



Summer 2 Newsletter 2026

Hello from Mrs Trew

This academic year has been a year filled with learning, achievement and memorable experiences. Our children have worked incredibly hard in the classroom, demonstrating resilience, curiosity and a genuine enthusiasm for learning. We have celebrated academic success, sporting achievements, musical performances, creative projects and countless examples of kindness and friendship that make our school such a special place.

I have been particularly proud of the way our children have embraced new challenges and opportunities. Whether representing the school in competitions, performing on stage or taking part in educational visits, they have consistently demonstrated the values we strive to nurture every day.

None of this would be possible without the commitment of our staff, who work tirelessly to provide engaging learning experiences and support every child to reach their full potential. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to parents and carers for your continued encouragement and partnership. Your support makes a tremendous difference to our children's success and wellbeing.

To our Year 6 pupils, we offer our warmest congratulations as they prepare to move on to the next stage of their education. We are immensely proud of all you have achieved and wish you every success and happiness for the future.

Before then, I hope that all our families enjoy a well-deserved summer break filled with rest, fun and special time together.

Thank you for being part of another fantastic year at our school. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning and opportunities.

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

Autumn Term 1 Dates

Tuesday 1st September	Staff INSET Day - School closed to pupils
Wednesday 2nd September	School opens for pupils in Year 1 – Year 6
Monday 7th September	Reception and Nursery children start
Friday 11th September	Class Assembly -
Friday 18th September	Class assembly -

Monday 21st Sept – Friday 25th Sept	Harvest Festival & Food Bank Collection
Friday 25th Sept	Class Assembly -
Monday 28th Sept – Friday 09th October	Year 5 swimming for 2 weeks
October Dates:	
Friday 2nd Oct	Class assembly -
Monday 5th Oct	Book Fair Week
Friday 9th Oct	Class Assembly -
Friday 16th Oct	Class Assembly -
Wednesday 21st October	Individual photos for children
Friday 23rd Oct	INSET day – School Closed for children
Monday 26th – Friday 30th October	Half Term – school closed
Monday 2nd Nov	School reopens for children.

School Councillors

Our School Councillors had an exciting end to their year long term of representing their classes, as they got to meet Charli Thompson, a newly elected councillor in the local Woodhouse Ward.

They asked Charli a range of thoughtful questions, from what she would like to do to make Woodhouse a better place, from why she wanted to run for a job as councillor. They also showed off their knowledge of the UK's political system. She then asked our children some questions about how they felt living in the local area and what they would like to see change.

Charli was very impressed by the school council and commented on how Summerside was clearly and calm, sensible and fantastic place for learning!

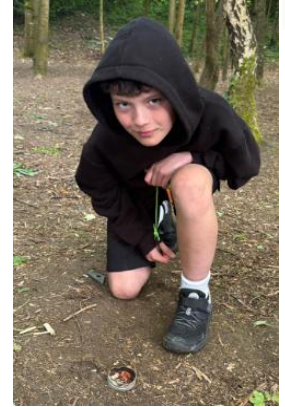


Provision for Children who are Deaf

This half term, we made sunny memories ...



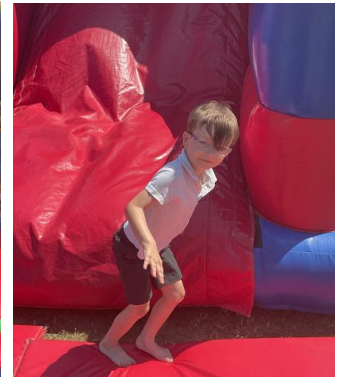
This is the last half term for our three wonderful Year 6 PDC students. We are so proud of them and wish them all the best as they embark on their journey to secondary school.



Year 4 saw the sights of London from up high on the London Eye.



We bounced around on the inflatables.



We had fun on Sports Day.



Nursery

Nursery have enjoyed the 'Under the Sea' Topic this half Term exploring the themes of the Seaside, Antarctica, Rock Pools and Pirates. They had a wonderful time during the Water Play Day Outdoors. They joined in fantastically with the DROP EVERYTHING and READ challenge. The Nursery Sports Event was well engaged in despite the heat! Inflatables Day was a real success. The children have practised hard to sing and perform in the EYFS Show. What a brilliant half term ! Happy Summer to all families.



Reception



In Reception we have been learning about the beach, sea creatures, pirates and how to look after our oceans.

The children enjoyed a trip to Chalkwell Beach. They also completed Sports Day, Inflatables Day and the Summer Concert. A very busy term!



