



Spring 2 Newsletter 2025

Hello from Mrs Trew

To all my wonderful families, we have had a fantastic jam packed half term (maybe a bit a too busy for my staff team - they are all ready for a rest!) with many events and celebrations...

The children returned to school after February half term, to find a magical and mysterious door had appeared in the playground! Noone knew where it had come from? Was it a portal to another world? The children wrote some fabulous stories about it.

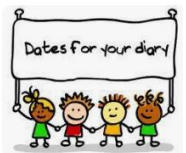
This was followed by World Book day (but we made a week of it because we love books) and then British Science week.

This last week, we have enjoyed the Eid party and Easter celebrations. I hope you enjoy reading all about it in our newsletter.

Wishing you a wonderful Easter break and see you all on Tuesday 22nd April.

Highlights for families this half term:

- **The Magic Door**
- **Pancake races**
- **British Science Week - theme this year was 'Time'**
- **World Book Day – week!!**
- **Comic Relief**
- **Eid Party for families**
- **Easter lunch and decorated egg competition.**



UPCOMING DATES

April Dates

Friday 4th April	Last day of term
Monday 7th to 21st April	School is closed for the Easter holidays
Tuesday 22nd April	Start of the Summer term – school reopens for children

May Dates

Friday 2nd May	Class Assembly – Pluto 3
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Friday 9th May	Class Assembly – Jupiter 1
Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 16th May	Class Assembly – Pegasus 5
Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st May	Residential Trip for Year 6 children.
Friday 23rd May	Class Assembly – Saturn 2 Last day of Summer 1
Monday 26th May – Friday 30st May	Half term – School closed

June Dates:

Monday 2nd June

School reopens for children
Maths Day

Friday 6th June

Class Assembly - Orion 3

Friday 13th June

Class Assembly - Mars 1

Friday 20th June

Class Assembly - Mercury 6

Thursday 26th June

Sleeping under the Stars – Camping event for Year 5 children

Friday 27th June

Class Assembly – Venus 4

July Dates:

Thursday 3rd July

Inflatables Day

Friday 4th July

Class Assembly – Jupiter 1

Friday 14th July

Class Assembly – Mars 1

End of term events - TBC

Sports Days
Year 6 Performance
Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Year 6 Prom for children

Year 6 children meet Michael Rosen

On 31st March, some of our Year 6 children had the incredible opportunity to visit the Finchley Church End Library and meet the celebrated author Michael Rosen. The illustrator of the new book 'One Day' was also in attendance. This special event was a highlight of the term, offering children the chance to engage with such a renowned and beloved local writer and gain insights into the world of storytelling.

Michael Rosen captivated the students with stories about his writing journey, sharing anecdotes from his life and the inspiration behind his beloved books.

Children eagerly asked questions, ranging from how to overcome writer's block to what it takes to create memorable characters. Michael's responses were both insightful and encouraging.

The children were able to receive 4 signed copies of Michael Rosen's new book for the school, creating a cherished memento of the day.



Nursery

The Nursery children have had a very exciting and busy half-term, learning about Ducklings, emotions and different ways to travel, through our 'On the Move' topic. The children also dressed up as book characters for World Book Day and enjoyed having books read to them by Year 4 Children.



Happy Easter to all!

Reception

In Reception, we have been learning about different types of transport. The children made their own areoplanes and flew them. The children enjoyed a visit from a bus and then a real bus ride to Cherry Tree Woods to look for signs of spring.



We looked after ducklings for a week and the children loved watching them grow and have their first swim.

We have also planted lots of seeds and are looking forward to watching our flowers and vegetables grow.



Year 1

For our History topic, Fantastic Flight, we went on an amazing trip to the RAF museum! We learnt all about the history of planes from the Wright Brothers' first plane to the modern Spitfire!



For British Science week, we did lots of cool experiments all about fairy tales. We tested which materials would make the best mattress and which biscuit would make the strongest house.



