

Shine Together ☆☆☆

Issue 74

Our School Motto: Work Together, Aim High, Shine Bright

Attendance this week: 96.9% 😊

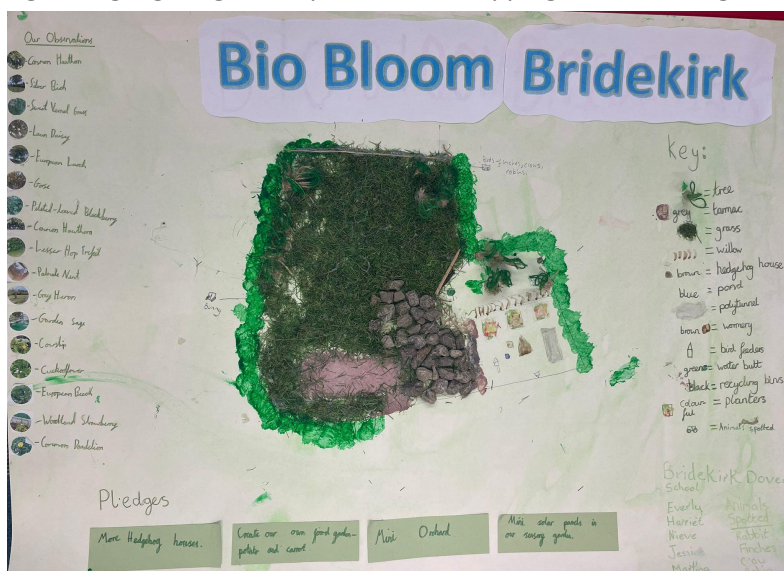


3rd July '26

Summer Fayre is this SUNDAY 11am – 1pm

July 5th We're looking forward to seeing you at the Summer Fayre on Sunday. We're hoping the weather is good but if not we will move as much as possible inside but please bring your waterproofs for the outdoor activities. There will be lots of games, and stalls including Welly Wanging, Face Painting, Splat the Rat, Guess the Name of the Toy, Hunt the Hidden Herdwick and Farm Vehicles to explore. You won't go hungry either with ice creams, teas and coffees, the pizza van, and the High Tea Guy. Not forgetting (arguably the highlight of the fayre), our Hamper Raffle! Thanks to your amazing donations they all look fantastic. There's a map attached so you can plan your day 😊

Climate Summit Speech and writing to your MP – Following on from the Climate Summit, we thought it would be interesting to share the children's speech and the Bio Bloom map they produced. Harriet in Yr6, felt compelled to write to her local MP following the Climate Summit and her full letter is attached too. We think the girls are doing a great job in flying the flag for highlighting the importance of stopping climate change.



Golden Certificates...

This week golden certificates were awarded to Olivia in Reception, Fraser in Yr1, Elodie in Yr2, Theo in Yr3, Oliver in Yr4, Brogan in Yr5 and Eadie in Yr6. Well done everyone 😊

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 5th July – 11am–1pm Summer Fayre – See Poster Attached

Mon 6th – Deadline to order the whole school photo with free delivery to school

Mon 6th – Yr5 PE Event at C' School

Tues 7th – 10am Guitar concert in school for 'guitar parents' and children

Tues 7th – Yr2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm for those signed up with Emily the Language Tutor

Tues 7th – Yr3 & Yr4 After School Athletics for those signed up on Arbor

Thurs 9th - OOSC End of Term Party

Fri 10th – Yr5 Humanities Event @C'Sch

Fri 10th - Woodwind lessons

Looking ahead...

Monday 13th July – Sports Day

Thursday 16th – Mrs Taylor's party food lunch – please order on Arbor

Friday 17th – Last day of term. Children can be collected at either 1.15pm or 3.15pm. Please collect them at one time or the other so we can organise an afternoon activity for the children in school to home time.

Latest News

Whole School Photo – Dear Parents, have you ordered your school group photo yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Monday 6th July 2026**. **Order through the Tempest website using the link here** <https://http.st/WSG-16X8-E18508FBD9>



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If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 5).

OOSC Party – There will be an end of term party in After School Club on Thursday 9th July. There will be games, prizes, a party food snack and possibly water games if the weather is good. Please book well in advance so we can arrange staffing.

