



# SUTTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Whole School Newsletter

JULY 2024



Well, here we are again! Another year has flown by! I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday. I hope the children enjoy their transition activities with their new classmates and teachers this week.

I would also like to wish our Year 6s a smooth transition into high school. You have all progressed so well and tried your very best with all areas of learning and behaviour. You have all been amazing role models and will be missed. All the very best for your futures... Keep in touch!

Our official Ofsted report has now been published and has been sent to all parent emails. It can also be viewed [here](#). Your child's end of year report will be emailed out this coming Friday and statutory test results will also be sent.

Thank you for your continued support. See you in September!

*Mr Stark*

## Mental Health

Rachel & Jess from the Mental Health Team have been running a group session called 'Feelings Detectives' for a group of children in KS2 this term. The children have really enjoyed this.

The team will be back after the holidays with lots of new group sessions for the children, group sessions for the parents/carers & where needed, they will work 1:1 with parents & children to support anxieties & challenging behaviour.

Over the holidays, they are running some sessions for parents - please see the attached flyer.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss any concerns about your child, please contact Mrs Reid [creid@suttongreenpri.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:creid@suttongreenpri.cheshire.sch.uk), phone school or speak to me at the door.

## Ellesmere Port Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

### Our Summer Parent Workshops!



We are pleased to offer parents a number of short workshops both online and in person across the Summer Holidays!

Each workshop will last approximately 1.5 hours.

These workshops are open to all parents in the local area and cover topics around children's mental health & wellbeing, such as

*challenging behaviour (intro to parenting for better behaviour), anxiety, sleep and low mood.* You are welcome to join any of these workshops that may be of interest to you!

Please email us to confirm your place on the workshop. If it is an online workshop, you will be sent a link for a Microsoft Teams meeting which will allow you to join.

In-person sessions will take place at **KINGSLEY RESOURCE CENTRE, CORONATION ROAD, ELLESMERE PORT, CH65 9AB**

(Opposite the Fire Station on Wellington Rd, close to Asda & Cherry Bank NHS building)



#### Workshop Dates 2024

Weds 24th July 09.30am  
Introduction to Anxiety ONLINE

Tues 30th July 10am  
Introduction to Parenting for Better Behaviour - ONLINE

Fri 2nd August 09.30am  
Sleep  
Kingsley Resource Centre

Fri 16th August 09.30am  
Introduction to Anxiety  
Kingsley Resource Centre

Weds 21st August 10am  
Low Mood  
Kingsley Resource Centre

Weds 28th August 10am  
Introduction to Parenting for Better Behaviour - ONLINE

[cwp.cheshiremhstadmin@nhs.net](mailto:cwp.cheshiremhstadmin@nhs.net)



Attendance to date

94.6% In line with the National Average.  
Well done all!

Letters will continue to be sent out regarding persistent absences and frequent late arrivals. Parents who take their children on holidays during term time or have regular sporadic absences will be fined. See the new Government guidelines in my previous newsletter,



# ASH CLASS



We have been so busy this half term with our topic based on the book 'The Sea Saw' by Tom Percival. We have predicted and found out what the sea saw (Sophia's lost teddy). Thank you for all of your photographs of the children with their special toys, we adults also brought our special toys in to meet the children. We have seen some lovely homework that has been brought in this half term, the children have worked really hard on their projects.

In maths we have continued to learn about number bonds and have been practising writing number sentences to record addition and subtraction facts. We have also been investigating all things floating and sinking as part of our 'seaside' based topic.

We have concluded this half term with our beach day, which the children loved and we only got a little bit of rain but we had lots of outside sandy fun! Also, a highlight of this half term was our graduation; we were so proud of the children's performance.

The children have taken part in transition days and have come back to us very excited to be big Year 1s. We will miss them all!



# OAK CLASS



What a great last half term we've had in Oak Class! I can't believe you've almost finished your first year in Reception, it's gone so quickly and we're all so proud of you.

Just like Sophie from our story *What the Sea Saw*, we have enjoyed sharing our precious toys and objects and talking about why they are special to us - some of you even had a go at creating your own toy at home, which was fabulous! I'm really impressed with how confident you have all become when talking in front of your friends, it's not an easy thing to do and you should be very proud of yourselves.

We have continued to learn about number bonds and have been practising writing number sentences to record addition and subtraction facts (wow!). We've also been investigating all things floating and sinking as part of our 'seaside' based topic.

We finished our year in style with our very own beach day, filled with lots of sand, water, beach games and (most importantly) ice creams! Thankfully the rain held off for most of the day...

I hope that you have the best Summer and I can't wait to see you when you're in your new Year 1 Classes!