We have been doing lots of exciting work in English. We found a mysterious door in the playground and wrote our own stories about it. For World Book Week, we read Lily and the Polar Bears. Next, we read Traction Man, a story all about an action figure toy. We bought our own toys into school, presented them to the class and wrote about them. We had so much fun!

Year 2

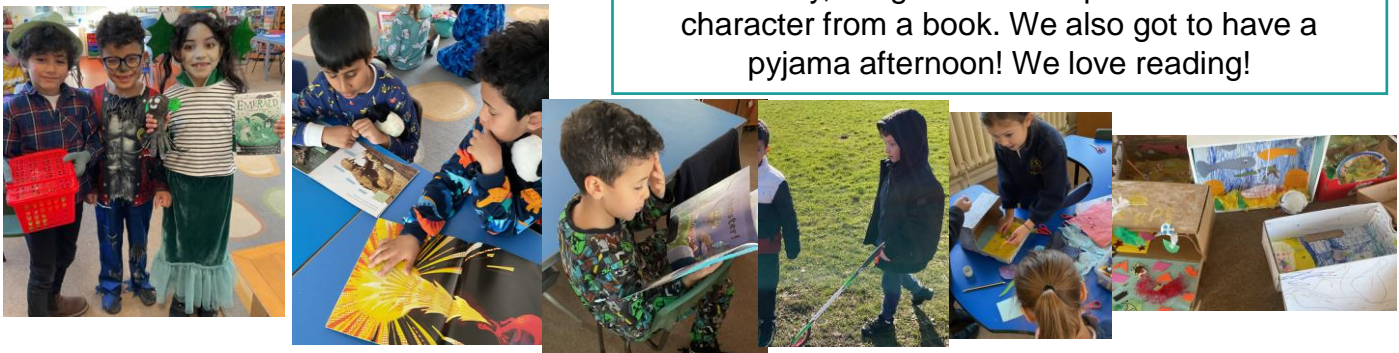
During British science week, we had the chance to go to the Science Museum! We got to go and watch a documentary at the IMAX in 3D and explored the pattern pod!



In English, we got up to lots of interesting writing, all to do with a mysterious door that landed in the playground.



World Book Day was extremely exciting. We got to spend the week getting involved with different activities all to do with our book, 'Clean up!' We spoke about sustainability, went litter picking, designed our own dioramas and did lots of drama! On the day, we got to dress up as our favourite character from a book. We also got to have a pyjama afternoon! We love reading!



Year 3

We have had a wonderful Spring term! Year 3 celebrated British Science Week 2025's theme of 'Change and Adapt'. We carried out an experiment making putty which was inspired by a mistake a scientist made when trying to find a rubber substitute during WW2.



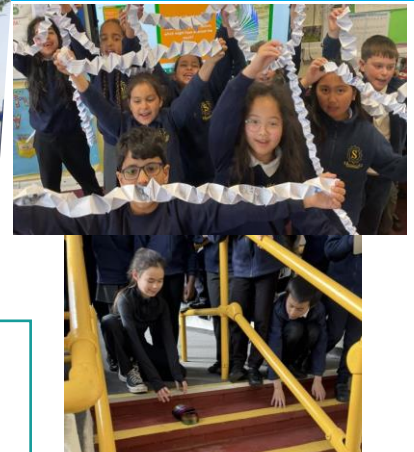
In our English lessons, we read 'Gregory Cool' and wrote an informal letter to his family describing his stay in Tobago.

As part of the children's 11 before 11 'Caring Campaigner' promise, we learnt about and campaigned for the Food Bank. They also entered a competition for the best photo and we **WON** – 3000 children were involved in this competition!



Year 4

We have had such a busy term in Year 4. We started the term by creating some amazing writing inspired by a magical door that we saw on the playground.



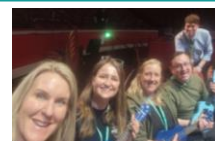
Jamyang Buddhist Centre

In British Science Week, we did an experiment to find out which slinky would go down the stairs the fastest! We even had a go at making our own slinky out of paper.

