



10 July 2026

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Headteacher's insight

As we approach the final week of the academic year, this will be our last newsletter in its usual format. Next week, instead of a newsletter, I will be sending a letter to all families containing everything you need to know for September, including key dates, any routine changes, reminders and information about our extra-curricular club offer. Please keep an eye out for this during the week.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for Sports Day this week. Whilst we needed to shorten the event due to the high temperatures, the enthusiasm, encouragement and enjoyment shown by our children certainly didn't diminish. We were delighted that we were able to go ahead safely rather than cancel, and the children should be incredibly proud of the determination and sportsmanship they demonstrated. It was also wonderful to enjoy our second Science Fair together, where the children showcased such a fascinating range of creative, thoughtful and varied scientific investigations. Thank you for supporting both events and celebrating your children's achievements with us.

Do you have your child's **disco ticket** yet? Next **Thursday** is our popular **end of year disco** and we are looking forward to this time together. We don't want any children to miss out so please do let me know if you are facing any barriers to your child attending as I'd like the opportunity to work with you to overcome that so they can join in.





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Today marks the final day in your child's current class. From **Monday 13th July, Transition Week** begins, with children spending the week in their new classroom alongside their new teacher. This is a valuable opportunity for them to begin the learning journey for next year, build relationships, become familiar with routines and expectations, and return in September feeling confident and ready to succeed. On **Monday morning, children should go directly to the door of their new classroom**, where their new teacher will be there to welcome them. The classrooms will all have a sign in their window to help parents navigate but the children themselves have been prepared for this. Our new Reception children have personalised transition timetables, including home visits and smaller group settling sessions throughout the week. All children moving into Years 1 to 6 will spend the full week in their new classes.

Our current Year 6 pupils will spend next week continuing their preparations for secondary school while enjoying the final chapter of their primary school journey together. They will arrive and leave at their current Year 6 classroom. On **Friday**, we invite all families to join us for our **Guard of Honour**. Please arrive **on the playground at 3:00pm**, where we will form a tunnel for our Year 6 children to walk through as they leave primary school. Once they have exited, all other children will be dismissed to their families from the playground to begin the Summer holiday at **3:05pm**. Please note this earlier dismissal time.

REMEMBER

Finally, we are very much looking forward to our whole-school trip to Milton Country Park on **Tuesday**. Children will need a packed lunch, a named water bottle, comfortable clothing suitable for a day outdoors, suncream applied before arriving at school and, importantly, a sun hat. We are excited to spend the day together making memories as a whole school community and know it will be a fantastic experience for everyone.

Have a great weekend and I'll look forward to enjoying next week together.

Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher





Marleigh Primary Academy DISCO!

Thursday 16th July

Nursery - Year 1: 3.15 - 4.30 pm

Year 2-6: 4.45 - 6.00 pm

Tickets: £5

Includes drink, snacks and glow sticks!

Be sure to buy your ticket before sales close at
11pm on Wednesday 15th July

Scan to
buy your
tickets
today!



<https://buytickets.at/marleighprimaryptfa/2298765>

Please speak to the school office if you need a
helping hand with ticket costs.

Helping your children fly



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END OF YEAR PARTY!

Join in the celebration on:

Friday 17th July

3.30-6.30pm

With every PIZZA get:

~ a free glass of prosecco

and

~ a free scoop of ice cream



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Summer Reading Challenge

Children can sign up at their local library or mobile library from Saturday 4 July 2026, then:

- read six library books of their choice during the holidays
- collect a sticker for each book read from Saturday 18 July 2026
- receive a certificate and medal when they finish the challenge

Under threes will receive a special sticker medal.

Watch a video for more information and see flyers at the end of this newsletter.

Read To The Beat Lego Club @ Barnwell Road Library Tickets, Tuesday, July 21 • 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM | Eventbrite

Make your own Instruments @ Barnwell Road Library Tickets, Thursday, July 30 • 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM | Eventbrite

Make your own Musical Note Bookmarks @ Barnwell Road Library Tickets, Friday, August 14 • 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM | Eventbrite

Helping Your Child Prepare for Change

Many children may begin to worry about going back to school after such a long break, especially when it involves a new classroom and teacher.

- Chat with your child/ren about starting back at school. Listen to any worries and try not to be tempted to solve them straight away
- Ask your child if there is anything they can think of that would make going back easier
- Speak about school in a positive way around them
- Make a “back to school” countdown calendar, so it’s viewed as a positive thing. Each day could have a small treat or activity. This example shows 24, but you could do fewer days if you can’t think of 24 ideas!
- Create a “goodbye” ritual that you can do at school drop-off – a goodbye hug, a secret handshake or silly phrase you say to each other



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- Tring • Harpenden
- Bedford *NEW*
- Berkhamsted
- Barnet • Enfield
- Cambridge *NEW*



AGES

4 to 11 year olds



TIMES

9:30am to 4pm



COST

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£52/day

EARLY BIRD

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£48/day ends 1 July

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WHAT'S ON THIS SUMMER



RADICAL REACTIONS

Crystals, chemistry, molecules



JUNIOR INVESTIGATORS

Physics, forensics, flying things



EARTH EXPLORERS

Archaeology, geology, weather

27TH JULY – 28TH AUGUST

Check out our website for topics, dates & locations!

