



05 June 2026

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Headteacher's insight

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back for the final half term of the academic year and to see them settle so positively into Summer 2. This is always a very special and important half term in school life; whilst there is still much learning ahead, it is also a time for reflection, celebration and preparation for new beginnings.

Over the coming weeks, our focus will be on ensuring that curriculum coverage is completed strongly across all year groups, whilst continuing to provide rich and engaging learning opportunities for every child. Alongside this, we will be supporting pupils carefully with transition into the next academic year, including welcoming our new children and families who will soon become part of our school community. As part of this transition process, children will complete their current school year on Friday 10th July before beginning the following week in their new classes with their new teachers from Monday 13th July. This important transition week will provide children with valuable opportunities to build relationships, become familiar with new routines and feel confident and prepared ahead of September.

This term also brings an important milestone for our Year 6 pupils. As they prepare for the next stage of their education, we look forward to celebrating all they have achieved during their time with us and giving them the memorable final weeks they deserve before they move on to secondary school.

Behind the scenes, our leadership team and staff are already working hard to ensure that everything is in place for September so that we continue to build on the excellent progress made this year and further strengthen opportunities for growth, development and success across the school.



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There is also much to look forward to as a community over the next few weeks, including Sports Day, **Thursday 9 July**, our Summer Fayre **Friday 3 July** and our whole school trip to Milton Country Park on **Tuesday 14th July** — events which always create wonderful memories for us all.

As we begin to think ahead to September, we would encourage families to start preparing school uniform over the coming weeks. Our uniform guidance can be found on the [school website](#), including reminders around expectations for footwear, PE kit and jewellery. We would also like to remind families that uniform items do not need to feature the school logo and can be purchased from a range of retailers. In addition, we continue to hold a stock of nearly new uniform in school which families are very welcome to access, with only a small cash donation requested where possible.

Please see the section in this week's newsletter below that shares with you the teacher allocation for September 2026.

We are looking forward to enjoying the Premier SpeedKick event next Thursday and we thank you in advance for supporting your child to organise sponsorship as per the literature sent before half term and summarised in the section below.

We are set for a busy, successful and celebratory final half term together. Thank you.



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher



Teacher Allocation 2026/27

Class teacher team:

Caterpillars - Mrs Houlder, Mrs Sellars (cover) - Nursery
Butterflies - Miss Ahmed, Mrs Sellars (cover) - Reception
Ladybirds - Mrs McLachlan - Year 1
Dragonflies - Miss Dennett-Jones - Year 2
Squirrels - Mrs Yatelly (formerly Miss Maxwell)/Mrs Tabram - Year 3
Hedgehogs - Mr Chambers - Year 4
Owls - Miss Rubete - Year 5
Badgers - Miss Westrope - Year 6

Leadership team:

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Thompson
Executive Deputy Headteachers: Mrs Parker, Miss James
Assistant Headteacher - EYFS: Mrs Sellars
SENDCo - Mrs Norman
Key Stage 1 Leader - Miss Brown
Key Stage 2 Leader - Miss Westrope
STEM Leader - Mrs McLachlan
PE and Sport Leader - Mr Parker

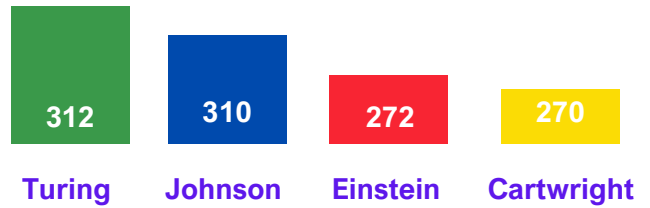
We are looking forward to using the remainder of this academic year to prepare for a successful start to the new school year. The teachers are particularly looking forward to spending the final week of term with their new class for transition week.

Premier SpeedKick Event

See the letter accompanying this email to read about the SpeedKick event happening on **Thursday 11th June**. Please do not bring any cash to the office, sponsorship money can be bought to school on the event day.



