



# Summer 1 Newsletter 2026

## Hello from Mrs Trew

Dear all,

I have been delighted with the hard work that all the children have put into their learning this half term. A particular shout out to our Year 6 children, who took their national SATs tests last week. This success and progress is as a result of the wonderful lessons that are put together by our teachers and the support staff. I know that Year 6 enjoyed their well-deserved post SATs celebrations.

I also had the pleasure of welcoming Anne Marie Mulkerins, the CEO of The Compton and a number of other secondary schools. We are looking to strengthen our links with The Compton, which will include professional development for staff and closer support for transition arrangements. Anne Marie was 'very impressed' with our school and is looking forward to working with us.

Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Trew

### Highlights for families this half term:

- Celebrating David Attenborough's birthday
- Maths Day
- Year 6 Residential to Liddington
- Yr 6 – Zoo and Bowling trips
- Mystery Eggs
- 11 B4 11 Promise completed – Hiking Heroes by Year 4



## UPCOMING DATES

### JUNE DATES

Monday 1st June	School reopens for all children
Wednesday 3rd June	Year 6 Drama in The Woods Workshops
Friday 5th June	Class Assembly – Pegasus 5
Wednesday 10th June	Reception Trip to Chalkwell Beach
Thursday 11th June	Year 4 London Eye Trip
Friday 12th June	Year 6 Class Assembly
Tuesday 16th & 18th June	Years 1-6 Attenborough Workshops / Pegasus 5 Bell Boating Trip
Tuesday 16th June	Pegasus 5 Bell Boating Trip
Wednesday 17th June	CLASS PHOTOS

<b>Thursday 18th June</b>	International Food Day
<b>Friday 19th June</b>	Saturn 2 Class Assembly
<b>Monday 22nd June</b>	KS1 Concert at Barbican Hall
<b>Friday 26th June</b>	Titan 4 Class Assembly
<b>Monday 29th June</b>	Draco 5 Bell Boating Trip
<b>Monday 29th June (2 weeks)</b>	Year 4 Swimming
<b>Tuesday 30th June</b>	Year 2 London Zoo Trip
<b>JULY DATES</b>	
<b>Thursday 2nd July</b>	Year 5 Sleeping Under the Stars
<b>Friday 3rd July</b>	Orion 3 Class Assembly
<b>Monday 6th July</b>	KS1 and Reception Sports Day
<b>Tuesday 7th July</b>	Year 5 & 6 High School Musical Production @ The Compton School
<b>Wednesday 8th July</b>	Inflatables Day
<b>Thursday 9th July</b>	KS2 Sports Day (Years 3-6)
<b>Friday 10th July</b>	Reports issued
<b>Tuesday 14th July</b>	Year 6 End of Year Performance – Afternoon
<b>Wednesday 15th July</b>	Year 6 End of Year Performance – Evening
<b>Thursday 16th July</b>	Year 6 Leavers Party – Evening
<b>Friday 17th July</b>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
<b>Friday 17th July</b>	END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR - 1:30PM FINISH

## 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!

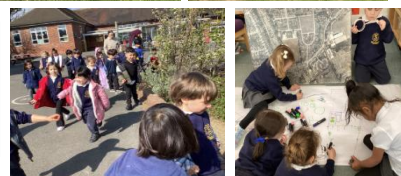


# Nursery

The Nursery children have had a fun and busy half term which began with a Spring Walk, mapping the school grounds and taking part in the Mini-Marathon.



They have been learning about farms, growing foods, healthy eating and exploring new outdoor play ideas. They have also been finding out about minibeasts and habitats.



# Reception

In Reception the children enjoyed learning where bread comes from then making and eating their own bread. They also tasted bread from around the world and compared them. They have spent lots of time in the mud kitchen observing and learning about minibeasts and even discovered a protected species of beetle. The children worked together to build an extension to our bug hotel. We have also all taken part in the mini marathon and celebrated David Attenborough's birthday by learning ways to look after our world.



# Year 1

In Art we learnt about Kandinsky and colour mixing. We made colour wheels!

In Geography, we presented our own weather forecasts.

We made story boards and wrote our own stories about the mysterious eggs that appeared in the playground!



We created our own golden portrait frames and decorated a gigantic crown!



# Year 2

In English, we recounted Emma Jane's Aeroplane. We used time adverbials and descriptive language to make our writing interesting.

In Science, we have been learning all about animals and their habitats. We explored where different animals live and what they need to survive. We even got to make our own bug hotels using natural materials we found in the playground. We loved building safe, cosy spaces for the mini-beasts.