OOSC made pin wheel pizzas this week –

They added toppings of their choice to a puff pastry base, rolled it up and sliced it into portions. We don't have a picture of the finished pin wheels, but I am assured they looked great and tasted delicious!



School Dinners & Mrs Taylor retiring – We are having a special party food buffet on Thursday 16th July to celebrate Mrs Taylor's retirement. There will be a wide variety of food that day both meaty and vegetarian and all being well, we will all eat outside together and have a big picnic. Meals for the whole last week of term are now available to order from today so everyone will need to order. Thank you.

Rugby Festival – 26 children took part in the Rugby Festival at Wasps Rugby club today. Bridekirk were the winners in 2025 and this year again! The Yr5/6 boys were 2nd and the Yr3/4 boys were 3rd. They all had a great day.



NEW GOVERNORS WANTED!

We are looking to recruit 2 new governors for our Governing Board at BDS.

One is for a Parent Governor and the other is for a Co-opted Governor (which means you don't need to have a connection to the school already).

Being a governor is a very rewarding position and doesn't take up too much time!

If you are interested, please contact our Clerk to the Governors clerk@bridekirkdovenby.cumbria.sch.uk or contact the office on 01900 829889

FOBDS Corner – Thank you for your donations for the Summer Fayre. We're looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday 😊😊😊

Our Christian Vision:

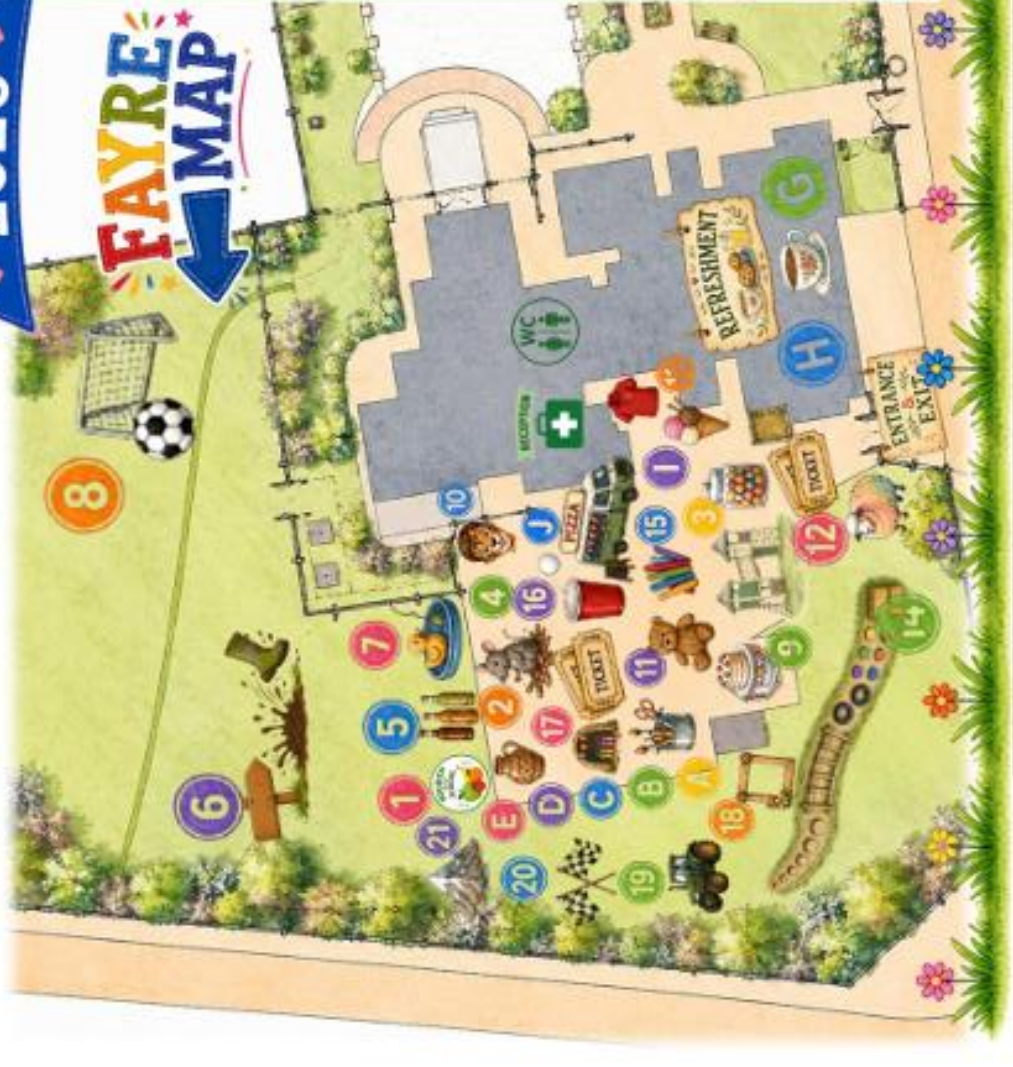
At Bridekirk Dovenby School, we nourish the uniqueness of our community. Rooted in love, a rich and diverse curriculum enables all to flourish and grow. Confident and secure, our children reach out, ready to embrace the seasons of life in all its fullness.

