



Park Lane
School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your ongoing support, trust and partnership. Working together with families is at the heart of everything we do at Park Lane, and your communication and involvement continue to make a huge difference to our pupils' progress and wellbeing.

This year has been one of continued growth, development and achievement across the school. Through our School Development Plan priorities, we have strengthened many areas of provision and are incredibly proud of what our pupils, staff and wider community have achieved together.

Some highlights from this year include:

- Further strengthening of our curriculum, including improvements to maths, communication and preparation for adulthood pathways.
- Expansion of work experience opportunities for pupils from Year 7 to Sixth Form, with new partnerships established within the local community.
- Continued development of inclusive practice, including sensory spaces, outdoor learning opportunities and Forest School provision.
- Growth in pupil leadership opportunities through Student Council and Safeguarding Ambassadors.
- The expansion of nurture, wellbeing and emotional regulation support across school.
- Strong attendance which continues to remain above national averages for special schools, reflecting the commitment of families and staff alike.
- Successful residential experiences, enrichment activities, sports events, and Duke of Edinburgh, helping pupils build confidence, independence and giving the opportunity to undertake these.

- Strengthened communication and partnership with families through parent forums, workshops and professional discussions, Evidence for Learning (learning journeys) and greater involvement in school development.

We are also incredibly proud of the dedication and professionalism of our staff team, whose care, creativity and commitment ensure that Park Lane continues to provide a highly inclusive, aspirational and nurturing environment for all pupils.

As we look ahead to next year, feedback from our pupil, parent and staff surveys will play an important role in shaping our next School Development Plan and future priorities. Your voice is incredibly important to us, and we are grateful to everyone who has taken the time to share their views and experiences.

Finally, we would like to wish our Sixth Form leavers every success and happiness as they move on to the next stage of their journey. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved during their time at Park Lane and know they will continue to shine in their future destinations. They will be dearly missed.

On a personal note, I would also like to say that Park Lane is far more than just a job to me. It is an absolute privilege to lead such a remarkable school community, and I am exceptionally proud to be Headteacher. Every single day, our pupils, families and staff inspire me, and it is a role I never take for granted. When people talk about dream jobs, I beam with pride, as I have hit the jackpot!

I know that for many of our families, support does not stop simply because the school term ends. If anyone needs to contact me over the summer holidays, please do not hesitate to get in touch and I will always do my best to get back to you as soon as I can.

Thank you again for allowing us to be part of your children's journeys. We wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Emma
Headteacher





Cotton Class



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THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN LIVING THINGS

Well done to all of Cotton's students for a fabulous first year at Park Lane School! It has been a joy watching them grow into confident, curious learners.

Term Topic – Living Things The children demonstrated great participation in our butterfly project. Over several weeks, they carefully observed each stage of the lifecycle; from caterpillars the size of a grain of rice (magnifying glasses required!) to fully formed, beautiful butterflies. They engaged in stories, sensory play and art around our topic and their curiosity and excitement throughout was wonderful to see.

We have also explored themes around summer, thinking about clothing choices, staying safe in the sun, and enjoying seasonal activities. A highlight was welcoming Sheena, our Tesco Community Partner, who led a hands-on summer food workshop giving the children an opportunity to explore and tasting different foods.

Special Events and Celebrations:

STEM Week was packed with discovery. The children experimented with marshmallow slime, built bridges for the Billy Goats, explored switches and how different toys worked and even took part in a Wild Workshop! They were able to observe and bravely hold different animals!

Sports Day: The children took part in their very first sports day this term. They transitioned confidently to a new environment and joined their lower school peers for a morning of fun activities. The wheelchair race was a universal hit!

Arts Week: The children experimented with colour, music and dance. They created some beautiful artwork inspired by the butterfly lifecycle for our class display.

Forest School:

We were so excited to have our first Forest School sessions this term. Taking learning outdoors brought new opportunities for exploration. The children navigated the environment with curiosity and confidence and had lots of fun!

Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved. We hope you have a wonderful, restful summer break.





THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: LIVING THINGS

This term our learning has been around the topic of 'Living Things'.

During this term we have shared lots of wonderful stories. These have included 'This is the bear', 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'The Three Billygoats Gruff'.

We have continued to learn our core word of the week and are expanding our use of these.

We have worked hard further developing our understanding of mathematical concepts and fine motor skills through lots of practical activities. This half term we have looked at the same and different amounts, and enjoyed practising writing patterns on the easel each morning.

One of our favourite joint activities continues to be story massage. It is silence during these sessions!

This term we celebrated class birthdays, Father's Day and enjoyed our whole school Arts Week and STEM week.

The pupils enjoyed our termly visit from Sheena (Tesco) where we explored healthy foods. It was very refreshing!

We enjoyed a great trip to Holmes Chapel Zoo and Redesmere Lake. The pupils all showed great interest in their surroundings and were very gentle with the animals during the hands on workshop.

We are looking forward to ending the term with our annual teddy bear's picnic in the park.

We hope you enjoy looking at these photos of the pupil's learning experiences.

Have a lovely summer holidays!



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Forest Class

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As we approach the end of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the past 2 years. Many of the pupils in Forest will be moving on from Forest Class and going into a new class, all made a remarkable progress and start to their schooling here at Park Lane. Those who joined this academic year fitted perfectly into school life and the routines that had been embedded within Forest class. I wanted to wish those children moving on all the best of luck in their new classes.

This term our focus has been 'Living Things', a broad yet exciting topic. We learnt about ourselves in the first half term, identifying what makes us, us and what makes us special. We explored many books and a firm favourite was The Rainbow Fish. We produced beautiful pieces of artwork, explored characters and their feelings alongside exploring musical instruments to make a range of sounds.



In maths, we have developed knowledge around shapes, identifying shapes and sorting them into groups. We have been developing our mathematical vocabulary through more, fewer and same making collections, counting how many there are and comparing them.

This term, we have loved celebrating friend's birthday's, attending forest school session and weekly swimming session. Have a wonderful summer!

Chelsie & Forest Team



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: LIVING THINGS

Another year goes by. It goes too quick. Its been an amazing year full of emotions. Everything from emotional armageddons to tears, laughs and love and a lot of it. We wouldn't change it for the world.

I hope this newsletter gives you a little snapshot (and smile) of what we've all been up to this last term, and you enjoy reading it as much as we have living it.

Our topic this term has been 'living things'. We have enjoyed researching about different animals, where they live and what they eat. We have been on an amazing journey right from the African Savanna to the Jungle. We have enjoyed some great books to help support this such as 'Monkey Puzzle' and 'Rumble in the Jungle'. We enjoyed playing with animals and building habitats for them to live in.

We put our art skills to the test and created some beautiful collages of lions, parrots and chameleons. and learning about how things grow.

In Maths, we have focused on money, time and patterns. We have enjoyed learning different skills through active maths. Learning the concept of time through 'Whats the time Mr. Wolf', by

learning about money by purchasing items from Ollies shop..... as you can imagine I quickly ran out of stock....or snack

On Mondays we have had swimming and learnt about water safety. Friday, we have had mindfulness and weekly trips to the park. This year we have pushed ourselves and tried new things such as ICT, new sports such as New Age Curling and even tried new food.

We have celebrated some birthdays. We have also enjoyed taking part in our lower school sports day. We loved the wheelchair race and target throwing.

For some of us a door now closes but another opens. Some students are moving on to a new class and we just want to say that we have enjoyed teaching every single one of you and you will be missed. We wish you well in your new class. To those joining us, we look forward to you being part of the family.

