



Autumn 1 Newsletter 2025

Hello from Mrs Trew

Welcome back to another wonderful year at Summerside. As always it was such a pleasure to welcome the children back after the summer holidays.

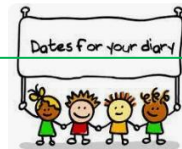
It has been a great start to the new academic year, and I am delighted with the calm and purposeful learning I have seen in all the classrooms. We are having a big focus on writing this year, so please continue to support our children with listening to them read as this creates great writers.

Have a restful and enjoyable half term.

Mrs Trew

Highlights for families this half term:

- Meet your child's class teacher event
- Black History Month workshops
- New Reception Parent Tours
- Class Assemblies



UPCOMING DATES

Half Term

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

School Closes for all children

November Dates:

Monday 3 rd Nov	Autumn 2 begins
Tuesday 4 th & 5 th Nov	Year 3 Trip to The October Gallery
Tuesday 4 th Nov	SEN Parent Meetings
Wed 5 th Nov	Yr 6 Indoor Rowing competition
Thursday 6 th November	Rock Steady Music workshops
Friday 7 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Assembly – Comet 6 • 10am - EYFS Parent Tour for new families joining in 2026 • (Nursery families welcome)
Thursday 13 th Nov	Year 6 Girls Football Tournament
Friday 14 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Assembly – Pluto 3 • Children In Need Day • Sarah Sackman MP visiting school council
Monday 17 th – Fri 21 st Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Wed 19 th - 3.45 – 7pm	Parents Evenings
Thurs 20 th - 3.45 – 6pm	
Thursday 27 th Nov	Year 6 Boys Football Tournament
Friday 28 th Nov	Class Assembly – Saturn 2
	Families welcome

DECEMBER DATES:	
Tuesday 2 nd Dec 2025	Year 6 @ The Compton Science Lesson 
Wednesday 3 rd Dec 2025	PDC trip to The Chicken Shed 
Friday 5 th Dec 2025	Pegasus 5 Class Assembly – Families welcome
Monday 8 th Dec 2025	Early Years trip to The Arts Depot 
Thursday 11 th Dec 2025	Winter Fair (3:30pm – 5:30pm) 
Friday 12 th Dec 2025	KS2 Winter Songs (2:00 – 3:00pm)  Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 16 th Dec 2025	KS1 Nativity Performance 9:30 – 10:30am & 2:00 – 3:00pm 
Wednesday 17 th Dec 2025	Christmas Lunch / KS2 Talent Show 
Thursday 18 th Dec 2025	Early Years Winter Songs (9:30 – 10:30am) 
Friday 19 th Dec 2025	END OF TERM / FINISH @ 1:30PM
JANUARY DATES:	
Monday 5 th Jan 2026	INSET Day – school closed for children
Tuesday 6 th Jan 2026	School reopens to children

Meet our new School Councillors

All the children in each class had the opportunity to become a school Councillors and had to give a speech as to why they deserved to be chosen. All the pupils then voted for the child they thought would do a good job of representing their class. Well done to all the new school councillors!



Instagram

Want to receive regular updates and see what we've been up to at Summerside? Visit our Instagram page: **@summersideprimaryacademy** to find out!

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Nursery

Nursery have been busy this half term, settling in, learning class routines, making new friends and exploring together. The children have been learning to develop their physical skills outdoors.



They have been learning about the different emotions. They have enjoyed the books, *Peace at Last* and *The Little Red Hen* and had great fun making bread and butter.

Great First Half-Term Nursery!



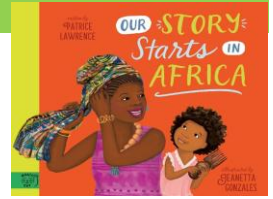
Reception

In Reception children have been getting to know each other and getting used to Reception routines as part of our topic *All About me*. The children shared family books and drew pictures of themselves and their families. They enjoyed learning about *Goldilocks and the 3 bears*, making and tasting porridge and retelling the story. They have also learned about autumn walk and enjoyed an autumn walk around the school looking for signs of autumn. We have celebrated Black History month and this week we are celebrating Diwali.



Year 1

In English this term, we really enjoyed using colourful semantics to help us say and write sentences. We even learnt that adjectives are describing words that tell us what something is like.



We read 'Our Story Starts in Africa' and found Africa on the map. We drew the different African artifacts from the story. We were so excited that we got the chance to play a real Djembe drum! Next, we had a fantastic workshop all about Carnival!

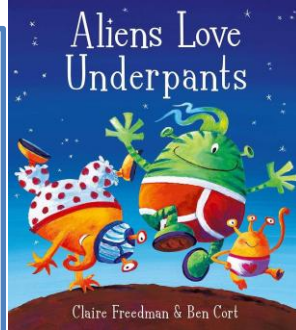


In our Geography topic, Home Sweet Home, we have been learning all about the local area and maps. We even painted the local area!

