



# Summer 2 Newsletter 2025

## Hello from Mrs Trew

As we reach the end of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful staff and children for making this year so successful, exciting, and full of learning. I am incredibly proud of everything we have achieved together — from our successful OFSTED inspection, the fantastic progress in the classroom to the memorable trips, performances, and special events that have brought our school community even closer. A heartfelt thank you to all of our staff for your hard work, dedication, and care, and to our amazing children for your enthusiasm, kindness, and determination to always do your best. You have made this year truly special. I also want to thank our parents and carers for your continued support — we couldn't do it without you. I wish you all a safe, happy, and relaxing summer holiday. I hope it is filled with fun, sunshine, and special moments with family and friends.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another brilliant year ahead.

### Highlights for families this half term:

- Teddy Bear's picnic and 'Stay and Play' for new Reception children.
- Secondary Transfer meeting for Year 5 families meeting
- Sports Days
- Inflatables day
- International Food Event
- Sleeping Under the Stars
- Meet your new teacher

### UPCOMING DATES

September dates:	
Monday 1st September	Staff INSET - School closed to pupils
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	
Wednesday 3rd September	School opens for pupils in Year 1 – Year 6
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception and Nursery children start
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Book Fair in school
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Harvest Festival and Food bank collection
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Class Assembly - Draco 5
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 swimming for 2 weeks

October Dates	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Class Assembly - Venus 4
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Class Assembly - Neptune 2
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Black History Month workshops
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Class Assembly - Mercury 6
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Individual photos for children
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Halloween Disco
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET day – School Closed for children
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term – school closed
November dates:	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	School reopens for children.

## School Councillors

Our School Councillors have achieved so much this year! They have represented their peers in a responsible and proactive way.

Some of their highlights include: planning a range of fundraising events, such as the International Food Festival and Cake Sales, contributing to Governors meetings, improving breaktimes for everyone and ensuring that the views of all children are heard!

Well done on an excellent year representing your classes, School Council!



# Nursery

We have had an amazing half-term learning about the Sea and related Sea Life in our topic, 'Under the Sea'. The children also had a wonderful time visiting the animals from Ark Farm on the school field. The children have been visiting the school library each Friday to look at books there and to share a special Story Sack. There is a 'Star Reader' selected each week for showing good early reading behaviours and they receive a small gift in recognition of this. Some children have been visiting their new schools for the Reception Year and Summerside held a Teddy Bears Picnic for Nursery children going up to our School Reception. We have had a very enjoyable and busy last half-term at school, and we congratulate your children for their successes! Happy Summer Holidays!



# Reception

Our topic this term is Under the sea. The children have enjoyed learning about and writing about sea creatures. We enjoyed a fantastic trip to Chalkwell beach. The children have been learning about pirates, and making hats, maps and pirate ships. Recently we have enjoyed bouncy castle day, sports day and our end of year show.



# Year 1

We have been learning all about Kings and Queens in History. We went on a fascinating trip to Westminster Abbey. We loved seeing the tomb of Elizabeth I and the coronation chair.



We had so much fun on the inflatables!



We had such a great time at Sports Day!



We even got to be crowned on our own coronation chair at school!



# Year 2

We've had so much fun this term! We loved visiting London Zoo and seeing the wide variety of animals that we've learned about – particularly the penguins, butterflies, giraffes, zebras, sloths, lions, tigers and the capybaras!



In English and Geography, we have been learning all about India and its native animals! We collected lots of information and then wrote a non-chronological report about different species of tigers.

In Science, we learned about climate and weather and the ways in which we can be more sustainable to protect our planet.



# Year 3

Year 3 had a fabulous time during Inflatables Day! They loved the non-stop action - even the teachers couldn't resist a turn.

For our topic day, the children dressed up as Ancient Egyptians. They enjoyed making papyrus paper, Egyptian collars and learning about the Egyptian gods and goddesses. Orion class also delivered a fantastic assembly on Ancient Egypt.



Sports Day was bundles of fun and the children loved the variety of events. Huge thanks to Mr B for helping to make it so special for all involved.

# Year 4

What a jam-packed and exciting term it's been for Year 4! From the excitement of swimming lessons and assessments to the joy of school trips and creative classroom projects, the children have risen to every challenge with energy and enthusiasm.

Year 4 had an absolute blast during Inflatables Day! The playground was transformed into a mini theme park, complete with bouncy castles and giant inflatable slides. The children couldn't stop smiling as they jumped, bounced, and raced their way through the exciting activities.



One of the standout highlights of our year was the unforgettable trip to the London Eye and Thames River cruise. The children were buzzing with excitement as we soared above the city in the iconic London Eye capsules, spotting famous landmarks and soaking in panoramic views of the capital.



We enjoyed another fantastic Sports Day thanks to Mr B and all the staff for the organisation!



