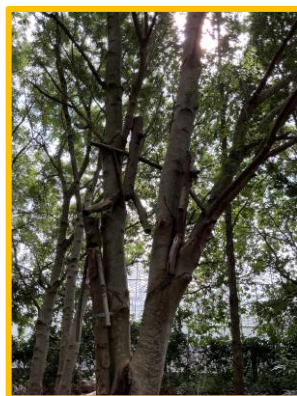


WOW!! What an exciting day we all had at Sandfield Farm. In the morning, we went into a secure forest school area, exploring the mud kitchens, tunnels, slides and different paths around the forest. We also played a game of 1 2 3 where are you? All we could hear were the giggles, as they raced around the wood hiding from each other.



After lunch we walked around the farm and learnt all about the different fruits that are growing in the orchards. On the way home all we could hear was the gentle snores on the coach!

Nursery would like to thank our helper in supporting us with this trip.



Can you spot something hiding within the tree?

Written by Anita Wood.

St James the Great, Harvington, Church.



To enhance the nursery children's knowledge of what a church looked like inside, we enjoyed a visit to Harvington's local church. Reverend Thorniley was there to greet us, and very kindly showed us around all the different features within it. They learnt that the church was ~ 1000 years old, the font is where Christians are baptised into the Church of England, and many more interesting facts. We had a lovely morning and would like to thank Reverend Thorniley for our tour and Mrs Heaton, Mrs Phipps and Mr Powell for helping to keep us safe on our walk.

Written by Anita Wood



Nursery Graduation

Nursery celebrated their graduation on 9th July, 2025. The children loved singing their special song that they had been practising called 'Cover Me In Sunshine' and the nursery team were very proud of them singing it so beautifully.

They wore a mortar board and received a special scroll from the nursery.

We finished our celebration with a special treat of cake and a drink.

We would like to say thank you to everyone whom attended, making this a real special occasion the children won't forget.

Written by Anita Wood

Reception Trip

On the 8th July, Reception visited Lower Smite Farm. Lower Smite Farm is a working arable farm and is part of the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust. We visited to look at different minibeasts and insects. The children went pond dipping and looked at their findings under the microscope and then spent the afternoon looking for other minibeast in the forest. They all had a great day and were really interested in learning new facts about the creatures they found.

Written by Mrs Enstone





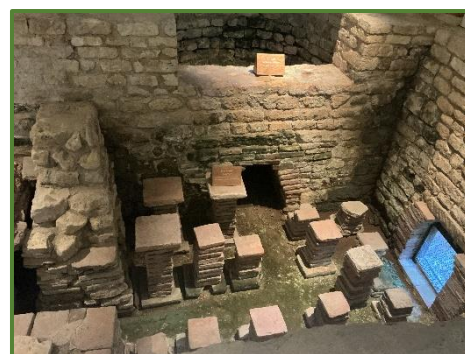
Year 2 had a fantastic day in Weston-Super-Mare. They visited the Weston museum where they learnt about the impact of litter in the oceans. We then enjoyed the windy walk down the pier. The children enjoyed digging, running and making sandcastles. The whole class enjoyed an ice lolly before getting back on the coach and travelling back to school. What a fabulous day!

Written by Mrs Brown

Year 3 visit to Chedworth Roman Villa

At the end of June, Year 3 students enjoyed a visit to a real Roman Villa. Chedworth Roman Villa dates back to the 2nd century AD and boasts many impressive features. It was incredible for the children to see for real, what they had learned about in class, such as the Roman baths, mosaic floors and Roman toilets. Children took part in a guided tour and made their own mosaic tiles.

Written by Mrs Cruchley





Year 4 trip to London



On Tuesday 17th June, Year 4 went on their trip to London! We travelled by train from Evesham train station all the way to Paddington. We then travelled by tube to reach lots of different famous landmarks! We started off by visiting Buckingham Palace, we then made our way to Parliament where we sat and had a picnic lunch in the gardens before our Houses of Parliament tour. We were lucky enough to meet our local MP inside Parliament too! We then made our way to the London Eye and visited Trafalgar Square and headed back to the train station. It was a hot day with lots of walking and the children did brilliantly! Well done Year 4, for your engagement in your trip and your sensible attitude towards navigating around London! What a fantastic day!



Charity News

Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year with our various school charities – your help really does make a difference.

