



Term 6 Newsletter

Our vision is to be an exceptional school where children flourish

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've achieved together and extend my thanks to our whole school community.

First and foremost, a special mention must go to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. It has been a joy to watch them grow in confidence, resilience, and kindness during their time with us. We know they will continue to shine and make the most of every opportunity.

A huge thank you also goes to our fantastic PTA whose tireless efforts and creativity in organising events and fundraising have made a real difference. Finally, I want to express my deep gratitude to our dedicated staff team for their passion and commitment, and to all our parents and carers for the vital role you play in supporting your children's learning and wellbeing. Together, we've created a school community where children feel happy, supported, and inspired.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for another exciting year ahead.

With very best wishes,

Sam Campbell and the Charlton Team

What's inside this term's newsletter?

- Personal development
- What's been going on in Early Years; Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
- PTA
- Attendance & Safeguarding

This term's attendance:

95.4%

School and Trust target:

96%



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Personal Development Opportunities across School

Y5 & Y6 Fire & Rescue talk

At the beginning of this term, we welcomed Chris, a Home and Community Safety Advisor from Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue. He spoke to the children about the importance of having a safety escape plan in our houses and how to remain safe at home. Our Y6 children had remembered lots from their Junior Citizenship trip last term, and wowed him with their knowledge!

Tennis Workshop

For the last few years, Mrs Rose has organised a tennis workshop for children in Reception to Year 2, and this year was no different.

Each class in these year groups benefitted from some expert coaching and the opportunity to learn some new skills.

KS2 Quadkids

Our KS2 Quadkids teams have shown extraordinary teamwork, grit, and determination this season. Both teams placed first in the initial round at Millbrook, earning a place at the Area Finals at Tilsley Park on 25th June. Our Year 6 team did us proud, placing 7th out of 10 at the area finals – a brilliant achievement! Our Year 4 team came 1st and qualified for the County Finals – one of only 10 teams out of over 200 to do so.



Y1 OAA

Year 1 have been hugely enthusiastic about their OAA sessions with Miss Biles! They have embraced every session and have worked incredibly hard to help us maintain our forest area. This term, they have been helping to dig out the mud kitchen, as well as learning how to use a range of tools!



KS1 Quadkids

Mrs Caudle took our team of Key Stage 1 Quadkids participants to Stanford in the Vale Primary to compete against other teams from across the Vale.

We were so proud of our team- their sense of teamwork, positivity and comradery shone through!



Y1 Betjeman Park

To supplement their history unit, Year 1 took part in a local walk around Wantage, designed to help them to understand the significance that the poet, John Betjeman, has had on our local area. They made a number of stops on their visit, and we were delighted to hear feedback from locals about how fantastically they had represented our school.



Y5 Trust Olympics

In June, 20 children from Year 5 took part in an inter-sports event, held at Wantage CE Primary School. The event, for all Trust primary schools, was designed to allow children to get to know others from across the Trust, compete in a number of traditional and also non-traditional Olympic events whilst also having fun. The event took place on a very warm and sunny day, but the children were as enthusiastic as ever, showing off their athletic prowess!

KS1 Sports Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who came along to show support and encouragement to our Years 1 and 2 children during their sports afternoon. We were incredibly proud of their teamwork, and very grateful to our KS2 helpers and TA Sports coaches who supported the activities.

KS2 Sports Events

This year, we made a change to our KS2 Sports Day, creating more opportunities for children to compete. This year, events took place over one afternoon and a morning. The afternoon provided opportunities for children to compete in teams in a range of field events and the following morning, there was a variety of track events.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the track events- it was fantastic to have so many people supporting and encouraging the children in their races. Thank you also for your support and understanding in postponing the event to avoid two incredibly hot days!



Sports Awards

We were incredibly proud of all of our children who were nominated for a sports award this year. We were especially proud to find out that one of our Year 6 pupils was awarded Sports Person of the Year! This is an incredible achievement, considering there are 16 primary schools within our Trust!

The awards took place at the Beacon, and were presented by 3 times EITF European Champion, Carl Davies.



Y2 visit from Wantage Fire Station

Our Yar 2 classes weRe delighted to welcome the fire and rescue team from Wantage Fire Station- you might have even heard the siren a few times during the morning!



Y4 Letcombe Brook

As part of this term's science topic on the water cycle, Year 4 visited Letcombe Brook. During their time at the brook, they learnt about what makes the brook so special, and they were able to identify some creatures that live in the brook using a range of equipment to help them.



