

Summerfield School News

The Best You Can Be - Everyone, Every Day

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 10th February** **Year 4 Walking Trip**
Local Woods
- 11th February** **Parents Evening**
3:30pm—7:30pm
- 12th February** **World Book Day**
Costume Sale
2:30pm—3:45pm
- 12th February** **Parents Evening**
3:30pm—5:30pm
- 14th February** **END of Term**
School closes at 3:15pm for the End of Half-Term Break
- 14th February** **FOSS Valentines Bake Sale**
Available from 3:15pm by the Chickens. 50p or £1 cash
- 17th—21st Feb** **February Half-Term**
- 24th February** **START of Term**
School opens at 08:45am for Spring Term (2)
- 24th February** **Year 6 Walking Trip**
Local Woods
- 24th February** **Year 4 Immersion Day**
Greek Gods & Goddesses
- 6th March** **World Book Day**
Details to be announced

HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week was Children’s Mental Health Week across the country. The theme was ‘Know Yourself and Grow Yourself’. This fitted in really well with the work on Zones of Regulation that our SENDCO Mrs Wilson introduced last year. All of our children are encouraged to recognise how they are feeling and how this relates to a colour zone. We have noticed that this has really helped our pupils to be able to articulate how they are feeling. It has also made a difference to helping children to find ways to improve their mood and to seek solutions if they need to.

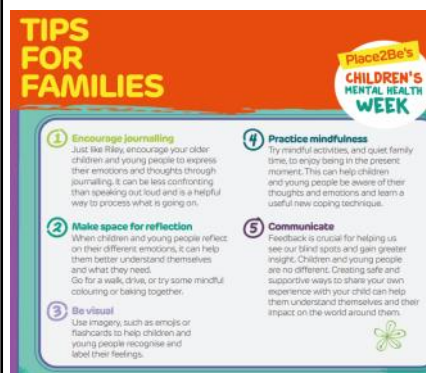
What zone are you in?



Maintaining a healthy mindset at home is also important and included on Page 6 is more information and a link to ‘tips for families’. If you have any concerns about your child’s wellbeing, please do speak to your child’s teacher as there are many ways in which we can help. Next week is the last week of term and we look forward to seeing you at our Parents Evenings.

Best wishes from,

Becky Daley
(Associate Head)





EYFS/KS1

EYFS have been having fun learning about farms this half-term. Through exploring the stories of 'The Little Red Hen' and 'The Three Little Pigs' they have learned about the different animals that can live on a farm and also what farmers do to look after them. They tried really hard to remember all the actions to go along with their simplified version of the stories. They are working hard on practising writing their letters correctly.

The children continue to work on their sharing skills through a range of turn taking activities in class and in their outside area.



KS2 Lower

This half term Year 4 have achieved so much.

We acted as Environmentalists in English and wrote a newspaper report describing the dangers of plastic pollution. We collated information about recycling, reducing and reusing our waste. On our Immersion Day we redesigned one-use plastic bottles. We created pencil pots and decorated them with recycling images.

This week we are writing a voice over for a film about a seal sanctuary.

In Music we learnt to play the notes B A G on the Recorder and played a melody as an ensemble.

We imitated the art of Monet to celebrate

the beauty of nature and we became familiar with Impressionism. We identified facts of numbers and are beginning to learn to multiply using the column method.

Next week we will visit Linford Wood. We hope to observe invertebrates and notice if the woods are affected by plastic pollution. (We hope not!)

In Science we classified Mammals, Reptiles, Fish, Birds and Amphibians according to their characteristics. We hope to apply this knowledge as we enjoy a walk in nature.

Well done Year 4.



KS2 Upper

Year 5 have been enjoying our latest topic of 'Globetrotters'. In Science, we have been studying Space and understanding more about day and night and the orbit of planets around our sun. We also learnt about the phases of the moon. The best bit about that was making the different phases of the moon with Oreos and eating them after! Our English and Art lessons have also been linked to space.

