



SUMMERFIELD

NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

Year 1/2 Safari Stu

Thursday 24th September

Payment can be made on ParentPay

Year 6 Trip

Tuesday 29th September

Payment can be made on ParentPay

School Census Day

Thursday 1st October

School funding budgets rely on children ordering school dinners. Have you ordered your child one for this date? It's free!

Year 3 – Walking Trip

Monday 12th October

Please make sure you have given permission for your child to attend

Parents Evening

Tuesday 13th October

Wednesday 14th October

3:30pm – 6:00pm.

(Not yet available to book)

October Half-Term

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

INSET Day

Monday 2nd November

School is CLOSED to pupils.

School OPEN

Tuesday 3rd November

School OPENS at 08:45am for the start of Autumn Term (2)

HEADTEACHER NEWS...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back to the Autumn Term – It has been a real pleasure to welcome everyone back to Summerfield School for what has been a wonderful start to the Autumn Term.

As we have visited classrooms and spent time around the school, we have been incredibly impressed by the ease, confidence and maturity with which our children have settled back into school life. There is a real sense of purpose across the school, and it has been particularly pleasing to see children approaching their learning with such enthusiasm and pride.

We have been especially struck by the beautifully presented work in books, the increasing neatness of handwriting and the consistently exemplary behaviour we have seen throughout the school. These are important indicators of the high expectations our children have of themselves and of one another. We have also been delighted to see the positive use of our Home-School Communication Books, which continue to play an important role in strengthening the partnership between school and home.

A Warm Welcome to Our New EYFS Children

We are delighted to welcome our newest members of the Summerfield family. Our new EYFS children have made a wonderful start to school and have settled remarkably quickly into their new surroundings. It has been a joy to see their confidence grow already as they become familiar with routines, make new friendships and explore their learning environment. They have very quickly become a valued part of our learning community, and it is lovely to see that they already feel very much part of Summerfield School.

A Fantastic Start to Our New School Lunches

Another particularly exciting development this term has been the introduction of our new school lunches, which have already proved to be a huge success.

The children have been enjoying freshly cooked, delicious meals, and we have been especially pleased by the enthusiasm with which they have embraced the new salad bar. It has been wonderful to see children making healthy choices, trying different foods and enjoying the opportunity to select from a wider range of fresh ingredients. The positive response from the children has

been fantastic and is a real testament to the quality of the new provision.

A Wonderful Start

There is a very positive atmosphere across Summerfield School, and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our children on such a fantastic start to the year. We would also like to thank our dedicated staff for the care, commitment and high expectations they bring to school.

Best wishes,

Ian Fraser-Kirkup

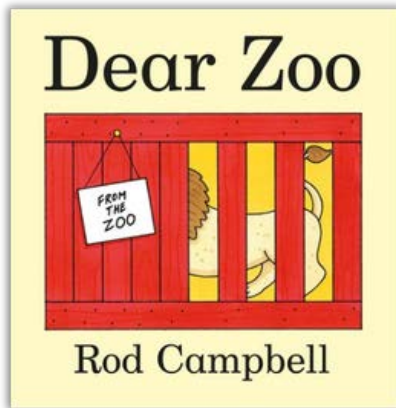
Executive Headteacher

and Rebecca Daley

Associate Headteacher



EYFS/KS1



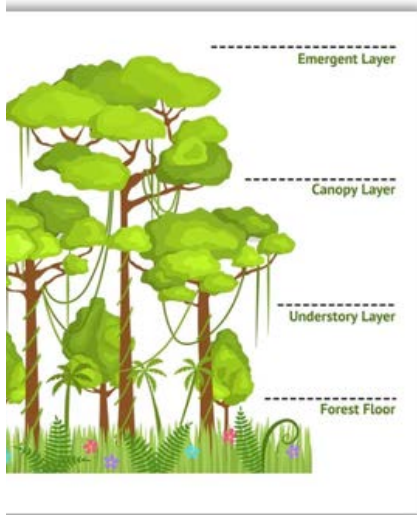
What a fantastic start to the year we have had in KS1!

All of the children have settled in fantastically, and all the adults are incredibly proud and impressed with how well they have adapted to their new routines, classrooms and learning. Well done, KS1!

