



Summer 1 Newsletter 2025

Hello from Mrs Trew

Dear all,

I think that was the shortest half term we've had for a while but another enjoyable one. The main highlight for me being the wonderful VE Day celebrations which gave our school community the opportunity to understand the meaning and significance of VE Day.

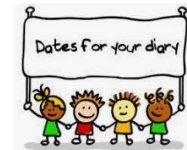
I have been incredibly impressed with the children's behaviour in their lessons. The classrooms are calm and purposeful and all the children are making good progress. I love hearing about all the different topics that the children have studied and how knowledgeable they are. Our teachers work very hard to ensure that all lessons are planned carefully so that children really understand their learning. They also ensure that they are memorable and great fun!

Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Trew

Highlights for families this half term:

- **Easter Egg Hunt for our new reception families.**
- **SEN Coffee morning**
- **VE Day Celebration**



UPCOMING DATES

Friday 23rd May	Class Assembly – Saturn 2 Last day of Summer 1
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 st May	Half term – School closed
June Dates:	
Monday 2 nd June	School reopens for children Maths Day KS1 and MTC tests begin – 3 weeks
Friday 6 th June	Class Assembly - Orion 3
Friday 13 th June	Class Assembly - Mars 1
Monday 16 th June	Refugee Week
Tuesday 17 th June	International food picnic – bring a dish and a blanket
Friday 20 th June	Class Assembly – Year 6
Thursday 26 th June	Sleeping under the Stars – Camping event for Year 5 children
Friday 27 th June	Class Assembly – Venus 4

July Dates:	
Thursday 3 rd July	Inflatables Day
Friday 4 th July	Class Assembly – Jupiter 1
Monday 7 th July	Year 5 SATS tests Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 1.30pm
Wednesday 9 th July	KS2 Sports Day – Years 3 - 6 9.15am
Friday 11 th July	Reports out to families
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 6 Performance for families
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 Performance for families
Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Party 5.30 – 7.30
Friday 18 th July	End of Summer term School closes at 1.30pm

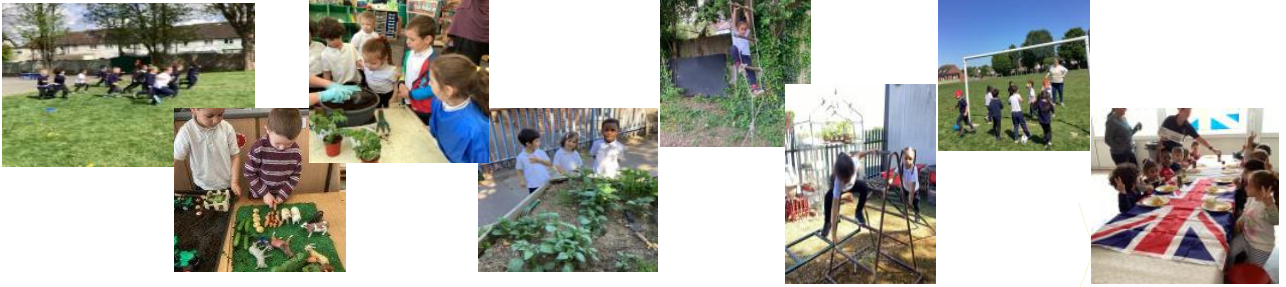
Year 6 SATS

Well done to all our wonderful Year 6 children who worked incredibly hard during last week's National tests. The children showed resilience and tried their best. A well-deserved afternoon of fun was enjoyed by everyone!