Mrs Cruchley and the Charity Ministers



Thank you to those who joined us for Presentation Morning. Many congratulations go to all the worthy recipients!

If your child received an award and you wish to have their name engraved please do so and return it in the spring term to the school office.

Thank you



Clubs

We are so pleased to have been able to offer so many after school clubs this term. The children have enjoyed such a variety of different experiences.

New club information will be shared at the start of the autumn term.

Diary Dates

To try to support your planning we have again added all our diary dates for the next academic year to the end of this newsletter.

These will also be added to our school website calendar in due course.

Please note dates may be subject to change – new/amended dates will be shown in red. Please check future newsletters for updates.

Thank you.

CAMEO TEAS

Year 5 spent two lovely afternoons enjoying tea and cakes with the CAMEO church group. It was fabulous to be able to take part in this event and gave us the chance to mix with members of our community.



Year 5 – Summer Term 2025

This term we have enjoyed some fantastic trips and events. Two of the highlights have been visiting Mary Arden's Farm on 16th June, quickly followed by an amazing day of Bell Boating on the river.

Our trip to Mary Arden's Farm helped our children to understand more about the day to day lives that Tudor people were living. They made simple sweets, pouches of lavender to ward off diseases, created a wattle and daub wall and enjoyed Tudor music and dancing. It was an excellent trip and the whole class were a real credit to the school.



In April, we were fortunate to be offered the opportunity to go Bell Boating on 24th June with a specialist teacher from Swan Lane. It was a beautiful day, where we spent the morning learning the basics, completed a catwalk challenge before lunch and then raced up and down the river in perfect conditions. The children really gave a huge effort, had loads of fun and showed a lot of natural talent. Well done to all involved.



Written by Mr Morris

Sports Day



On Friday 4th July, all classes took part in their annual sports day. The children showed fantastic sportsmanship. Thank you to everyone who came to support the children.

Written by Mrs Cooper



Little Litter Warrior Workshops



During our theme week, we had a visit from Karen from Little Litter Warriors who held some litter workshops with the children.

Reception did a workshop all about different types of litter and the importance of keeping our environment litter free. The rest of the classes completed a litter pick either around school, at the park or around the village and these were the results:

Year 1 = 192 pieces of litter

Year 5 = 2312 pieces of litter

Year 4 = 947 pieces of litter (with the vintage litter finds)

Year 2 = 511 pieces of litter

Year 3 = 2226 pieces of litter

The children really enjoyed their workshops and did a great job of improving the community environment - well done!



Well done to all of KS2 for delivering two fantastic performances of 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits' on 16th July!

The children's hard work and determination truly paid off, and it was wonderful to see so many confident and enthusiastic performances on stage. A big thank you to everyone who contributed—whether by lending props, providing costumes, learning lines, or supporting from the audience. Your efforts made it a memorable success. Well done, everyone!

Thank you also for your kind donations towards Macmillan Cancer Research – you raised a fabulous **£137.09!**

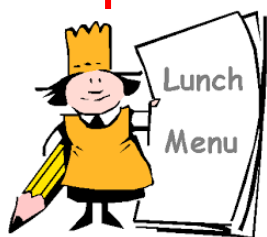
There will be a new autumn/winter menu in place from September.

There are some delicious choices on offer so please encourage your child to have a cooked lunch in school.

Please note prices increase to £2.65 from 1st September.

Please ensure that lunches are paid for on the day or in advance (Nursery and Years 3-5)

Thank you



Year 4 will begin swimming lessons on

25th September for 10 weeks

A letter will be sent at the start of the new term.

Payments to be made via ParentPay please.

Thank you



Magic Forest Theme Day Lunch

Thanks to Kat and Julie from Class Catering for providing a fabulous themed lunch recently.



SEND Information

Worcestershire County Council is making some changes to the structure of the SEND Services team. These changes are aimed at improving the way they manage the Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) process for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Families have shared that they can't get in contact with workers when they need to; assessments, plans and reviews are not always completed quickly enough (including within the statutory timescales); and the quality of EHCPs is not good enough.

Key changes to help make improvements include:

- There are an additional 4 EHCP Co-ordinators, 1 Team Manager, 1 Senior EHCP Co-ordinator, 2 Initial Screening and Contact Officers (ISCOs) and a second Complaints Officer.
- The teams have been split into 'Pre-14' and 'Post-14' in different areas of the county - so children and young people will be allocated to a team and EHCP Co-ordinator based on how old they are and where they live.
- Each team will have its own email address and phone number, so if an EHCP Co-ordinator changes or is hard to reach, you can still contact the team for support.
- Casework Officers are now going to be called 'EHCP Co-ordinators' as families reported that they didn't like children being referred to as a 'case'.

