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Summer Term

Newsletter 13

Friday 17th July 2026

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

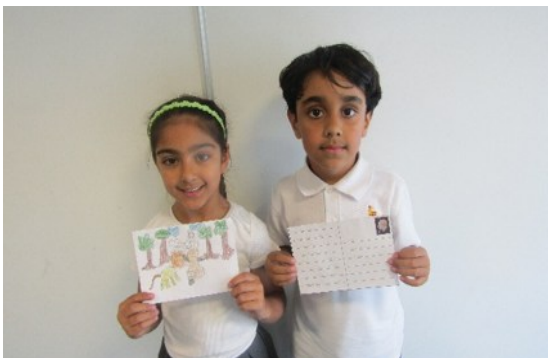
The children have been really creative and imaginative in **Nursery** this week. Some children decided to use Duplo to make a cargo train that transports cars and buses from one place to another. Whilst other children drew self and family portraits on the large whiteboard with a huge amount of detail and description. Super work, Nursery children, we are very proud of your creativity and imagination!



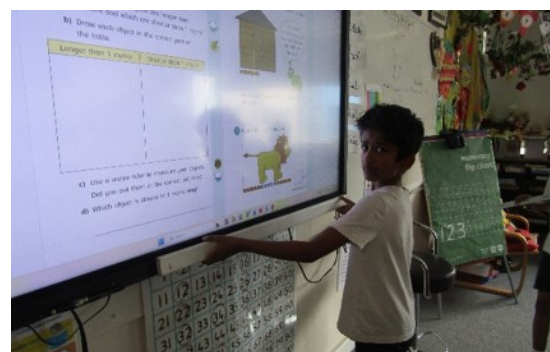
This week in **Reception** has been busy and amazing! We have enjoyed lots of outdoor learning and play, making the most of the lovely weather. Our discussions have focused on summer and holidays, with the children sharing their exciting plans and experiences while taking part in a range of fun, seasonal activities.



This week, **Year 1** have been fully immersed in the story *Paddington's Post*. Inspired by the text, they wrote a letter in role as Paddington Bear to his Aunt Lucy, developing their understanding of character, purpose, and audience in writing. The children then explored the features and purpose of postcards, learning how they are used to share news and experiences. They wrote their own postcards, writing to a family member about a recent event they had enjoyed at school. The children chose from a range of memorable experiences, including the Summer Fair, Transition Day, the Lion King performance, and smoothie making. They were able to reflect on these special moments and communicate their thoughts, feelings, and experiences through purposeful writing.



This week in Maths, **Year 2** have been taking a hands-on approach to learning. The children have been developing their measuring skills by using rulers and metre sticks to measure and compare lengths in centimetres and metres. They have also been exploring money, identifying coins and notes, calculating totals, and finding different ways to make amounts. The children enjoyed applying their learning through practical activities and real-life problem-solving tasks, demonstrating growing confidence in both measurement and money.



*"Rise above the storm
and you will find the
sunshine."*

- Mario Fernandez

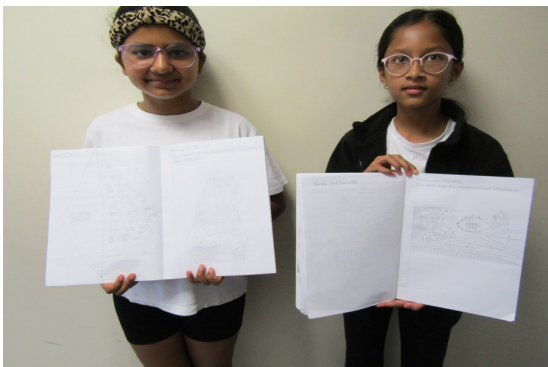
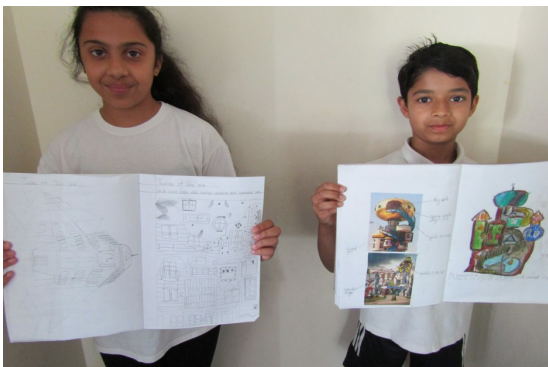
This week in Art, **Year 3** created their own zines (mini books) inspired by their learning about Ancient Egyptian art. The children folded and designed their books before filling them with colourful illustrations, interesting facts and creative ideas about Ancient Egypt. We were impressed by their creativity and the thoughtful way they used both text and images to share their knowledge.



This week in English, **Year 4** continued reading *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Raúf. The children explored the characters, themes and events in the story, discussing friendship, kindness and empathy. They shared thoughtful ideas, made predictions and supported their opinions with evidence from the text. It has been wonderful to see such mature discussions and enthusiasm for reading.



