

Summerfield School News

The Best You Can Be - Everyone, Every Day

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 23rd–28th January** **Scholastic Bookfair**
3:15pm–4:00pm
Details have been sent via Weduc
- 03rd February** **Year 5 Trip**
- 11th February** **Parents Evening**
3:30pm–7:30pm
(Booking information to be announced)
- 12th February** **World Book Day Costume Sale**
3:15pm–3:45pm
- 12th February** **Parents Evening**
3:30pm–5:30pm
(Booking information to be announced)
- 14th February** **END of Term**
School closes at 3:15pm for the End of Half-Term Break
- 17th–21st February** **February Half-Term**
- 24th February** **START of Term**
School opens at 08:45am for Spring Term (2)
- 6th March** **World Book Day**
Details to be announced
- 21st March** **Red Nose Day**
Details to be announced
- 4th April** **END of Term**
School closes at 3:15pm for the End of Spring Term Break

HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun is shining and the children are happily playing outside. Mrs Stuart, Mrs Hendry, Miss Martin and our Chair of Governors Mr Robert Prosser-Dryer have been working really hard for some months now to get OPAL off the ground. OPAL stands for Outdoor Play and Learning and is a national program aimed at improving the quality of play for children at lunch time. We have also been very lucky to have the help of Mrs Hayley John and her work colleagues, Mr Woodcock and his carpentry skills and other parents too.

With this team, we have been able to zone our playgrounds into play spaces which all children can access. Children from Years 1-6 now mix freely at lunch times and are able to access a variety of activities such as dressing up, den building, digging, playing with action toys, chalking, riding bikes and scooters and much more.

The thing that has really impressed us is the children’s ability to mix and play together and their curiosity and enjoyment of all the activities provided. It really is something special to see how engaged they are and the fun that they are having.

- We are always grateful for donations of;
- Scooters
- Dolls prams and dolls
- Dressing up clothes
- Cardboard boxes and other toys and games



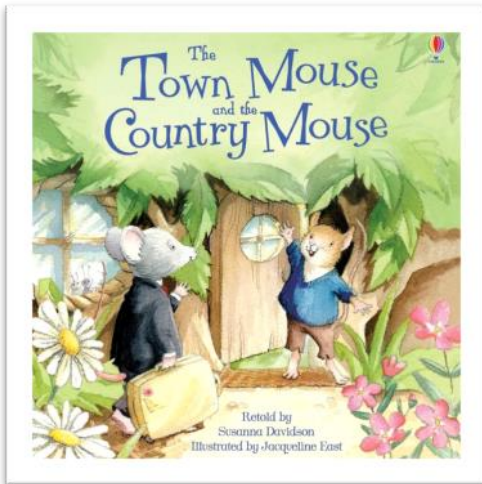
We do have an [AMAZON WISH-LIST](#) if you would like to donate.

Thank you in advance.

Becky Daley
Associate Head



EYFS/KS1



Year 2 started this half term immersing themselves into our new topic 'Location, Location'. The children made apple crumble and muffin pizzas that linked with our English text 'The Country Mouse and the Town Mouse'. They wrote a set of instructions for both their apple crumble and pizza. Some children asked for the recipes and even went on to make them again at home. In Geography, they are comparing human and physical features of rural and urban settings (UK and non-UK). In Maths, we have learned about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We have

now moved on to money and they have recapped names of coins and pound notes, counting, and comparing amounts of money and working out change. In Art, they will be practising their pencil and sketching skills. In DT, they will be designing and building a house using a range of tools, materials and components. In Science, they are learning about how animals have adapted to their environments. All the Year 2 team are very impressed with the children's effort and engagement. Well done, Year 2!

KS2 Lower



What a yummy start to 2025 Year 3 have had. We have hit the ground running with our amazing 'Food Glorious Food' topic. The children have not only tasted a variety of foods and dishes on our immersion day but have worked really hard exploring different recipes, taking inspiration to design and create their very own 'Bruch Skewer.' We have explored where our food comes from and the air miles some of our food travels before it ends up in our supermarkets for us to buy.



