



The penultimate day of the School year marks the opportunity for the Pre-Prep School to celebrate our Year 2 through the Leavers' Service and Prizegiving ceremonies. These events are the first in a sequence of celebrations on three consecutive days with similar celebrations for the Prep School the following day and then Commemoration Day for the Senior School a day later.

Commemoration Day is a very special day for the School and especially for our Upper Sixth Leavers; it is the most important day in the School year and all Senior School pupils are expected to attend. In 1693 Sir Thomas Cookes re-endowed the School and enjoined that once a year a sermon should be preached to the Scholars of the School in St John's Parish Church. It is this that the School commemorates as well as celebrating the end of the academic year with Prizegiving. Pre-Prep and Prep School pupils are not required to attend Commem (the common abbreviation for Commemoration Day).

On the final Thursday of the Summer Term, Year 2 pupils and their parents attend the Leavers' Service which begins at 1.30pm (parents may arrive from 1.00pm to be seated – and we ask parents to arrive no later than 1.20pm).

The Prizegiving Ceremony for all pupils from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 follows at approximately 2.30pm, all parents are welcome to attend Prizegiving.

Year 2 pupils and their parents then have a celebratory 'Afternoon Tea' in one of the marquees on Gordon Green.

The dress code for pupils is summer uniform; given the gravity and importance of the day, pupils should be immaculately presented with uniform looking at its best.

The dress code for parents is formal day wear – hats are not a pre-requisite.