Y4 Roman Solider Visit

To support their history unit, focusing on the impact of the Roman Empire on Britain, Year 4 were lucky enough to meet a Roman soldier who came to school to talk to them about what made the Roman army so successful.



Karate Workshop

At the beginning of this term, we were joined by Ross from Tora Kai Karate, who gave each Year 5 and 6 class a taster karate session. As you can see the sessions were very active and every class loved the opportunity to learn from Ross. Each child in Years 5 & 6 came away with a voucher entitling them to one month's free tuition. To find out more, please do look at their website: <https://torakai-karate.co.uk/>



iRock Concert

At the end of each term, those children who have been taking part in iRock, perform in front of their families. It's a real treat to see their energy, enthusiasm and confidence- there's nothing like a real audience, and we are thrilled to be able to share this opportunities with our families. This term's iRock newsletter can be found by clicking on the image below, and further on in our newsletter, you will find information about how to enroll your child too.



Y6 Enterprise Afternoon

This year, we've launched an enterprise project for Y6 to embark on. The project is designed to help Year 6 develop business and financial skills in a fun, practical way. Our PTA have kindly loaned us some money, enabling each child to have a £5. Children have been working in teams to plan, budget, create, and sell a product or service, with the aim of making a profit. To help them along the way, they have had visits from some members of our community to inspire them in their projects and learn more about the world of work! Thank you for supporting them by purchasing items from their stalls earlier this week.



Character & Citizenship Awards

Over the course of the year, children in Year 2 - Year 6 have been busy working towards their Character and Citizenship Awards. On 20th June, we welcomed Chris Salt, a Director of the Board of Trustees for Cambrian Learning Trust, who presented over 80 children across the school with awards ranging from bronze to platinum. 14 children in Year 6 who achieved platinum were also invited to a special ceremony at The Beacon where they were presented with their certificates and badges by the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire, John May CVO OBE DL.

Hot Chocolate

This term, our hot chocolate invitees got to enjoy their hot chocolate in our incredible forest! Towards the end of each term, classroom adults nominate a child from each class who has consistently demonstrated the school values, goes above and beyond, and who sets a good example to others. These children are then invited to enjoy a hot chocolate with Mrs Campbell. We love celebrating their positive contribution to our school. ❤️

Early Years

Acorns: Acorns have been preparing for starting school in September! The home corner has been a school where the children have had the chance to wear school uniform, pack a bag and lunchbox. We have been very impressed with their independent skills, particularly when dressing themselves! This term, we have made visits to the Reception classrooms and have met our new teachers which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

In between school visits, we have enjoyed the lovely weather and have had a teddy bears picnic in the garden where all children brought a teddy from home to take to the picnic.

We also held our graduation party Monday to celebrate our children's journeys with us. We said goodbye and good luck to our children as they move on to the next adventure of school. Luckily, the sun shone for us and the children sang a song for their grown ups and we all enjoyed an ice pop and a cup cake after.

Reception: This term, Reception have been learning all about minibeasts and water. We have enjoyed lots of minibeast hunts in our outdoor area and have explored water in lots of different ways. This term, we have been proud of the way in which the children have embraced their transition to Year 1. We can't believe it is the end of the children's year with us! What a brilliant year it has been and we look forward to watching them continue on their learning journey in Year 1.

Key Stage 1

Year 1: This term started with all of Year 1 (the staff included!) having their hats stolen by a bear! Thankfully, after using our brilliant writing skills and creating letters to ask for them back, the bear returned our hats and all was well. We then went on to write some fantastic stories based on the book 'I want my hat back'. In maths, we have found out all about halves and quarters and then moved on to telling time to the o'clock and half past. In history, we have learnt about John Betjeman and were able to see lots linking to him on our walk around Wantage. For art & design this term, we have created some beautiful mixed media pieces of artwork inspired by Yayoi Kusama - these have lots of bright colours and dots. Our science learning has been focused on plants and we've enjoyed investigating different types of leaves, learning more about the seasons and also the different parts of a plant.

Thank you very much for all your help and support across the year and we hope you have a great summer!

Year 2: As the school year draws to a close, we want to take a moment to reflect on what a fantastic year it has been. The children have made incredible progress and developed so many new skills – we are so proud of each and every one of them!

