

# Newsletter

Summer 1 – Week 6

Week beginning – 20/05/2024



## Library Visits

*Please look out here for the library dates for the next half term.*



**Mentions:** This week is someone who works brilliantly in a team

**Nursery:** Hunter-Jak C, Bonnie B.

**Reception:** Jania O, Luca G, Loxley D.

**Year 1:** Jessica L, Emma D, Logan J, Sophia A.

**Year 2:** Darcie D, Joel G, Adejoke B, Erin B.

**Year 3:** Noah P, Layla Sa, Lanaya P.

**Year 4:** Kacey P, Lois M, John O

**Year 5:** Jessie H, Archie R, Henry B, Louie H.

**Year 6:** Ivy W, Stevie-Rae LR, David O, Kayan H.

**Attendance:**

**Whole School attendance:** 93.72%

**Winning Classes with above 96% attendance this week:**  
6AW – 96.02%  
2DG – 96.55%

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Half term

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Class Photographs

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** – Y6 Trip to Holocaust Centre

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – Mental Wellbeing workshop

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** – Early Years Father's Day event

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Jun – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Y6 Walesby Residential

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June** – 2EB visit to Brackenhurst

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – 2DG visit to Brackenhurst

*Please also see the full list of diary dates for the Summer Term which is sent out along with the newsletter.*

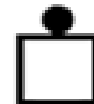
**Sign of the week:**



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tBs2DqOk24>

## Musician of the month

The children have been enjoying listening to some sea shanty's. The attached links are for you to have a go at writing your own. We would love to see some of creative ideas.

[KS1 Sea Shanty](#)

[KS2 Sea Shanty](#)



In July, Drama Kids are coming in to school to deliver a drama session for our Glee children. We are so excited! Drama Kids provide drama sessions at the John Godber centre in Hucknall.

This is just one of the activities planned for Glee and Choir next half term, along with - cinema trip, singing at Jubilee Court, Transform Trust concert, Confetti College visit in school and a parent's concert...pew!

If you would like to sign your child up for after half term and not miss out on these and future activities, keep an eye open for a Parent mail.

## **This Week's Golden Table Children**



<b>F2WS</b>	Adefolake B, Georgie S
<b>F2/Y1SB</b>	Loxly D
<b>Bees</b>	Isaac C, Archie WL
<b>Butterflies</b>	Aliza C, Lennie S
<b>2DG</b>	Lacey B, Scarlett M
<b>2EB</b>	Joanna O, Callum C



*We hope you have a fantastic half term. Fingers crossed for some nice weather! We will see children back in school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.*

**Term Dates:**

Please see below for the Nottinghamshire County Council School holiday dates for 2022/23.

Half term – 27/05/2024 – 31/05/2024.

Last day of Summer Term – 24/07/2024.

**Inset Days**

Thursday 25th July

Friday 26th July

**Class Emails:**

<b>Nursery (Mrs Dixon/Mrs Taylor)</b>	<a href="mailto:HPF1@holgateprimary.org">HPF1@holgateprimary.org</a>
<b>F2WS (Mr Smith)</b>	<a href="mailto:F2WS@holgateprimary.org">F2WS@holgateprimary.org</a>
<b>F2Y1SB (Mrs Bacon)</b>	<a href="mailto:F2Y1SB@holgateprimary.org">F2Y1SB@holgateprimary.org</a>
<b>1HO (Mrs O'Kane)</b>	<a href="mailto:1HO@holgateprimary.org">1HO@holgateprimary.org</a>
<b>2EB (Miss Baker)</b>	<a href="mailto:2EB@holgateprimary.org">2EB@holgateprimary.org</a>
<b>2DG (Mr Gleave)</b>	<a href="mailto:2DG@holgateprimary.org">2DG@holgateprimary.org</a>
<b>3JB (Mrs Bardgett)</b>	<a href="mailto:3JB@holgateprimary.org">3JB@holgateprimary.org</a>
<b>34ED (Miss Davies)</b>	<a href="mailto:34ED@holgateprimary.org">34ED@holgateprimary.org</a>
<b>4NW (Mrs Wilkinson)</b>	<a href="mailto:4NW@holgateprimary.org">4NW@holgateprimary.org</a>
<b>5IR (Miss Roe)</b>	<a href="mailto:5IR@holgateprimary.org">5IR@holgateprimary.org</a>
<b>5KK (Miss Kennedy)</b>	<a href="mailto:5KK@holgateprimary.org">5KK@holgateprimary.org</a>
<b>6AR (Mr Rathe)</b>	<a href="mailto:6AR@holgateprimary.org">6AR@holgateprimary.org</a>
<b>6AW (Mr Knighton)</b>	<a href="mailto:6AW@holgateprimary.org">6AW@holgateprimary.org</a>

**After school clubs**

Here are our afterschool clubs for the Summer 2 term. If you would like to sign up, please complete the ParentMail form or speak with the school office.



