



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - Friday 5th September 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We were delighted to welcome all our Papillon pupils back to school this week after the summer break and hope all our families enjoyed the holidays. Everybody settled back in really well and adapted to the changes positively. We welcome three new pupils this academic year to Caterpillar and Meadow classes; Matilda, Teddy and Tommie and are looking forward to getting them know them over the next few weeks. We also welcome four new staff members; Sienna, Harriet, Ellouise and Olivier who have joined us in our education department. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new pupils and staff and wish them an extremely happy and successful journey at Papillon.

Reminders & Requests

The price of **school meals** for those who currently pay for a meal will increase on 1st September 2025 from £2.80 per day to £2.90. We try very hard to keep prices as low as possible for as long as possible, but regrettably costs have gone up and therefore this increase is necessary in order to cover our costs.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class returned after the summer holidays and they all seemed happy to be back! They watched an attention circle and made little caterpillars for our display. The children also went on the minibus to the local park in Walton on the Hill, which they seemed to enjoy. We look forward to a fun half term with lots of exciting activities.

Meadow Class have all returned happy after the summer holidays and it has been lovely getting to know all of the children in Meadow class over the past two days. The children enjoyed some attention circles, making some pieces of work for our class board as well as starting our topic of "What's Your Superpower?" by looking at what superheroes have to wear/their superpowers are and labelling them. Additionally, we welcomed Tommie, our newest member of the class on Thursday and the children have been getting to know him well.

Peacock Class had a lovely first two days getting to know our new class mates, new classroom (if we've moved!) and our new class team. We have enjoyed watching some attention circles to introduce our new topic 'Kings & Queens'. We have had great fun exploring our new sensory toys and tools. We enjoyed our PE session this afternoon and enjoyed some hockey! We also celebrated LJ's birthday with a party, party food and music.

Class Topics - Autumn Term 1

(Please see a full overview of this half terms topics will be included in next week's newsletter.)

Caterpillar Class – Welcome to the Toy Shop

Meadow Class – What's Your Superpower?

Peacock Class – Kings & Queens

Swallowtail Class – The Romans

Monarch Class – The Stone Age

Admiral Class – Gaming and Social Media

Emperor Class – Social Justice Movements

Photo Gallery



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Swallowtail Class have had a great start to the new term. We have been designing marshmallow and spaghetti constructions. The children made amazing towers which were strong and tall and used 'doubling up' techniques to reinforce their structures. They were fantastic engineers! We enjoyed a long walk in the woods, collecting conkers and various leaves and after made crayon leaf rubbings. We listened to the story of Lego development and then on Friday, we constructed our very own 'secret, special places' using Lego. There were some fantastic, imaginative ideas. We discussed our interests and favourite foods and colours, and the children created their own 'All about me' posters. A very encouraging and fun first couple of days.

Secondary Department News

Monarch Class have enjoyed the return to school and getting to know the new adults in their class. We had lots of fun taking turns and playing board games yesterday. In our English session, the children enjoyed telling each other what they had been up to in the summer, wrote about their experiences and chose some photos of their holidays to add to their work. Today, we introduced our new P.E. theme and went over the rules of our P.E. sessions with Charlene. The class also enjoyed spending some time in the library reading their chosen books.

Admiral Class welcomed all our learners back after the summer break and it has been lovely hearing about all their holiday adventures. Even though it was a short school week, we continued our individual phonics work and also discussed Christianity in our World Views lesson to gain understanding of their knowledge. We enjoyed cooking cheese straws (which tasted delicious!) and finished our week reflecting on returning back to school.

Emperor Class have settled in well after the summer holidays. We've enjoyed getting creative with arts and crafts, playing games, and taking walks around the garden. The students are also really enjoying our new class book, Ajay and the Mumbai Sun.



PAPILLON SHOUT OUT!

A huge Papillon 'well done' to the staff who completed the 25K walk at the ultra marathon on the 23rd August. They raised an amazing £3,392 for the National Autistic Society. Thank you to all parents who sponsored them and helped to raise money for an amazing cause.



Birthdays

LJ (Peacock Class) celebrated his birthday and received a fun tub of strawberry jelly slime!

Therapy

The Therapy Team are very much looking forward to welcoming new starters to Papillon House School and the current pupils back to their therapy sessions for the new academic year. As the new school year begins, the Therapy Team will be joining classes to support the children and young people in settling back into the routine of the school day and their learning activities. The therapists will be supporting the education teams to make the return as smooth as possible for your child. During this period, therapists will be observing and identifying therapy needs for individual children. Therapy sessions will then begin, with a range of sessions taking place in differing formats, from 1:1 sessions, classroom-based support, groups and other therapeutic input where appropriate.

Please look out for an email from Lilian Prince detailing your child's allocated Occupational Therapist and Speech and Language Therapist for this academic year. Lily will include email addresses so you have direct email contact with your therapists. Therapists are also contactable on the school phone number as well as via the blue home-school book.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Therapy Team with any therapy questions, queries or concerns. We look forward to working with you and your children for the upcoming school year.

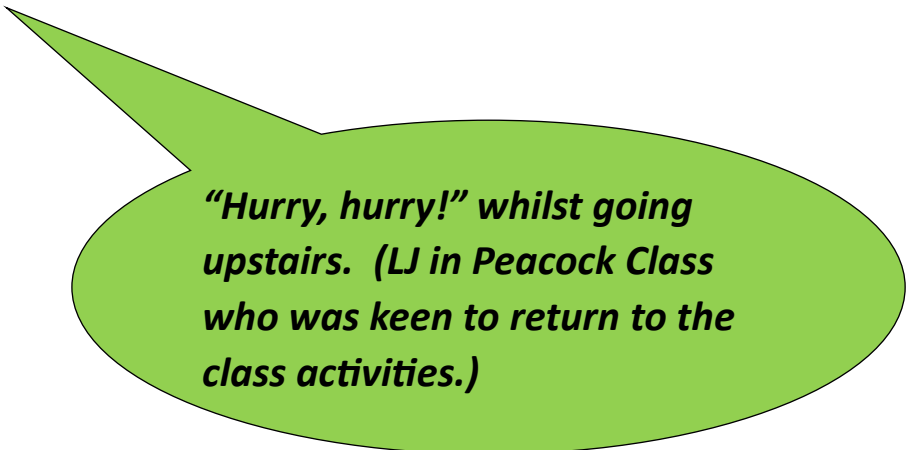
Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place in the Autumn Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme for next week is the Jigsaw launch 'Being Me in My World'.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	19th September	am	NHS Flu Immunisations Team in
Monday	29th September		Harvest Festival
Monday	6th October		Individual school photographs
Monday	13th October	3.30-7pm	Parents' Evening
Friday	17th October	3.00pm	End of half term
Monday	3rd November	9.30am	Start of Autumn Term 2

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'



"Hurry, hurry!" whilst going upstairs. (LJ in Peacock Class who was keen to return to the class activities.)

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