# BAY CLASS



What an amazing half term it's been to end an amazing year! At the beginning of half term we were lucky enough to have a Great Fire of London Workshop to finish off our History topic. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and had clearly remembered a lot of facts.

As part of our Geography work we have learnt the locations of the 7 continents and 5 Oceans of the world, the children have also been studying the weather and seasons. We visited Manchester Airport, where the children sat in the pilot or co-pilot's chair, completed the safety demonstration for passengers and enjoyed watching lots of planes land and take off. All the children were impeccably behaved, polite and inquisitive.

We welcomed Ofsted this half term, to see our wonderful school that we are so proud of. Some children had the opportunity to talk to the inspectors. They were commended on their calm, polite and sincerity. We are so incredibly proud of our children and their achievements.

Year 1 children completed the Phonics Screening Check. All the children did really well and their hard work has clearly paid off.

Mr Holmes and I wish the year 2's well as they move through to Key Stage 2. They have all worked so hard and they are so ready for the new chapter. Have a great Summer and keep reading over the holidays.



# FIR CLASS



What an amazing half term Fir class have had! Year 1 started the half term with their Phonics assessment. They have all worked so hard this half term to learn the 'special friends' and practise their blending. Their hard work has definitely paid off, well done!

To begin the half term, the children took part in poetry week for English. They enjoyed reading different poems and were great at thinking of new adjectives to describe different fruit. They wrote their own poems and created wonderful artwork for our KS1 display.

In Geography, we have been learning about the 7 Continents and 5 Oceans of the world. The children have enjoyed singing the '7 continents' song to help them remember! As part of our Geography learning, we went on a fantastic trip to Manchester Airport. We watched the planes take off and land, learnt about how planes were made and completed the safety demonstration for passengers. The children enjoyed dressing up as the different jobs people at the airport do and getting to sit in the pilot or co-pilots chair. Their behaviour was amazing, they were all polite and asked brilliant questions.

All the children had a great time during sports day. Everyone took part in representing their colour team and class. It was great to see the children's competitive side whilst having so much fun and cheering on their friends!

I would like to wish the Year 2s lots of luck as they move through to Key Stage 2. I know you will be amazing if you work as hard as you have this year. Fir Class, it has been a pleasure to teach you in the Summer term. I hope you all have a wonderful summer!



# ELM CLASS



Great fun on Sports Day!

Wow that was a busy half term! We are so proud of the children in Elm Class. The Year 1 children started the half term with their Phonics test. They have all worked so hard to learn the 'special friends' and then read the 40 words in the test.

We were able to show off our work and amazing school to the Ofsted inspectors who were very impressed by our behaviour and attitude to learning. Some of the children in Elm Class were invited to talk to the visitors; they did this confidently and were praised for their knowledge and enthusiasm for the subjects.

As part of our Geography learning we had an amazing trip to Manchester Airport. We were able to watch the planes take off and land; find out where they were from or where they were going; learnt about how the planes were made and the jobs that people at the airport do. It was lovely to see the children's faces when they saw the size of the planes and when they had the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of the plane wearing the pilot's hat.

Everyone took an active part in sports day representing their colour team and their class. Well done to those who got very wet but managed to keep wearing their smile.

We would like to wish the Year 2s lots of luck as they move into Key Stage 2. We know you'll be amazing and work hard. We look forward to Year 1s becoming the new Year 2s in Elm Class. We know you will be amazing.

We hope that everyone has a great summer holiday. Let's hope the sun eventually shines. Take care of each other. See you in September.

# ROWAN CLASS

You made it Rowan! Well done to all for such an amazing year of learning and friendships. I am so proud of your achievements and progress, and can't believe that our Year 4s are moving on to Year 5 already!

We have had such a busy half term, with lots of memorable experiences like Sports Day, workshops with an Olympic athlete, the Year 4 Multiplication Check, swimming lessons, road safety lessons with our local PCSOs and drumming workshops!

In our English lessons, we read the true story of Zeraffa Giraffa and her long journey from Africa to Paris. We wrote poems, fact files and persuasive leaflets to encourage people to visit Zeraffa at the Jardin des Plantes in Paris!

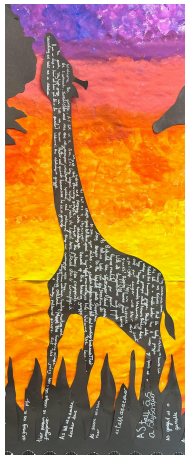
In Maths, we have learned all about area, perimeter, statistics and times tables! Year 3 have started to practise their times tables to see if they can beat the Year 4s at the MTC next year!