Year 1



In History we have been learning about Kings and Queens. We got coronated on the throne, made royal portraits and made rules if we were King or Queen for the day! We also had a fantastic drama workshop and a class assembly!

We had an amazing Kings and Queens themed banquet.

Year 1 have learnt to water plants and created a beautiful plant garden for Nature week!



We loved the inflatables and Sports day too!



Year 2

In History, we have been learning all about India. We got to taste delicious food from India and try on and explore different items from the country. We also had a visit from a special guest, who told us many interesting facts about India. We had the opportunity to ask questions and learn even more about Indian culture and traditions. It was a fun and exciting experience.

We went on a trip to London Zoo and saw loads of different animals. We saw giraffes, penguins, and zebras. It was a fun day, and we learned a lot about the animals.



We visited the Barbican and got to perform with the London Symphony Orchestra. We had so much fun listening to and watching an exciting opera performance.



In DT, we have been learning all about bridges. We explored how different bridges are designed and why they are built in different ways. We also got to make our own bridges out of cardboard and test how strong they were. It was a fun and creative project, and we enjoyed seeing our ideas come to life.

Year 3

For our topic day, we dressed up as Ancient Egyptians and Orion class delivered an awesome assembly. Highlights included: making papyrus paper, creating Egyptian necklaces and learning about their gods and goddesses.

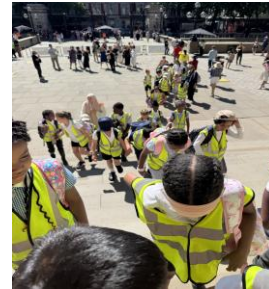
Later in the term, we even managed to visit The British Museum to behold their collection of mummies.



Sports Day was bundles of fun and we especially loved the variety of events. Huge thanks to Mr B and the volunteers from The Compton School for helping to make it so special.



We all had a marvellous time during Inflatables Day. It was non-stop action!



Year 4



We loved learning about the rainforest this half term and were very proud of Titan 4's fantastic rainforest assembly.

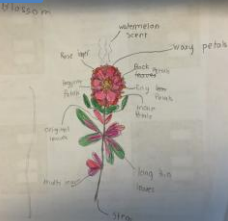
During Nature Week, we explored pollinators, thought about the future, and designed our own plants.



In Art, we enjoyed block-printing and created colourful prints using potatoes.



Our trip on the London Eye and River Thames cruise was a highlight of the term and helped us learn more about London.



We took part in Drop and Read, helping REAch2 celebrate reading and attempt a record-breaking event.

In swimming, we improved our skills, confidence, and got much better at remembering our kits! We also had to cope with the HEAT, showing resilience and a positive attitude. Finally, all our hard work paid off in the MTCs. We were thrilled with our results, and our school performed incredibly well.



Year 5



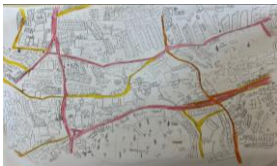
As part of our **11 Before 11** promise, *Messing About on the Water*, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting day bell boating at the Phoenix Centre, Welsh Harp Reservoir. We learned how to paddle, raced against other boats and even travelled under a bridge. The best part of the day was getting to jump into the water! It was a fun adventure that helped us build teamwork, confidence and resilience.



During Nature Week, we created a class vision statement about what a classroom of the future could look like and shared ideas about bringing more nature into our learning. We carried out a grassland plant survey using quadrats and learned about the five groups of pollinating insects by observing them visiting flowers. During Map Skills Week, we learned about different types of maps and why they are useful. We located countries and capitals in Europe and enjoyed drawing our own OS maps of the local area.



Year 5 had a fantastic trip to watch **High School Musical** performed by students at Compton. The performers showed incredible talent, bringing the characters to life in a way that felt just like the original cast. The singing, acting and dancing were all amazing, making the show exciting and entertaining from start to finish. We were inspired by the confidence and creativity of the older students and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

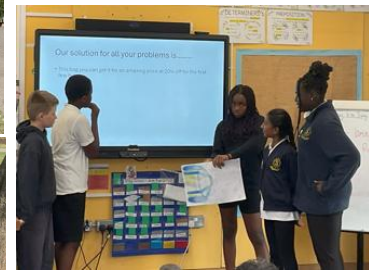


This term, Year 5 completed another one of their **11 Before 11** promises by taking part in Sleep Under the Stars. We slept under the stars on the school grounds and enjoyed activities such as football, Indiana Jones, and playing games with our friends. In the evening, we relaxed with hot chocolate while star-gazing before settling into our sleeping bags. We also enjoyed tasty snacks and a delicious breakfast the next morning. For many of us, it was our first sleepover with friends, making it a truly memorable experience.



