



NEWSLETTER

MAY 8TH 2026



Upcoming Dates:

Monday 11th May
Year 6 SATs SPaG Paper

Tuesday 12th May
Year 6 SATs Reading Paper

Wednesday 13th May
Year 6 SATs Maths Paper 1

Thursday 14th May
Year 6 SATs Maths Paper 2

House Points Total:

Elstree: 684

MGM: 673

Pinewood: 599

Shepperton: 528

News from Miss Kneller

We hope you all enjoyed the long weekend last week. Despite the shorter week, it has still been a very busy four days at school!

I thoroughly enjoyed Year 1D's assembly this week — it made me both giggle and feel incredibly proud as the children confidently shared all of their learning with us.

Next week is Year 6 Statutory Assessment Tasks Week. The assessments will take place each day from Monday to Thursday and will include Grammar, Spelling, Reading, Maths, Maths and Maths! We are very grateful to those classes who will be learning in alternative spaces during the mornings next week, helping to provide Year 6 with the calm and quiet environment they need to do their very best.

We wish all of our Year 6 pupils lots of luck and know they will make us proud. They are the role models as Year 4 will be taking their multiplication assessment and Year 1 will be completing their phonics assessments after the half term break in June.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Kneller

ATTENDANCE

Week ending May 8th

Whole school attendance: 93.4%

R PP	RR	1A	1D	2A	2J	3R
81.5	98.1	93.5	87.5%	100%	95.2%	96%

3W	4Q	4T	5B	5S	6M	6O
94.3%	97.2%	98.5%	93.9%	98%	91.6%	92.6%

Year 6 - Jenny
and Reeti
Year 1 Dolcie-
May

SUMMERSWOOD SUPERSTARS

Congratulations to this week's Summerswood Superstars!!



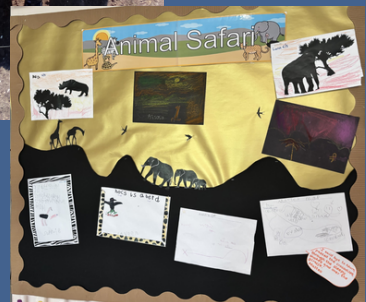
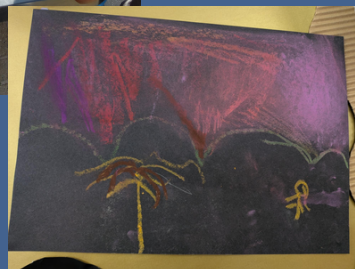
YEAR GROUP SPOTLIGHT: RECEPTION

We have been really busy in Reception this half term! We had a brilliant day dressed up as explorers to introduce our 'Animal Safari' topic. In phonics we haven't learnt any new sounds, instead we have been consolidating our learning of all the phase 2 and phase 3 phonemes. We have also been learning to read and write words which end in -ed. In maths we have been busy learning about shapes. We are able to recognise and name cubes, cuboids, cylinders, pyramids, cones and spheres. We also know that a 2-D shape is completely flat and 3-D is solid!

It doesn't stop there... we have also been writing our own books about traditional tales. We have been expressing our own ideas as writers and illustrators and can't wait to share them with our grown-ups. On Friday morning's, we head outside to the playground for our PE lesson. We have enjoyed using our imagination to explore using different pieces of equipment, on our own and with a partner. We have also been learning why we need to play with equipment safely.

Through our 'Animal Safari' topic, we have been learning all about the types of animals and what makes them different. We have been talking about which animals lay eggs, which have scales or feathers and have also been discussing different habitats. Children are able to talk about their favourite animal and will be writing about them in more detail next week. We have had a lot of fun reading the book "Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion" and have been looking for clues to tell us where the story is set. The children were able to spot lots of different animals that we don't see in England. We decided the story is set in Africa and have been exploring different African countries on Google Maps. The children agree it looks very different to Borehamwood! We have added some traditional African dress to our role play area and have been creating Savannah inspired art work using chalk and oil pastels.

Keep up the fabulous work Reception!



LOST PROPERTY

Have you lost a jumper? Or a coat? Lunch box? Water bottle? Sock?

Our lost property bins outside the Key Stage 2 building are overflowing. Please take a look.

Anything not claimed by Monday 18th May will be disposed of, recycled or sold by Friends of Summerswood at the next Preloved Uniform Sale.

Mrs Brown



PLAYGROUND REMINDER

We would like to remind families that the playground apparatus should not be used after school hours. Recently, children have been seen using the main playground equipment after school, and there has also been damage to a safety barrier near the woods area.

These measures are in place to help keep all children safe and protect our outdoor spaces. We appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations with your children.

Thank you.



May



Summerswood Monthly Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 Bank Holiday - School Closed	5	6  1D Class Assembly	7	8	9
10	11 Y6 SATs - SPaG Paper	12 Y6 SATs - Reading Paper Early Years HFL Info 3:30 - 4:00	13 Y6 SATs - Arithmetic Paper	14 Y6 SATs - Reasoning Paper	15	16
17	18	19  KS1 and KS2 Rock Steady Workshops	20  1A Class Assembly	21	24  Last Day of Term - school finishes 3:15	23
DIVERSITY WEEK						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
← HALF TERM →						

Groups and workshops

Summer 2026



Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

Thursday 14th May to 25th June, 7pm - 9pm

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 13th May to 24th June, 7pm - 9pm | Monday 1st June to 6th July 9.30am to 11.30am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Getting on with your Pre Teen / Teen (6 weeks) Online group

Friday 5th June to 10th July, 9.30am to 11.30am

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Join our free online 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Sibling Rivalry Online Workshop

(Date to be confirmed)

This workshop provides parents/carers with practical strategies and tools to effectively foster positive sibling relationships, promote cooperation and manage conflicts between children.

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

(Date to be confirmed)

This workshop is for parents/carers struggling with conflict within their family life and provides tools to promote a cooperative and collaborative approach to resolving the conflict.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

(Date to be confirmed)

This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members in Hertfordshire so they can help their children reach their full potential. For more information about our programmes, please contact **Louise** on **0204 522 8700/8701** or email services@familylives.org.uk or scan the QR code for our online form.



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Summerswood

Summer

Ball

Thursday 4th June

NURSERY & RECEPTION : 2.30PM - 3PM

£1 donation – includes a drink & crisps

Children can come to school in their party clothes – sensible shoes.

YEARS 1, 2 & 3 : 3.15PM - 4.15PM

Entry £3.50 – children will be taken to the disco by a member of staff. Bring party clothes to change into at school. Price includes a drink and crisps.

Tuck shop available please bring change.

YEARS 4, 5 & 6: 4.30PM - 5.45PM

Entry £3. Tuck shop available please bring change.

Tickets available on School Gateway app from Friday 8th May.

MHST WOW CAMP 2026

FREE NHS WELLBEING CAMP FOR 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Note you can sign up for specific days, and not just the whole week



• DATES •

10th August – 14th of August

• TIME •

09:30am – 14:30pm

• LOCATION •

St. Margaret's School
Merry Hill Rd, Bushey WD23 1DT

• ACTIVITIES •

Meeting new people.
Wellbeing Workshops involving psychoeducation.
Access to qualified Mental Health Practitioners.
Arts, crafts, baking, games, sports, and more.

• REGISTER INTEREST HERE •

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