@MadScienceHerts





Butterflies Class

As we come to the end of a wonderful year in Butterflies, it is hard to believe how quickly the time has flown since the children first walked through the doors at the beginning of Reception. They have grown so much in confidence, independence and maturity, and it has been a privilege to watch each and every one of them flourish during their first year at school.

Throughout the year, the children have embraced every opportunity with curiosity, enthusiasm and determination. They have built new friendships, learned how to work and play together, and developed the confidence to explore, investigate and ask questions. From taking their first steps in reading, writing and mathematics to becoming imaginative storytellers, problem-solvers and resilient learners, every child has made remarkable progress and should be incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

This year has been filled with memorable experiences, exciting learning opportunities and lots of fun. Whether exploring the outdoor environment, creating masterpieces, performing for an audience, enjoying school trips or celebrating special events, the children have approached every experience with smiles, enthusiasm and a willingness to have a go. Their kindness, creativity and love of learning have made Butterflies a happy, caring and inspiring place to be.

Next week marks another exciting milestone as the children take part in their Transition Week in Year 1. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to spend time in their new classrooms, meet their Year 1 Teacher and begin to familiarise themselves with the routines and expectations of Key Stage 1. We know the children are more than ready for this next step, and we are confident they will embrace the experience with the same enthusiasm, resilience and curiosity they have shown throughout Reception.



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It has been an absolute pleasure to be part of your child's Reception journey and to watch them grow into confident, capable young learners. We are so proud of everything they have achieved this year and know they will continue to thrive as they move into Year 1.

We wish all of our Butterflies families a wonderful, restful and fun-filled summer holiday. Thank you for making this year such a special one. We couldn't be prouder of our amazing Butterflies and wish them every success and happiness as they begin the next chapter of their learning journey.





Dragonflies Class

This week in Dragonflies has been a lovely way to finish the year. We enjoyed taking part in Sports Day, where the children showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and resilience. The Science Fair was another highlight, giving everyone the chance to share their learning and explore lots of interesting ideas.

As we come to the end of the year, I am incredibly proud of how much the children have grown in confidence, independence and maturity. They have worked hard, supported one another and made so many happy memories together. A huge thank you to all our families for your support, kindness and encouragement throughout the year. It has been a real pleasure teaching Dragonflies, and I wish everyone a wonderful summer.



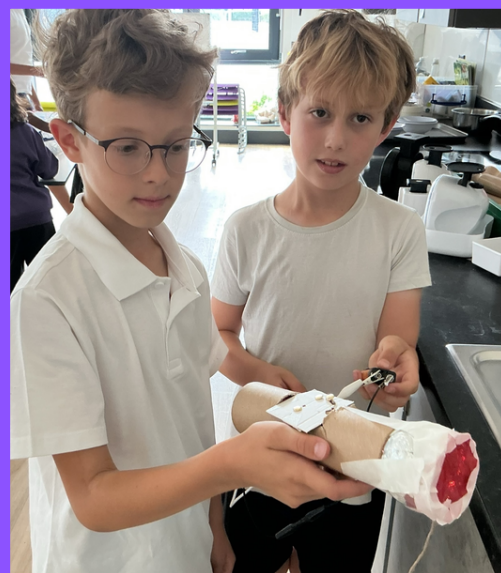


Owls Class

The last few weeks in Owls class have continued to be days filled with excitement and accomplishment as we finish our curriculum.

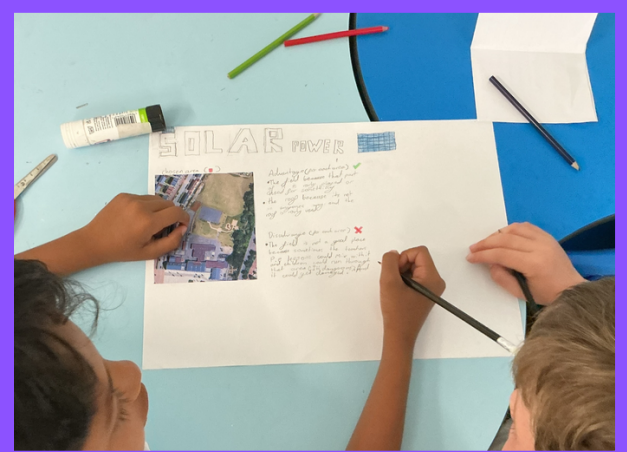
In Geography, our final task was to find the best area to place additional solar panels within the school grounds. The Owls considered the pros and cons of putting the panels in one area, then produced a poster to showcase their main choice. There were some funny ideas like replacing the staff car park into a mini solar panel farm or putting it in the pond area.