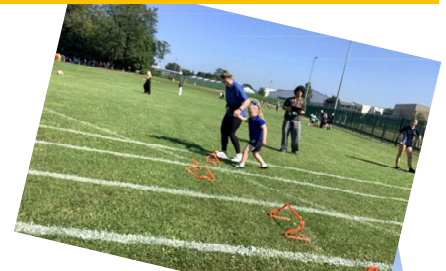
Have a lovely Summer holiday, you all deserve it.

Granelli Team xx

Granelli Class



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Jodrell Class

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Wow! Where has this year gone? What a year it has been! We have had a great summer term in Jodrell class. It has seen some of the hottest weather recorded in June and our pupils showed true resilience and phenomenal perseverance throughout. We were so proud of them!

This term, we were lucky enough to have weekly visits from Sally as part of The Love Music Trust. Sally visited each week, where we learnt lots of different songs, actions and played musical instruments. Following our six sessions, we were meant to visit Congleton Park to join another school for a musical filled morning. Unfortunately, thunderstorms meant that we couldn't visit, but St Alban's Pre School visited Park Lane, and we held the concert in our school hall. Our pupils were amazing throughout and showed a real flare for their musical talents.



This term, we have also had our 'Arts week' where we explored many different parts of the arts including music, art, dancing, collage and clay modelling. The theme for this week was 'JOY' and we certainly showed joy in the delivery of our 'arts' work. Well done Jodrell class!



We explored healthy eating day and made delicious smoothies, making choices of fruit and different juices. We tasted our smoothies and identified whether we liked or did not like them. Some of us REALLY liked them and ate the left-over fruit too.



Another exciting week was STEM week. We loved exploring the Beebots and making them move on the wooden roads. We took part in a science experiment, watching the colours make swirls in the milk. We had a great time exploring the different creatures in 'Wild Workshops'. We touched mice, toads, snails and many more. We also started to understand statistics in maths, where we searched for hidden blocks and created towers with the same colours or tally charts.

We had our very first Lower School Sports Day! The morning was amazing; filled with running, jumping and throwing. Well done Jodrell class for taking part. You were amazing.

Our final trip of the term was at Peak Wildlife Park. The weather was hot but we, again, showed resilience and had a brilliant time looking at and interacting with the different animals.

We say our final goodbyes to five of our amazing pupils, who have been with us for two years. We are so excited to see what amazing things they will get up to in Tatton class, but we will miss them dearly. We are also excited to welcome five new pupils into Jodrell class in September.



Hovis Class

Summer Term 2026



We've had a busy and exciting half term learning all about living things. The children enjoyed stories such as *The Tiny Seed*, *Jasper's Beanstalk* and *Oliver's Fruit Salad*, and they used colourful semantics to talk about what was happening in each story. They also created simple instructions for planting seeds and for making fruit salad.

In maths, we practised recognising coins, telling the time to the hour and using everyday positional language. The children particularly enjoyed choosing items to buy from the Hovis class shop and paying using real coins.

One of the highlights of the term was our Summer Fun Day. The children enjoyed a picnic and lots of water play in our Forest School area. We had a great time, and the ice lollies were a lovely treat to end the day!

In Challenge lessons, the children designed and made their own plant pots, and we have continued to observe the growth of our sunflowers. During Life Skills lessons, they prepared simple meals such as fruit salad and pasta salad. They were very proud of their creations. Throughout STEM week, the children enjoyed investigating and observing as they completed experiments and attended a workshop with lots of different animals.

In PE we worked on balance, coordination and sports day skills. Sports Day was a lovely event, and each child did so well.

We also spent time talking about healthy choices, families and transition. Our transition sessions helped the children think about how things will change next year and prepared them for either a new class or new friends in Hovis class.

It has been a wonderful term, and the children have shown independence and creativity throughout. We are so proud of everything they have achieved!

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely Summer!





Tatton Class

Summer Term 2026

What a fantastic term we've had in Tatton Class! Our topic this half term has been Living Things, with a particular focus on plants. The children have enjoyed exploring how plants grow and what they need to survive through a range of practical and engaging activities.