Day	Club	Year Group	End Time
Monday	Football	Y1 - Y6	5.00pm
Monday	Story Tales	Y1 - Y4	4.15pm
Monday	Pen Pal	Y4 - Y6	4.10pm
Monday	Choir	Y1 - Y6	4.20pm
Tuesday	Glee	Y1 - Y6	4.20pm
Wednesday	Dodgeball	Y1 - Y6	5.00pm
Wednesday	Dough	Y1 - Y6	4.15pm
Wednesday	Crafts	F2 - Y6	4.15pm
Thursday	Tag Rugby	Y1 - Y6	5.00pm
Thursday	Golden Time	Y2 - Y6	4.15pm
Friday	Gardening	Y1 - Y6	5.00pm
Friday	Kick Boxing	Y1 - Y6	4.15pm



## EYFS

This week in **nursery** we have been practising our gross motor skills, digging in the garden looking for worms. We used all our muscles as the soil was quite hard to dig. We talked about what worms like to eat and that they like to drink water and swim in it! We then made them some yummy food of grass, mud and stones.

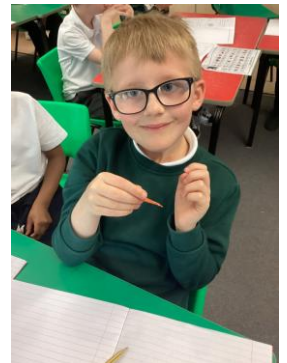


As part of vehicle the children in **F2** have been looking at the country Australia. We made some aboriginal artwork and crocodiles.



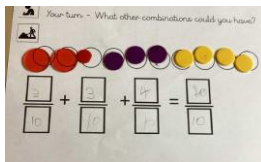
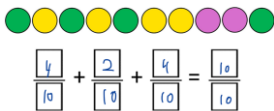
## KS1 (Years 1 and 2)

**Year 2** have been tasting some healthy ingredients to see what they would like to put on their Pizzas later this term.



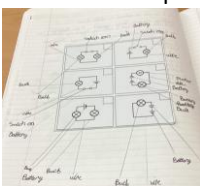
## KS2 (Years 3 and 4)

**Y3** were looking at 'tenths' last week. In Year 3, we all have iPads to support our learning. Some of us used physical resources and took pictures with our iPads and some of us worked on documents in our 'digital classroom'. Using the iPads meant all of us could have a go at this 'Digging Deeper' task.



This week in Science **Y3** have been looking at light sources, shadows and sun safety. It was great to hear the children's discussions about things they already know about ways to stay safe in the sun: wear a hat and sunglasses, sit in the shade, drink water to stay hydrated, apply sun cream. The simple experiment of closing our eyes for 30 seconds and then watching each other's pupils change was fascinating.

**Y4** are now electrical experts! We know that symbols can be used to represent the different components in a circuit.



## KS2 (Years 5 and 6)

Whilst some of our cohort were away in Bamburgh, the rest of **Y5** have been incredibly busy. We finished our vehicle unit on Ancient Greek with some amazing mosaics and printing in the style of an amphora. The children are experts in what these could be used for and the pros (and definitely the cons) of being a child in Ancient Greek times, particularly if they lived in the city state of Sparta! We have also introduced our new unit which will be based around space. We have been busy preparing our paper mâché solar system ready for display and prepared a background for a space-themed piece of art.



On Tuesday, **Y6** enjoyed a lovely day using water colours. In the morning, they practised 8 skills and were amazed at the variety of ways paint could be applied. Later, they produced some fantastic artist studies on the American artist Charles Burchfield.





Teach your child to swim safe in open water for **FREE** this summer. Available to book now at Spring Lakes in Long Eaton.

[About Swim Safe](#)

[Long Eaton - Spring Lakes - Swim Safe](#)

## What's included?

Children get to enjoy a fun, structured swimming session at a choice of open water locations – and learn all about how to stay safe.

The 60-minute session is run by qualified lifeguards and instructors, and includes:

- Water safety advice provided by qualified lifeguards on land.
- Up to 30 minutes in-water tuition with qualified instructors.
- All the right kit for swimming outdoors (including swimming hats, wetsuits, and swimming aids).

## Why is Swim Safe needed?

Every year, RNLI lifeguards and lifeboats race to the rescue of children and adults who find themselves in difficulty in and near the water.