Psalm 1 "They are like trees, planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all they do, they prosper."



Bridekirk Dovenby SUMMER FAYRE 2026

FAYRE MAP



TICKET Activity Tickets

- 1 Nourish with School Ambassadors
- 2 Splat the Rat
- 3 Guess the Sweets in the Jar
- 4 Chocolate Tombola
- 5 Bottle Stalls
- 6 Welly Wanging
- 7 Hook a Duck
- 8 Beat the Goalie
- 9 Decorate a Cake
- 10 Face Painting and Face Gems
- 11 Guess the Name of the Toy
- 12 Hunt the Hidden Herdwick

- 13 Pre-loved Uniform
 - 14 Obstacle Course
 - 15 Pop Stick Game
 - 16 Ping Pong Cups
 - 17 Make Seed Bombs
 - 18 Selfie Frame
 - 19 Farm Vehicles
 - 20 M Sport
 - 21 Cockermouth Mountain Rescue
- First Aid at Reception
WC in Main Building

VISITING STALLS

- A Stoddaw View Books -
Urborne
- B Busy Little Crafts
- C The Gift Cave
- D 3D Alex
- E Geonovill Pottery

REFRESHMENTS

- G The High Tea Guy
- H Drinks and Biscuits
- I Ice Creams
- J Piza

THANK YOU
FOR SUPPORTING
OUR SCHOOL!

HUNT THE HIDDEN HERDWICKS!

Can you
find all of the
colourful
Herdwicks?

EXPLORE • FIND • RECORD • WIN!

Find all the colourful Herdwick sheep hidden
around the Summer Fayre. Write down the
letter on each one below.

RAINBOW
HERDWICK



LETTER:

SPOTTY
HERDWICK



LETTER:

HEALTHY
HERDWICK



LETTER:

ORANGE
HERDWICK



LETTER:

YELLOW
HERDWICK



LETTER:

RED
HERDWICK



LETTER:

BLUE
HERDWICK



LETTER:

PURPLE
HERDWICK



LETTER:

GREEN
HERDWICK



LETTER:

GOLDEN
HERDWICK



LETTER:

FOUND THEM ALL?

Bring your completed
sheet to the
Prize Collection Point
to claim your prize!

CAN YOU SOLVE THE PUZZLE?

Well done! You have collected all 10 letters from the sheep.

Unscramble the letters to discover the secret word:

Secret word: _____

Name: _____

Class: _____

HAVE FUN
EXPLORING
OUR SCHOOL
SITE!

Climate Summit Speech

Harriet:

On Friday 12th June, we went to the annual Youth Climate Summit at Bishop Harvey Goodwin school, in Carlisle. Ten schools participated from all over Cumbria. We had to make a map of our school grounds to present to the other classes. We prepared a speech for the day as follows.

Today, we are sharing the hidden story of our school grounds at Bridekirk Dovenby. As 10 and 11-year-olds, we often look at our school as just a place to play or study. But for this Climate Summit, we looked at it through a scientific lens.

We worked as a small group, surveyed every single corner of our grounds, and collated our individual data sheets to create this master habitat map. It doesn't just show where our classrooms are—it shows where our school breathes, where carbon is stored, and where local biodiversity thrives.