House Point Totals



The Children's Commissioner's National Survey - The Big Future

We are sharing the below survey with you, should you wish to take part.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>

More information about the Children's Commissioner can be found here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/>





Ladybirds Class

It has been a fantastic first week back in Ladybirds Class, with lots of enthusiasm for our new learning! In English, we have started reading Grandad's Island. The children have been captivated by the story and have begun thinking carefully about adjectives and descriptive language to help bring the setting to life in preparation to write a setting description next week.

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value and practising counting forwards and backwards to 100. The children have enjoyed exploring different ways to represent numbers and explain their thinking.

Our PE lessons this half term are focused on sending and receiving skills. We were lucky to dodge the rain and head outside on Tuesday, where the children practised accurate underarm throws and developed their teamwork skills through a range of fun rolling activities.

In Computing, we have begun learning about data handling. Using information about animals in a zoo, we explored different ways to organise and represent data and discussed how pictograms can help us present information clearly.

In Science, we became tree detectives! The children investigated whether taller trees have wider trunks by heading out into the school grounds to take measurements and collect real data. To our surprise, we discovered that some trees with thinner trunks could be taller than those with wider trunks!

As part of our DT learning next week, we will be creating stable structures on Wednesday 10th June and would be very grateful for any junk modelling materials you could send in for that day. We would welcome clean items such as small cardboard boxes, kitchen roll tubes, yoghurt pots, plastic bottles, cartons and other suitable recyclable materials. These resources will help the children explore how to build and strengthen different structures. Thank you for your support.

Next week we will also begin practising for our class assembly, which is on Wednesday 17th June. We look forward to showing you everything that we have been learning.





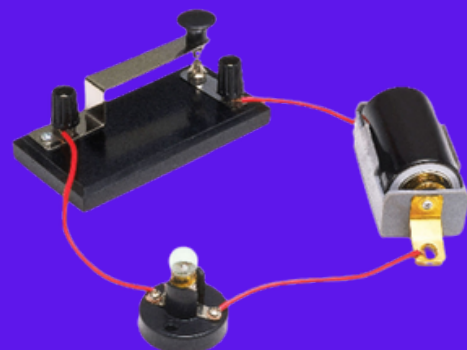
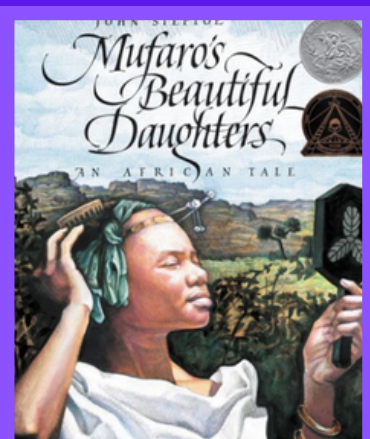
Squirrels Class

Squirrels have come back after the half term break full of enthusiasm to begin our new units of learning! The highlight of this week was our class assembly, where Squirrels brilliantly showcased some of the learning they had done last half term. Everyone spoke confidently and participated in displaying their art work and Anglo-Saxon helmet masks. This week, we began looking at our new text for English – a beautiful picture book called *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale* by John Steptoe. The children are already engaged in the story and the illustrations. We will be working towards writing a travel leaflet about Zimbabwe, as this is where the story is set.

In maths, we began our new unit on mass and capacity. The children have enjoyed using weighing scales to measure the mass of different classroom objects in grams. We have also looked at measuring in kilograms, and measuring in kilograms and grams together. Although this is a shorter unit, the children have quickly picked up the concepts and are applying previously learned knowledge to help them when it comes to the more problem solving and reasoning questions.

In science, we are continuing our topic on electricity and circuits and will be linking this to our upcoming DT lessons which are all about designing and making torches! We also started our new geography topic which is called 'What are rivers and how are they formed?'. We kicked this off by learning about the water cycle, and drew diagrams in our books, labelling them with key vocabulary we had learnt, such as evaporation, condensation and precipitation.

It's been a fantastic, learning-filled first week back in Squirrels Class!





Badgers Class

We've had a fantastic start to our final half term in Year 6 and have thrown ourselves into lots of exciting new learning.

