



School Newsletter

FRIDAY 15TH MAY 2026

Headteacher's insight

As we approach the final week of this half term, I would like to begin by congratulating our Year 6 children on the mature, positive and resilient way they have navigated SATs week. We are incredibly proud of the effort, determination and attitude they have shown throughout the week, and it was a real pleasure to celebrate with them today. They should leave the week knowing that their hard work, perseverance and growth matter far more than any set of tests. We now move into the final eight weeks of primary school for our Year 6 pupils, where our focus will shift towards ensuring a smooth, confident and positive transition to secondary school, while also creating opportunities for them to enjoy and celebrate the final stages of their primary journey together.

As introduced to parents and carers in last week's newsletter, our **transition week** will take place from Monday 13th July to Friday 17th July. As part of this, we are excited to share that the **whole school** will be visiting **Milton Country Park** on **Tuesday 14th July**. Children will travel by coach and we have hired several dedicated spaces within the park so that classes can take part in a range of activities together across the day. The aim of the visit is to provide enriching and memorable opportunities for children to connect as a class and as a wider school community as we approach the end of the academic year.

Please complete the consent form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/BJRmrJQadh>

To help make the trip viable, we are asking for a contribution of £8 per child, payable through MCAS. We recognise that circumstances vary for families and would welcome donations anywhere between £4 and £20 where possible, as additional contributions will help support the overall cost of transport, venue hire and activities for all children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership with the school.



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher



Our First Ever Science Fair!

We are thrilled to announce that Fen Ditton Primary School will be holding its very first School Science Fair this summer!

This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to explore their curiosity, investigate the world around them, and showcase their own scientific ideas and discoveries.

What is the Science Fair?

The Science Fair invites pupils from all year groups to create and present their own science projects. This could be an experiment, an investigation, a model, or a research project.

Whether it's exploring how things work, testing ideas, or asking exciting questions like "What melts fastest?" or "Which material is strongest?" – there is no limit to what children can explore.

Projects will be presented in school, and a selection will be chosen to attend a shared Science Fair Showcase event in July.

Key Dates:

- **Launch:** Whole school assembly on Tuesday 19th May
- **In-school presentations** (for judging): Friday 3rd July
- **Science Fair Showcase:** Thursday 9th July

How to Take Part:

- Think of a scientific question or idea
- Plan and carry out your project
- Create a display (poster, model, or presentation)
- Bring your project into school and present it

All children who take part will receive a certificate, with special commendations for creativity, scientific thinking, and presentation.

Family Involvement:

We encourage families to support children at home as they develop their ideas. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore science together and build confidence and curiosity.

Need Inspiration?

- Nature and the environment
- Space and planets
- Forces and motion
- Animals and habitats
- Materials and their properties
- Inventions and innovations

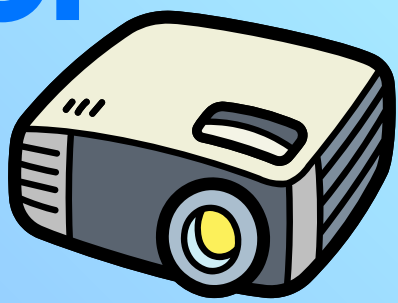


We are so excited to launch this new event and can't wait to see the fantastic ideas our pupils will create. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs McLachlan or your child's class teacher.

Let the experiments begin!



Help us raise funds for a New Projector

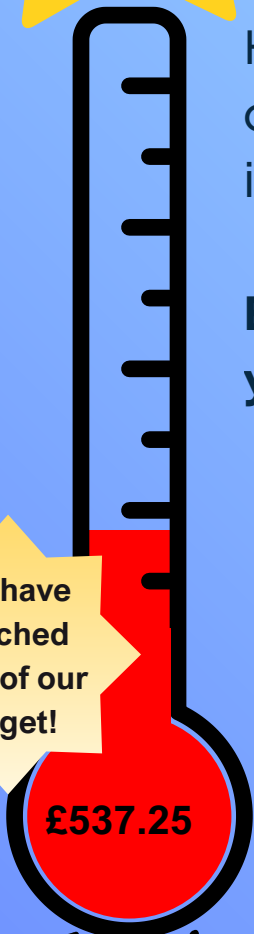


£2,000

Helping to bring learning and celebrations to life for everyone involved.