In English, we have begun our writing journey using the book *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell. In Maths, we are learning all about place value, developing our understanding of numbers and what each digit represents. We are also very excited about our upcoming Science and DT learning. Our Science topic is Animals, Including Humans, where we will be finding out more about animals and how they grow and change. In DT, we will be getting creative and designing and making our very own zoo animal dioramas, using sliders and levers to make our zoo animals move! We are also looking forward to a very special visit from Safari Stu, who will be coming to share his knowledge and bring our learning about animals to life. We can't wait!

Keep up the fantastic work, KS1!

KS2 Lower



A very warm welcome back to all our Year 3 children and families! We hope you had a wonderful summer break.

The children have already made a fantastic start to the new school year, immersing themselves in our exciting topic, The Rainforest.

We have been delighted to see some beautiful and brilliantly presented rainforest homework, showcasing the children's creativity and enthusiasm.

In Maths, we have begun exploring Place Value, while in English we have started our story-writing journey inspired by *Augustus and His Smile*.

In Science, we will be learning all about Plants, with lots of exciting investigations and activities planned.

We have a wonderful term ahead, and we are looking forward to seeing the children learn, grow and flourish throughout Year 3.

KS2 Upper



This week, Year 6 took their learning outdoors with a visit to Campbell Park, led by The Parks Trust. The children developed their map-reading skills by using six-figure grid references and learning how a compass works. They thoroughly enjoyed being outside and showed how well they could apply their classroom knowledge in a different environment. We were especially proud of their positive attitude and exemplary behaviour throughout the day.

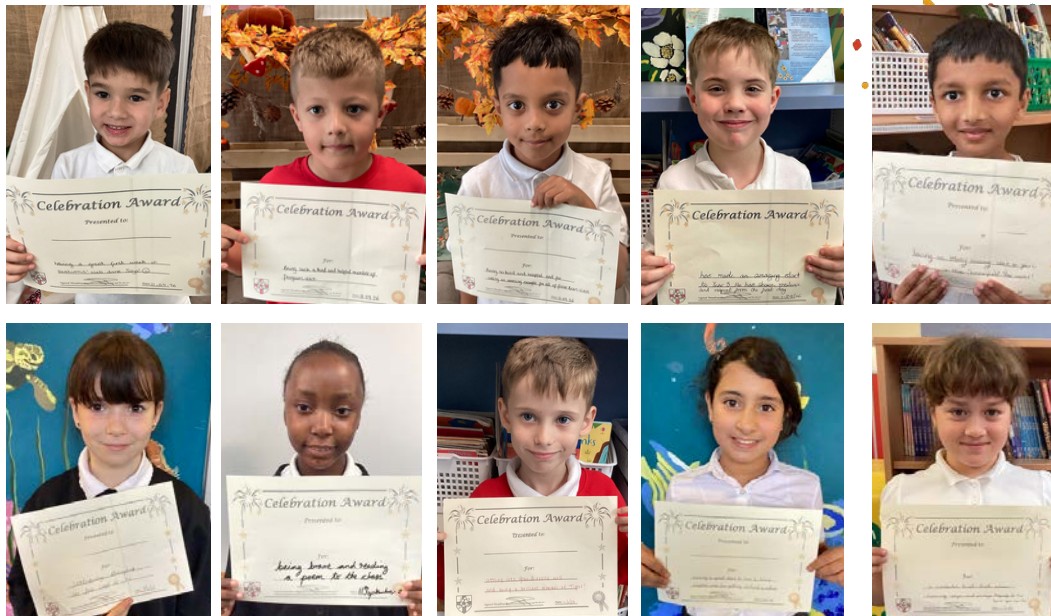


Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our children who have excelled in all areas of our 4 core values:

RESILIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT, RESTORATIVE

11.09.26



ALINA, BRIANNA, FREDDIE, GEORGETA, ISAAC, JIHAAN, JOEL, LEEN, MAHIDUL, OLIVER AND TIMILEHIN

18.09.26



AARYAVEER, DESMOND, EMILIA, FREDDIE, JANELLE, JOHAN, LUKA, MACMALONE, NOAH, RAYMOND, VRISHANK AND WENDY

Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 18th September

Thank you for your support – we raised an incredible £261

Children were invited to come to school in jeans and casual top in return for an online donation for the charity Jeans for Genes and help raise vital funds and support for those children and families living with a genetic condition.