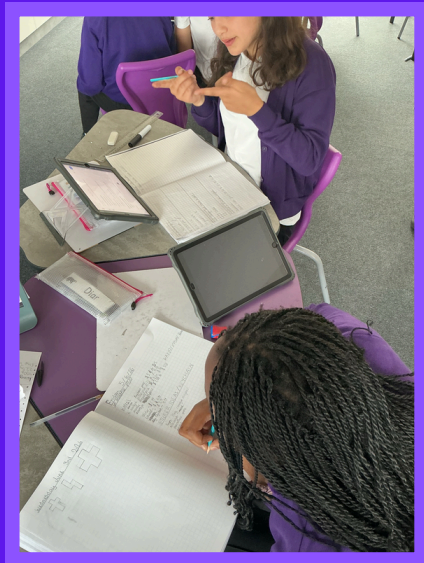
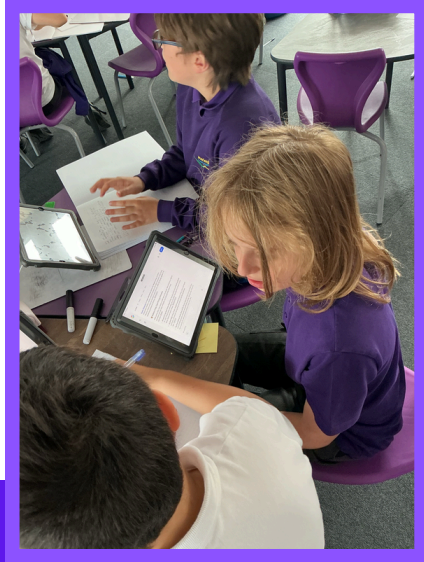
In Geography, we have begun our new enquiry topic and are already asking thoughtful questions as we start to explore the key themes and concepts that will guide our learning over the coming weeks.

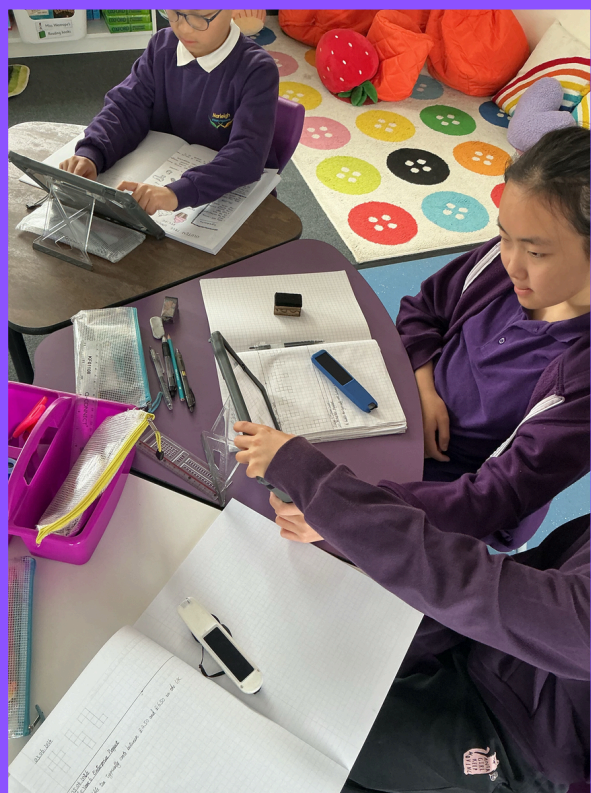
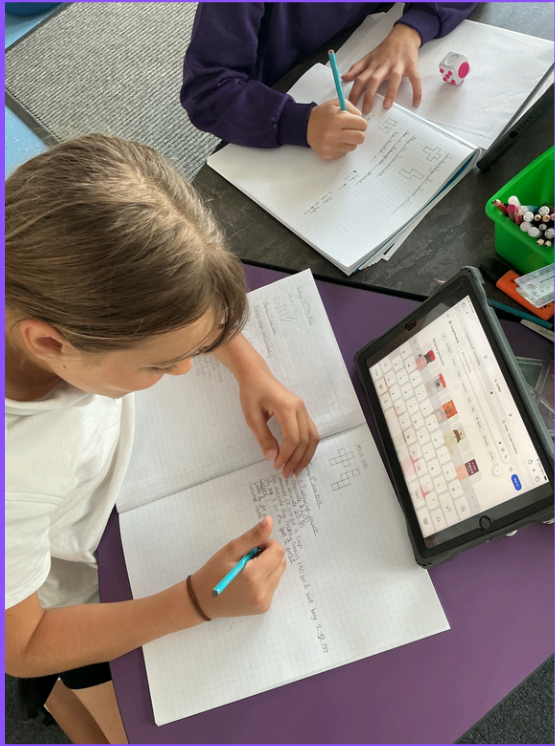
In Science, we have been drawing upon our prior learning to investigate the question: "How reflective are space blankets?" The children have been making predictions, planning investigations, and applying their scientific knowledge to explain their observations.