The County Council will be moving children and young people to their new teams during June and July. Families can continue to contact their current EHCP Co-ordinator and the SEND Services Team via the usual channels and will be updated as and when things change. The new team structure will be fully in place from 1st September 2025.

Read more about the changes here: [SEND Services Team Restructure | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Word of the Month

Succulent - Adjective

Meaning: Fully of juice, juicy.

In a sentence: "The strawberries I picked this morning were succulent and full of flavour."

Dyslexia Workshop

In November staff had a workshop all about dyslexia and it was really useful and informative. It was carried out through Worcestershire County Council and we have managed to book the workshop for parents/carers.

It is in school on **14th November 1pm-3pm**. Please email me if you would like to book a place.

Thank you

Becky Enstone
rje43@harvington.worcs.sch.uk

SENDIASS Workshop

SENDIASS (Special Education Needs and Disabilities information advice and support service) are holding a workshop for parents/carers in school on: 'What you need to know if your child has an additional need/disability'

It is in school on **27th November at 9am**. Please email me if you would like to book a place.

Thank you

Becky Enstone
rje43@harvington.worcs.sch.uk

Attendance is important

<u>Class Attendance</u>	
<u>04.09.24 to 18.07.25</u>	
★ Year 3	96.8% ★
★ Year 4	96.8% ★
Year 5	96.2%
Year 1	96.2%
Year 2	95.4%
Year R	95.4%
Whole School overall 96.1%	

Important Information Regarding Term Time Holidays

In line with government guidance Harvington First School now issues penalty notices for unauthorised term time holidays.

Penalty Notice Fines can be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent from school.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. This will be Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be: **£160 per parent, per child, to be paid within 28 days.**

The third time an offence is committed for term time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case may be presented to the Magistrates' Court under S4441 Education Act 1996. Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court could result in a fine up to £2500 per parent per child, and will also hold a criminal record, for failing to secure regular attendance.

Mrs McCaugherty



Open Days

for Prospective New Families

We are delighted to welcome families to our school so you can experience our learning environment and see the children enjoying the curriculum. You will receive an overview of life at Harvington C of E First and Nursery school so you can make an informed choice about a school for your child.

You will be given a tour of the school, visit the classrooms and extensive grounds, and have the opportunity to ask questions about any aspect of your child joining our school family.

To make it a positive experience for you we do limit the numbers for each tour. You are welcome to bring your child.

If you would like to book into one of the planned visit day dates, please phone the school office (01386 870412) or email the school on: office@harvington.worcs.sch.uk to make a booking. We will ask for your name, a contact number and the name and date of birth of your child.

Next Dates:

Wednesday 8th October 2025 at 9.30am

Thursday 9th October 2025 at 6pm

**Come along and see our outstanding Nursery –
bookings now being taken for September 2025**

**Places available now for children aged from
2 years 9 months**

“Outstanding in all areas” Ofsted July 2023

For further information or to arrange an individual tour of the nursery or school please
call us on 01386 870412 or email office@harvington.worcs.sch.uk



Did you know?

**Your child may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) and
the Pupil Premium Grant**

**If you receive any of the benefits below then you may be entitled to Free School Meals and
the school could also receive funding for your child:**

**You can still apply even if your child is already entitled to Universal Free Schools Meals
(children in Years R, 1 & 2)**

- Universal Credit provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding
£7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have
an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax

If you think you may be entitled please click on this link to take you to the application

https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnURL=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F



Vision and Values

Our school vision is... Together we
Love, Learn and Grow.
You should try to 'love your neighbour
as yourself'
Whilst 'turning your ear to
understanding'
And 'growing in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord'.
We try to do all of this together!

Community Public Access Defibrillator

The defibrillator is mounted onto the
front wall of the school to enable access
to the whole community if necessary.

NEW - TRAUMA KIT

We also have a trauma kit held in school
which is a first aid pack that anyone can
use without training. It comes with
instructions to help stabilise someone
with serious injuries, like heavy
bleeding, until professional help arrives.
These kits are important in emergencies
and can save lives.