Venus 4 put on a fantastic assembly with a powerful message to save the rainforest.

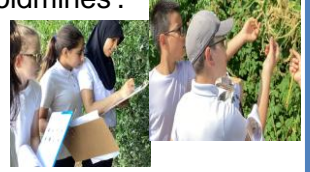
# Year 5

## Sleeping under the Stars

As part of our 11 before 11 promise, Year 5 camped overnight on the school grounds. We enjoyed team games, snacks, hot chocolate with marshmallows and cuddling up in our sleeping bags. A major part of the experience was putting up and taking down the tents ourselves – a great new skill and an achievement in itself!



**Science – Hedgerows and Hedgehogs.** This half term we focused on the importance of protecting and encouraging hedgerows as they provide fresh air, safe animal habitats, wildlife corridors and are 'ecosystem goldmines'.



## Inflatables!

Enormous fun was had by all on the extremely popular inflatables day – a well-deserved break after all our hard work this year!



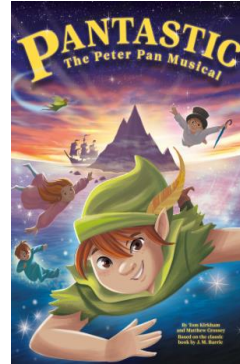
**French** – In French we became fashion artists, designing outfits. We then described and presented our wonderful creations in a fashion show!



# Year 6

This term has been a hectic but fun one, reaping the rewards of our hard work this year!

In DT, the children enjoyed making their own pizzas, inspired by famed chef Angela Hartnett. They evaluated the taste combinations of different toppings before making their dough and decorating. They were delicious and lots of happy faces all round!



We have put lots of time and effort into preparing our performance: **Pantastic!** We really hope everyone enjoys it as much as we enjoyed performing it!

Within our Geography topic, Blue Planet, the children learnt about the layers of the ocean and how organisms are adapted to live there. They also learnt about overfishing and how vital the oceans are to the health of the planet.



As part of our 11 before 11 promise, the children partook in 'Perfect a Pitch'. They designed and planned an allotment design for the field. They had to cost out the different materials and schedule who would maintain it.

As a reward for our hard work, we had a water fight! Everyone (including teachers!) were soaked!

Y6 were incredibly lucky to have Drama in the Woods visit for a whole day, partaking in drama games and producing a 'promenade theatre' performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream for a very enthusiastic audience. This is part of our 11 before 11 promise to the children - "Shake it Up Shakespeare."



# Provision for Children who are Deaf

This half term, we had fun in the sun!



Our Year 1's got a hands-on experience with some farm animals.



We had fun on the inflatables!



Year 4 went on a river boat along the River Thames. They also got to see the sights of London from the London Eye.



We competed in different activities for Sports Day.



Our Year 5's worked together to put tents up. They slept under the stars for a night.



# Mini Marathon Tea Party

As a thank you to all the children who raised a lot of money for our school during the mini marathon event, we held a fantastic tea party with cake, activities and drinks. It was such a brilliant afternoon, and I am grateful to all families who were so generous.  
We raised £



# Year 6 SATS results are AMAZING!

Our wonderful Year 6 children all worked incredibly hard, and this was rewarded with our best set of results yet!  
Just take a look at the table....

Working At Expected Standard Or Above	Reading	Writing	GPS	Maths	Combined (R, W & M)
Summerside 2025	84%	72%	89%	87%	69%
National 2025	75%	72%		74%	62%

Working At Greater Depth	Reading	Writing	GPS	Maths	Combined (R, W & M)
Summerside 2025	35%	13%	38%	33%	13%
National 2024	28%	13%	NA	24%	8%

# Summerside's Sports Review

## Athletics 2025



A day that ran the entire day in the sweltering heat was one of the biggest events in the Barnet primary schools sports calendar. Our children represented amazingly well, giving their best in their events. Thank you to the families that came and showed support, you were heard! Well done athletes!!

## Livingstone Football Festival



Twelve children from year 6 took part in the last sports event of the year at a Football Festival at Livingstone school, scoring plenty goals with cool celebrations, gold medals and more importantly ice lollies.

# Sports Day 2025

Sports Day ensured the school year closed in true community fashion, together as a Summerside family.

Was wonderful to see every child give their absolute best throughout the event and of course to finish up with the parents Tug-of-War! Which was truly amazing as a record 71 family members took part (I wonder which side had the extra player??? Only Mr B knows!)

Thanks to all staff involved, families in attendance and more importantly, our children!

## KS1 Results

- YELLOW – 93
- GREEN – 92
- RED – 106
- BLUE - 124

## KS2 Results

- YELLOW – 150
- GREEN – 194
- RED – 198
- BLUE - 184



## Overall results

- YELLOW – 243
- GREEN – 286
- RED – 304
- BLUE - 308

Congratulations Blue Team



# International Food Event

Thank you so much to everyone who brought in a delicious dish for us all to share. The food was incredible and all so tasty. It was a gorgeous afternoon in the sunshine, and it was lovely to see so many families sitting together enjoying the event.