Jessica

If you look closely at our artwork, you will notice a stark contrast between two colours. We mapped our grounds using a 'Green versus Grey' system.

The grey zones—which we created using paint and stones—represent our tarmac, concrete pathways, and buildings. These are artificial surfaces that absorb heat and cause rainwater runoff. But look at the vibrant green zones. These are our natural habitats, we estimated that our school grounds are **90% Green** and **10% Grey**.

Everly

Our map key highlights our biggest climate heroes: our mature trees. We manually counted a grand total of 31 trees. These aren't just decorations; they are active carbon sinks locking away carbon dioxide every single day. They also create shade, which keeps our area cooler on hot summer days.

To bring this data to life, we chose an eco-collage art style. We used recycled materials and real textures from the earth, like grass cuttings, to represent our living habitats. We wanted the map to look alive, because the biodiversity we found—from the mini-beasts in the log piles to the birds in our hedges—depends on these green spaces.

Our sensory garden also shows our contribution to caring for the environment. We have changed this area to provide habitats: a pond, a wormery, a bug hotel, bird houses and Hedgehog houses. We also have bird feeders which we refill often. In our Poly tunnel, we have just started to grow our own tomatoes. Not forgetting our recycling bins, each class recycles all waste.

Nieve

However, our map also shows us where our school needs to change. We asked the children of our school if they could think of any changes, we could make to improve sustainability in our school.

If you look at the border of our artwork, you will see our individual class pledges. We aren't just mapping the present; we are planning the future. Our goal before the next climate summit is to turn an area in our sensory garden into a vegetable garden, we have already started growing tomatoes.

Thank you for listening.

Our Observations

- Common Hawthorn
- Silver Birch
- Sweet Vernal Grass
- Lawn Daisy
- European Lamb
- Goose
- Potted-land Blackberry
- Common Hawthorn
- Lesser Hop Yew
- Potted Nod
- Grey Heron
- Garden Sage
- Cowslip
- Cuckoo
- European Birch
- Woodland Strawberry
- Common Redstart

Bio Bloom

Bridekirk

Key:

- tree
- grey = tarmac
- grass
- willow
- brown = hedgehog house
- blue = pond
- polytunnel
- brown = wormery
- A = bird feeders
- green = water butt
- black = recycling bins
- colour = planters
- fur
- = Animal spotted



Bridekirk Doven
School

Animals
Spotted
Rabbit
Finches
Cows
Rat

Mini solar ponds in
our sunny garden.

Mini Orchard

Create our own first garden
potato and carrot

Pledges

More Hedgehog houses.

Bridekirk Dovenby St
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Cockermouth
Cumbria
CA13 0PG
5/5/26

Ms Tucker
The Civic Centre
Rickergate
Carlisle
Cumbria
CA3 8QG

Dear Ms H. Tucker,

I am writing to you (because you are such an influential person) about climate change. People like me (who live in Cockermouth North) are very concerned about and what it is doing to our precious planet. I have learned about climate change since I was young by reading books, through school and immersive research that the IPCC are doing. I understand that I am eleven and you are older so you might not be here when it gets worse but I AM AND I WANT TO MAKE A CHANGE! The intergovernment Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is a group of scientist that have shown that action is needed as soon as possible! (by 2030). It moves the issue from a global problem to a personal responsibility. The information going into school is inferior. This letter is about my personal views of climate change and why we need to act now!

While natural factors account for a tiny fraction of climate change, human activity is responsible for the

remaining 97%. Here is the breakdown of the five factors driving climate change. We use energy every day to make electricity, heat homes and power machines. Much of this energy comes from burning fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas. When these fuels are burned, they release carbon dioxide which adds to climate change. Wind turbines harness kinetic (motion) energy, which generators turn into electricity. Conversely, this resource plays a vital role by providing 30% of the global requirements. Think of how much energy that will make! Instead of wind power, Hydroelectric power is just as good. It is one of the oldest energy sources on the planet. Flowing water spins a turbine, which generates power. Originating in ancient Greece, hydroelectric energy does not always work on local habitats. They are affected by the large flood zones and rotting vegetation can produce lots of methane which is not good for the planet. Agriculture is another cause of climate change; farming helps us to grow food but it can also add to climate change. Cows and sheep produce methane gas when they digest food; using fertiliser on fields can release another greenhouse gas called nitrous oxide. Mechanised farming equipment utilizes fuel that releases greenhouse gases. A critical factor in this issue is deforestation. Trees are very important because they take in carbon dioxide from the air. When forests are cut down to make space for farms, roads or buildings, fewer trees are left to do this job. Did you know seagrass absorbs more carbon than most plants? Sadly, pollution is destroying these hidden climate heroes before most people even realize they exist. If I were you, I would promote climate change so lots more people know and can volunteer and help. Walking or cycling is significantly more sustainable than relying on passenger