In Challenge, we planted and cared for our own sunflowers, decorating and creating personalised plant pots to grow them in. We linked this learning to our Maths money unit by designing posters to advertise our plants and deciding on a selling price, helping us practise recognising money and understanding its value.

Our Community learning has taken us on a journey through history, geography and RE. We explored The Victorian in History, learned about local villages, towns and cities in Geography, and discovered different religions, their places of worship, and some of the rules and belief that people follow.

In Creativity, we developed our art skills by learning about tints and tones before creating beautiful sunflower paintings inspired by our topic. We also explored fast and slow in music by responding to different animal-themed pieces through movement and performance.

In English, we have shared a variety of stories linked to flowers and plants while continuing to develop our reading and writing skills. We also focused on writing and following instructions, which we put into practice during our Life Skills sessions by preparing a range of healthy meals together.

We are incredibly proud of all the children for their hard work, enthusiasm and progress this term. Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you all have a wonderful and well-deserved summer break!





Mulberry Class!

Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of academic year 2025-2026, may I take this opportunity to tell you what a privilege it has been to teach your child; each member of Mulberry class brings their own talents, hilarity, kindness and joy to each day. I've had the most amazing time planning and teaching lessons, going on trips and simply being around your children – you don't need me to tell you how amazing they are, but still, I wanted to.

Learning has taken many guises this year, specifically this term – we've had Art's week, and, more recently, STEM week (science, technology engineering and maths). The children really enjoy learning things outside of the weekly timetable and it gives me chance to plan differently too. We've now rolled out Class Dojo, hopefully you're able to access the photos that I put on the class story and I know I've had messages from all of you as well; this replaces Facebook

Since Christmas we've been walking across to Macclesfield Tennis Club every Thursday, we've had a few weeks whereby the weather's not been on our side (both fear of rusting away and sun burn!) but we've had the best time, learning about forehand, backhand, serving and different shots. Jonny, tennis coach, has been instrumental in the delivery as well as his kind and caring attitude towards our learners – we'd all like to send a massive thank you to him and Macclesfield Tennis Club.

Our joint trip, with Merlin Class, to CAFT Farm was a real highlight not only of this term but this academic year; spending time in the great outdoors at a facility that supports the complex needs of our learners was amazing – from toasting marshmallows (if your child came home and told you "Laura's never toasted a marshmallow before!" then, they'd be right – but, I have now!) to building dens to feeding llamas

For those who're moving on to Upper School, don't forget where we are (parents too!), I have no doubt you will rise to challenges and thoroughly enjoy all Upper School has to offer and for those children remaining in Mulberry, more fun awaits! Wishing you a wonderful summer holiday, and thank YOU for all your support this year.

Laura and the Mulberry team.



Merlin Class

Summer Term 2026

We've reached the end of a truly wonderful Summer Term in Merlin Class, and what a journey it has been. As we look back, we've been reflecting on just how grown up, confident and capable the children have become. This has been Merlin's first ever year as a class at Park Lane, and we can say without hesitation that we have definitely had the best time together.

This half term has been packed with adventure. Our trips to Tatton Park, CAFT, and Peak Wildlife Park have helped bring our learning about living things to life. The children have explored, asked brilliant questions, and shown curiosity at every turn.



Across our curriculum, Merlin Class have also been busy developing new skills and exploring exciting ideas. In Individuality, we have been learning all about keeping ourselves safe, thinking about the choices we make and how to look after our bodies and minds. In Challenge, the children have enjoyed making fruity drinks, experimenting with flavours and practising their food-preparation skills. In Creativity, they have been creating and composing their own music pieces, inspired by famous artists and full of imagination. And in Community, we have been exploring the world via planes, discovering new places and comparing our lifestyles with those of people around the globe.