We are looking forward to making and eating our creations!

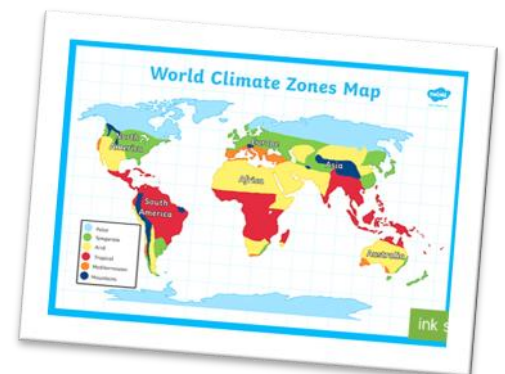


KS2 Upper

This term children have been learning about Fair Trade.

We have investigated how buying these products can help farmers in developing countries.

We have also researched information about individual countries within tropical areas: weather, climate, animals and landscape.



House Points



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1118



1218



1480

CELEBRATION Zoom Assemblies

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



Aadhya, Abdulhadi, Anaya, Ava-Rose, Esme, Giorgia, Hanna, Luis, Mason, Matei, Muhammed, Murash and Paisley,



Alan, Ali, Amaghaan, Faith, George, Giulia, Hallie, Henry, Levi, Magizhan, Muhammad, Navya, Neve and Rory



Amber, Amelia, Arshiya, Daisy, Daniel, Elena, Elikem, Eva, Faith, Fiza, Kaysi, Kristzian, Olivia, Sienna and Tanishqa,

OPAL...

OPAL UPDATE FROM MRS KATE STUART

Let me start by thanking Olivia John's Mother and team from Hayes. The six of them joined myself, Mrs King, Mrs Hendry, Mrs O'Brien and Miss Reynolds in the Christmas holidays to clear round the trim-trial to make way for the mud kitchen and generally make that area of the site (that had previously been out of bounds) safe for exploring. On that very cold morning in early January, Mr Woodcock and Ben Woodcock also worked tirelessly to produce two fabulous mud kitchen units. On a final note of thanks, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing site supervisor, Mr Fitzjohn. I am sure he would rather run off when he sees me approach him, as he knows I will have another request, but he has been amazing supporting me to get OPAL up and running, alongside all the other jobs he has at Summerfield and Heelands. We couldn't do it without you!

Tuesday 7th January saw the live launch of OPAL. I think it is fair to say the children have universally enjoyed it more than even I thought they would. They love the freedom round the site and are responding to requests to walk sensibly, tidy up and generally be responsible with the equipment. We are tweaking things as we go but to see the smiles on their faces has been delightful. Tears only come when it is time to end lunch! One issue has been a shortage of scooters / ride-ons. We just don't have enough to share them out fairly. Please check sheds and garages and see if you have anything you think we could use. We have children as young as 5 accessing them so nothing is too small!

A final thanks to everyone who has sent in resources. We are so lucky to have such supportive parents/ carers. Please keep them coming in!



Green Points Reward

YEAR 3

Year 3 enjoyed a Pyjama Party on Friday 17th January, after finally reaching 1000 green behaviour points.

As a reward we came to school in our comfy PJs. We also bought in a cuddly toy and enjoyed sharing stories together.

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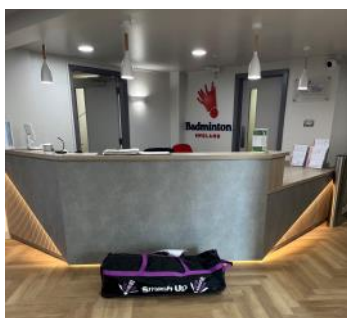
On Wednesday, in Eagles class we celebrated our next class reward with an amazing PJ Day! Everyone looked super cozy in their Oodles, slippers and pyjamas. Finally, in true PJ party style, we enjoyed watching Lion King in the afternoon!



Badminton Fun...