Please share this information – thank
you

Trips/Workshops

Please remember to check
ParentPay regularly for
trips/workshops and complete the
necessary online paperwork for
your child.
Thank you.



During the course of the year if
there are any changes to medical
needs, allergies or contact
numbers please inform the office.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Safeguarding

Please may we advise parents
to not use their mobiles when
on the school grounds
because of the camera and
video functions, thank you.



First Aid Incident and Medication

Administration Notifications

We use an online medical service
called Medical Tracker which
informs parents/carers of first aid
incidents and medication
administration by email.

We hope you all have a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 3rd September.

Becky Enstone

Acting Headteacher

Information home this week:

Raring2Go Magazine

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/herefordandworcester/summer2025/>

Online Safety Flyer

Letter from Chair of Governors

Year 4 letter regarding Residential

PTFA News

Active Smile Event

September 2025

Monday 1st – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 2nd – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 3rd – School opens for autumn term
Wednesday 3rd – All Reception children in until 12pm
Wednesday 3rd – PSHE Jigsaw/ Understanding Christianity – Creation & Fall
Thursday 4th – All Reception children in until 12pm
Thursday 4th – DT Lego Day (Years R-5) – PTFA funded
Friday 5th – All Reception children in until 12:45pm
Friday 5th – Online Safety Day and Dance Day (Years R-5)
Monday 8th – Music lessons start this week
Friday 12th – First Celebration Assembly (Years 1-5 only) all welcome (these will continue fortnightly unless informed via App Message)
Wednesday 17th – Meet the Teacher 5pm-6pm
Thursday 25th – Swimming starts for Year 4 (10 lessons)
Friday 26th – PTFA Bedtime Story/Film Night (Nursery 5.30pm-6.30pm) (R-5 5.30pm-7.15pm)
Monday 29th – After School Clubs start this week (8 weeks)
Tuesday 30th – School Photographs (N-Year 5 plus siblings)

October 2025

Wednesday 1st – Year 3 trip to Birmingham Museum
Friday 3rd – Year 1 trip to Bishops Wood
Wednesday 8th – Open Morning for prospective new families 9.30am
Wednesday 8th – Year 2 trip to Leicester Space Centre
Thursday 9th – Open Evening for prospective new families 6pm
Tuesday 14th – Year 5 trip to Compton Verney
Wednesday 22nd – Harvest Festival 9.30am in the school hall
Friday 24th – Last day of autumn 1
Monday 27th – Friday 31st October Half term holiday

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November 2025

Monday 3rd – PSHE/Understanding Christianity Day – People of God & Incarnation
Monday 3rd – KS2 Business Week
Tuesday 4th – Black History Activities
Wednesday 5th – Nasal flu immunisations Rec-Year 5-afternoon
Thursday 6th – Online Safety Day
Friday 7th – Remembrance Day activities
Tuesday 11th – Remembrance Service 10.50am – school hall all welcome
Friday 14th – Children in Need Day
Friday 14th – Dyslexia Training Workshop for Parents at 1pm
Tuesday 19th – Parent Consultations face to face 4:30pm – 7:30pm in the school hall (All year groups)
Wednesday 20th – Parent Consultations 1pm-3pm face to face in the hall and TEAMS meetings from 3:30pm-5:00pm (Reception-Year 5)
Monday 24th – Last week of after school clubs
Thursday 27th – SENDIASS Parent Workshop at 9am
Friday 28th – PTFA Christmas Disco KS1 5pm-6pm, KS2 6.15pm-7.15pm

December 2025

Wednesday 3rd – Advent Service in St James' Church 9.30am (all welcome)
Friday 5th – PTFA Christmas Fair
Monday 15th – EYFS/KS1 Production 1.30pm
Tuesday 16th – EYFS/KS1 Productions 1:30pm and 6.00pm
Thursday 18th – Christmas dinner, party and special visitor
Thursday 18th – KS2 Carol Service at St James' Church 6pm
Friday 19th – Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19th – End of autumn term

January 2026

Monday 5th – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6th – Spring term starts for pupils
Tuesday 6th – PSHE Jigsaw/Understanding Christianity Day – Incarnation
Friday 9th - PE Enrichment YN-Y5
Thursday 15th – Swimming starts for Year 3 (10 lessons)
Monday 19th – After school clubs start this week
Friday 23rd – Year 5 trip to Almonry Museum
Friday 23rd – PTFA Family Quiz (times to be confirmed)
Friday 30th – Year 3 trip to Bishops Wood

