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Summerfield School News

The Best You Can Be - Everyone, Every Day

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

25th June

Sports Day

27th June

FOSS Dress-Down Day
In return for Summer Fayre
donations for our Rainbow Raffle

O1st July

Year 5 Trip
OWLS Class

02nd July Year 3 Trip

03rd July Year 2 Trip

04th July FOSS Dress-Down Day

In return for Summer Fayre donations for our Tombola

08th July Year 6 Walk

10th July Year 4 Walk

11th July Summer Fayre

11th July End of Year Reports

14th July Year 6 Park Visit

15th/16^{th/}17th July Year 6 Production

Further details to follow

17th July Squirrels Trip

18th July Year 6 Trip

21st July Year 6 Beach Afternoon

22nd July Year 6 Leavers Assembly

1pm Parents/Carers welcome

22nd July Squirrels Pool Party

22nd July END of Academic Year

School CLOSES at 3:15pm

23rd July INSET Day

School CLOSED to Pupils.

HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a sunny, vibrant and busy fortnight at Summerfield, with so much to celebrate!

Our Year 6 pupils are working hard in rehearsals for *Grease: The Musical*, and it is shaping up to be a fantastic production – we cannot wait for you to see it.

We were also thrilled to welcome ITV Anglia local news to school this week to film a special Maths and Darts event. This was organised by and combined with a visit from Fallon Sherrock, a pioneering female darts player and one of our very own parents.

Attendance across the school has shown a marked improvement since the first week back – thank you for your continued support in making sure children are here and ready to learn every day. A group of pupils also had the wonderful opportunity to take part in the Primary Music Festival this week, representing the school with energy and enthusiasm.

Finally, we're looking ahead to our Summer Fayre, organised by FOSS, taking place on Friday 11th July – a date to mark twice in your diaries as it is also when End of Year Reports will be sent home.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the continued sunny weather!

Ian Fraser-Kirkup (Executive Headteacher)

Please be reminded that the Braiswick Photography orders need to be received by **Monday 23rd June**, thank you.









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EYFS/KS1

Year 2 have had a busy few weeks. They have learned all about the artist William Morris; designing and drawing wallpaper inspired by his work.

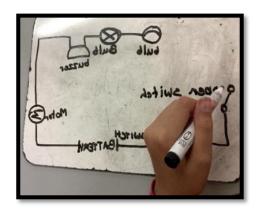
The children have also planted sunflowers which they will be able to watch grow and eventually take home. Our Science experiment for this half term is to see how different factors affect plants (no water or no soil or no light). They are having fun observing which ones are growing the best and thinking about why this might be happening.

They have been working hard on their SATs papers and have shown amazing resilience and determination to complete them.

Well done Year 2! We are very proud of you



KS2 Lower



This half term, Year 4 have been working extremely hard and embracing every learning opportunity with enthusiasm.

In the first week back, the children completed their Multiplication Tables Check, and their teachers were incredibly impressed by their calm and focused approach—well done, everyone!

We also enjoyed a fantastic Immersion Day that brought together history, science, and design technology.

Year 4 explored the fascinating invention of lighthouses, then put their knowledge

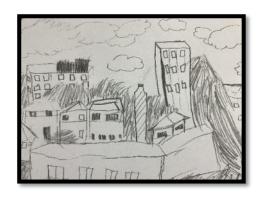
into action by designing and building their own working models using simple circuits to light the bulbs.

In Maths, the children have been learning all about decimals, while in English they've begun crafting narratives inspired by the classic story *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*.

Their creativity and effort have been outstanding.

Keep up the amazing work, Year 4!

KS2 Upper



On Monday 9th June, Year 5 enjoyed their final Immersion Day of the year. Our new topic is Magical Mystery Tour and we are studying our local area. During the Immersion Day, we practised our sketching skills. We walked up onto the field and then looked back at the view of the city centre skyline. Some children chose to sketch the whole scene; others chose to focus on just one building.

As we go through the topic, we will look in

depth at the history of the buildings in Milton Keynes and focus on the most important historical buildings in the area. We will also be working on our sketching skills in Art to create our own landscapes of MK.