Every contribution helps, thank you for your support!

We have reached 26% of our target!



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News from our classrooms

Dragonflies Class

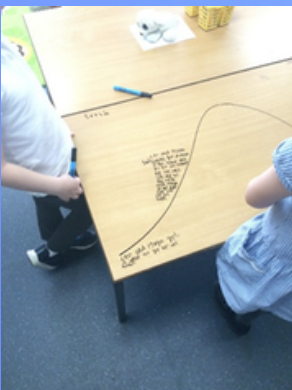
Another busy week has been had in Dragonflies class and we are seeing some amazing progress from all the children!

In **Maths** we have started our unit on fractions. The class have excelled at this visually and are really good at noticing and finding half of a shape or quantity. Next we are moving onto quarters. They were super mathematicians and learnt the very challenging words and numerator and denominator to describe the numbers we write in a fraction.

In **English** everyone worked really hard at the end of last week to write their very own stories using Leo and the Octopus. They enjoyed working in groups to come up with story ideas then planned and wrote them individually. They worked very hard on using time connectives and speech in their writing and we were very impressed with their hard work.

Art has been a huge hit over the last couple of weeks with our focus on 3D art. The children have designed their own 'tree of life' inspired by artists they have explored and began using a variety of 3D paper techniques to bring their design to life. It is fair to say they are amazing and everyone enjoyed it!

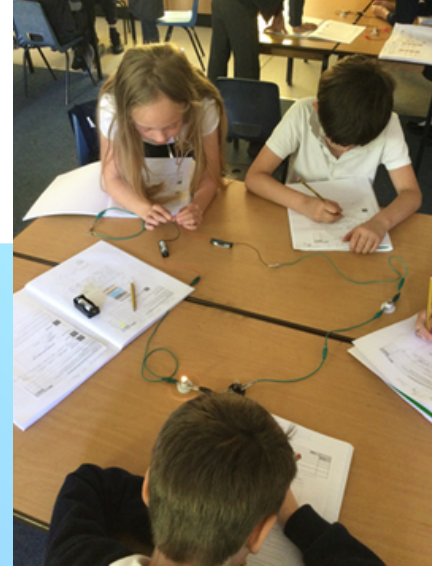
Our **history** unit on flight is giving us some super knowledge in preparation for our trip to Duxford in a couple of weeks. The class have been exploring famous pilots as well as learning about how flight was invented and how it has progressed from the past to the present



Overall, we have had another learning filled week and look forward to our last week before the half term!



Hedgehogs Class

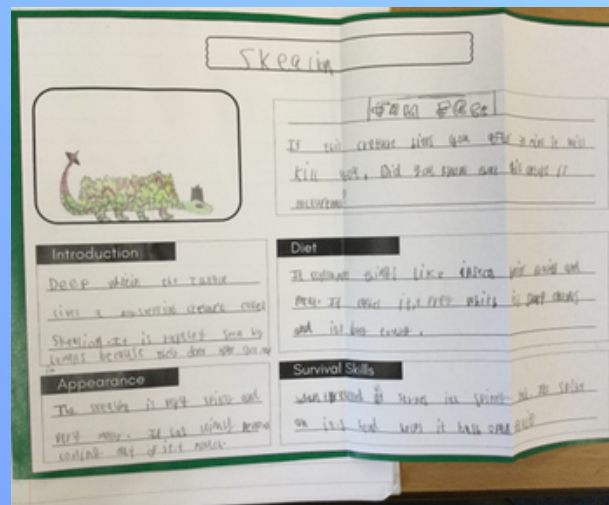
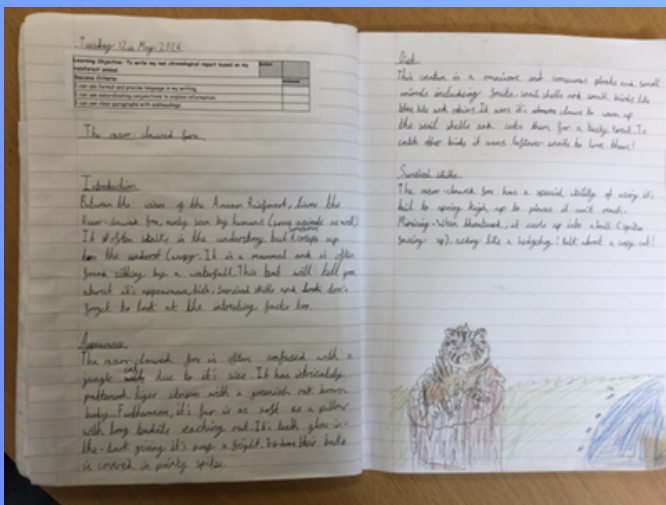