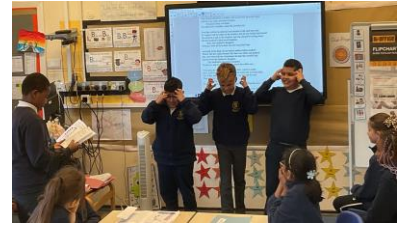


To top off a fantastic term, we performed ukulele at the Royal Albert Hall with BEAT.

At the Jamyang Buddhist Centre, we learnt even more about the life of Siddhartha Gautama and how he became Buddha. We even had a go at following a guided meditation!



Year 5



for world book day, year 5 designed book tokens inspired by the slogan 'Read Your Way'. We also devised raps which included references to every book title we could think of. We read a book about nature called 'Lob' which explored the theme of conservation of nature and the British folk-law figure of The Green Man.

Our Field Studies trip to beautiful Bushy Park was a huge success! We carried out an investigation to find the best way of developing an area for renewable energy. We used wind monitors to measure wind strength, thermometers to record temperature in different areas of the park at various times to test for the possibility of solar panels and learned how to measure the height of trees using clinometers.

Year 6

This term in Year 6, we have been busy making sure that we are as well prepared for our SATs, which are taking place in May, as possible, whilst also doing lots of exciting things! We enjoyed learning about Pablo Fanque in English, whose story (he was a famous circus ringmaster in Victorian times, despite dealing with racial prejudice) was inspiring.



In March, we headed to the October Gallery, in central London, for a workshop. We studied works of art created by American Author, William Burroughs, and discussed what we liked (and disliked) about each work of art. Some of us spent a long time trying to understand the inspirations behind each painting, before we realised, they were all completely random! After looking at the exhibition, we had a workshop where we created art works using lettering and pictures from old magazines. We had a great time choosing random pictures and words to put together!

Provision for Children who are Deaf

It has been another busy term in the PDC. Here's what we got up to...



We took part in the pancake day races. We had to make sure we didn't drop our pancake while completing the obstacle course!



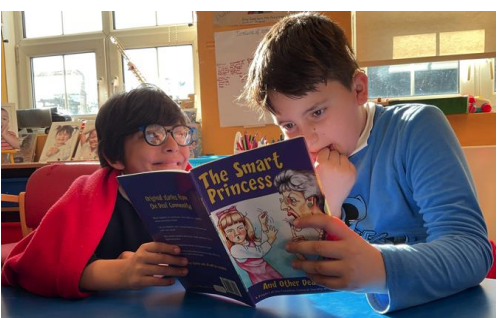
We made bread.



In Bushy Park, we explored the outdoors. We tested the wind speed and direction, took the temperature and measured the height of trees.



As part of the World Book Day celebrations, we read books with deaf characters in them with our friends.



Eid Party

After the success of Summerside's first Iftar last year on 2nd April, we hosted a vibrant Eid al-Fitr party, marking the end of Ramadan with joy and togetherness. The event was a wonderful opportunity for children, staff, and families to celebrate this important occasion and learn more about the rich cultural traditions associated with Eid.

Children showcased their talents through nasheeds and recitations reflecting the diverse cultures within our school community.

We had a delish feast as families contributed a variety of delicious dishes, creating a festive atmosphere filled with the aromas and flavours of Eid.

Children participated in creative workshops, making Eid cards and necklaces/bracelets to take home.

The event was filled with laughter and excitement as students enjoyed various games and activities, with some amazing henna designs being created as well.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents and staff who supported this event. Your contributions and involvement were crucial in making the Eid al-Fitr celebration a memorable experience for everyone. Your generosity and dedication helped create a warm and inclusive environment where children were able to celebrate together.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to more wonderful events in the future! If you did not get the opportunity to contribute to the donations before, there is still an opportunity to do so on School Money.



Easter at Summerside

Egg Decoration Competition

We can see that lots of the children have been extremely busy decorating eggs for our competition. We have had a wide variety of different eggs, including Minion eggs, a whole football match of eggs, bunny eggs, fluffy eggs, multi coloured eggs and even a Spiderman egg! Thank you to everyone who decorated one of these excellent eggs!