February 2026

Wednesday 4th – Year 2 trip to Black Country Museum
Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th – Year 5 Residential trip to Boundless Outdoors
Friday 6th – PTFA Valentine's Disco KS1 5pm-6pm, KS2 6.15pm-7.15pm
Tuesday 10th - National Online Safety Day
Friday 13th - End of half term
Monday 16th to Friday 20th - Half term holiday
Monday 23rd – School reopens for pupils
Monday 23rd – PSHE Mindfulness Day/Understanding Christianity – Gospel
Wednesday 25th - Ash Wednesday Service in Church at 9.30am (all welcome)
Friday 27th - Online Safety
Friday 27th - Book Fair 3:15pm

March 2026

Monday 2nd - Book Fair 3:15pm
Tuesday 3rd - Book Fair 3:15pm
Wednesday 4th - Book Fair 3:15pm
Thursday 5th – World Book Day - Dress as a story character
Wednesday 11th – Year 5 trip to Islamic Exhibition
Monday 16th – Last week of after school clubs
Weds 18th – Parent Consultations 1pm-3pm face to face in the hall and TEAMS meetings from 3:45pm-5:00pm (Reception to Year 5)
Thursday 19th – Parent Consultations face to face in the hall 4:30pm – 7:30pm in the school hall (all year groups)
Friday 20th – Year 1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Wednesday 25th – Easter Service in school hall at 9.30am (all welcome)
Thursday 26th – PTFA Chocolate Bingo (times to be confirmed)
Friday 27th – Last day of spring term

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April 2026

Monday 13th – Summer term starts for pupils
Monday 13th-PSHE Jigsaw Day Understanding Christianity - Salvation
Thursday 16th - Online Safety Day
Friday 17th – PE Enrichment Day (N-Yr 5)
Thursday 23rd - Swimming starts for Year 5 (10 lessons)
Monday 27th – After school clubs start this week

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May 2026

Monday 4th – May Day school closed
Wednesday 6th – Year R trip to Nature in Art
Wednesday 6th – Year 2 trip to Worcester Cathedral
Friday 9th – Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle
Monday 11th to 14th May - Bikeability Year 5 all week
Friday 15th - PTFA Summer Disco KS1 5pm-6pm, KS2 6.15pm-7.15pm
Wednesday 20th - Nursery Graduation Photographs
Wednesday 20th - Music Concert 6pm
Friday 22nd – PTFA Sponsored Walk
Friday 22nd – Summer 1 term finishes
Monday 25th to Friday 29th May Half term holiday

June 2026

Monday 1st – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 2nd – PSHE Jigsaw Day/Understanding Christianity Kingdom of God
Wednesday 3rd – Grounds Morning all welcome/Litter Picking
Thursday 4th – Music Day and Litter Picking
Friday 5th – World Environment Day and Online Safety
Friday 12th – Dress down day for a tombola prize for the PTFA summer fair
Friday 12th – Year 2 trip to Envirosort
Friday 19th – Year 5 trip to Mary Arden's Farm
Monday 22nd – Last week of after school clubs
Wednesday 25th – Transfer Day - TBC
Wednesday 25th – Reception New Parents Meeting 6.30pm-7.30pm - TBC
Friday 26th – Dress down day for a jar filled with goodies for the PTFA summer fair

July 2026

Wednesday 1st - In school transfer morning - TBC
Friday 3rd – Reports sent to parents
Friday 3rd – Sports Day and Picnic (weather permitting)
Friday 3rd – PTFA Summer Fair 5pm-8pm – TBC
Wednesday 8th – Nursery Graduation – parents invited 10am
Monday 13th – Presentation Morning (invitation only)
Wednesday 15th – KS2 Performance 1.30pm and 6pm
Friday 17th – Leavers' Service – 9am school hall Year 5 parents welcome
Friday 17th – Summer term ends
Monday 20th – Staff training day



HOLIDAY CLUB

Multi Sports – Football – Gym & Dance – Netball

Early bird,
sibling &
multiple day
discounts

St Augustine's High School, Redditch

21 Jul – 29 Aug

Ages 5 to 13

9:00 am – 3:30pm

Early drop-off option from 8.30am

Late pick up options available



Booking – ausported.com