



# Spring 2 Newsletter 2026

## Hello from Mrs Trew

To all my wonderful families, thank you for all the support you give to our staff and your amazing children! We could not do this job without you and we are very grateful. This was particularly noted during our recent Parents Evenings.

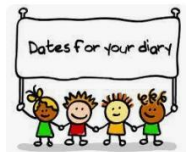
I would like to remind you all that this half term we say goodbye to Hilary Hepworth who is retiring after nearly 21 years at Summerside. The Nursery setting will not be the same without her, and we wish her every happiness as she spends more time with her much adored baby grandson!

As always, it has been a busy time with lots to celebrate and events we enjoyed. This newsletter is full and it's only been 5 weeks!

Wishing you a wonderful Easter break and see you all on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

### Highlights for families this half term:

- **British Science Week**
- **World Book Day**
- **Dance Festival**
- **Comic Relief**
- **Voice in a Million Concert**
- **Eid Afternoon Tea Party for families**
- **Easter lunch and decorated egg competition.**



## UPCOMING DATES

### April Dates

<b>Monday 13th April</b>	Start of Summer Term 1 / School opens for all children
<b>Friday 24th April</b>	Class Assembly – Neptune 2

### May Dates

<b>Friday 1st May</b>	Class Assembly – Mercury 6
<b>Monday 4th May</b>	Bank Holiday – school closed
<b>Friday 8th May</b>	Class Assembly – Venus 4
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATS
<b>Friday 15th May</b>	Class Assembly – Pluto 3
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 20th May</b>	Residential Trip for Year 6 children.
<b>Friday 22nd May</b>	Last day of Summer Term 1
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29th May</b>	Half Term – School closed

## June Dates:

Monday 1st June	School reopens for all children
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Assembly – Pegasus 5
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Trip to Chalkwell Beach
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Assembly – Comet 6
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	School Class Photos
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Assembly – Saturn 2
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Assembly – Orion 3
<b>July Dates:</b>	
Thursday 2nd July	Sleeping under the Stars – Camping event for Year 5 children
Wednesday 8th July	Inflatables Day
Friday 10th July	Class Assembly – Year 1
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 trip – London Eye River Cruise
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Party
Friday 17th July	END OF TERM / School finishes @ 1:30pm

## 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	88%
Year 1	91%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	95%

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# Nursery

We greatly enjoyed Science Week and after the Magic or Science Show explored the new Marble run set, we observed the duck eggs hatching and found out about the growth of ducks. It was fun to watch them grow and learn to swim.

We also read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' after visiting the show at the Arts Depot, we explored the Life Cycle of the caterpillar through books, song and acting out. We tasted some foods from the Very Hungry Caterpillar story ... pickles and Swiss cheese. We have been learning how to form marks using the Fairground pre-writing scheme ; down the slide, glide to the next ride, climb the wall and ... Loop the Loop !

Happy Easter !



# Reception

This half term we have been learning about several types of transport. We have been on an imaginary plane ride, retold the story of the Naughty Bus and took our own journey to the Arts Depot to see the Very Hungry Caterpillar Show.

We also enjoyed World Book Day, Science week and seeing eggs hatch into ducklings and watching the ducklings grow. We have learned about the signs of spring and planted seeds that will grow into vegetables. It has been a busy half term and lots of fun.



# Year 1

In DT we designed and built our own bridges.

We had so much fun at the RAF museum, we learnt all about planes for our History topic, Fantastic Flight.



For British Science week, we tested the best designs for paper aeroplanes and boats. We also tested whether the way food looks changes the way it tastes and tried lots of different fruits and vegetables.



We loved dressing up for world book day!

# Year 2

As part of British Science Week, we went to the Science Museum. We really enjoyed exploring the Pattern Pod and The Garden and looking at the Making the Modern World exhibit.



In DT, we designed and made hand puppets. They have been on display in the school entrance!



As part of our 10 Good Deeds promise, we visited Nursery and Reception and read to the children.



# Year 3



In our English lessons, we read 'Gregory Cool' and even received a letter from the main character himself! Later, we wrote an informal letter to his family describing his stay in Tobago.



Science Week was a blast! First, we had healthy representation on the stage for Science Vs Magic and were spellbound by the majestic show. Then, we discovered the best design for a paper aeroplane (through lots of trial and error)! Finally, we took a scientific approach to finding what sort of vehicle would be best on the moon.

# Year 4



Year 4 began the term by immersing ourselves in our **Spain** topic, enjoying traditional **food**, lively **music**, and learning about Spanish culture.



The children also created **Gaudi-inspired pottery**, took part in **BSL Week**, and celebrated stories and costumes during **World Book Day**.



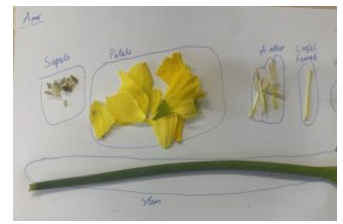
In **Science**, we explored **circuits and switches** and had great fun testing **paper aeroplanes** while developing teamwork skills. Our visit to **Maths World** added even more hands-on learning.