This term, our learning centred around the magical story The Minpins by Roald Dahl. We journeyed into the mysterious Forest of Sin, encountered the fearsome Gruncher, and used our imaginations to describe this terrifying creature in vivid detail. Thankfully, Little Billy saved the day! We all wrote thoughtful letters to thank him and shared the exciting adventures the Minpins have had since the Gruncher was defeated.

In maths, we focused on measurement and statistics. The children worked brilliantly to collect, interpret, and represent data – skills that linked seamlessly with our computing lessons. We even created our own pictograms to showcase the information we gathered!

We ended the term on a high with a fantastic rounders tournament. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm, teamwork, and sportsmanship from both classes – a perfect celebration of the children's hard work and team spirit.

As we say goodbye to Year 2, we feel incredibly lucky to have spent this year with such a kind, curious, and enthusiastic group of learners. While we are sad to see the year come to an end, we're excited to hear about all the amazing things they will go on to do in Year 3. Have a safe, sunny, and fun-filled summer!

Key Stage 2

Year 3: In Year 3 this term, we have been looking at sustainability and how to make the future better for further generations. The children have been very engaged in this and it has been lovely to see. Sycamore class have been creating posters too, which they will bring home at the end of term.

In maths, we have been looking at money and mass and capacity. We have been using measuring cylinders to see how accurate our readings have been. The children have also been looking at certain amounts of money and how much change they would receive. You can test them on this when they go out shopping!

Our writing this term has been based on the book "The Great Kapok Tree". The children have imitated the story and made it their own, which have been lovely to read.

Sports days were a great success and it was so lovely to see so many smiles on the children's faces. Well done to all that took part 😊

We have been putting our sandwich making skills to good use through out design & technology unit, which has also meant that the children have enjoyed a picnic with their classmates.

Year 4: Year 4 have had a wonderfully busy and exciting term. We were thrilled to welcome a Roman soldier into school. He delivered an engaging and interactive talk that brought history to life, followed by a fun and energetic drill session in the playground.

We have also visited Willow Walk Nature Reserve to observe the habitats in and around the brook. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to see a range of wildlife and deepen their understanding of local ecosystems.

We are incredibly proud of all the children for approaching their Multiplication Tables Check with such confidence. They have worked exceptionally hard to learn their times tables this year, and their results truly reflect that effort. You will find your child's results included in their end-of-year report.

In computing, the children have been busy creating their own podcasts. They've learned how to record, layer, and edit audio, as well as how to add jingles and sound effects — producing some fantastic results.

It has been a fantastic year for Year 4, and we have thoroughly enjoyed teaching this brilliant group of children.

Year 5: Year 5 have had a fantastic final term filled with creativity and curiosity across the curriculum. In art & design, they explored the technique of batik, inspired by the landscape artwork of Anna Dillon, working sensibly with hot wax to create their own vibrant designs. In geography, they learned about a range of natural disasters, gaining an understanding of their causes and impacts. English lessons took them on an imaginative journey as they wrote stories about a day in the life of a child on another planet, using figurative language to paint vivid pictures for the reader. Meanwhile, in maths, they developed their measuring skills by learning to use protractors accurately to measure and draw angles.

Year 6: As the summer term draws to a close, our Year 6 students have showcased remarkable creativity, resilience, and teamwork through their Enterprise Project. After weeks of planning and preparation, it was truly wonderful to see them set up stalls after school and proudly sell to Charlton families. From ice cream and sweets to handmade bracelets, cakes, football challenges, and many more imaginative ideas, each child took on the roles of entrepreneur, designer, marketer, and salesperson. Their confidence grew as they greeted customers, handled money, and shared the stories behind their products and experiences—skills that reflect real-world enterprise learning

Meanwhile, in design & technology this half term, our young engineers have been hard at work researching, designing, and building moving fairground rides. Using computer programs to test speed and timing, they've demonstrated impressive problem-solving skills and attention to detail. Seeing their concepts come to life has been a joy to behold.

We are incredibly proud of the dedication and enthusiasm Year 6 have shown across all areas of learning. As they prepare for their next academic chapter, we know they are more than ready. We will miss them terribly, but we're excited to see how their talents continue to grow. Well done to all—here's to the bright futures ahead!



It's been a fantastic year for PTA fundraising, and this term has been no exception!

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A huge thank you to everyone who helped make all of our fundraising events such a success!

We're also excited to share that the PTA has recently secured a grant from NRS (Nuclear Restoration Services), which will fund a brand-new mud kitchen for the Acorns Pre-School outdoor space, and Grove Afternoon Teas have also they donated £150 to the PTA.