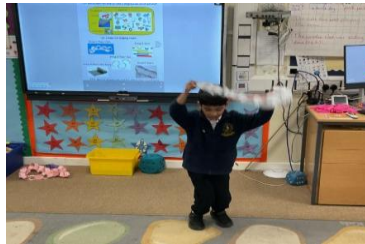


Year 2

In English this term, we really enjoyed reading 'Aliens Love Underpants' and have been writing lots of lovely sentences about the characters in the book. We have also described what's happening in a variety of different pictures.



As part of our History topic on 'Our Local Area', we went to Friary Park to find the famous statue of Queen Victoria. Then we had some fun in the playground!



In our Science lessons, we have been learning about and investigating the materials used for playground equipment. We even made our own skipping ropes and tested them out!



Year 3

In English, we have been reading 'The Twits', written by the sublimely, creative author Roald Dahl.

We were shocked and appalled to discover the Twits' alarming antics in the story and were further dismayed when the characters paid us a visit at Summerside! They even left us their cup of warm milk which was absolutely vile! We recorded our thoughts about our encounter with the obnoxious couple, in a diary entry about that day.



For our geography topic this term, we have been learning all about Countries, Counties and Cities. On our topic day we..... We have also learnt facts about the four countries in the UK and can identify its main countries and cities.



Year 4



This term, Year 4 have erupted into learning—literally—by making volcanoes to launch our English book *Escape from Pompeii*. We crafted Roman shields, practiced formations, and dressed up for a fantastic assembly with Venus 4. Our musical talents grew as we sang in parts and played the glockenspiel. A highlight was our trip to the London Mithraeum, deepening our Roman knowledge. We also celebrated Black History Month with stories, music, and a joyful carnival in the hall. What a term!



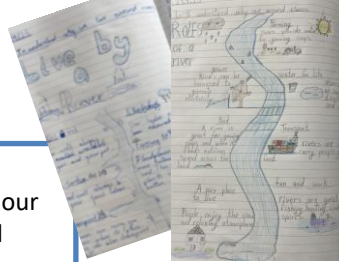
Year 5

Year 5 have been diving into the gripping story *Ice Trap*, using it as inspiration for some fantastic writing. We've created vivid setting descriptions and heartfelt diary entries, imagining what life was like for the explorers. To bring the story to life, we held real ice and ventured outside to simulate pulling sleds to help us empathise with the characters' challenges and resilience.



In geography, we've been learning all about rivers and their importance to people and nature. We explored how beavers can block the flow of rivers and discussed what might happen if beavers were introduced to every river—some fascinating ideas and great critical thinking!

In Maths, we've been tackling problem-solving activities with enthusiasm, working collaboratively to find solutions and build our teamwork skills. It's been a term full of creativity, curiosity, and cooperation!



Year 6



This half term in Year 6 has been packed with exciting learning and creativity! As part of our History topic on World War II, we visited the RAF Museum to deepen our understanding of life during wartime. Inspired by John Agard's powerful poem *Windrush Child*, we wrote our own versions which are now proudly displayed on our classroom doors for Black History Month. In English, we've become budding authors, crafting emotive narratives from the perspective of evacuees. We've confidently mastered the four operations in Maths and are applying our skills with growing independence. In Science, we have explored the topic of light and shadows, investigating how light travels and how shadows change depending on the position of the light source. It's been a half term full of learning, discovery and growing confidence across all subjects!

Black History Month

Standing firm in Power and Pride



To celebrate Black History Month, our children took part in a vibrant, interactive workshop exploring the rich history of Carnival. From dancing and freeze-framing to learning about inspiring figures like Claudia Jones, Lord Kitchener, and the journey of the Empire Windrush, it was a joyful celebration of culture, creativity, and community. 🌍 ✨ #blackhistorymonth A huge thank you to @bigfootartseducation for yet another amazing workshop!

Showing Racism the Red Card

On Friday the 17th October we took part in Showing Racism the Red Card. We wore red to show our support in being proudly anti-racist and every class had discussions about how we can be actively anti-racist in society.

Thank you for all the donations to this fantastic cause!



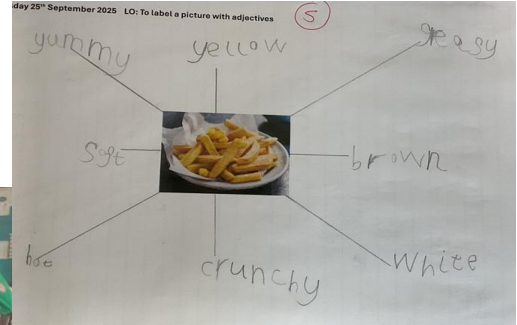
Each class created beautiful door displays based around the books that they had. The children really enjoyed learning about the different stories and discussing such a diverse range of narratives.