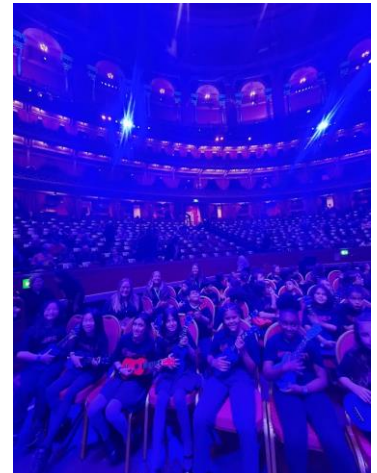
Easter lunch with Easter bonnets

Thank you very much to our fantastic kitchen staff for putting on an Easter picnic for us all. The children wore their Easter bonnets and looked wonderful.



Music - Year 4 perform at the Royal Albert Hall

Our Year 4 children have been learning the ukelele in school and had the opportunity to perform as part of the Barnet Education Arts Trust (BEAT) concert at the Royal Albert Hall. They performed alongside a huge orchestra and several school singing in choirs. What a special event and one that none of us will ever forget!



World Book Day

On March 6th, our school joined millions around the world in celebrating World Book Day, a special event dedicated to promoting the joy of reading. This year, children and teachers alike embraced the theme of "Sustainability," with a variety of engaging activities designed to inspire a love of books. This year we celebrated books and reading with activities throughout the week.

Dress up day: Children dressed up as their favourite book characters, bringing beloved stories to life in a colourful and creative way, remembering to recycle and reuse to make their costumes.

Reading Sessions: Throughout the week, teachers read the new book based on sustainability to the children and they were given opportunities to read their favourite books with different classes, fostering a community of readers.

Pyjama afternoon: the children were able to enjoy a relaxing afternoon of getting comfortable and relaxing and unwinding with their favourite books.

World Book Day was a fantastic opportunity for our school to celebrate the importance of reading and to encourage children to explore the magical world of books.

Happy reading! 📖 ✨



Pancake Day

On Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day, Summerside held its first Pancake Race event. The children raced class against class in an epic battle of agility and expert pancake tossing ability (although the pancakes looked like they had had better days by the end of the event!).

Congratulations to the classes that one and more importantly to the wonderful staff who also participated in the a very enjoyable final race. Thank you as well to the Kitchen staff for creating a lovely pancake desert for the all the children!



Comic Relief

On Friday 21st March, we dressed up to raise money for Comic Relief. The children enjoyed wearing red clothes and some even came in with jokes to read to the rest of their class!

We raised a superb £187.50 for Comic Relief. Thank you to everyone who donated!



Summerside's Sports Review

Year 2, 3 and 4 Football Festivals

Boys and girls competed alongside over 20 other Barnet schools in three 5 a-side football festivals run by Non-Stop Action, at Compton School Power League. In all three festivals, our footballers played with true Summerside spirit. Playing with a positive attitude and being respectful to all opposing schools they faced. Well done to all of you!



Year 5 & 6 Football Team

Our boys went on a terrific cup run, reaching the Semi-Final of the Barnet Schools Cup.

We gave our opponents, Church Hill School, a really good game, even though we came into this competition as strong favourites, fielding two academy players.

It's been a fantastic run, to reach the Semi-Final again, something Summerside haven't done since 2018. We hope we don't have to wait so long next time!

Well done to our Year 5 & 6 football team!

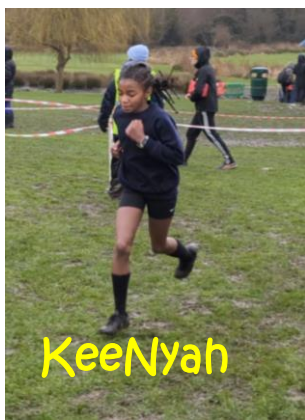
Summerside's Sports Review

Cross Country + Fun Run 2025

The Barnet Primary School 1-mile Cross-Country and Fun Run event at Oak Hill Park, in February, was certainly a challenging race – with a course that was wet and muddy! The children should be proud of themselves for completing it. Well done to all of them!