This week, the Hedgehogs have been busy across all our learning!

In **Science**, we investigated what happens when we add more bulbs to a circuit by building our own circuits and carefully observing the results. We noticed that as more bulbs were added, they became dimmer, and we discussed how the electricity is shared between them.

In **English**, we proudly completed our non-chronological reports about Amazon animals, making sure to include headings, interesting facts, and well-structured paragraphs. Our writing showed how much we have learned about the rainforest.

In **French**, we held our own Eurovision vote, listening to songs from four different countries and choosing our favourite. We practised using French numbers to vote and were able to express our opinions confidently, even giving reasons for our choices. Très bien, Hedgehogs!





Badgers Class

The past two weeks in Badgers Class have been packed with creativity, challenge and celebration!

We marked Sir David Attenborough's birthday by drawing inspiration from his breathtaking film on Antarctica. The children used this as a powerful starting point for their diary entry writing, stepping into the shoes of those aboard the Endurance. Along the way, they explored the story through plenty of drama activities, carefully sequencing the events that led to the ship's eventual demise. These sessions were full of thoughtful discussion, imagination and collaboration.

In **Maths**, we have continued with revision, even right through SATs week but made sure learning remained engaging and hands-on. The children worked in pairs, tackled practical challenges and took part in several highly competitive outdoor treasure hunts, with the winning team earning the reward of choosing our class brain break. The enthusiasm and teamwork on display were fantastic!

Our **History** learning has taken us back to World War Two, where the children explored old Fen Ditton records to gain insight into what life was like for evacuees. They also investigated how the war transformed opportunities for women, particularly in jobs, fashion and everyday life, leading to some thoughtful and mature discussions.





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In **Art**, we continued our portrait project, this time bringing elements of nature onto the page. The children experimented with ideas, textures and composition, producing expressive and individual pieces of artwork.

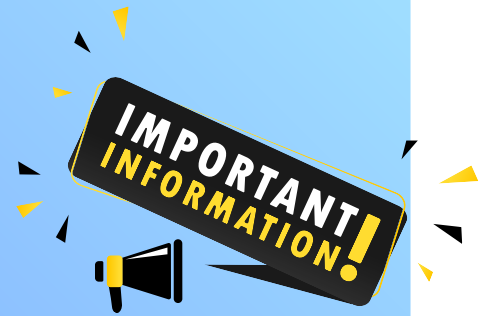


And of course... **SATs week!** The children faced each day with positivity and resilience. They laughed, talked and supported one another over breakfast each morning and truly did themselves proud in every test. Their effort, focus and determination were a credit to them.

To celebrate, we enjoyed a well-earned Fun Friday trip to the park, followed by a picnic and a film afternoon, complete with a cheeky box of popcorn!

You have done yourselves and us incredibly proud, Badgers.

Year 6 Residential Briefing



Thursday 4th June at 3pm- for children and parents/carers



This Week's House Points

Darwin



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Blackburn



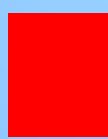
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Franklin



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Hawking



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alexey, Dragonflies Class

Lily, Butterflies Class

Rosie, Butterflies Class



Reminder



Lost property is now stored in the foyer near the school office. Parents and carers are encouraged to check this area regularly for any missing items.