We would like to say a huge thank you to 'Badminton-England' for their extremely generous donation of Badminton equipment (rackets and shuttlecocks) for our KS2 children.

The children have been having lots of fun and improving their skills. Thank you so much Badminton-England



Packed Lunches...

We are a healthy eating school and allergy aware.

We have several children in school with severe peanut allergies. Please do not send your children into school with food items containing nuts or tree nuts. This includes Nutella, Peanut butter, Breakfast bars or any other food items containing nuts.

Packed lunches should aim to include:

Some starchy foods such as bread (sliced bread, pitta bread, wraps, bagels), pasta, couscous; choose wholegrain if possible.

1 portion of fruit and 1 portion of vegetables or salad.

Dairy food such as cheese or yoghurt

Meat, fish, or another source of protein such as eggs, beans and pulses, hummus, falafel

Oily fish once every 3 weeks e.g. sardines or salmon

Allergy Aware School



Book Fair...

We had a fantastic turn out for the first day of our Book Fair which started on Thursday 23rd January.

Thursday 23rd January— Tuesday 28th January 2025.

The Book Fair will be open after school every day from **3:15pm to 4:00pm** and held in the main Reception Foyer and Wellbeing room.

Entry to the Book Fair will be via the Main Entrance doors located in the Staff Car Park.

This year we will be able to take payment via a card machine. Please note that we will **NOT BE ACCEPTING CASH**. Once the payment is made, we can hand over the book to you.

Any funds raised will be used to buy more books for our school library. Thank you for your understanding and continuous support.

You can check out the great selection of books here on the Scholastic Book Fair Website:

[The Book Fair selection - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

DATE: _____

A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99

NEW **FINDING BEAR** £7.99

NEW **GEORGE THE DRAGON** £6.99

NEW **DOG MAN: BIG TOM BEGINS** £12.99 £9.99

NEW **DORK DIARIES** £7.99

NEW **DIARY OF A FUTURE BILLIONAIRE** £7.99

NEW **MY BUM IS SO CHEEKY!** £6.99 £2.99

NEW **NINJAGO: THE DRAGON CATCHER** £8.99

NEW **BEASTIE BROS** £6.99

NEW **ILLUSTRATED STORY** £8.99

LAST YEAR YOUR SUPPORT HELPED DONATE £5.3M IN FREE BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

WORLD BOOK DAY

WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 3:15-3:45PM

In the school Hall

COSTUME SALE

Prices start from £2.00 Large Selection

Costume Sale...

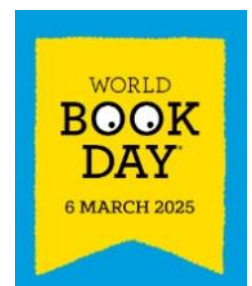
We are proud to be supporting Willen Hospice with their World Book Day Costume Sale.

Come and join us in the School Hall on: **Wednesday 12th February 3:15pm—3:45pm.**

Find yourself a costume bargain with a large selection and prices starting from just £2.00

World Book Day is held on Thursday 6th March and children every year are invited to celebrate their love of reading on this day. Further information about what we will be doing to be confirmed.

Willen Hospice are an independent hospice and registered charity based in Willen Village. They provide free expert care and support to adults in the city and surrounding areas who have a life-limiting illness.



Weduc Communication: ...

Please remember that as a school, we have a lot to communicate with you.

We often send you emails and in-app messages on Weduc as well as posts to the Weduc newsfeed.

Please check your emails regularly and set notification reminders so that you do not miss anything.

If you need help, please do not hesitate to ask at the main office. Thank you.



Safeguarding: ...



SOCIAL MEDIA—STAYIG SAFE ONLINE

With many children now having their own mobile phones, it is now even easier for children to access online social media platforms.

There is lots of useful information on the [NSPCC website](#) about keeping children safe online. As well as how to make family pledges/boundaries when it comes to introducing a mobile phone to your child.

Did you know that there are age restrictions for different social media platforms? Most platforms have a minimum age rating of 13+, including WhatsApp, Facebook and TikTok.



Stay safe online