# Year 5

Year 5 had an exciting start to the term!

We visited the October Gallery for a creative workshop inspired by artist Kenji Yoshida, exploring his use of gold, silver and traditional Japanese—Modernist techniques.



For History this term, we explored the Victorians, and, rounding off an exciting term, Draco 5 impressed everyone with a wonderful assembly showcasing their learning.

During Science Week, we explored the theme of curiosity by creating posters. We also learnt how all parts of an ecosystem are connected, highlighting how even small environmental changes can impact the whole system.



# Year 6

Year 6 have been busy! Their trip to Kew Gardens was a huge success, and we were fortunate to have lovely weather as they explored the glasshouses, gardens, and incredible plant collections.



Since returning, the children have focused positively on SATs revision with real determination. They have been brilliant learners - focused, motivated, and rising to every challenge as the countdown to SATs (and the residential trip) continues.



# Eid Afternoon Tea Party

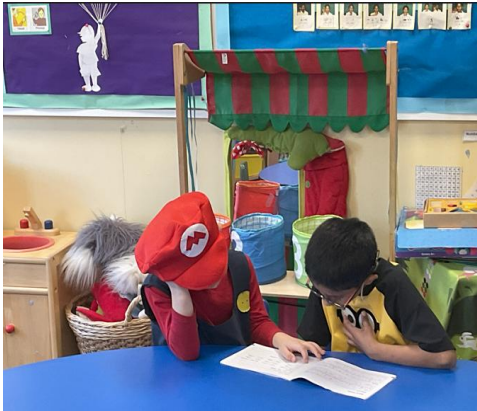
On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, we hosted a fantastic Eid al-Fitr tea party, marking the end of Ramadan with joy and togetherness. The event was a wonderful opportunity for children, staff, and families to celebrate together and foster a real sense of community at Summerside. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the families who supported this event by attending and kindly donating some delicious cakes and treats. Your contributions and involvement were crucial in making the Eid al-Fitr celebration a memorable experience for everyone. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to more wonderful events in the future!



# Provision for Children who are Deaf

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

As part of the World Book Day celebrations, we dressed up as characters from different stories and read together.



We made shortbread cookies and decorated them.



Maxine and her hearing dog Walter came back to visit!



# Voice in a Million

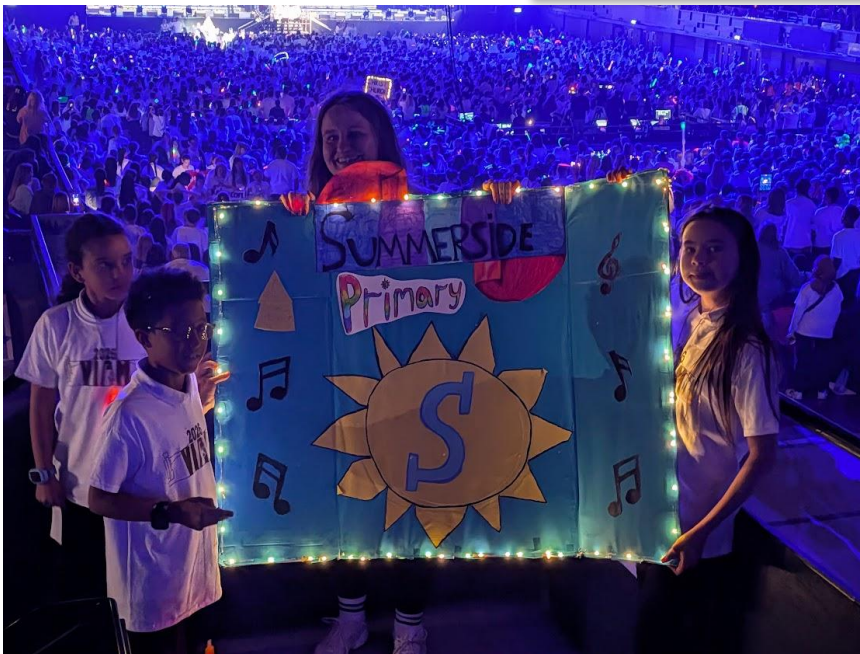
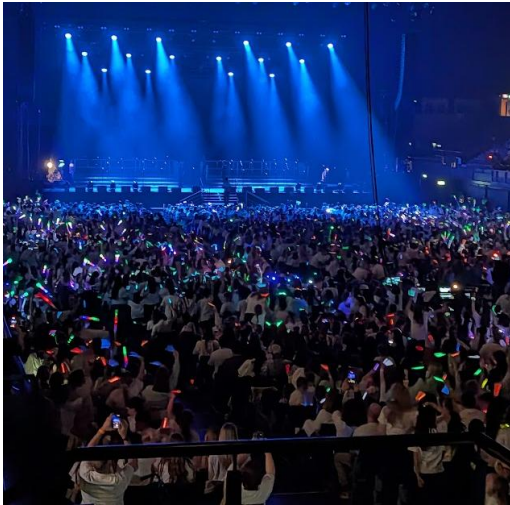
On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, some of our amazing children attended the Voice in a Million singing event. The children were from Years 3 to 6 and gave up their lunchtimes twice a week to attend rehearsals. All the children selected worked incredibly hard to learn all the songs so that we could be part of a massive concert.