Next Term the committee is looking forward to our annual Social and AGM on September 24th - a relaxed, enjoyable evening where you can find out more about the PTA, what we've accomplished this year, and our plans for the year ahead. It's also a great chance to discover how you might like to get involved and support the committee going forward.

We hope to see you there!

There are two ways that you can help raise funds for our school over the summer:



Step 1: Register for Free

Go to www.easyfundraising.com.

Click 'Sign up'.

When asked to choose a cause, type in our school's name and select it.

Create your account using your email or log in with Facebook.

Step 2: Start Shopping Online

Before you shop online, go to the easyfundraising website or app. Search for the shop you want to use (e.g. Amazon, Argos, Tesco, eBay).

Click the link to the shop — this takes you to their website.

Shop as normal — the retailer will donate a small percentage to our school for free!

Step 3: Use the Donation Reminder (Optional but Helpful!)

Install the easyfundraising Donation Reminder on your computer.

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★ SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2025! ★

The Summer Reading Challenge is a fun, free initiative run every summer by libraries across the UK. It's designed to encourage children aged 4 to 11 to keep reading during the school holidays — a time when reading habits can often slip.

📖 How Does It Work?

Sign up at your local library or online <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Set a goal for the number of books you will read

Books can be anything they enjoy — fiction, non-fiction, picture books, graphic novels, or audiobooks.



Collect Rewards Along the Way

For every book read, they get stickers, activities, or small prizes.

At the end of the challenge, they receive a certificate and often a medal.

Attendance

Holiday requests

Vacation

HOLIDAY!

Best Travel

Best Trip

There is no automatic entitlement in law to time off in school time to go on holiday, and all schools in Oxfordshire are encouraged to adopt a policy of not authorising requests for holidays.

Please be aware that as a school, we are unable to authorise absence for holidays during term-time. If a term-time holiday is taken, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Authorised absences are mornings or afternoons away from school for reasons such as illness, medical/dental appointments which unavoidably fall in school time, emergencies or other unavoidable causes. If your child has an medical or dental appointment that falls within the school day, you may be asked to send confirmation of the appointment.

Safeguarding

As children spend more time out and about in the local community during the summer, what risks should we be aware of and how can we help our children to stay safer in less supervised environments?