We also raised **£442.50** for the school.

## Watermelon Party

This year the theme for our annual tea party was 'Watermelon'. Our annual tea parties are a way of saying thank you to all the parents and support staff for all the amazing effort they put into ensuring that our Summerside SEN children continue to make such brilliant progress. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the children and all the effort they have made. We enjoyed some fabulous food, the smoothie being a particular hit and a lovely watermelon magnet craft activity which everyone enjoyed. Thank you to all the kitchen staff and support staff for making this even such a wonderful success.



# Maths Day

Our Maths Day was spectacular! We read the book '365 Penguins' by Jean-Luc Fromental. There is so much maths to be found in it! As well as dressing up as Penguins across the school, we played penguin board games, converted weight and currencies, multiplied, divided added and subtracted. It was really important to work out how much fish 365 penguins would need to eat in a year!

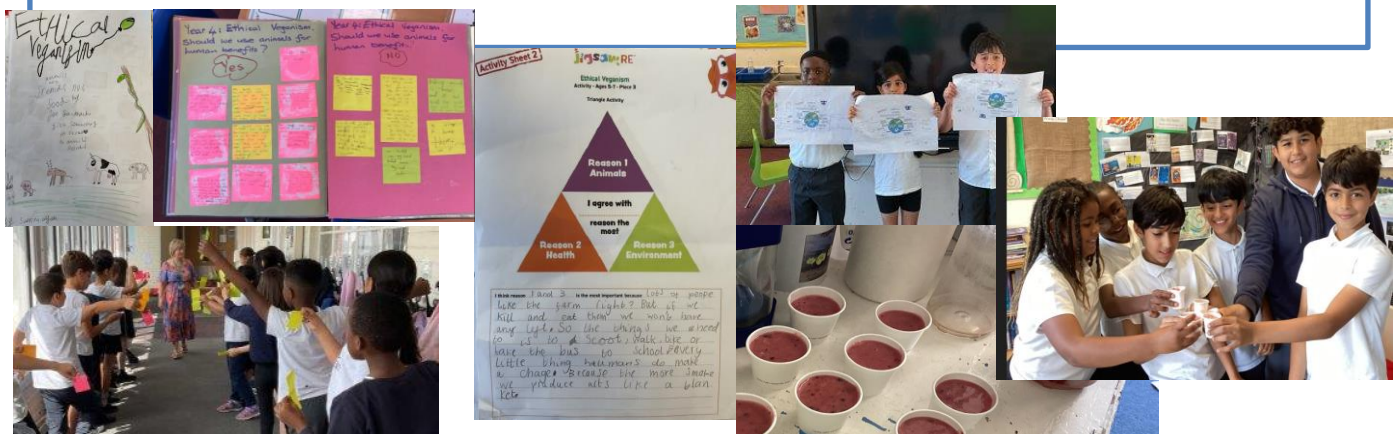
We also studied the negative effects that climate change is having on Penguins and thought about what we could do to help.



# Ethical Veganism

On Thursday 26th June, our school community came together to celebrate our own **Ethical Veganism Day**—a vibrant and thought-provoking event dedicated to exploring the values of compassion, sustainability, and mindful living. Children and staff engaged in a variety of activities, from plant-based smoothie making to art projects and discussions about animal welfare and environmental impact.

The day sparked meaningful conversations and encouraged everyone to reflect on the choices we make and their effects on the world around us. A big thank you to all who participated and helped make the day such a success, especially the kitchen who put together such a fantastic vegan lunch!



# Governors

After 10 years of outstanding service, we say a fond farewell to our Chair of Governors, Stuart Lester, who is retiring from the role this term. Over the past decade, Stuart has dedicated his time, expertise, and unwavering commitment to supporting our school, our staff, and, most importantly, our children.

Stuart's leadership has been instrumental in guiding the school through both challenges and successes, always with a clear focus on ensuring the very best for our children. His contribution to our school community has been immense, and his passion for education and belief in our school's values have left a lasting legacy.

On behalf of the entire school community, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Stuart for his dedication and service. We wish him all the very best for the future and hope he enjoys a well-earned retirement.

I am pleased to inform you that our Vice Chair, Jayne Franklin, has stepped up to be our new Chair of Governors. Jayne is an experienced Headteacher, having led successfully in her career at a Barnet Primary school and Great Ormond Street Hospital School. I am looking forward to working with her and I know that she will be an excellent appointment.



## Attendance (Summer 2)

Attendance continues to be below Summerside's expectations (95%). 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.

Year Group	Attendance
Year 1	94%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	96%

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