This half term has also marked the start of transition for new children joining Merlin Class. Our current pupils have loved welcoming new friends into the classroom and showing them the ropes. At the same time, we are feeling a little sad as we prepare to wave goodbye to some of our classmates who will be moving on to Upper School. We are incredibly proud of them and know they will continue to shine.



The Merlin Class team are incredibly proud of the children for working hard, growing in confidence and making us smile with their achievements. Most importantly, they have filled our classroom with joy, determination, and plenty of laughter. It has been a privilege to watch them shine.

Here's to a fantastic first year for Merlin Class — and to many more adventures ahead.



Arighis Summer Term Newsletter 2026



This term, our theme has been **Living Things**, and we have enjoyed exploring the amazing world around us through a variety of exciting activities and experiences. We began by learning about different life cycles, including the life cycle of a frog, a butterfly, and the human body. The children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm as they discovered how living things grow and change.

As part of our topic work, we created our own **animal cushions** and designed and built **bug hotels** to encourage wildlife in our outdoor areas. One of the highlights of the term was watching our very own butterflies develop and emerge, giving us a real-life opportunity to observe the butterfly life cycle firsthand.



We celebrated **World Ocean Day** by creating beautiful ocean-themed collages and a large-scale sea artwork outside. The children enjoyed learning about marine life and the importance of protecting our oceans. For **Healthy Eating Day**, we tasted a variety of new fruits, discussed healthy food choices, and worked together to plan balanced and nutritious meals. It was wonderful to see everyone willing to try new foods and share their opinions.

We were delighted to welcome visitors from the **Silk Museum**, who led an engaging workshop about Ancient Egypt. The children learned about the process of mummification and even explored how the Egyptians preserved bodies thousands of years ago. During **Arts Week**, we immersed ourselves in creativity through art, drama, and dance. The children produced fantastic artwork, including a large collaborative butterfly display, and confidently took part in drama and dance performances.



A particular highlight for our KS3 pupils was the **residential trip to Chester Zoo and sleepover experience**. The students had a wonderful time exploring the zoo, learning about animals and conservation, and developing their independence during the overnight stay. It was an unforgettable experience filled with fun, learning, and teamwork.

We are incredibly proud of all the children for their hard work, enthusiasm, and achievements this term. We wish everyone a happy and restful summer break and look forward to seeing you all again next term.

Annie, Bev, Jade, Mei and Nat – Arighi Team 😊



Bollin Class

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It's been a wonderful summer term in BOLLIN, filled with community access and lots of opportunities for our students to develop their independence skills. We enjoyed bowling and McDonald's, walked into Macclesfield town centre to watch Super Mario at Cinemac, and visited St Michael's Church to build independence, communication, and interaction skills.

We also had a brilliant Sports Day, with everyone getting involved and showing great teamwork and enthusiasm. Our trip to the cricket club was another highlight, giving students the chance to explore a new environment and take part in fun, active sessions.

This term we held our summer market, where students in enterprise lessons came up with the fantastic idea to sell ice cream and even designed their own ice-cream themed game. They showed great creativity and worked together to make the event a real success.

A huge well done to all the students who completed their Duke of Edinburgh Award this year — a fantastic achievement that reflects their resilience and commitment. We also have ASDAN qualification certificates coming home, celebrating even more hard work across the term.

This final week has been full of celebration, including our Pride activities, and some of our learners had an amazing time on the residential at The Wingate Centre.

We're also feeling a little emotional as our Year 11 students move on to Sixth Form. Luckily, they're only heading upstairs, so we'll still see their familiar faces.

Wishing all our families a safe and sunny summer break.





Middlewood Class

THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: LIVING THINGS

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Literacy & Maths



This term we have enjoyed stories 'Where, Oh Where, is Rosie's Chick?' and 'As We Grow'. In Maths, we have worked on time, money and

preposition. This allowed for some fantastic cookery sessions! We have continued to enjoy weekly café skills trips on a Friday



morning to practice using money in real life contexts. We have also enjoyed some very messy SALT sessions focused on becoming more familiar with our communication devices from our fantastic SALT team!