Talk to children about safe routes that they can take



Stay up to date regarding recent incidents within the local area

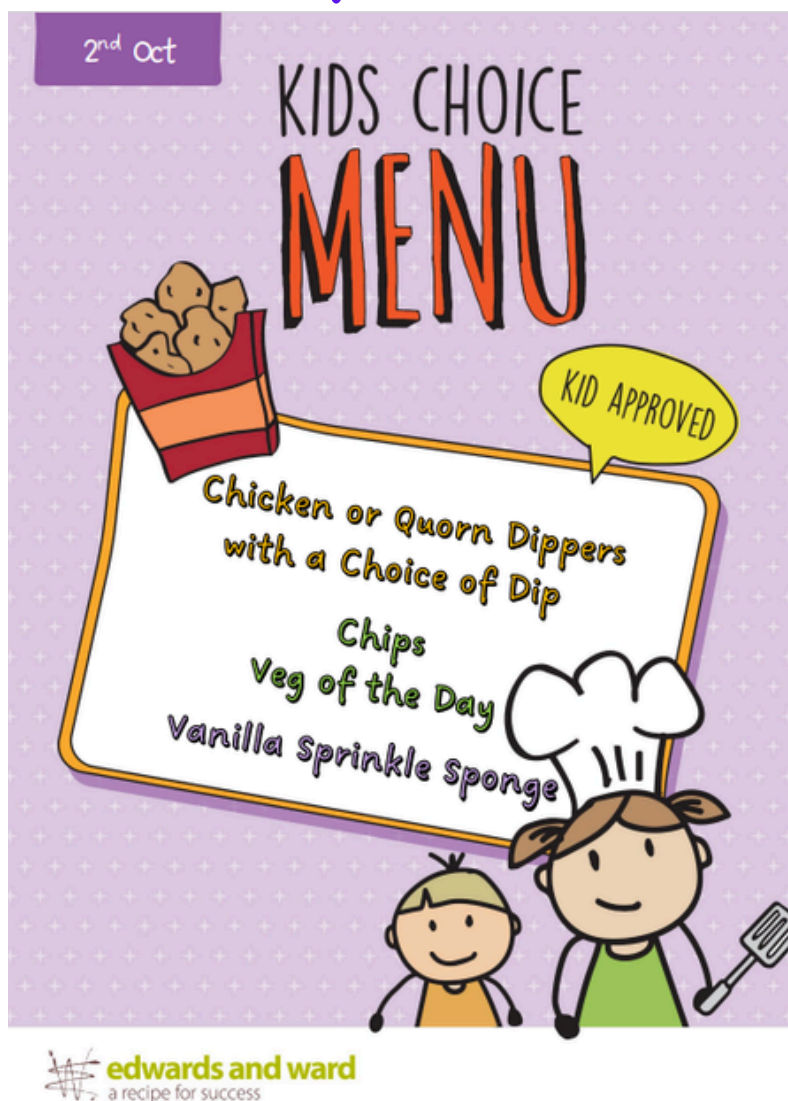


Talk to children about who their trusted adults are, and who they can approach if they encounter any issues whilst out and about

Themed Menu Days for next term

Thursday 2nd October

Friday 19th September



Thursday 23rd October

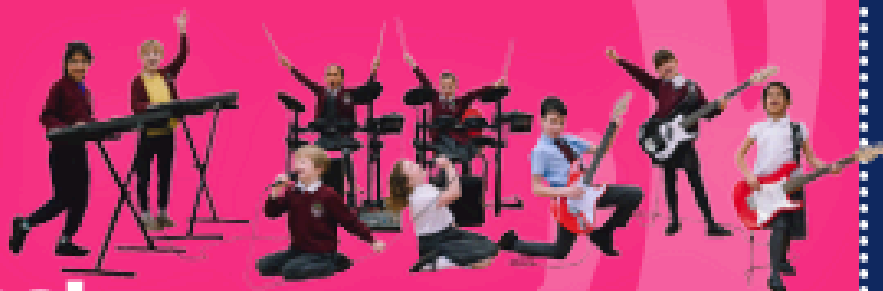


Booking a meal on 2nd October helps us to secure funding for our school as part of the DfE census!

To make a booking, please visit your Parent Pay account.

JOIN THE FUN

There are spaces in bands at your school



iRock

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Spaces in iRock bands are available to join now - secure their spot and join the fun!

What is iRock? At iRock, children experience the thrill of being in a band! Led by our passionate and professional Band Coaches, our weekly in-school band sessions are open to all pupils from Reception to Year 6.

Music for all. iRock aims to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where every child feels they belong. Each week, children develop their musical skills, confidence, and teamwork as they work towards exam-free music qualifications — celebrating progress without the pressure of formal exams.

Feel like a rockstar! The excitement culminates every term in a live concert where children perform as a band for their families and peers. These performances are more than just a showcase—they're an opportunity for children to build self-esteem, enhance their confidence, and experience the joy of accomplishment.

iRock isn't just about music; it's about helping children thrive cognitively, socially, and academically through the power of music.

Key information:

- **No experience needed** and all instruments are provided
- Parents/guardians can access our **online portal** for updates, pictures and videos
- Hassle-free **monthly subscription** that can be cancelled at any time with a **first lesson money-back guarantee**.

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Joshua Franklin
Founder
iRock School of Music

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Summer WATER SAFETY

Drowning accidents are always especially high in the summer months and over the last few years we have heard of too many tragedies that could have been avoided.

Every year people drown both at home and on holiday because they don't take simple precautions, so reaching people with water safety messages is vital.

We want people to enjoy the water safely. Please help to avoid another tragic summer this year by spreading the following water safety advice far and wide:



LOOK OUT FOR LIFEGUARDS

If you're looking for a place to cool off, always find a lifeguarded swimming site



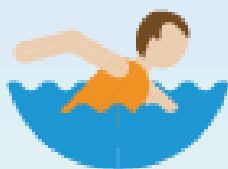
IT'S COLDER THAN IT LOOKS

Water at open and inland sites is often much colder than it looks. Cold water can affect your ability to swim and self-rescue



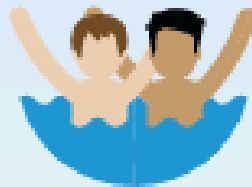
DON'T GO TOO FAR

Always swim parallel to the shore, that way you're never too far away from it



IT'S STRONGER THAN IT LOOKS

Currents in the water can be very strong. If you find yourself caught in a current – don't swim against it – you'll tire yourself out. Stay calm, swim with the current and call for help



BRING A FRIEND

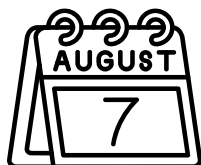
Always bring a friend when you go swimming so if anything goes wrong, you've got someone there to help



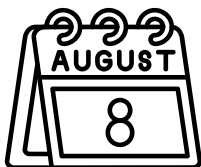
Summer holiday activities



OPA Play Day Faringdon – 11am to 3pm – Tuckers Park, Faringdon. This is a free to attend family event, no booking required.