In Geography, we have learned all about lines of latitude and longitude, including the tropics, the equator and the north and south pole. We learned how time zones worked and even how to work out the latitude and longitude of different countries!

We loved our Science topic of electricity - building circuits and sometimes getting the bulbs to light up!

In Spanish, we have learned how to ask and answer the question ¿Tienes una mascota?... ask you child to find out what it means!

What an amazing final half term. Thank you to the children for their hard work and cheery attitudes to learning!





# WILLOW CLASS

Wow Willow Class! What an amazing year it has been. We have done so much and I can't believe our time together is over. This half term has been even busier.. if you can believe it! We have done so much in such a short amount of time.

In English, we have been exploring the book Zeraffa Giraffe - the book has helped us with some of our skills we have been learning such as using similes and metaphors. We have also been looking up extra information about giraffes. One of our favourite facts we have learnt is that a giraffe's tongue is actually black!

In science, we have been exploring electricity and learning about the dangers. We have also been building our own circuit boards and understanding the importance of including a number of components within one circuit, such as, a motor, a battery and a switch.

As a class we also worked hard preparing for sports day. We have been completing lots of athletic activities such as, running, throwing and catching. Well Done to all of Willow for their hard work on the day!

WILLOW I can't believe I am writing a final half term newsletter - this year has flown by!  
Hope you all have a lovely summer - stay safe :)



# MAPLE CLASS

This term has been jam-packed with learning about electricity, geography and lots of PE.

In Science, we have been learning about electricity. We have loved making our learning come to life by making circuits! We enjoyed predicting if the bulbs would light and problem-solving to make them light up.

In Geography we have enjoyed learning about the equator, the north and south pole and time zones! We particularly enjoyed learning about the time differences between different countries!

English was all about giraffes! Our class text was "Zeraffa Giraffa", a true story about a giraffe who was sent as a gift from an Egyptian ruler to the King of France in 1824. We enjoyed writing diary entries, eye witness accounts, fact file and some poems! We ended our writing with publishing an leaflet about the Zeraffa.

Our topic was "Una mascota" we learnt how to say what pets we have and their names! Ask by saying "¿tienes un mascota?".

Computing was interesting, we learnt a little bit more about websites and the HTML for each website! We even had a go at website hacking and changing the HTML.

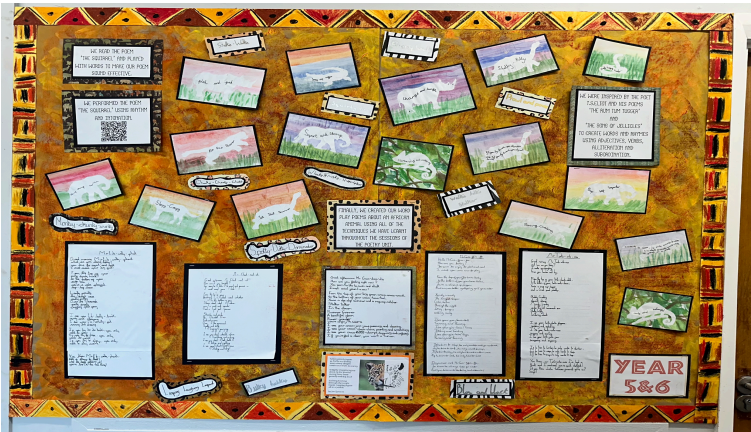
We did lots of running practise to prepare for Sports day! We loved practising our running technique and getting quicker! We have learnt how to work together in relay races too! We enjoyed sports day, especially the mini races!

Maple it has been an absolute pleasure to teach you in the summer term! Enjoy the summer break and we will see you in September!





# CHESTNUT CLASS



As we come to the end of the academic year, it has been wonderful to reflect back as a class and marvel at the progress that each individual pupil has made since the start of the year. This final half term has been incredibly busy, as we discovered several new topics across our curriculum!

In English, the class have been learning about Jean-Michel Basquiat and have been analysing his artwork to develop a better understanding of how his past experiences have made him into the artist that we see today. Pupils have also been developing their knowledge of Decimals and Negative numbers within our Mathematics lessons.

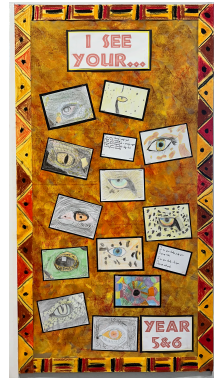
During our Geography sessions, the class has been comparing the physical and human features of North and South America which brought with it further enquiries that the children have begun to answer. In Computing, upper KS2 have been learning about RFID's and how they can be used to better our quality of life in the future.