Year 2 went on an exciting trip this term to explore places linked to the Great Fire of London. We visited Tower Bridge, saw the Tower of London, and stopped at The Monument, which was built to remember the fire. We learned so much and had a fantastic time. We also baked our own bread because the fire started in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.



# Year 3

This term, we had lots of fun on our trip to the Natural History Museum.

We visited the Volcanoes and Earthquakes section to supplement our Geography topic 'What's Beneath Our Feet?' We also consolidated our learning about 'Animals including Humans' in Science and our work on fossils by visiting the Animals and Dinosaur zones.

The children built their own seismographs that simulated how the instrument detects tremors. Pluto 3 had a Tsunami assembly to further mark the topic.



We were treated with an entertaining steel drum workshop that gave children the opportunity to experience live music, have a go and learn about the history of these instruments.

# Year 4

We loved our Vikings topic this half term! We learnt action songs, dressed up for topic day, created a brilliant display, and Venus 4 performed a fantastic assembly.

During Creative Writing Week, mysterious eggs appeared in the Peace Hut, inspiring lots of imaginative and exciting stories.



On Maths Day, we explored a book about how many feet animals have and investigated the numbers in fun ways. Dressing up made it even better!



In DT, we created electronic buzzer games. We really enjoyed designing, building, and testing them.

# Year 5

This term in Geography, we had a fantastic time learning about our *Field to Fork* topic. We explored climate zones around the world and how they are changing, discovered different types of farming in the UK and why sustainability is important, and found out where our food comes from. We also learned about food miles, carbon footprints and how weather and climate change affect farming. To bring our learning to life, we enjoyed building our own farm models, showing everything we had learned in a fun and creative way! On our Geography topic day, we also enjoyed making a delicious fruit salad using seasonal fruits, helping us understand how food choices link to the environment and sustainability.



Year 5 took part in the Mini Marathon. They all showed amazing resilience and determination!

# Year 6

Year 6 have had an action-packed few weeks, and the excitement shows no sign of slowing down. After absolutely smashing their SATs with focus and determination, the children celebrated with a well-earned picnic in the sunshine. Their adventures continued with the thrill of the PGL residential, where those who attended tackled challenges, built confidence, and made brilliant memories.



Meanwhile, the children who didn't go to PGL enjoyed their own fantastic experiences, including an inspiring day at London Zoo and a fun-filled bowling trip. With all these achievements behind them, Year 6 are now turning their attention to the next big event - preparations for the school play are officially underway, and the buzz is already building.

# Provision for Children who are Deaf

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

In Key Stage 1 phonics, we read a book called 'The Dressing Up Box'. We picked clothes from the PDC dressing up box. What do you think of our outfits?



In Key Stage 2 English we read a book called 'Viking Boy'. The book starts with a poem, which we acted out.

In Key Stage 1 maths, we learnt about mass. We compared the weight of different items.



# Mini London Marathon - Sponsored 2mile school run

Over two days this term, Children from our Nursery all the way up to Year 6 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 children even found they had the energy to run a few more extra laps just for the fun of it!

This was a sponsored event, so children and families very kindly donated in their masses and raised a whopping £1262!

The top 25 children who raised the most amount of money have been invited to the wonderful Headteacher's Tea Party with Mrs. Trew.



This year, we took 25 children to Central London for our third annual 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, as there were a sea of thousands of children ready to take on the Mini London Marathon! The event began with a warm-up by the nations premier fitness coach, Joe Wicks (MBE), then the children were off on their run through the capital, passing the 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 thank you to your families for your support on this day. It was great that we managed to have so many parents join us, showing off their top running skills. We look forward to team Summerside taking part in again in 2027!



# Wonderful Displays



Our amazing staff created these fabulous displays to showcase our different topic work. Thank you very much for all their hard work.



# Mini-Marathon Party - Thank You!



The children who raised the most money were rewarded with a tea party. We had a wonderful time enjoying music, games and delicious cake.

Thank you so much for all of your donations! We are so grateful to have so many generous parents.

## Mystery Eggs!



What on earth has arrived at Summerside?! We came into school on Monday morning to this amazing sight! What could they be and where have they come from? I can't wait to hear the children's ideas and stories.



Mercury 6, 10 minutes after finishing their final SATs exam!



## 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. We encourage all families to walk to school where able. Please be mindful of children and families walking when driving near the school. Your support is appreciated.

## Attendance (Summer 1)

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	91%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	96%

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