Please be advised that all unclaimed items will be cleared at the end of next week!

We kindly remind families of the importance of clearly labelling all clothing and personal belongings that are brought into school. This enables staff to return lost items to their owners promptly and helps to reduce the volume of lost property.

Thank you for your continued support.



Summer Term - Key Dates



- **Tuesday 19th May:** Science Fair projects launch
- **Wednesday 20th May:** Year 1 and 2 Sport Event afternoon with Marleigh Primary- all children
- **Thursday 21st May:** Class Photographs
- **Friday 22nd May:** Dragonflies trip to Duxford Museum
- **Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May:** Half term
- **Wednesday 3rd June:** Reception Sport Event afternoon with Marleigh Primary - all children
- **Thursday 4th June -** Year 6 Residential briefing - children and parents/carers' - 3pm
- **Thursday 4th June:** Hedgehogs class assembly - parents and carers invited to attend
- **Monday 8th - Friday 12th June:** Year 1 Phonics Screening test
- **Wednesday 10th June:** Sports Alliance Year 3 and 4 Cricket fixture - selected teams
- **Thursday 11th June:** Squirrels class assembly - parents and carers invited to attend
- **Thursday 11th June:** Year 6 Bottisham Cup Sports event - all children
- **Tuesday 16th June:** Dragonflies class assembly - parents and carers invited to attend
- **Wednesday 17th June:** Year 5 Sport Event afternoon with Marleigh Primary - all children
- **Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th June:** Year 6 Residential trip
- **Tuesday 23rd June:** JTA trip
- **Wednesday 24th June:** Sports Alliance KS2 Sport Event - selected teams
- **Thursday 25th June:** Butterflies class assembly - parents and carers invited to attend
- **Friday 26th June:** Summer Fayre - after school
- **Wednesday 1st July:** Butterflies trip to South Angle Farm
- **Wednesday 1st July:** Year 6 Sport Event afternoon with Marleigh Primary - all children
- **Thursday 2nd July:** Owl class assembly - parents and carers invited to attend
- **Friday 3rd July:** Science Fair project presentations in school
- **Wednesday 8th July:** Sports Day - morning
- **Wednesday 8th July:** Sports Alliance Year 1 and 2 event - selected teams
- **Thursday 9th July:** Science Fair event - 3:30-4pm - parents and carers invited to attend
- **Friday 10th July:** Year 6 Play in a Week performance 1:45pm
- **Wednesday 15th July:** Sports Alliance Year 3-6 Athletics event - selected teams
- **Wednesday 15th July:** End of Year Disco - after school
- **Thursday 16th July:** Year 6 Leavers assembly 2pm - parents and carers invited to attend
- **Friday 17th July:** Last day of the academic year



SUMMER TERM 2026

Summer Term Starts – Monday 13 April
May Bank Holiday – Monday 4 May
School Ends – Friday 22 May
Half Term - 25 May – 29 May
School Starts – Monday 1 June
Summer Term Ends – Friday 17 July
Inset Day – Monday 20 July

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Inset Day – Tuesday 1 September
Inset Day – Wednesday 2 September
Inset Day – Thursday 3 September
(Transition session (pm) & meet the teacher meetings)
Autumn 1 Term Starts – Friday 4 September
Autumn 1 Term Ends – Friday 23 October
Half Term - 26 October - 30 October
Inset Day – Monday 2 November
Autumn 2 Term Starts– Tuesday 3 November
Autumn 2 Term Ends – Thursday 17 December
Inset Day – Friday 18 December
21 December – 1 January – Christmas Holidays

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JUBILEE SQUARE



SATURDAY

20 June

10:30 am - 1:30 pm

MARLEIGH SUMMER FAIR

BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS

Youth Connections Bus - Arts & Crafts
- Ice Cream Van - Bouncy Castle -
Food & Drink - Fun Games -
Information Stalls - Clay Modelling -
Seed Planting - Face Painting - And
Much More

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