The concert was held at the Ovo Arena in Wembley and there were 5000 school children who took part. We left school at 12.30, as we had to be there for the afternoon rehearsal. The event started at 7pm and finished at around 9.30pm!! Despite it being a really long day for children and staff, it was a magical event and we all had the most wonderful time.

Our children who represented Summerside, sung their hearts out and behaved impeccably throughout the day.

I was so proud of all of them and I am very grateful to Miss Field, Miss Phillips, Miss Kremer, Debora and Sally who worked beyond their hours to support this event.

Thank you to the brilliant families who bought tickets and enjoyed the experience too!



# 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.



# World Book Day

For World Book Day (Thursday 5th March), our school was filled with colour and creativity as everyone arrived dressed as their favourite book characters. We enjoyed an awesome assembly where we discussed our favourite books, explored how reading can become a fun, lifelong hobby, and even set our own personal reading challenges.



Throughout the day, we took part in exciting “Drop Everything and Read” sessions. Our wonderful Year 6 children rang the bell and the whole school stopped to read for ten minutes!



To keep the book-themed fun going, pupils tested their story knowledge with our “Guess the Traditional Tale” challenge.



At lunchtime, the library buzzed with activity as a whole range of characters visited.



We ended the day on a lovely note, with teachers visiting different classes to share a story, rounding off a fantastic celebration of reading across the school.

# British Science Week at Summerside

This year's theme for British Science Week was 'Curiosity: What's your question?'

To launch the week, we were invited to see the Science V Magic show in the main hall.

We found out how a glass of water can be swung around without dropping a single drip, and how to create smoke rings that can travel to the back of the hall.

There was also a dramatic demonstration with 🔥 fire to create a fire tornado!

The children were asked to vote on Science Versus the Magic demonstrations.

It was a visually entertaining show!

Over the week, each year group investigated different questions about science.



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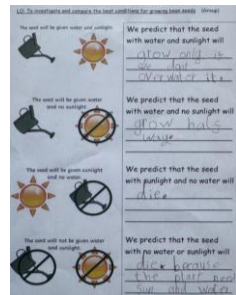
RECEPTION  
Which objects float and which sink?

Y1  
What's the best design for a boat?



Y2  
What do seeds need to grow?

Y2  
SCIENCE MUSEUM



Y3  
What's the best design for a paper aeroplane?

Y3  
What sort of vehicle would be best on the moon?



Y4  
How do you make a simple circuit?

Y4  
What does great teamwork look like?

Y5  
What would happen if we didn't plant trees?

Y5  
How does a plant reproduce?



## Music at Summerside

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



# Summerside Sports Review

## *Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 Football Festivals*

Some of our boys and girls took a short walk over to The Compton School Power League and competed against other Barnet schools in three separate football festivals run by Non-Stop Action.

In all three festivals, our footballers played with true Summerside spirit! They showed a positive attitude and were always respectful to all opposing schools they faced. Well done to all of you!



## *Year 5 & 6 Football Team*

Our Year 5 & 6 football team went on a terrific cup run this season, reaching the Semi-Final of the Barnet Schools Cup. We gave our opponents, Church Hill School, a really good game, but just fell short towards the end.

Reaching the semi-final for a second consecutive year is a brilliant achievement. Well done to our Year 5 & 6 football team!

## *Summerside 3*

## *Church Hill 4*



# BARNET DANCE FESTIVAL 2026



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

Summerside's performance piece was a Disney Parade from children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Their performance was amazing, and they showed incredible confidence in front of a large audience of over 400 people.

The children 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 very proud of you!!!

We would like to give a huge thanks to the children's dance tutor, Miss Blair from Non-Stop Action for her outstanding choreography and teaching. She 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 the video gets released.

# **TYRESE HALL**



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INTERNATIONAL CALL  
UP TO JAMAICA**



In some incredible news, former Summerside student Tyrese Hall earned his first call up to the Jamaican national football team for their upcoming World Cup qualifying games. He sat on the bench and watched his team secure a 1-0 win against New Caledonia in Mexico.

Jamaica now only need one more win against a tough DR Congo side on March 31st to secure a place at this summer's World Cup.

Good luck Tyrese. We are all rooting for you!

**GO JAMAICA!**



# Rock Steady Bands - Concert for families

Last Friday, all the children who are learning an instrument as part of our Rock Steady Bands club performed for all our families.

The children practice every Friday in Summerside House and so we have not really heard them learning the songs they had chosen. It turned out to be a wonderful treat for us all - THEY WERE AMAZING!!!!

As part of this club, the children are grouped by age and have the opportunity to learn to play an instrument or being the lead singer. Some children learn the keyboard, some the electric and base guitars and some learn the drums.

We really enjoyed their performances.

If you would like to be part of a band, simply apply on their website:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents/>