Provision for Deaf Children

This half term we ate and danced and did some writing too!

In Year 2, we read a book about chips. We found out how chips are made and tasted some hot, delicious chips. We came up with adjectives to describe the chips.



In Year 4 and 5, we read 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin. It is a true story about Floella's journey from Trinidad to London as part of the Windrush generation.

We learnt about Trinidadian culture. We tasted fruits and smelt spices from Trinidad. We listened and danced to calypso music from Trinidad.



In our writing, we described the different landscapes of Trinidad. We pretended to be tour guides sharing our descriptions with the group.



Food Bank Collection

For this year's harvest collection, we collected boxes of cereal to donate to Food Bank Aid. Thanks to the kind donations of all our children and families, we donated over 300 boxes! What an incredible achievement! Some of our Year 6s set all the boxes up as a 'domino snake' in the hall. We will be sharing the video with all the children in our first assembly back!

The school councillors kindly helped pack all the boxes into a car from the food bank. It took 4 trips back and forth to deliver all the boxes!



Year 5 Swimming

This term, Year 5 children have been extremely lucky as they have attended a two week intensive swimming course at Finchley Lido Leisure Centre. The children had a chance to explore different swimming strokes and learnt how to stay safe in the water. Although some of the pupils at first felt a bit hesitant about trying new techniques, they soon grew in confidence and tried their very best. We are extremely proud and impressed with all the children and in particular, at how resilient they have become. We hope they have all enjoyed the experience and now have a real passion for swimming.



Halloween Disco

We had such fun at the disco again this year!

All the children wore amazing costumes and really dressed up and wore amazing costumes.

The children loved their goody bags and had so much fun dancing to DJ Mr. B!

Thanks to your generosity, we raised a fantastic **£945** for our school.



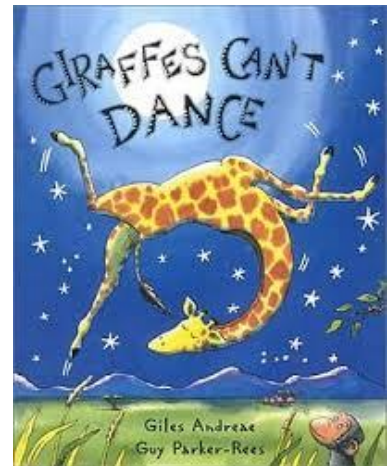
Music at Summerside



We have been so delighted to form a partnership with Piano Fun Club who have been able to offer music lessons for our children.

Children can learn to play the piano or guitar and have their music lessons at school.

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



Our Year 1 and Year 2 children will also be taking part in the Barnet Infant Music Festival in November so have been busy earning all the songs abased around the text 'Giraffes Can't Dance'



As part of our new strategy for creative arts, some teachers and Mrs Trew visited the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. We saw where the costumes were made for the Royal Ballet



Next half term we will also be having a special launch assembly for our new music offer Rock Steady Bands. Your children can take part in lessons and be part of a live band so watch out for more details on this!

Summerside's Sports Page



**SUMMERSIDE SPORT
AMBASSADORS**

Lillie, Jalil, Tiago and Kattleya took a trip to Hendon Leisure Centre for training to join Ellis as a Summerside Sports Ambassador.

They were keen to get straight to work, organising and delivering games for our Year 1 & 2 children during lunchtime. They also have taken responsibility of delivering the play equipment to children during playtimes. They have been brilliant.



YEAR 4 DODGEBALL FESTIVAL

Students from Year 4 took a trip to Copthall Leisure Centre to show one of their favourite games to other primary schools at the schools Dodgeball Festival.

Coming next half term

- Y6 Indoor rowing comp
- Year 6 girls football comp
- Barnet Bar No One sports trip
- Year 6 boys football comp



Lateness

Well done to all our children who arrive at 8.45 so that they can get started on their learning.

Please can I ask that ALL children ensure that they arrive no later than 8.55 so that our lessons can begin at 9am.

We have seen too many children who are not coming to school on time and they will be getting a letter to improve.

Attendance (Autumn 1)

Attendance continues to be below Summerside's expectations (97%). 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
Reception	87%
Year 1	90%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	94%

Next half term, children who get 100% attendance will be celebrated and rewarded with a special attendance event! So please ensure that your child does not miss out by coming to school every day.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The staff at Summerside took part in a Macmillan Coffee morning to raise money for the Macmillan Cancer charity.

Staff made some delicious cakes, and we paid a donation to enjoy a slice (or 3!!!!)

We raised £173.00

Well done everyone!

Show Racism the Red Card

We asked all the children to wear red and pay a donation to the charity 'Show Racism the Red card'

We raised £178 - well done everyone!

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.

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