This week, **Year 5** have been focusing on Architecture during their Art and Design lessons. The children have worked incredibly hard to create their own monogram designs, carefully developing unique and imaginative artwork. They then enhanced their designs by adding detail, colour and texture using oil pastels, exploring different techniques to make their work stand out. The class showed great creativity and attention to detail, taking inspiration from architectural patterns and decorative features. We are very proud of their artistic efforts and the fantastic designs they



*"There is no need to
have it all, just make
the best of what you
have."*

- Unknown

A huge congratulations to our talented **Year 6** pupils, who wowed audiences with their fantastic production of *The Lion King*. From the vibrant costumes and impressive set designs to the confident acting, singing and dancing, every child played their part brilliantly. Their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm shone through in every performance, bringing the much-loved story to life on stage. The show was a wonderful celebration of creativity, teamwork and perseverance, and Year 6 should be incredibly proud of what they achieved. Hakuna Matata, Year 6 - what a truly outstanding performance!



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Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the Great British Summer Savings scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.

We need you to help spread the word. So please share details of the Great British Summer Savings scheme through your newsletters, school apps, and other communications to parents and carers, so that the families in your school community know about the experiences they can enjoy this summer for less.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an attraction finder website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Businesses can find out more about the VAT reduction by visiting GOV.UK and searching 'Temporary reduced rate of VAT for family attractions'.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary of State for Education

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Chancellor of the Exchequer

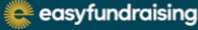
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show, speak less than
you know."*

*- William
Shakespeare*

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Head Teacher's Awards

Havinesh,Andromeda, Year 3 has been presented an award for his outstanding performance in the Chithambara Maths Challenge and winning a trophy! What a fantastic achievement! Well done Havinesh! Keep up the good work!



Jaxon, Copernicus, Year 5 created a fantastic piece of artwork using his shading and sketching skills, showcasing his passion for art, even outside the classroom. Well done Jaxon, keep up the good work!



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Head Teacher's Awards cont'd

Smayan, Couper, Year 5 has been presented an award for creating an amazing Fifa World Cup poster. What a wonderful piece of work from you Smayan! Keep up the good work!



Avani, Galileo, Year 6 has been presented an award for always smiling, being kind and thoughtful. She is always willing to help her teachers and peers wherever she can! Such a positive ray of light! Keep smiling Avani!



Message from the Head Teacher

It has been an incredible week of celebrating talent across the school. Our cricketers proudly represented the county in a tournament, while our amazing Year 5 and 6 pupils wowed parents, carers, children and staff with their outstanding performances of The Lion King.

These achievements are a wonderful reflection of the breadth of opportunities we offer beyond the core curriculum and are something we are incredibly proud of. As always, I have been so impressed by our children's dedication, enthusiasm and willingness to challenge themselves. They continue to demonstrate that, with hard work and perseverance, they can achieve remarkable things.

Of course, none of this would be possible without our fantastic staff team. They give up countless hours rehearsing productions, coaching sports teams, organising events and creating opportunities that enrich our children's experiences and create memories that will last a lifetime. We are incredibly grateful for their commitment and passion.

Last week, we also held our Summer Fair. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring our school community together while raising valuable funds for the school. I am delighted to share that we raised an incredible £2,860! A huge thank you to our PTA for all of their hard work in organising such a successful event, as well as to our vendors, sponsors and everyone who attended and supported us. We are already looking forward to more community events in the future.

As we move into the final week of term, there is still much to celebrate, and we look forward to sharing these special moments with you before we break for the summer.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Austin



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CASTLEVIEW SCHOOL FAIR

Music and Summer Vibes

Thank you everyone who supported our fantastic Summer Fair last Friday! It was a fantastic turnout! We have raised £2860 with everyone's help and contribution. Thank you to our lovely PTA members and staff who worked hard to make this happen! Many thanks to all our vendors, sponsors and donators! Without you this could not have been possible!



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We would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** again to Councillor Subhash Mohindra for allowing us to advertise the school fair by putting a banner on his gate!

We would also like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to Mr Kapoor for taking the time to create the banner for the school gate and supporting the school Summer Fair. We really appreciate your time, effort and generosity.

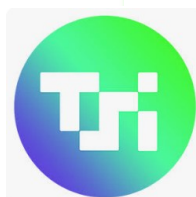
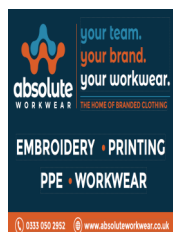
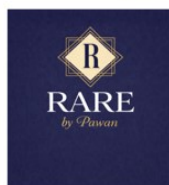
Special thanks to Ella Fairchild - Digital Marketing at Oakwood Estates for generously providing our display boards, and for donating a raffle prize.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all our other raffle prize donators!

Many thanks to DJ Harry for keeping us entertained with great music throughout the day.

Also a **BIG SHOUT OUT** to all the staff and community members who have allowed advertising the fair courtesy of Oakwoods!

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all the vendors for your support! Without you, this wouldn't be possible!