In English, the children wrote an excellent explanation text to explain why we have

day and night and how daylight hours change.

In Art, the children have been looking at artists that create artworks and photography linked to space. The children are in the process of creating a piece of artwork about space using collage skills.



House Points



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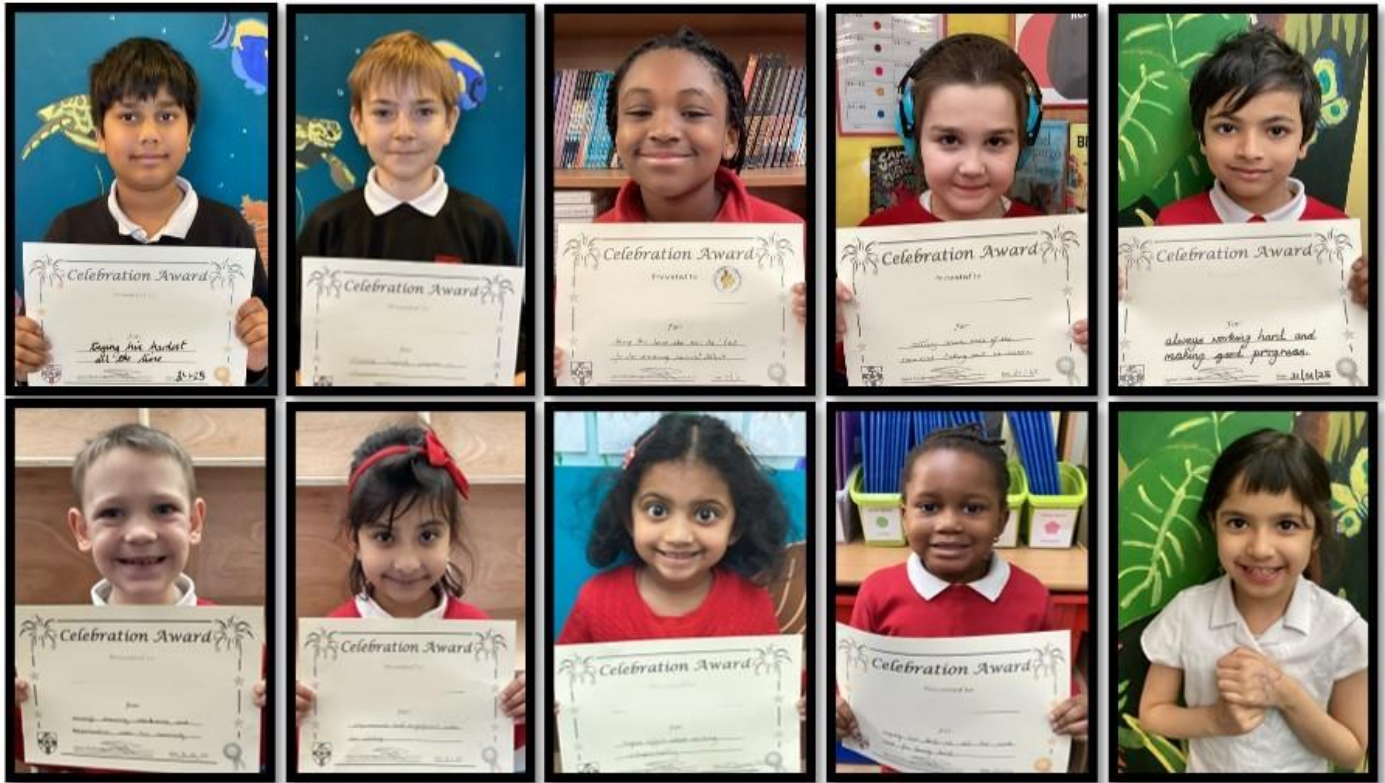


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CELEBRATION Zoom Assemblies

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

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Abiram, Anusriti, Benediktas, Divina, Ella-Rose, Kristzian, Kriyansh, Manahal, Sahaja and Vainah