vehicles, buses and freight trucks. While aviation and maritime shipping are essential for global trade, the vast majority of these transport sectors rely on fossil fuels like petrol, diesel and heavy oil to move goods across locations. When these fuels are burned they give off greenhouse gases.

When we do these things, consequences happen like: Tropical storms, Droughts, Heat waves, Diversity loss and wild fires. You know why the sea levels are rising? The delicate balance of the Atlantic is disrupted as vast amounts of meltwater are forced into the sea from vanishing ice sheets. Lifelong homes and historic coastal cities are left completely defenceless against flooding, triggered by the relentless melting of the polar ice caps. Consequently, increasing global ocean surface temperature raise the possibility of hurricanes and typhoons intensity and frequently. Tropical storms require ocean surface water to be approximately 27°C . Hurricanes can jump from Category 1 to Category 5 in less than 24 hours when passing over warm ocean pools. That is why we need to act now before any water gets too hot. Additionally, warmer temperature increases the amount of evaporation of water from the earth's surface water; evaporation reduces the amount of surface water and dries out soils and vegetation. Globally, the area affected by droughts is increasing every year. The frequency of recorded droughts has surged by roughly 29% over the past two decades. Think how worse it will be in 2030! Droughts are one of the costliest natural disasters. In the United States, for example, droughts consistently inflict billions of dollars in economic damages annually through crop failures and

agricultural losses. That is 747,400,000 pounds! Heatwaves are happening all over the world. In 2022, heatwaves hit Europe, North Africa, the middle east and Asia; 61,600 people in Europe alone died as a result of the heatwave. India's hottest day was 51°C in the city of Rajasthan. Many fragile ecosystems across the UK are being severely damaged by the intense summer heatwaves. Think about the Great Barrier Reef; in 2016 alone, 30% of its coral was killed by a single marine heatwave, proving to us that climate change is an active crisis rather than a distant threat. Diversity loss is another catastrophic and irreversible problem that we are facing; global warming can cause extinctions in most of the world's extinctions. Do you want a planet with no animals? Rapid changes to fragile ecosystems, like coral reefs and tropical rainforests, can potentially result in horrifying changes like catastrophic species loss. The ultimate safety net of our planet's climate is being stripped away by unprecedented rates of species extinction. Climate change increases the risk and extreme wildfires worldwide. Warmer temperatures and drier conditions can help fires to distribute and make them harder to put these apocalyptic fires out. Larger fires in the western United States have doubled between 1984 and 2015.

Our collective effort to sustain this planet is a vital role everyone can play a part but some shine out more than others. Greta Thunberg is a really big hero to me because whatever she does (if it breaks the rules or not) she is determined to do it. Her pivot to highly disruptive civil disobedience has resulted in multiple detentions and fines by authorities across Europe, including Sweden, Germany, the UK and the Netherlands: In August 2018 at age 15, she began skipping school to sit outside the Swedish parliament with a sign reading Skolstrejk för klimatet (School Strike for climate).

She first heard about climate change at age eight and became deeply confused about why world leaders were not treating it as an emergency. So, she was not going to take it on the chin and let it go; so, after she got diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome (a form of autism), obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) she was unwavering about making a change. Her quote is: 'There is hope - I have seen it - but it does not come from the government or corporation, it comes from the people.' Another unstoppable driving force is Brianna Fruean. At 11, she became the youngest-ever country coordinator for global climate organization 350.org. Imagine how proud she was. She began her climate advocacy at just 11 years old after learning that rising sea levels threatened to submerge her home island of Samoa. She is a really good role model to look up to because she is determined to get her point across the nation. Her quote is 'the young people of the Pacific are now experiencing what young people around the world will experience tomorrow [...]. Our slogan is: 'We are not drowning we are fighting. These two children are part of many more of the children who are fighting against climate change.