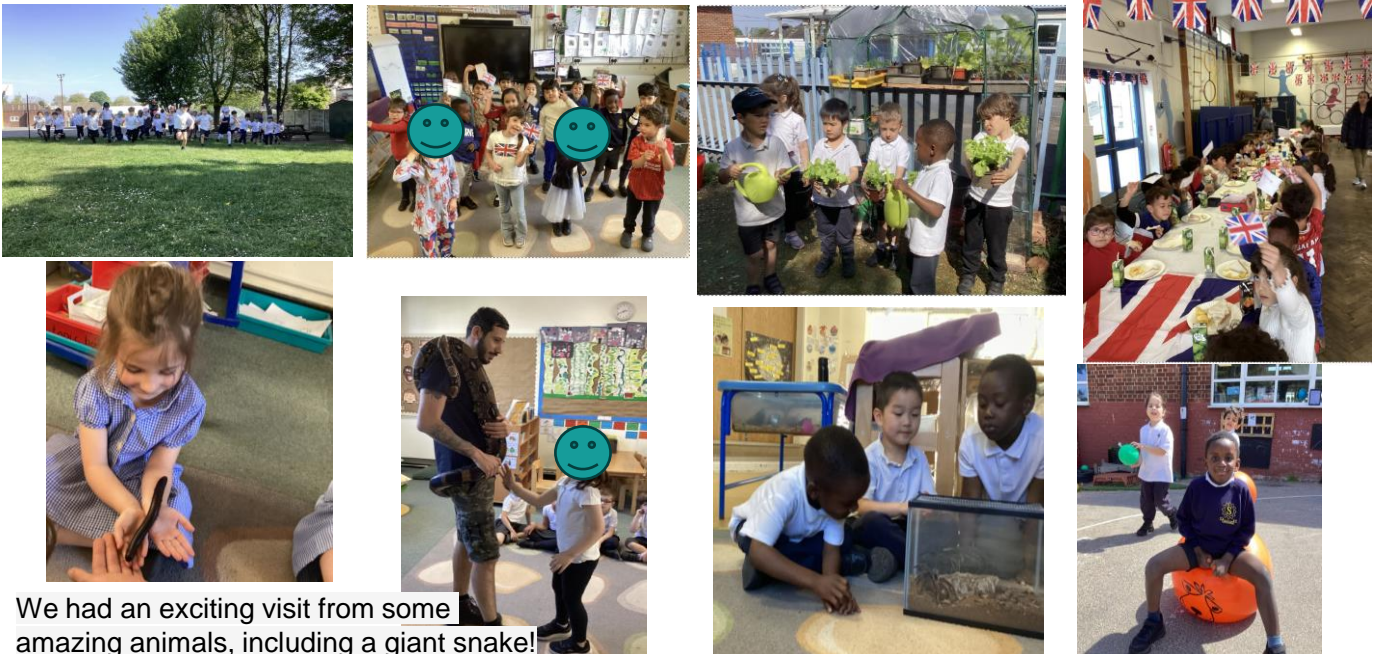
Nursery

Nursery have had a fantastic half term learning about Farms, Growing Plants and have been working hard, developing their Physical and Games Skills. They had an amazing time joining in with the Mini Marathon and enjoyed the VE Day celebrations.



Reception

In Reception we have been learning about farms, growing plants, minibeasts and caring for the local area. We have completed the Mini Marathon and taken part in VE day celebrations. In the outdoor area, we have been caring for the plants in the garden and vegetables in the mud kitchen and looking for minibeasts. We tasted the lettuce we grew in lettuce sandwiches. We have enjoyed practising bouncing, throwing and catching outside with some lovely new equipment.



We had an exciting visit from some amazing animals, including a giant snake!

Year 1

In English we have become comprehension detectives and have been practicing our reading skills. For our topic on instructional writing we wrote instructions for growing cress and even planted some in class.



In Science we are learning about animal groups and we met some real rats and learned about their diet and their camouflage.



We also had so much fun completing the mini marathon run!

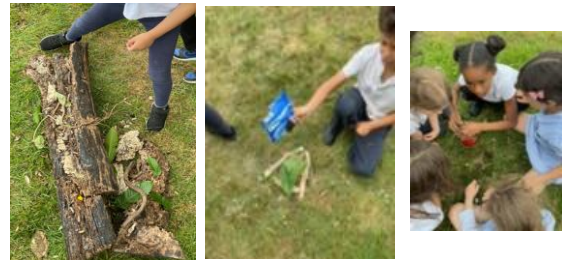
We celebrated VE day. We learnt all about the end of WW2 and had a great VE day picnic lunch. We even dressed up in red, white and blue, the colours of the UK flag to celebrate.

Year 2

This half term we did lots of exciting things in History – our topic was the Great Fire of London! We learnt all about different equipment that was used to put the fires out, we thought about fire safety and we did lots of drama/ It was so much fun!



In science we have been learning all about animals. We looked at minibeasts and different types of habitats. We finished this half term by making our own bug hotels outside!



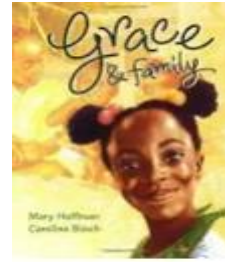
We have been busy making our own drawbridges in DT using cardboard!

In maths we started to learn about measure. It has been great fun using rulers and metre sticks to measure things around the school.



Year 3

In our English lessons, we have been reading 'Grace & Family'. We wrote our own narratives based on the story and then published our work. We also had fun acting out scenes together.



Year 3 had an action-packed Topic Day exploring the powerful forces of nature—earthquakes and tsunamis! We learned about the science behind these natural disasters, discovering how and why they happen. They got to try their hand at some hands-on activities, including simulating an earthquake with pasta and rocks to see how buildings are affected by shaking.

We went on a creative trip to The October Gallery. At the gallery, we explored and evaluated the artworks on display. After this, we used a variety of natural materials to create our own collages.