Our Maths learning has taken a very practical turn as we have launched our Enterprise Project for this half term. Alongside this, we have continued developing our understanding of the Bakery Project, focusing on the important business concepts of profit, revenue, and loss. We are all looking forward to putting our plans into action next week when we begin making and packaging our cupcakes!

As we move closer to September, we have spent a significant amount of time thinking about transition and identity. Through discussions and activities, we have been reflecting on the exciting changes ahead and considering what it means to move on to secondary school. We have also started making practical adjustments to our school day to help us prepare for greater independence and the routines we will experience next year.

The Badgers have approached all of these opportunities with maturity, enthusiasm, and positivity. We are excited to see what the rest of the half term brings!





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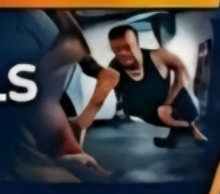
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Key dates 2025-26

June

Wed, 3 Jun	Sports event EYFS Squirrels class assembly, parents & carers invited for a 09:15 start
Thurs, 4 Jun	Year 6 Residential briefing children and parents/carers, 2pm
Mon 8 - Fri 12 Jun	Year 1 Phonics Screening Test
Wed, 10 Jun	Sports Alliance Year 3 and 4 Cricket fixture - selected teams Dragonflies class assembly, parents & carers invited for a 09:15 start
Thurs, 11 Jun	Year 6 Bottisham Cup Sports event - all children Speedkick Sponsored Event - Premier Education
Wed, 17 Jun	Year 5 Sport Event afternoon - all children Ladybirds class assembly, parents & carers invited for a 09:15 start <u>Year 6 Residential Trip</u> (returning Friday 19 June)
Fri, 19 Jun	Fathers Day Gift Shop
Tues, 23 Jun	Caterpillars and Butterflies Teddy Bears Picnic. Bring a teddy!
Wed, 24 Jun	ALPSA Tournament Golf Years 5 and 6 (selected children) <u>Squirrels class trip to Ditton Meadow</u> Butterflies class assembly, parents & carers invited for a 09:15 start
Mon, 29 Jun	<u>Caterpillar's trip to Anglesey Abbey</u>

July

Wed, 1 Jul	Sports event Year 6 <u>Butterflies trip to South Angle Farm</u>
Fri, 3 Jul	Science Fair project presentations in school Summer Fayre - after school
Wed, 8 Jul	ALPSA Festival Multi Skills Year 1 & 2 (selected children)
Thur, 9 Jul	Sports day (morning)
Fri, 10 Jul	Year 6 Play in a Week performance 9am Science Fair event - 3:15-3:45pm - parents and carers invited to attend
Tues, 14 Jul	<u>Whole school trip to Milton Country Park</u>
Weds, 15 Jul	ALPSA Tournament Athletics Year 3 & 4 (selected children)
Thurs, 16 Jul	Year 6 Leavers assembly 9:15 - parents and carers invited to attend End of Year Disco - after school
Fri, 17 Jul	Nursery Graduation Ceremony 2:30pm Last day of the academic year

Autumn term 2026/27 begins 4 September 2026



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Term Dates 2025/26

[For key upcoming dates see our website](#)

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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