Our carbon footprint is a big part to climate change like our food waste, our clothes and our homes. There are many ways we can reduce our carbon footprint, both individually and through government leadership. 30%-40% of our food produced in the world is never eaten generating an estimated 8% to 10% of total man-made greenhouse gas emissions. That is a harsh reality in a world where an estimate 821 million people do not have enough to eat. Our carbon footprint is really important to the ever-changing change to our planet so we need to act now!

Chocolate is delicious but it can also have an effect to climate change; the rainforest alliance logo means that it does not contribute to deforestation or palm oil plants. Our physical possessions - the consumer good, electronics, and clothing we buy - make up a massive, often invisible portion of our personal climate impact. Consumer expenditure is the largest single contributor to emissions which leads to climate change.

In conclusion, climate change is getting worse, even when you are not around, I will be, so I will strongly urge you to act fast. Climate change is a strong issue to many people and I want something to happen fast because there is no planet B. I know I am only 11 but I wish to make a change. I hope you will continue to support strong climate action in Cockerthorpe North and encourage local people to reduce emissions. The science clearly shows that action must be taken soon. With you and me and all the climate change fighters we can all make a change to stop this now! Thank you for reading your time has been appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Harriet



Young Climate Warriors Challenge / Topic – 3rd July 2026. Summertime choices.

It's feeling summery – time for enjoying picnics after school, relaxing in the park, meeting up with friends by the river, lake or maybe even the seaside? What summertime choices will you make? As Dumbledore said ... 'It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are...'

Let's have a think about 'OUR choices'. Do you think it's easier to be a Young Climate Warrior at home, but maybe more difficult when out and about having fun? This challenge is about helping combat climate change whilst out and about enjoying the summer. Can you choose to remember the reusable carrier bags, to take a picnic in a reusable container, choose to fill up your water bottles and avoid drinks cartons? Will you say 'no thank you' to the straw in the café, choose to take your friends' crisp packets home to recycle them at supermarkets, and take homemade snacks?

This summer you could choose to join in with [Ali's 1 Million pick-up campaign](#). Ali is 11 years old and lives in Spain ... and she's 'Kids Against Plastic's Chief Pickup Officer' (CPO!). Ask your parent/carer to [download the app](#), pick up litter, and log it! Check out all the plastic that has already been rescued from littering our countryside and towns – [here's the map](#).

If you're with your family or friends on a beach, you might choose to join the '[Great Nurdle Hunt](#)'. Nurdles are small lentil-sized plastic pellets. Billions are used each year to make nearly all of our plastic products, but a large number end up in our oceans and beaches as a result of accidental spills. Microplastics such as 'nurdles' are broken down in the ocean into smaller and smaller pieces. They are then absorbed by plankton, reducing our ocean's ability to store carbon, as well as harming other sea life. [Is it a nurdle? This identification chart might be useful](#). Check this out – environmental company 'NURDLE' have invented a '[vacuum cleaner that sorts plastic nurdles from sand](#)' – that's a cool job choice! You may find these Beach Guardians inspiring: '[tackling beach plastics](#)'.

What factors do you think have the most influence over the choices you make? Understanding the issue? Feeling it's just the right thing to do? Following your friends? What would you choose from these summertime choices? ... Would you rather ... buy a drink on the beach every day or fill up your own water bottle each morning? Would you rather buy a new frisbee, or make do with the slightly battered one you found in the garden? You might choose the cheaper option, the easier option, or the 'cooler' option, but if you have a Young Climate Warriors hat on, you might also think about the longer term and wider impact that your choice could have on our natural world. Avoiding plastic, avoiding waste, and reducing consumption are all ways to help combat climate change.

When you've made your summer choices and rescued some plastic, email Kate – hello@youngclimatewarriors.org – and let her know!



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DATES

MULTI SPORTS 21st July - 24th July

OLYMPICS (Individual) 27th July - 31st July

OLYMPICS (Team) 3rd Aug - 7th Aug

STRIKING & FIELDING 10th Aug - 12th Aug

INVASION SPORTS 17th Aug - 19th Aug



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