In other news, our trips to Pizza Express are coming up very soon. We can't wait to make and then eat our own tasty, cheesy pizzas. Yum!

House Points









CELEBRATION Zoom Assemblies

Well done to all the children who were awarded in our Celebration Zoom Assemblies!

12.06.25



Aaron, Alan, Amelia, Ananya, Daskh, Emilia, Georgeta, Keisha, Luqman, Mia, Nana, Rio, Sebastian and Ziyan,

20.06.25



Aadiran, Alima, Bhavanga, Dhruvansh, Emily, Fawaz, Hui, Kanzul, Kelly, Khylan, Lorenzo, Lucas, Rishika and Sofia







Remembering Isla Houghton-Bell...

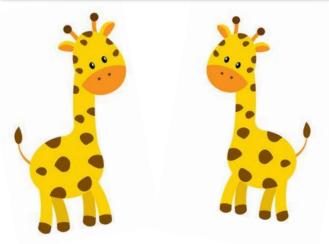
In memory of Isla, we now have a special friendship bench in the EYFS playground. Isla loved many things including giraffes. The children can now play with the toys kept inside the bench, as well as sit and chat to their friends.

We miss you Isla.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Dumbleton for creating and donating this very special bench.

The EYFS team







Little Snowdrop

The world may never notice
If a Snowdrop doesn't bloom,
Or even pause to wonder
If the petals fall too soon.
But every life that ever forms,
Or ever comes to be,
Touches the world in some small way
For all eternity.



Music Festival...

PRIMARY MUSIC FESTIVAL - RIDGEWAY CENTRETUESDAY:

On Tuesday 17th June, our KS2 children and school choir had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Primary Music Festival at the Ridgeway Centre. It was a fantastic afternoon filled with music, learning, and fun.

The children enjoyed learning a variety of exciting new songs and were inspired by a live performance from a talented band called *Ex Cathedra*. Their music brought great energy to the event and made it a memorable experience for everyone involved.

MUSIC SERVICE

On Wednesday 18th June, KS1 children from our school choir also visited the Primary Music Festival at the Ridgeway Centre. They sang with over two hundred children and a live band.

Well done KS1 - you were wonderful!

A big thank you to everyone who helped organise the two trips and helped both days run smoothly — it was a truly uplifting musical experience which we all loved!













Year 5 Maths Darts Competition...

The Professional Darts Corporation visited on Thursday 19th June to run two Bullseye Maths sessions with our Year 5 classes.

Bullseye Maths, in association with Vanquis Bank, is run by the PDC to promote numeracy though playing darts with a series of practical games and worksheets.

Leading women's player Fallon Sherrock, who is from Milton Keynes, also attended, while ITV Anglia will air a feature on Friday.

Great fun was had by all the children in Year 5 and four children managed to hit the Bullseye. Well done Esther, Armaghaan, Katie and Melanie! Also a big congratulations to Esther and Dan, who won the highest score in 3 darts competition! A huge thanks goes out to the Bullseye Maths Team.

For more information, to play the interactive Mathlete game or to download worksheets to complete at home, visit pdc.tv/maths

If your child wants to play more darts, search for the MK Sharks Darts Academy or visit mksharks.com.



















Sports Day...

We are excited to invite you to our Sports Day on Wednesday 25th June.

Access will be via the KS2 playground gate (located by the staff car park). All other gates will be closed at 9am. Please make sure your children arrive on time for the start of the School day.

You are welcome to bring with you a lunch and any chairs/blankets. Children who have booked school lunches will have Dolce packed lunches and will eat them on the school field.

Please note that due to safeguarding, no adults/children will be allowed in the school building (there will be no use of the toilet facilities).

Children **NEED to wear their House/Team Colour T-Shirt**. (You can check with your class Teacher what 'House' they are in.) Please also make sure your child has sun-cream applied at home before coming to school and that they have a hat and water bottle with them.

The FOSS PTA will be selling ice-lollies and drinks during the picnic lunch. Thank you for your support.