Community

In Community we have enjoyed learning about Ancient Egyptians and Natural Disasters. We loved our hands on workshop from the Silk Museum whereby we learnt about and practiced the mummification process of a pharaoh! We also loved getting practical when learning about Natural disasters, making



Earthquake proof buildings and experiencing a real life tsunami!

Creativity



Our Creativity sessions have been all about our teenage years! In Music we looked at how different songs can convey a range of different moods. In Art we explored the artist Andy Warhol who primarily focuses on Pop Art, we showcased our fantastic work at our first ever

Park Lane Art Exhibition!



Individuality

In PE we have enjoyed the sunshine playing a mix of many group team activities! Some pupils have enjoyed a weekly lunch time dance club and active sessions from Macclesfield Sports Club.



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Challenge

In Challenge we have learnt all about butterflies! We have really enjoyed watching our class caterpillars turn into some very



beautiful butterflies. We have also enjoyed STEM week whereby we had different workshops such as bridge building, making music via a banana (!?) and a Wild Workshop.

Thank you!



This term we also enjoyed our KS3 residential, the pupils coped incredibly well and a great time was had by all! This year we say goodbye to 6 pupils who will continue their journey into KS4. They will be missed dearly by us all but we can't wait to watch them all grow and flourish into even more brilliant young adults, I wish them the best of luck. Thank you all for your incredible support this year, it truly means a lot. I hope you all have a fantastic Summer holiday!



Park Lane School

Treacle Class Summer Term 2026

We have had a busy, exciting and hot summer term in Treacle class. The highlights have been a trip to Knowsley Safari Park, walking down to the centre of Macclesfield to watch Super Mario, our many visits to the fantastic Sandy Lane tearoom to enjoy cakes in the sun, practicing our independence skills with our visit for tea and cake at St Michaels Church, visiting Tesco supermarket and generally spending time with all our fantastic friends in class.

We had a great time at Park Lane Sports day; we took part in many activities such as wheelchair racing, beanbag throwing, football dribbling and many more. The weather was great, the ice pops were cold and the competition was intense.

In school we focused on finishing our ASDAN work in Maths and English and had fun taking part in lots of creative, community and independence activities. Some of the highlights have been; making fruit kebabs, smoothies, slushies, baked potatoes and lots of other tasty snacks in cooking; learning how to play cricket in PE, undertaking lots of work experience jobs, including washing minibuses, around school, and a range of other interesting, exciting and educational activities

In the final week of the summer term, we had great fun preparing for and taking part in our Pride activities and celebration party, and some of our learners will be lucky enough to visit the Wingate Centre for an overnight residential.

We have all worked together well and it has been a great pleasure to see all the students continue to develop their friendships, confidence, independence and sense of community within the class.

Sadly, we will be losing two students at the end of the summer term as they are progressing to 6th form. We wish them well and are sure they will continue to thrive and be their best selves

Wishing you all a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday.



6th Form 1

Summer Term 2026

Sixth Form 1 students have been taking part in lots of different curricular and extra-curricular activities during the summer term. They have coped well with changes to routines and have engaged in new and exciting tasks with enthusiasm.

During arts week our young people were exploring different ways to create art including making pinch and coil pots out of clay, making mosaics with a range of materials, using Coding software to create electronic art and designing their own bank notes. As part of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) week our students participated in sensory coding and virtual reality sessions lead by Hi Impact IT professionals. They also enjoyed bridge building and engaged well in an e-safety seminar.

Sixth Form 1 students have continued their internal and external work experience projects and have continued to develop their work-related skills. They consistently received excellent feedback from their employers, and we can't wait to develop our work experience offer next year.