Yet again, Summerside's future Olympian, Keenayah, in Year 6, showed Barnet how it's done by comfortably winning another Gold medal in the cross-country race. Well done Keenyah!



What's coming up after Easter

- Mini London Marathon sponsored event (in school)
- Mini London 1-mile Marathon (in central London)
- Barnet Bar No One at Stone X stadium
- Year 5 Bell Boating
- Athletics at Stone X stadium

BARNET DANCE FESTIVAL 2025



Over six full days in March, Barnet primary schools, secondary schools and dance provisions come together to share a stage at North Finchley's Arts Depot, to showcase their amazing dance routines at the Barnet Dance Festival.

Summerside's performance piece was a military street dance, by girls in years 3, 4, 5 & 6, to celebrate International Woman's Day.

Their performance was amazing, and they showed incredible confidence in front of a large audience of over 400 people.

The girls were extremely dedicated and worked very hard throughout their rehearsals at our after-school Dance club. The dance took over two months to perfect!

Well done to you all! We are sooooo proud of you!!!

We would like to give a huge thanks to the children's dance tutor, Mr Eloni, for his outstanding choreography and teaching. He allowed the children to make it their own and empowered them to perform the dance in the most memorable and inspiring way.

All children in Summerside will have the chance to watch the performance after the holidays, when we show it in assembly.

British Science Week at Summerside



EIFS
DUCKLINGS

This year's theme for British Science Week was 'Adapt and Change' and it started with a lot of frothy bubbles!

In the assembly, we observed double cream changing before our eyes into whipped cream and then butter!

With great enthusiasm, we then watched the explosive reaction between Coca Cola and Mentos... and surprisingly it didn't make too much mess. Over the week, each year group investigated how things have changed and adapted.



Y1 FAIRY TALES



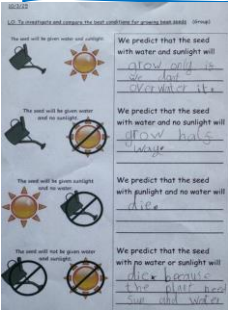
Y3 SILLY PUTTY!



Y2 SCIENCE MUSEUM



Y2 PLANTS



Y4 SLINKIES



Y5 CRACKING CRACKERS



Music at Summerside

Click on the link for more details:
<https://www.pianofunclub.co.uk/>



A message from our Governor - Stuart Lester

At the end of the Spring Term, as the days are getting longer and the sky is bluer, it is a good time to reflect on the work of the governors this term.

At Summerside we have an active team of governors, all of whom take a keen interest in the development of the school. We meet regularly as a group, and individual governors try to visit the school as often as possible to observe lessons, meet staff and children, and improve their understanding of the school and its community.

There is no doubt that under the leadership of Mrs Trew and her team Summerside is improving all the time, and this is reflected in the professionalism of the staff and the enthusiasm of the children. The very positive Ofsted report confirmed this. Several governors met the Ofsted Inspector to share our experience and impressions of the school, and we were delighted with the outcome of the inspection, which highlighted the standards and quality of the teaching and learning environment. Well done everybody!

I hope you all have a relaxing and refreshing Easter break.

Kindest regards
STUART LESTER
Chair of the Governors

Attendance (Spring 2)

Attendance continues to be below Summerside's expectations (96%). Poor attendance at Summerside will be challenged as it causes pupils to fall behind with their learning. Holidays during term time will not be authorised and may lead to a fine on your return. We are also monitoring children's lateness, which will also result in a fine for those who are late on a regular basis.

Year Group	Present R/C: Marks
Reception	90%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	92%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	96%

Website:
www.summersideprimary.co.uk

Call us: 020 8445 1192

Email us:
admin@summersideprimary.co.uk