07.02.25



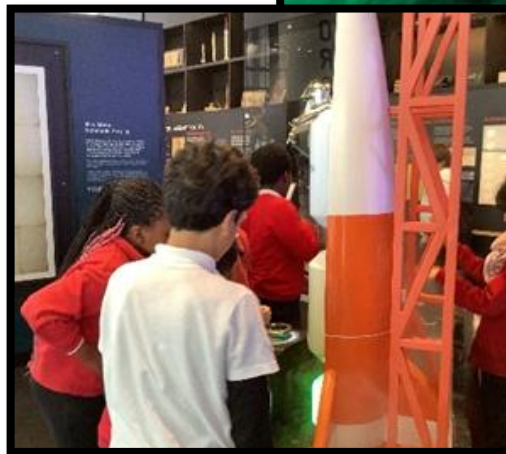
Alira, Alisha, Arash, David, Finley, Haris, Harry, Janee, Jemima, Matthew, Tia, Toby, Tom, Wendy and Xavier

Yr 5 Space Centre Trip

Year 5 had a fantastic time at the National Space Centre on Monday 3rd February. The visit started in the Planetarium. The guide talked everyone through different facts about each of the planets in the Solar System. During the talk, the children had the chance to take part in multiple choice questions by pressing a coloured button on the seat. Great fun was had by all, even if the answer wasn't always right.

After that Eagles and Owls classes explored different sections of the Space Centre. Owls climbed up all 144 steps to the top of the tower to see the huge rockets and then worked their way back down. Eagles stayed on the ground floor exploring all the exhibits about the Universe, our planet Earth and the Solar System.

The two classes swapped over after a quick lunch before jumping back on the coach to get back in time for the end of the school day. A great day was had by all.



Here are some of the children's thoughts about the visit:

Jonelle "It made me more curious and it was extraordinary."

Oliver "It was interesting and it had lots of cool stuff."

Lana "It was interesting."

Goodbye...



On Wednesday 12th February we say goodbye to Mrs Emma Barnstaple.

Mrs Barnstaple has been with us at Summerfield for 17 years and has taught many, many children!

She leaves to embark on a new exciting venture, still within education, but focusing more on older children.

We wish her well with this next chapter and for the future. We will miss you.



Book Fair...

AMAZING!

On Thursday 23rd January — Tuesday 28th January we held our School Book Fair.

What a fantastic turn out we had. Thank you so much to all our families who supported this event.

We raised an incredible **£1,065** which will be used towards new books for our school library. Fantastic.



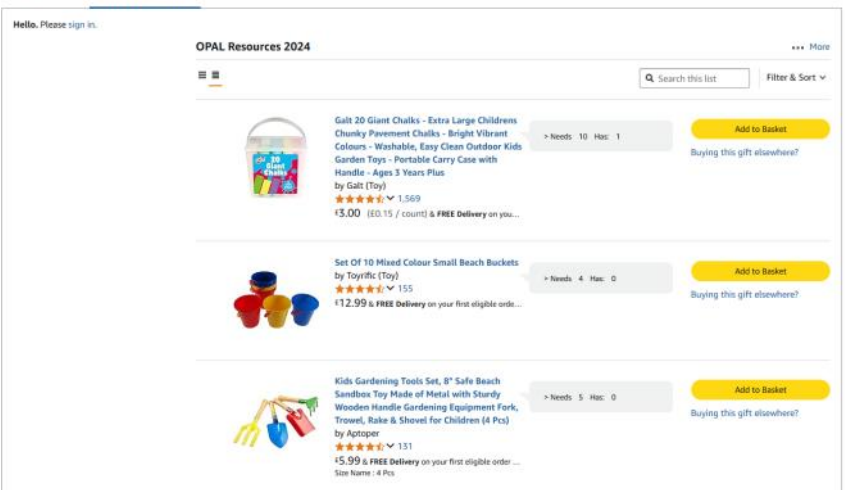
OPAL Wishlist...