In maths, we made our very own board games based on different maths topics. There were mathematical variations of snakes and ladders which included lots of traps like 'go back to the start'. It was great to see lots of challenging questions and seeing everyone have a go with each others games.





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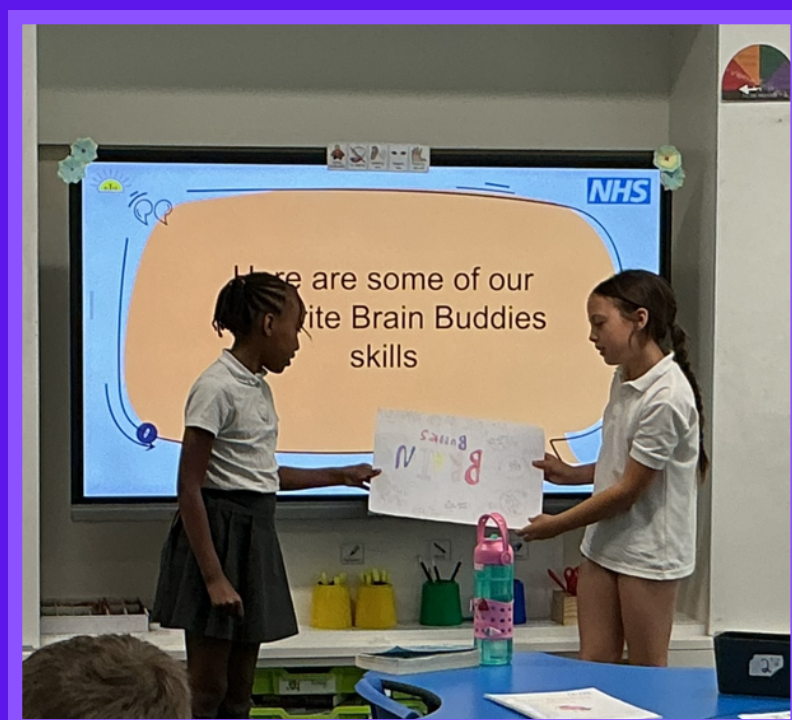


In DT, we made torches using recycled bottles. We made our own switches and case designs, then placed a circuit inside. It was a very fidgety task but the Owls persevered and produced an array of different torches - some to be used for cave exploring and some to be used for a specific job.

We also had our last brain buddies session. It was great to see such a big turn out of our Owls parents! We discussed all the different strategies we learnt and showed our workbooks which were filled with brain buddies skills. We hope you continue to use these strategies to help you with your emotions ❤️

We have reached the end of our time together as Y4/5 Owls class, it's been incredibly rewarding to watch all of the Owls mature into inquisitive, resilient and caring pupils. There's still so much more to learn and discover, keep on soaring and Miss Rubete will always cheer you on 🦉

Wishing you a relaxing summer!



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Key dates 2025-26

July

Mon, 13 Jul	End of Year Awards Assembly
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



READ to the BEAT

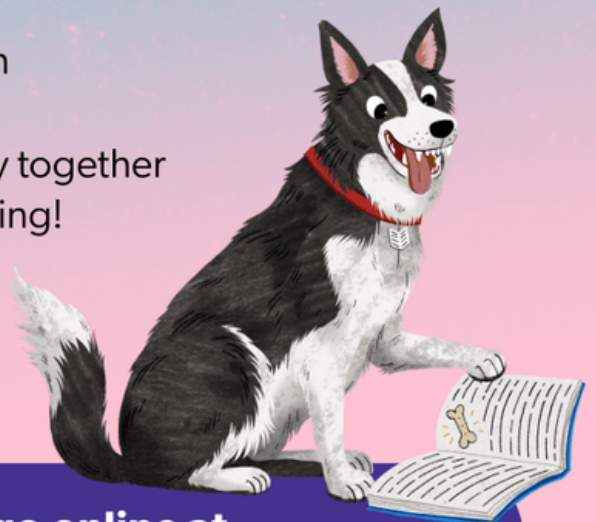
Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme, **Read to the Beat**, and is powered by Universal Music Group UK. The Challenge will celebrate the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. The Challenge is being brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate.

Why join?

- It's FREE! Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- Earn rewards, certificates, and prizes
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read, collect rewards over the summer and receive a certificate or medal when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 4 July 2026.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

2026 Summer Reading Challenge

READ^{to}the BEAT

Explore music and sound this summer through amazing books and activities.

Complete this year's challenge and receive your very own 'Read to the Beat' medal and certificate!

Sign up for free at your local library from Saturday 4th July

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Collect your special 'Read to the Beat' stickers from Sat 18th July