The class thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Sports Day this year and it was wonderful to see how much effort each individual put into each event whilst supporting their peers no matter the outcome. The end of year picnic was also a great success, many memories shared before the pupils final step into Year 6.

I couldn't be prouder of Chestnut Class and I look forward to seeing where their learning journey takes them next year. I hope that you all have a wonderful summer and a well deserved rest. See you all in September!



# SYCAMORE CLASS



Wow what a busy half term we've had!!

We started the half term with Poetry Week, where we learnt all about Animals of Africa. We experimented with puns and nonsense words to create our own poems about our chosen African animal and produced excellent pieces of artwork.

In English, our class text was 'The Radiant Child' and we learned all about Jean-Michel Basquiat. In our writing, we have included adverbs indicating degrees of possibility, relative clauses and a range of devices to build cohesion across paragraphs. During our Maths lessons, we have been furthering our knowledge of Decimals and Negative Numbers.

In Science, we have been learning all about Living Things and their Habitats. We looked at the life cycle of an insect and how plants reproduce. In Geography, we have compared countries across the world.

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their picnic and play evening, where they played lots of games such as rounders and football. They then finished the evening by eating lots of pizza, hotdogs, cake and ice cream!

Sycamore Class have had such an amazing year! I can't believe it is coming to an end! Enjoy your summer and I wish you all the best for Year 6!

# CHERRY CLASS



Wow, what a busy final term for Year 6!

The rescheduled camp out on the school field was a huge success. The weather was in doubt again but we were very lucky that the rain stayed off until 4am on Saturday morning. We played rounders - which did get a little bit competitive! Pepper was a great fielder but didn't quite grasp that she had to bring the ball back. We toasted (mostly burnt) marshmallows and made s'mores while a group of budding actors and actresses entertained us around the campfire.

The rain didn't dampen their spirits in the morning either - just their clothes, tents and bedding! The tents have rivers of water running through them and were literally rolled up and put into black bags to be taken home..... the tents not the children!

The children have been working on a huge piece of canvas artwork which will be signed by them all and hung in the hall as their legacy. They chose the theme of their camp as they were the first to do it. There have been some extras added which the children thought were important to their time at Sutton Green including Josh' bin and Mr Howsam's dinosaur. A huge thanks to Mrs Eaton for supervising this incredible piece of artwork.

The children put on an amazing show Cinderella Rockafella. They all pushed their confidence boundaries and gave incredible performances. For some this was a couple of lines and others: hundreds of lines, solos and incredible acting! Every child gave their personal best. I think it's safe to say, we all laughed and cried.

We still have lots of activities to go too: the prom, assault course inflatable, leavers assembly, teachers vs children rounders and hopefully a water fight! Their parents have rallied around with contributions to make sure that the prom is an evening that the children will remember forever.

They have been an incredible Year 6 class, consistently being fabulous role models to the younger children of Sutton Green. They have worked incredibly hard this year but have still managed to be a lot of fun - an ideal combination. All of the staff are going to be very sad to see them leave! We wish them luck in their new schools and hope they stay in touch so we know how they are getting on.

# EVENTS

July

18th Y6 Prom 4-6pm  
22nd Summer Fair 3.20-5pm - choir singing at 4.00pm

23rd Break up at 1:30pm

September

All children return on TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

[Please see TERM DATES here](#) and below

Pupil absence has affected our statutory results this year. Please ensure that this does not happen again by checking statutory testing dates and **not going on holiday during term time.**



# SUTTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## TERM DATES 2024-25

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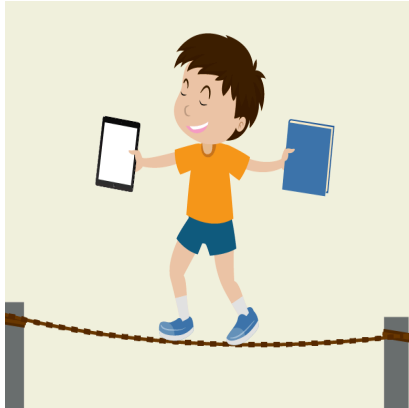
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Key	
Day s	Description
190	School open for children
5	INSET *
2	Bank holiday
	National Tests weeks
	Holidays

# E-SAFETY

Summer holidays - We only get 18 of them with our children! The 6 weeks feel like a blink of an eye and a lifetime all at once! One of the greatest challenges is balancing screen time with outdoor and offline activities!



Tips for balancing screen time -

- create a plan for family days, daily routines and agree on screen limits together.
- invite family and friends for outdoor play.
- create a challenge to learn something new - a hobby, language or skill.
- watch a TV series together
- look at the settings to set time limits for different apps.

Follow the links for more information!

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/screen-time>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