Please check the below times for when your child/ren will be participating:



FOSS Dress-Down Days...

FRIDAY 11th JULY

We are excited to announce that our Summer Fayre will be on Friday 11th July this year.

FOSS Team will be holding two dress-down days, Friday 27th June and Friday 4th July in return for your support and bringing in various items for the Tombola and Rainbow Raffle.

Items can be handed to the class teacher, thank you so much as always for your continued support with our events.





Dress-down Day!



In return for

Summer Fayre donations

We are inviting children to come to School dressed in non-school uniform in return for a donation towards our tombola stall for the Summer Fayre — thank you!







Dress-down Day!

Friday 27th June

In return for Rainbow Raffle donations

We are inviting all children to come to School in dress-down clothing in return for a donation towards our Rainbow Raffle for the Summer Fayre — thank you

Year Groups can bring in an item in their ALLOCATED COLOUR suitable to go in gift baskets

EYFS/Squirrels (items that are RED)

Year 1 (items that are ORANGE) Year 4 (items that are BLUE)

Year 2 (items that are YELLOW) Year 5 (items that are PURPLE)

Year 3 (items that are GREEN) Year 6 (items that are PINK)



SUMMER

Fayre

Friday 11th July

100% Attendance...

Fantastic job to the following classes who absolutely smashed their attendance with 100% last week and this week. Well done, keep it up!

13.06.25

LIONS

OWLS

DOLPHINS

20.06.25

PENGUINS







FOSS Frozen Friday...

FOSS Team will be selling ice-creams/lollies for £1 and drinks for 50p on:

Friday 20th June Friday 4th July Friday 18th July



(cash only please, thank you)







Midnight Moo for Willen Hospice...

Our wonderful Miss Culver-Spall and her Dad are taking part in the Willen Hospice Midnight Moo on Friday 20th June.

The father and daughter duo have already smashed their target of raising £100 as their current total is £170. It will still be warm on Friday night, but they are both looking forward to completing the 10 mile challenge together for this fantastic cause.

If you would like to help sponsor them, please use the below link. Thank you so much.

Willen Hospice: Midnight Moo 2025





Supporting Children with World Events...

With lots of current world events being reported daily, please see below suggestions on how to talk openly with your child/ren about world issues.







Supporting Children With World Events

Did you know?

Children often hear about world events before we realise-through social media, gaming chat, or conversations at school. Even if they don't say much, many are quietly trying to make sense of things that feel big, unfair, or frightening. What helps most is knowing the adults around them are calm, open, and steady. This is also a chance to help children grow the character strengths that matter most-like courage, compassion, and curiosity. These inner resources won't stop difficult things from happening, but they can help children feel less helpless and more hopeful.

..... So what can we try?



Keep the door open for conversation



We don't have to bring up every news story-but if something's clearly on your child's mind, you can raise it gently. Being curious about what they already know helps reduce fear. And being honestwithout giving too much detail—can make things feel less overwhelming. Ask, "What have you heard about it so far?" Then listen without rushing to explain. That simple curiosity shows them it's OK to have questions, and that it's safe to ask.

2 Offen ways to process feelings

Not every child wants to talk. Some express feelings through play, movement, art, or a bit of unexpected behaviour. That doesn't mean something is wrong-it just means they're finding their own way to manage big feelings. Offer quiet time with drawing, LEGO, walking, or even baking. Being alongside them-without needing words-often helps feelings settle or surface naturally.

focus on what they can do

When big things happen in the world, children can feel out of control. Helping in even tiny ways can remind them that they can still make a difference. Acts of kindness and fairness build their inner sense of strength and agency. Ask, "Is there something kind we could do this week-for someone at school, in our street, or in our family?" Helping someone else-even with something small-can make a big emotional shift.

Summer Reading Challenge...



READING Summer Reading Challenge

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- · It's FREE! Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- Earn rewards, certificates, and prizes
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read over the summer, collect rewards for each milestone they reach, and receive a certificate or medal when they complete the challenge.



Help your child start their reading adventure today!