Wantage Fun Day – 10am to 3pm – Wantage Leisure Centre, Portway, Wantage, Oxfordshire OX12 9BY. More information and booking coming soon.



Grand Slammers Tennis (Age 5-11) – 10am to midday – Wantage Tennis Club, Park End Manor Road, Wantage OX12 8DW. Maximum 20 per session. Find out more about Grand Slammers and book your space [here](#).



Charlton Primary School Summer Sports & Activity Holiday Camp (Grove)

| WEEK 1 Jul 21st-Jul 25th | WEEK 2 Jul 28th-Aug 1st | WEEK 3 Aug 4th-Aug 8th | WEEK 4 Aug 11th-Aug 15th | WEEK 5 Aug 18th-Aug 22nd | WEEK 6 Aug 26th-29th |
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| Mon DOODGEBALL GAMES FACE OFF HIDEOUT GAMES LIGHTNING MYSTERY TAG ROUNDERS STEALTH Tue 4-SQUARE 4-WAY PROTECT THE HUTS GASKEBALL CRICKET GUARDIAN FOOTBALL FUN HANDBALL Wed BASKETBALL BASEBALL BOWMANZA DOODGEBALL GAMES GAGA BALL HOCKEY TENNIS Thu 4-SQUARE GUARDIAN FOOTBALL FUN KICKBALL ROUNDERS MASTERMIND PINBALL PROTECT THE HUTS Fri TASS TOURNAMENT! | Mon ATHLETICS BOCCIA FOOTBALL MATCHES GUARDIAN MASTERMIND PROTECT THE CASTLE STEALTH Tue INFLATABLES MULTISPORTS Wed DOODGEBALL GAMES HOCKEY LIGHTNING SWAMP BALL TENNIS CASTLE COURSE SUPERSONIC Thu BASKETBALL DOODGEBALL GAMES GUARDIAN FOOTBALL FUN HUMAN MAZE ROUNDERS SUPERSONIC Fri TASS TOURNAMENT! | Mon BASKETBALL DICE CARDS FOOTBALL FUN GUARDIAN HOCKEY ROLLER KARTS STEALTH Tue DOODGEBALL GAMES DICE CARDS FRISBEE GOLF KICKBALL ROUNDERS LIGHTNING ROLLER KARTS OVERGUTCH Wed LASER TAG MULTISPORTS Thu 4-SQUARE BOCCIA DICE CARDS GUARDIAN LIGHTNING ROLLER KARTS Fri TASS TOURNAMENT! | Mon 4-SQUARE DOCTOR DOODGEBALL GUARDIAN HIDEOUT GAMES SCORING ZONE PINBALL PROTECT THE HUTS Tue CAPTURE THE FLAG CRICKET FOOTBALL MATCHES HUMAN MAZE LONGBALL SUPERSONIC TENNIS Wed BASKETBALL CRICKET DANGER BALL ELIMINATOR HIDEOUT GAMES ROUNDERS TENNIS Thu DOODGEBALL GAMES HOCKEY LIGHTNING SWAMP BALL TENNIS OBSTACLE COURSE SUPERSONIC Fri TASS TOURNAMENT! | Mon DOODGEBALL GAMES ELIMINATOR HIDEOUT GAMES HOCKEY POWER BALL ROUNDERS TARGET GAMES Tue NERF FUN! MULTISPORTS Wed BULLSEYE GAME SLIP HERO FIREBALL HUMAN MAZE ROUNDERS PROTECT THE CASTLE SUPERSONIC Thu CONSTRUCTION DOODGEBALL GAMES FACE OFF GAGA BALL GUARDIAN MYSTERY TAG STRIKER BALL Fri TASS TOURNAMENT! | Tue BENCH BALL DOODGEBALL GAMES HIDEOUT GAMES FOOTBALL FUN HUMAN MAZE SUPERSONIC SWAMP BALL Wed CRICKET CHANGER BALL DICE BALL GAGA BALL LIGHTNING NETBALL TACTICAL GAMES Thu SOAK THE COACH! BOOK NOW! |

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