Thank you so much for your support.

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NEW School Meals – ABM Catering

Children have loved having the new school meals.

We are so incredibly excited about the new school lunches provided by ABM Catering. Freshly cooked on site everyday. The children have commented how tasty the food is and how they enjoy the lunches.

Did you know that EYFS / Year 1 / Year 2 children receive Universal FREE school lunches.

Booking is easy through SchoolGrid. If you need any help, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

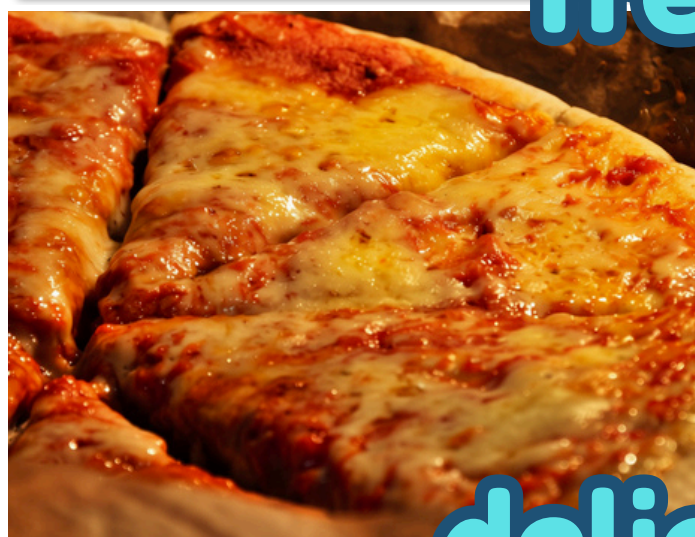
School Lunches cost: £3.10



tasty



fresh



delicious



NEW School Meals – ABM Catering



School CENSUS Day – Thursday 1st October



Why Census Day is Crucial for Your School

The primary reason Census Day is so important is funding. The UK government uses the data collected on this specific day to calculate how much financial budget your school will receive for the upcoming academic year.

- The School Dinner Factor: A major portion of a school's funding is directly tied to the number of children who eat a school meal on this specific day.
- Universal Free School Meals: If your child is in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2, they are automatically entitled to free school meals. Schools highly encourage these year groups to take a hot school dinner on 1 October, as high turnout directly maximizes the school's budget.
- Extra Educational Funding: The census determines essential allocations for:
 - Pupil Premium (extra funding to support disadvantaged pupils)
 - SEND Support (resources for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)
 - PE and Sports Premium (funding for physical education and equipment)

What You Need to Do as a Parent

- Encourage a School Meal: If possible, check your school's special "[Census Day Menu](#)." Many schools run fun, tailored menus (like burgers, pizza, or themed lunches) on Thursday 1 October to encourage kids to try a hot meal.
- Update Your Records: Ensure the school has your most up-to-date information regarding Free School Meal eligibility, address changes, or if you are a military/service family.

Allergy-Aware School

Following the introduction of **Benedict's Law** and new statutory guidance on allergy safety in schools, all schools are required to strengthen their arrangements for managing allergies and reducing the risk of allergic reactions.

As part of this, we are reinforcing our approach as an allergy-aware school. Please do not send cakes, sweets, chocolates or any other food items into school for birthdays or celebrations. Even small amounts of an allergen can present a serious risk to some children.

We still want birthdays to feel special! If you wish, instead of bringing food, your child could donate a book to their class for an adult to share with everyone.

Please also continue to take particular care with nuts and products containing nuts when preparing packed lunches and snacks.

Any food, drink or ingredients used in school will be fully risk assessed against information we have on your child and their medical needs so please make sure all information is up to date.

You can speak to the office staff for clarity or to update the information we hold on your child.

Thank you for helping us keep every child safe and included.



SUPPORT, INSPIRE, CHANGE, **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** **BECOME A PARENT GOVERNOR**

We currently have a vacancy for an elected parent governor on our governing board.

Want to help shape the future of Heelands School?

Want to contribute to your local community?

Want to make a difference to children's lives?

Only a couple of hours per month

If you are interested, please email: recruitment@summerfieldschool.org by **Friday 25th September 2026**.