Year 6

What an incredible final term it has been for our Year 6 pupils! As we reach the end of this important chapter, we look back on a term filled with unforgettable memories, laughter and celebration. The children have worked tremendously hard preparing for their end-of-year performances, showing dedication, confidence and teamwork throughout the many rehearsals. Alongside this, they have enjoyed some wonderful opportunities to make lasting memories with their friends, including picnics in the sunshine and exciting water fights that provided plenty of fun and laughter.



A particular highlight was our visit to The Compton School to watch their production of *High School Musical*. The pupils were thoroughly entertained by the talented performers and enjoyed experiencing life in a secondary school setting. It was an inspiring trip and a wonderful way to begin looking ahead to the next stage of their education. We are incredibly proud of everything our Year 6 pupils have achieved during their time with us. They have grown into confident, caring and resilient young people, and it has been a pleasure to watch them flourish. As they prepare to embark on their next adventure at secondary school, we would like to wish them every success and happiness for the future. We know they will continue to achieve great things, and we look forward to hearing about all their future accomplishments.



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 a fantastic **£1,262!**
Thank you to all that contributed.



Year 6 SATS results are AMAZING!

Our wonderful Year 6 children all worked incredibly hard this year, and this was rewarded with another year of fantastic SATs results!

Just take a look at the table:

Working At Expected Standard Or Above	Reading	Writing	GPS	Maths	Combined (R, W & M)
Summerside 2026	81%	68%	79%	84%	68%
National 2026	75%	73%	74%	75%	63%

Working At Greater Depth	Reading	Writing	GPS	Maths	Combined (R, W & M)
Summerside 2026	32%	5%	28%	37%	5%

Summerside Sports Review

Athletics 2026

On of the biggest events in the Barnet School year – this year's Athletics event took place in the sweltering heat! Our children represented the school amazingly, giving their best in all events, with some winning.

Thank you to the families that came and showed support, you were heard!

Well done athletes for giving your all, we go again next year!!



Barnet Bar No One



BBN1 (Barnet Bar No One) is a multi-sports event, where pupils can try a variety of sports/activities like indoor rowing, tennis, parachute games, rugby and many more. It is delivered by community coaches who loved showing our children different games.

The children had a wonderful time!

Year 5 & 6 Level 2 Bikability Training

Children from Years 5 & 6 signed up for the Level 2 Bikeability course, which aims to develop cycle handling skills to a competent and consistent level, so children have the awareness and understanding to safely riding on our roads.

Those completing their Level 1 remained training at school on the playground, whilst our Level 2 cyclists hit the road!

Well done to all



Sports Day 2026

Sports Day ensured, once again, that the school year closed in true community fashion. This year, the stakes were higher than ever before, as it was Summerside's first ever Inter House Sports Day!

It was wonderful to see every child give their absolute best throughout the event and, of course, it was epic as always to finish up with the parents Tug-of-War!

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

Our overall winners were.....

WILLOW HOUSE
CONGRATULATIONS



R & KS1 Results

- **YELLOW – 53**
- **GREEN – 38**
- **RED – 58**
- **BLUE - 70**

KS2 Results

- **YELLOW – 120**
- **GREEN – 153**
- **RED – 165**
- **BLUE - 166**

Overall results

- **YELLOW – 173**
- **GREEN – 191**
- **RED – 223**
- **BLUE - 236**





Hawaii Party



This year the theme for our annual tea party was 'Hawaii'. 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 and cake being big hits and a lovely surfboard decorating activity. Thank you to all the kitchen staff and support staff for making this even such a wonderful success.



Maths Day

Our Maths Day was, once again, a spectacular event! We read the book 'One is Snail, Ten is Crab' by Jeff Sayre and April Pulley Sayre. There is so much maths to be found in it! As well as dressing up as different legged insects and animals across the school, we played many different maths games and completed activities that were linked with the books. Our Year 5 and 6s even looked at repeated formulas! Thank you, families, for putting in so much effort into dressing the children up!



Sleep Under the Stars

This June, our Year 5s were lucky enough to take part in our annual overnight camping experience, Sleep Under the Stars. This is one of our 11before11 promises that we complete during the children's time at Summerside.

We spent the day putting up our enormous tents (an activity where we all learnt a lot, including the adults), before coming back to school later that evening to camp!

We found out our groups, moved into our tents, played a lot of different games on the field and had hot chocolate and snacks.

After all of that, it was 'bedtime'. All we can say with regards to that is that the children were very tired on Friday morning!



International Food Festival

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
£592.42
for the
school!



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
Reception	86%
Year 1	90%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	91%

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