Two of our learners completed the Silver Duke of Edinburgh award this term. They demonstrated a lot of physical and emotional resilience to complete the three hikes and two over night camps. However, what impressed me more was the empathy and support they showed towards the other young people taking part.

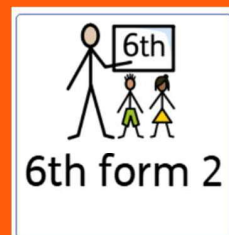
This term our young people took part in the upper school sports day. It was a different format this year with activity stations that the different year groups moved round over the course of the morning. It was very successful and the students engaged brilliantly despite the hot weather.

To our leavers, congratulations on producing outstanding ASDAN portfolios. They all attained diploma level qualifications, which means they achieved the most units possible. We will miss you but know you will go on to do great things at your next placements. Sixth Form 1 will be welcoming new students from Key Stage 4. They have been taking part in lots of transition visits and we're really looking forward to the upcoming academic year. Have a wonderful summer!



6th Form 2

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We are very proud of every pupil in 6th form 2 for coping well with a lot of changes this term. We said Goodbye to Beth at Easter and have been waiting patiently for the arrival of our new teacher, Katie, who is due to start in September.



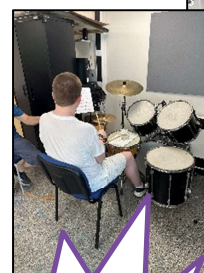
Katie has been visiting to get to know us all and we have enjoyed showing her around.

We have continued all the usual 6th form work which has involved lots of getting out and about in the local community, practising our shopping skills, working on our independence in cooking and preparing snacks, continuing our work experience and some of us have embarked on new placements or have moved onto walking to and from placements completely unaided.



We are very excited for our end of year Prom!

We have also continued work on personal targets such as using our walker to get around. We have done a lot of Lego therapy work to practice working in groups, turn take and sometimes lead. We have taken part in Arts week and STEM week and learned a lot of new skills both creative and scientific. Some of us have had our weekly drumming lessons with Jamie which we really enjoy.



Goodbye to our 3 leavers who are leaving us to go to 3 different colleges





Barnaby Class

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As we approach the end of another school year, we reflect on all the fantastic work that has been done in class. This term we have been looking firstly at habitats and then at British History since 1940. This has led to lots of different sensory experiences from spotty prints, to aquafaba oceans, coal tar soap and the smells of the forest. We've been working on our technology skills too, with eye gaze and switch work, alongside touchscreen. We've also continued with our very popular sessions with the animal therapy team. Some of the students have really grown in confidence with the animals. As always, we continue to work on the student's PLGs, including using standing frames etc. The amount of time most will tolerate now is really improving through regular use.



Hello from Miquill!

At Miquill, we love good food and are dedicated to making your child's lunchtime both tasty and fun. We cook fresh, wholesome meals from scratch every day because we care about our food and our customers. This commitment shines through in every delicious bite.

We're here to keep high standards and make sure every child looks forward to lunchtime.

Our Mission

We want to give every child a nutritious meal that fills them up and that they love to eat. We want to give them a food experience that rivals the high street and teaches them about different flavours and cuisines from around the world! Lunchtime is a really important time of the school day - it allows your children to relax and socialise and gives them the energy to get through their afternoon classes. We take pride in making this important part of the day the best it can be.

Our Menus

Your menu features meat and vegetarian choices which are all freshly cooked with love. We source top quality ingredients from regional farmers to make sure everything that goes into our meals is fresh, environmentally friendly and of course, delicious.

Your child's health plays a huge role in the way we develop menus and cook our food. We meet the Government's standards when it comes to food in schools and our menus are analysed to check they are balanced and healthy. We have a commitment to healthy, sustainable meals.