To bring the theme to life, the children also explored the impact of tsunamis and how they form. The day was filled with exciting experiments such as a tsunami in a bottle. We had discussions, helping us have a better understanding of these incredible natural phenomena.

Year 4



Year 4 had an exciting Viking Topic Day this term! We tried our hands at traditional Viking crafts, including weaving and using a trolle (a Viking-style tool for making cords). We also baked our own Viking flatbread and planted lavender to bring a touch of nature to our learning. A big highlight was building Viking longboats – they're now proudly displayed in the school entrance for everyone to admire.



We laced up our trainers and took part in the school's mini-marathon! Everyone showed great determination and teamwork. As a well-deserved treat, we cooled down with refreshing ice lollies afterwards.



In DT, we've been busy designing our own buzzer games! To make sure our ideas would be fun and exciting, we visited Year 2 to do some market research. Their feedback helped us plan our final designs, and we can't wait to finish building and testing our games.

Year 5

In Geography, we learned about farming and food production in our topic *From Field to Fork*. We studied different types of agriculture, how climate dictates the types of crops which can be grown in certain conditions and looked at the pros and cons of organic farming methods and Fair Trade. We also followed the journey of a banana and created PowerPoints to record our findings in a creative and interesting way.



We also made a delicious Greek salad.



Our topic in PSHE focused on relationships. We started with the concept of the relationship we have with ourselves and how affirmations and positive self-talk can help boost self-respect and well-being. Then we explored the issues related to social media and looked at ways to protect ourselves online.

In Art, we have been inspired by the British artist Stephen Wilshire and looked at different perspectives and shading techniques to create detailed skyline and city drawings.



In English, we read a variety of Greek myths and turned them into puppet shows. We are now writing our own exciting myths with heroes, fearsome mythical creatures and gods and goddesses.



Year 6

Year 6 have had a really busy term in the lead up to SATS exams with lots of revision in our core subjects.

The SATS week went by in a blur and everyone tried their very best. Well done to all Y6s! They have done themselves proud and deserve the well-earned break from work!

The following week saw half the year group head to PGL Liddington. They challenged themselves to participate in all the activities: climbing, giant swing, raft building, laser tag, trapeze and much more. They dined on tasty food and had lots of fun with their friends in their dorms. They learnt how to be team players and their independence grew over the few days away from their families. What an amazing experience!



Having finished our exams, the fun commenced! We had a rainbow-themed picnic with games and so much food on a lovely sunny day.



The other half of the year group enjoyed a trip to the zoo – with some entertaining gorillas – a day playing outside in the field, and a visit to the cinema for a film. They even got to have a meal and popcorn whilst watching in their comfy seats!



Provision for Children who are Deaf

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



We dressed in red, white and blue to celebrate VE DAY.

We celebrated Deaf Awareness Week.



During the week, some children in our provision, prepared and presented information to their classes about their hearing loss.

To end the week, we led a whole assembly. We were joined by Maxine and her hearing dog called Walter.



VE Day Celebrations

On Thursday 8th May as a school we celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE Day we marked it with a special day of remembrance and celebration. Our History Ambassadors led a thoughtful assembly, helping us understand the importance of Victory in Europe Day and why we remember it. We also looked at photographs shared by staff, showing family members who served during the war—these personal stories helped bring history to life for us all. Children wore red, white and blue and enjoyed a celebratory picnic lunch, thank you to the kitchen staff who as always made it incredibly memorable.



Mini London Marathon - Sponsored 2mile school run

The running didn't stop there!!! Over two selected days, over 400 Summerside's from Nursery all the way up to year 6 as they took on the sponsored two-mile run around the field and Rose Garden a total of 6 laps.

Many children found this challenge difficult to finish but they all dug deep to find their inner strength and determination to finish, some found they had a little more energy to give so they ran a few extra laps for the fun of it. All children were rewarded with the iconic TCS Mini Marathon pin badge to show everyone they completed the TCS Mini Marathon.

This event was a sponsored event, so children and families dug deep in their pockets and raised a whopping £1273 which will go towards developing a new Summerside allotment area.

Top 25 children who raised the most amount of money will be invited to a delicious Head Teachers Tea Party with Mrs Trew.



London Mini Marathon

We managed to take 25 children to central London for our second participation in the TCS Mini London Marathon. Staff, Children and their families all travelled up together via the underground.

The atmosphere once we arrived at the Horse Guards Parade was astonishing, the children were pumped to get going to run their one mile through our capital and passing the front gates of Buckingham Palace.

As each child crossed the famous TCS finish line, they also bagged £10 towards Summerside, raising a total of £250.

Well done children and to your families for your support on this day, we look forward to team Summerside taking part again next year.





Parking

We remind all our families to be respectful of our neighbours by parking responsibly and not over people's driveways or on the double yellow lines. Your support is appreciated.

Attendance (Summer1)

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	88%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	97%

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