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Star of the Week Awards

This proud Stars of the Week are: Abdullah (Saturn), Saad (Mercury), Amelia (Jupiter), Inayah (Neptune), Safaa (Andromeda), Idris (Orion), Dhiya (Pegasus), Abdullah (Scorpius), Yixiu (Copernicus), Ismail (Couper), Ayaan (Galileo), Priyanka (Herschel)

Stars of the Week



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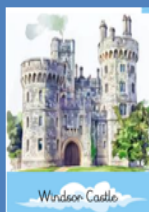
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Windsor Castle Cardiff Castle



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Total House Points this week

★ House of the Week ★
Windsor Castle



55



72

Arundel Castle Edinburgh Castle



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Attendance Matters at Castleview

Every week, each class has a race to who can get to **100%** attendance and receive the Attendance Trophy and a MUFTI day.

Attendance Race Winners this week are:-

1st Place – Pegasus with 97.3%

2nd Place – Galileo with 96.8%

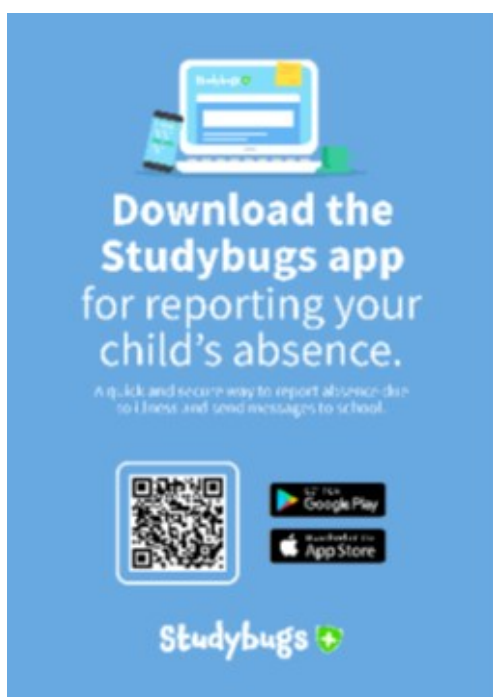
3rd Place – Mercury with 96.4%

Whole school attendance 94.5%, we need to improve this further!

Attendance is low this week, keep coming to school everyday and your class may also get 100 attendance and win the 🏆!



We are using a new school app called 'Studybugs', please download this app to report any absences for your child.



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CAMP 4 - 12TH AUGUST - 14TH AUGUST

Ages 4 - 12 years old

Football and GK camps

CAMP 5 - 19TH AUGUST - 20TH AUGUST

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Football and GK camps

CAMP 6 - 24TH AUGUST - 26TH AUGUST

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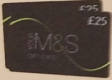
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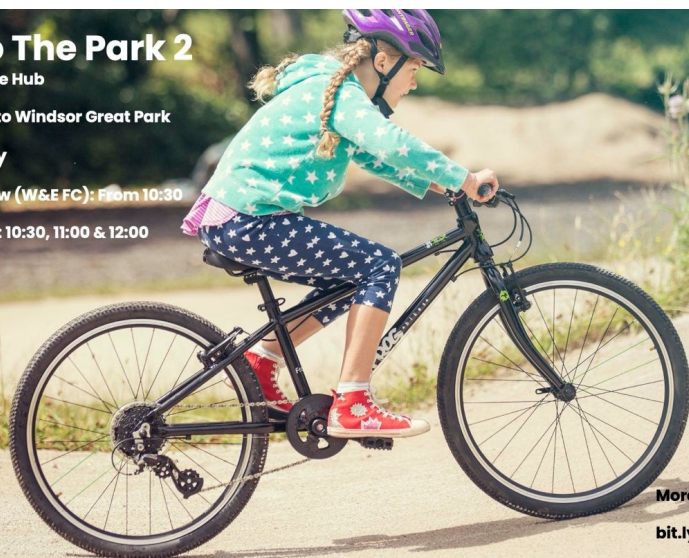
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Project: Pedal To The Park 2, Sunday 19th July 2026

By: David Bonney, Windsor Cycle Hub

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Reception at Stag Meadow (by Windsor & Eton FC) opens at 10:30. Then our first 'Bike Bus' departs for the Great Park village green. It's a 30 min ride for most people, with stops along the way to drink & rest. We'll wait for you.

The 3 bike buses will be led by our volunteers, with a 'conductor' on the back. You can also make your own way to the village, just follow our 'WCH' arrows.

Booking's essential to qualify for our event insurance, & so we can monitor visitor numbers. Please use this link, or scan the QR code on our poster.

We'll have a picnic zone on the village green. Please bring your own food & drink - we're aiming for an ice cream van too, to help you cool down.

On the green we'll have fun bike related activities for kids, & big kids, to try. Plus, we'll have 2 additional routes marked out in the park - with our volunteers on hand to assist.

Pedal To The Park is for everyone, we'd love to see whole families including kids, nanas & grandads. It's fine to come on your own, or with a few friends, by the time you ride home you'll have even more friends.

Stag Meadow's an easy 15 mins ride from central Windsor. Just follow the signs (little red No.4s/bike icons) from outside the Leisure Centre. Go up Vansittart Road, past the Skate Park, on to Bulkeley Avenue & then cross St Leonard's Road. There's very little car parking at Stag Meadow, & none in the village, so it's a chance to prove that you can cycle all the way from the town centre.



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