



4th July 2025

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Headteacher's insight

As we approach the final few weeks of the academic year, the school has been buzzing with energy, growth, and celebration. This week has been no exception and has included some significant moments for our pupils across the school.

On **Tuesday morning**, all of our children took part in **Transition Day**—a hugely important part of preparing for the next stage in their learning journey. Each child spent time in their **new classroom environment**, getting to know their teacher and some of the routines they can expect in September. We were so proud of the way the children approached the day—with enthusiasm, resilience, and positivity. Transition can be a time of mixed emotions, but the feedback from both pupils and staff was overwhelmingly positive, and it's clear that our children are feeling excited and ready for what's to come.

This week also saw our **Year 6 children head off on their much-anticipated residential trip**, and what an experience it has been! They've had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of adventurous activities including **archery, bushcraft, high ropes, raft building, problem solving, and orienteering**. As well as developing new skills and pushing themselves out of their comfort zones, they've also spent time building independence and making memories with their friends—especially while **camping overnight**, which for many was a true highlight. A huge thank you to the staff team who supported the trip and made it such a special time for our pupils.

As we move closer to the end of term, I'd like to remind everyone to [purchase tickets for our end-of-year disco](#). This event is will be a wonderful celebration and a chance for our children to come together and enjoy music, dancing, and time with friends as they wrap up another school year.



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This week also marked an exciting milestone as we held our very **first school Science Fair!** We were incredibly impressed by the creativity, curiosity, and scientific thinking on display. **Eighteen children were selected to exhibit their investigations**, presenting their ideas confidently to visitors, staff, and peers. All children who entered had their projects proudly displayed, creating a real celebration of science across the school. Visitors to the fair were invited to **vote for their favourite exhibit**, and we're looking forward to revealing the winning investigation next week. A **huge congratulations to everyone who took part**, and especially to the 18 children whose work was chosen for exhibition—you should all be very proud of your achievements.

And finally, I'm delighted to share some very **happy news—Miss James has welcomed a beautiful baby boy!** We are so pleased to hear that both mum and baby are doing well and are now home, settling in together. I know the whole school community will join me in sending our warmest congratulations and best wishes to her and her family at this special time.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher



News from our classrooms

Comets class

It's been another busy and exciting week for the Comets Class! Though we can't not mention our fantastic trip to the zoo last week. The children were respectful and thoughtful when exploring the zoo — so much so that the zoo staff gave them lots of compliments! We saw lots of different animals, asked brilliant questions when meeting the zookeepers, and even had the chance to touch a few friendly creatures. It was a wonderful day and we are so proud of all the children.

Back in the classroom, we have been reading **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** this week. In Literacy, the children created their very own caterpillar life cycles, complete with beautiful labels and lots of detail. It's been lovely to see their growing understanding of the natural world.

In Maths this week the children in Comets Class have been practicing using **positional language**. We have created our own maps of how we get to school and have used language like next to, under, behind, left, right and straight ahead when describing what we see and how we travel.

We also had a very special moment this week — the children got to meet their Year One teacher! There were lots of smiles and some fun activities. Both the children and their new teacher had a great time getting to know each other.

And finally, a huge well done to everyone for their amazing contributions to the **Science Fair**. The projects were so thoughtful, creative, and carefully made. We were blown away by the effort and enthusiasm from all our young scientists!



Vulcan Class



We've had a wonderfully busy (and very warm!) week in Vulcan Class. To help us stay cool and calm, we enjoyed a relaxing yoga session during PE – a great way to look after our bodies and minds in the heat.

In maths, we've been exploring position and direction, using practical activities to help us understand movement, turns and describing where things are.

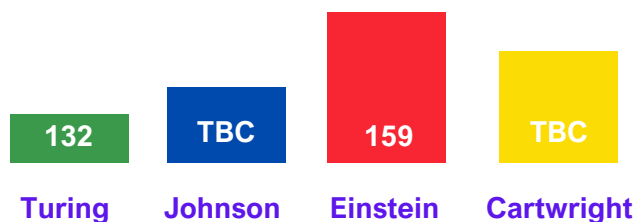
Our science investigation was all about eco-friendly plant pots. We made our own pots using bubble wrap, paper, and foil, then tested them to see if they could hold soil and water. The results were a little inconclusive... but we had a brilliant time exploring and experimenting together!

Don't forget our trip on Monday! It links to our current geography unit, where we've been learning about the coast and how tourism impacts the human features of a town. We've been working hard to understand how places change when visitors come – and we're especially looking forward to counting ice-cream sellers as we walk around Cambridge! Please check your emails to make sure you're ready for the day.





House Point Totals



Key upcoming dates

Friday, 4 th July	<u>Science Fair</u>
Monday 7 th July	<u>Vulcans trip to Cambridge City Centre</u>
Tuesday, 15 th July	<u>Hercules American Football Sports Morning</u>
Tuesday, 17 th July	<u>Year 6 Production (5:30 to visitors)</u>
Monday 21 st July	<u>Nursery graduation 2:30pm & House Activity Day</u>
Tuesday, 22 nd July	<u>Year 6 Leavers Assembly and end of year disco after school</u>
Wednesday, 23 rd July	<u>Last day of school!</u>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

No birthdays this week!





Term Dates 2024/25

Spring term

Monday 6th January to Friday 4th April

Half term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April

Easter holidays: Monday 7 April – Friday 18th April

Summer term

Tuesday 22nd April to Wednesday 23rd July

Back to school Wednesday 23rd April

Bank holiday Monday 5th May (school closed)

Half term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Back to school Tuesday 3rd June

Last day of term 23rd July

INSET Days (closed to pupils)

Tuesday 22 April

Monday 2 June

Term Dates 2025/26

Autumn term 2025

Thursday 4th September to Friday 24th October

Half term: Monday 27th October – 3rd November

Tuesday 4th November to Friday 19th December

Christmas holidays: Monday 22nd December to Tuesday 6th Jan

Spring term 2026

Tuesday 6th January to Friday 13th February

Half Term: Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February

Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th March

Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April

Summer term 2026

Monday 13th April to Friday 22nd May

Half Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Monday 1st June to Friday 17th July

Summer Holiday: Monday 20th July onwards

INSET Days (closed to pupils)

Monday 1st September

Tuesday 2nd September

Wednesday 3rd September

Monday 3rd November


Monday 5th January

Monday 20th July




Marleigh Primary Academy DISCO!

Tuesday 22nd July



Nursery - Year 1: 3.30 - 4.45 pm
Year 2-6: 5.00 - 6.15 pm



Tickets: £5

Includes drink, snacks and glow sticks!

Join us for a **NEON** themed disco complete with lights, games and bubbles!

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