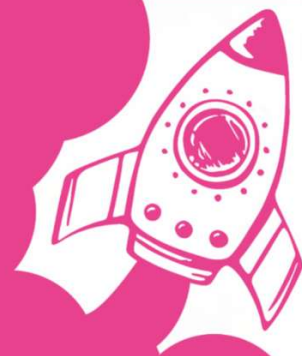
- We source locally and seasonally wherever possible including fruit, vegetables, dairy, meat and bakery items
- We don't use undesirable additives, and limit the amount of fat, salt and sugar in our meals
- We enrich our recipes with fruits & vegetables - even where you wouldn't expect, such as in carrots in our sauces or fruit in our brownies
- We use whole grains in most cases as they are better for your child's health.

Learning about healthy eating

Our menus are carefully balanced and reviewed by a nutritionist to support healthy growth and learning.

But it's not just about what's on the plate - we also teach children about healthy lifestyles through assemblies, fun events like smoothie bike days, cooking sessions and food competitions.

We want every child to enjoy eating well and learn that healthy food can be exciting, tasty, and fun!



Free School Meals

Have You Checked If You're Eligible?

Every child deserves a healthy, filling meal to fuel their learning - and for many families, this support is available for **free**.

Many families are eligible without realising it!

Even if you're unsure, it's worth checking - claiming free school meals can help with:

- Building healthy habits
- Supporting focus and learning
- Bringing extra funding into school

You're not alone - many families apply every year. It's easy to do, and we're here to guide you if you want.

 Find out more and check your eligibility here:
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Let's work together to make sure every child has what they need to eat well and learn well.

SAMPLE MENU

					Week 1
WEEK COMMENCING: 31/08, 21/09, 12/10, 02/11, 23/11, 14/12, 04/01, 25/01					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	BBQ Chicken	Ham and Pineapple Pizza	Roast Chicken	Cottage Pie	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian	Winter Veg Cobbler	Margherita Pizza	Roast Quorn Fillet	Mac n Cheese Pasta Bake	Cheese and Onion Slice
Sides	Wholegrain Rice and Broccoli	Wedges, Sweetcorn and Peppers	Roasties and Carrots	Peas	Chips and Beans
Every Day	Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans				
	Freshly Filled Rolls and Salad Bar are also available				
	Fresh Bread and Salad is available daily with a choice of Yoghurt, Jelly or Fruit instead of dessert				
Desserts	Flapjack	Rainbow Cookie	Chocolate Chip Shortbread	Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard	Banana Custard Crunch

Each day there is a vegetarian option available for pupils.

For lighter options, we have jacket potatoes, sandwiches, salad, fresh bread, yoghurt and fruit available daily.

Allergens & Special Diets

If your child has any dietary requirements, please get in touch so we can provide menus to meet their needs. We can cater for a wide variety of special diets including gluten-free, Halal, medical diets and more.

We have a nut-free policy in all of our kitchens.

Our teams are fully trained to cater for special diets so you can be confident that your child's needs will be met safely.

All allergen information for every dish we serve is available on request from the kitchen team so do get in touch if you would like more information.

Special dietary requirements

If your child has been advised by a GP or other Healthcare Professional to follow a specific medical diet due to allergies or otherwise, please contact our kitchen team to request a meeting to discuss your options.

All allergen information relating to our menus is available on request.



THEME DAYS

School Meals with a Side of Fun!

We've got a calendar full of exciting theme days, special menus and food events throughout the year – This will be shared in September with dates.

Don't let your child miss out – school meals are more than just tasty, they're an experience!



NO PLANET B

Sustainability is one of our core values - we recognise that our activities can affect the environment and so we make sure that everything we do minimises our impact. We believe that lots of small changes can add up to make a big difference and so we have a multi-faceted approach including:

- using environmentally friendly cleaning chemicals and disposables wherever possible across all our sites.
- phasing out single use plastics and giving preference to products made of recycled materials
- reducing food miles and carbon output by selecting local suppliers wherever possible.
- conscious consumption - providing low impact food choices such as plant based proteins, seasonal fruit and vegetables and zero waste recipes.