The children are really enjoying our new OPAL initiative. We wanted to say thank you for all your support and kind donations towards the new playscheme and hope you are liking hearing all about your child's playtime.

We are still short of a few play items. If you feel you would like to help with this, please do check out our Amazon wish-list and what we still need. Thank you so much for being so supportive.



Your Lists Your Friends



FOSS PS5 Winner...



Well done to Sam in Ants Class who was the very lucky winner of the FOSS PS5 Prize Draw.

Over 80 people entered and a fabulous **£90** was raised.

Sam's Mum said "he was very impressed and happy!"

We would like to say thank you to the FOSS Team for running such an amazing Prize Draw and we are very lucky to have such a wonderful PTA.

If you would like to join the FOSS Team, have some great event ideas or can spare an hour or two to help out with events, please do contact the FOSS Team:

friendsofsummerfieldschool@gmail.com

Children's Mental Health Week...

What is Children's Mental Health Week?

Children's Mental Health Week is a mental health awareness week that launched by children's mental health charity, [Place2Be](https://www.place2be.org.uk/). The week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to all children and young people in the UK. This year, Children's Mental Health Week is focussing on [Know Yourself, Grow Yourself](https://www.place2be.org.uk/learn-more/know-yourself-grow-yourself/).



[PLACE2BE](https://www.place2be.org.uk/)

Costume Sale...

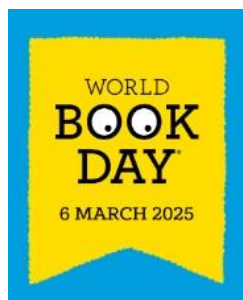
We are proud to be supporting Willen Hospice with their World Book Day Costume Sale.

Come and join us in the School Hall on: **Wednesday 12th February 2:30pm—3:45pm.**

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



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

WEDNESDAY
12th FEBRUARY
2:30PM—3:45PM
In the school Hall

COSTUME SALE

Prices start from £2.00

Large Selection

Term Dates...

School **CLOSES** on Friday 14th February at 3:15pm

(**HALF-TERM** Monday 17th — Friday 21st February)

School **OPENS** on Monday 24th February at 08:45am



FOSS Bake Sale...

Friday 14th February



Valentines

50p or £1

Bake Sale



Save the Date!

On sale by the Chickens from 3:15pm

Safeguarding...

FREE WEBINARS FOR PARENTS

3RD, 6TH, 10TH, 12TH AND 13TH
FEBRUARY

YOU CAN USE THE BELOW LINK TO BOOK
YOUR FREE CYBER PROTECT SEMINAR

[Online Safety for Parents
by South East Police
Cyber Crime Unit |
Eventbrite](#)

CYBER PROTECT WEBINARS



The Digital Dilemma: Keeping Children Safe Online

January 23rd, 28th, 30th
February 3rd, 6th, 10th, 12th, 13th

TICKETS ONLINE:
Eventbrite: Police - South East Cyber

FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS & CARERS

run by Police Cyber Protect teams

Hints and tips to secure your family
online, covering cyber risks and scams in:

Gaming



Social Media



Email

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE:

Click [here](#), scan the QR code
or search online for "eventbrite police southeast cyber"



DON'T LET IT BE **GAME OVER**
LEVEL UP YOUR ONLINE SECURITY



February Half-Term Ideas...

FREE EVENTS



[February Half Term Open Mornings | The Parks Trust](#)



[Wheat Craft for Beginners - Family Workshops - Session 1 Tickets, Sat, Feb 15, 2025](#)



[UP-CYCLE FASHION WORKSHOP with Black Sheep Collective CIC · Eequ · Eequ](#)

[Love and Gratitude Craft Session with Black Sheep Collective CIC · Eequ · Eequ](#)

['All you need is Love' Performing Arts with Black Sheep Collective CIC · Eequ · Eequ](#)



[Events - Thrift Farm - Lambing](#)



[Half Term Family Fun 17 – 21 February – Milton Keynes Museum](#)



[February Half-Term STEM Bytes Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)