



The Heatwave!

Well...what a week it has been! I think it's safe to say that the heatwave has certainly kept us all on our toes!

First of all, I would like to say a huge **thank you** to **ALL** of our staff - our teachers, teaching assistants, office team, cleaning staff, caretaking team, kitchen staff and our Play Leader team. Throughout this exceptionally hot week they have worked tirelessly to find solutions, adapt routines and remain incredibly flexible to ensure that our children stayed safe, happy and able to enjoy their time in school. I couldn't be prouder of the whole team.

As shared on our learning platforms, we put a number of measures in place to help everyone cope with the extreme temperatures. These included using cooler parts of school, adapting our curriculum to reduce physical activity during the hottest parts of the day, making the most of shaded areas, encouraging regular drinks breaks, providing water play opportunities, handing out ice poles to help children cool down and ensuring plenty of opportunities to rest and recharge.

Most importantly, our children have taken everything completely in their stride. They have shown resilience, maturity and positivity throughout the week and have made us all incredibly proud.

The good news is that next week looks set to bring us back to much more normal temperatures... **phew!**

A Fantastic Adventure at Gulliver's Valley!

What an incredible way for our Year 2 children to end their time with us! Our recent residential visit to Gulliver's Valley was an amazing experience from start to finish.

The children packed so much into their visit - enjoying the rides, taking on the laser tag challenge, playing games, exploring the park on scooters, meeting lots of wonderful animals and, to top it all off, a sleepover in the soft play area! What more could you ask for?

The children were an absolute credit to our school, showing fantastic behaviour, resilience and enthusiasm throughout the trip. They created memories that will last a lifetime and it was the perfect way to celebrate the end of their journey with us.

We're delighted to confirm that we will be offering this residential again for next year's Year 2 children. Further information will be sent out during the Autumn Term.



Thank You for Joining Our OPAL Play Session

A huge **thank you** to all of the families who joined us for our recent **OPAL Play Session**. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you into school and to share the fantastic progress we have made so far on our OPAL journey.

OPAL is all about creating richer, more meaningful play experiences for our children, and it has been fantastic to see how much the children are already benefiting from the changes we have introduced. As parents and carers, you are an important part of this journey with us, and we really value your continued support, ideas and enthusiasm as we continue to develop our outdoor play provision.

We were also delighted to receive so many lovely comments and positive pieces of feedback following the session. It was wonderful to hear how much you enjoyed seeing the children at play and how excited you are about the direction we are taking. Your encouragement means a great deal to us and reinforces that, by working together, we can create the very best experiences for our children.

Thank you for taking the time to come along, support the event and be part of our OPAL journey. We look forward to sharing even more exciting developments with you over the coming months.



Foundation Stage Sports Day

This week our Nursery, Finches and Puffins classes enjoyed their Sports Day! With the warm weather, we adapted the event to keep it short and safe for everyone, but it was still a fantastic session.

The children were amazing, showing great enthusiasm, determination and big smiles throughout. Thank you to everyone who came along to support them.



Final Saturday Stay & Play



Our final Saturday Stay & Play session of the year is taking place on Saturday 18th July from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Come along and enjoy a fun play session with your children, meet other families and spend some quality time together in a relaxed environment. We'd love to see as many of you there as possible!

Saying Goodbye

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs McArthur, our Year 1/2 teacher in Kingfishers and her last day with us will be on Tuesday 21st July 2026.

Mrs McArthur has been a valued member of our school team, and we know you will join us in thanking her for everything she has done for our children and our school community. We wish her every happiness and success for the future, and she will always be welcome back to visit us.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone - from Mrs Harper and the Phoenix Team!

Diary dates

Summer Term

- Parents informed of child's class for next year - Monday 29th June 2026
- KS1 visit to the Sealife Centre - Wednesday 1st July 2026 - children need to be in school for 8.30am
 - Moving up Morning - all children in new classes - Thursday 2nd July 2026
 - Carnival (after school fundraiser for children) - Thursday, 2nd July 2026
 - INSET Day - Friday, 3rd July 2026 School Closed
 - End of Year reports to parents - Friday 10th July 2026
 - Year 2 Leavers Assembly - Thursday, 23rd July 2026 at 2:00 PM
 - Last Day of Term - Friday, 24th July 2026 - End of Academic Year
 - Back to school - Thursday 3rd September 2026