In 2013, [Swim England](#) (the national governing body for swimming in England) and the [RNLI](#) (the charity that saves lives at sea) launched Swim Safe to help children learn how to stay safe in and around open water before they might need to be rescued.

Swim England and the RNLI work closely with Swim Wales and a range of local delivery partners to make Swim Safe available to as many children as possible, whether they live by the coast, inland and in our cities.

# HAPPY NEWS

## WORLDWIDE World Bee Day

Monday 20th May was World Bee Day. Every year World Bee Day raises awareness of the essential role bees and other pollinators play in keeping people and the planet healthy. The date coincides with the birthday of Anton Janša, a pioneer beekeeper from Slovenia born in 1734. This year's theme was all about you - the future beekeepers and protectors! The aim was to raise awareness of the role you can play in protecting bees - and the planet - as you grow.



## KIDS USA

### Stay in the house from Up

Fans of Disney's *Up* will have a chance to stay in the iconic house, floating high above the ground attached to 8,000 balloons. The listing on Airbnb even appears to have been posted by Carl Fredrickson, the fictional star of the film. The house is held up by a crane above Abiquiu, New Mexico. It is part of Airbnb's new Icons range, which also includes a stay at Headquarters, the control centre of *Toy Story*'s emotions in the film *Inside Out*.

## FRANCE

### Scented stamps on sale

Scratch-and-sniff postage stamps have gone on sale in France to celebrate the baguette - a famous symbol of French culture. The stamps, issued by La Poste, release a 'bakery smell' when rubbed!



## UK

### Historic win for girls' football team

A girls' under 10s football team has won a cup in a league of mainly boys' teams. Woodlanders FC became the first all-girls' team to win the Huddersfield Junior League Vase. Last season, the girls lost every game, but worked hard to triumph in this year's final - and make history! They beat an almost all-boys' team five divisions above them 3-2. The team's coach said that it showed girls "can play against boys and be more than a match for them!"



## UK

### Row to grow!

Children from Crawshawbooth Primary School in Lancashire, UK, are taking part in a sponsored rowing challenge this week. Year three and four pupils will take turns rowing the length of the River Severn, the longest river in the UK (220 miles), using a rowing machine. The children are aiming to raise money for the school and hope to create a community garden for the benefit of local residents. Want to share some happy news about your school? Have a grown up send an email to [hello@behappyresources.co.uk](mailto:hello@behappyresources.co.uk)

# HAPPY NEWS

## UK Liverpool Uni to host 'Tay Day' for Swifties

The University of Liverpool has announced plans for a 'Tay Day' - a day of learning dedicated to the cultural phenomenon that is Taylor Swift! The event will be held next month in honour of the singer's UK arrival. Academics from all across Europe will be speaking on all things Taylor Swift and researchers will perform essays to a Swift track of their choice. A series of 11 art installations will also be put up across the city to make a 'Taylor Town Trail'.



## UK TikTok to launch BookTok

TikTok is teaming up with the National Literacy Trust to bring "BookTok Bookshelves" to disadvantaged areas in the UK. The shelves will be placed in community centres and youth clubs in 11 areas that need a boost in teen literacy levels. TikTok will be paying for the books and shelves while the National Literacy Trust will recruit and train youth volunteers to choose the books. The volunteers will also promote the project to their peers.

## USA

### Furry Fundraiser

Whilst the Met Gala is one of the most fashionable events of the year, the Pet Gala is definitely the cutest! This year's adorable fundraiser took place on Monday night in New York, with the dogs even donning couture similar to what celebrities wore at the Met Gala!



## AUSTRALIA

### Dress of flowery dreams

A woman from Australia has created a fairytale dress made from more than 200 fresh flowers she grew herself. Anita Lee-Archer created the dress on her daughter, Bella, spending around two hours arranging multi-coloured dahlias, hand-picked from her garden. The 48 year old mum of five recently went back to university to pursue a fine arts degree, after being discouraged from an art career when she was younger.



## NETHERLANDS

### Students to build their own affordable housing

A group of students have come up with a solution to the housing crisis in Amsterdam - by building their own affordable housing! The students have raised almost enough money to cover construction costs through a mixture of loans and crowd funding. The project has now been approved by the local government and allocated land, with a design for the 40-flat apartment complex due by the end of the year!

**Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2023-24**

August 2023 to July 2024

2023/2024

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School Holidays
  Public Holidays
  Administration Day

**Autumn Term**

4 September - 20 October **7 weeks**

6 November - 22 December **7 weeks**

**Spring Term**

4 January - 9 February **5 weeks 2 days**

19 February - 28 March **5 weeks 4 days**

**Summer Term**

15 April - 24 May **5 weeks 4 days**

3 June - 26 July **8 weeks**