



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - Friday 21st November 2025



Reminders & Requests

Children and young people came home with a letter this week with information regarding our Christmas Production of 'Merry Poppins' on Wednesday 17th December. If you would like to watch the performance please could you return the slip (a copy of the letter is attached with this newsletter) indicating how many seats you require. Thank you.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have started to get into the festive spirit at Papillon this week with a visit from Head2Head sensory theatre company. Sam and Rowena performed two performances of "Jack and the BeanSTEM" to both Secondary and Primary and all of the children and young people loved the shows! We had many pupils taking part in the show and performing on stage in front of their peers. William did an amazing job taking part with the dancing and LJ sat beautifully with his familiar adults in the audience. Participation from pupils (and staff!) was excellent! Thank you to Alex Merrett (Primary Lead) for organising this, and to Mrs Hutton for funding this special Christmas treat!

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class had their first food is fun exploratory session, which was a success. They all had a go at exploring some of the foods. In making, they used glitter to make stars and did marble painting to make planets. In our science session the children smelt mint and then explored different activities using their different senses. They all stayed in the main hall for the pantomime on Thursday afternoon and some were very keen to get involved. We were also very lucky and got to celebrate Amberley's birthday with her. Happy Birthday Amberley!

Meadow Class started reading their new "Circus School" topic book "If I Ran a Circus" by Dr Suess and the children really enjoyed listening to the story. They also enjoyed a few trips this week including going to Leigh Play Park and Priory Park to walk to see the ducks and play in the playground. The class also took part in a number of sensory circles attending to activities based on circus skills such as juggling and using the diabolo. The children made clown-face sandwiches in cooking and most of them enjoyed the Primary department Pantomime on Thursday.

Peacock Class has had a great week this week, the highlight has definitely been the panto! All the children were so engaged, they sat and listened really well. We have also enjoyed learning about primary colours, and mixing them to make new colours. In Maths we have enjoyed learning about patterns and copying patterns using our bodies, then copying patterns using colours and objects. In Science we have been looking at different materials and exploring what different objects are made from.

Photo Gallery



Photo Gallery

Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class had fun on Monday making hot chocolate and snowman marshmallows. Rehearsals for our Christmas production have started and the children have been learning their songs! The streamed Secondary maths lessons continue in ability groups. William and Logan enjoyed a sensory massage listening to calming music. The class used Boomwhackers on Wednesday playing along to different songs including Abba and Ghostbusters! The children enjoyed the panto yesterday with Mia, Aahil and William participating in the show and also their trip to Rosebery Park in Epsom.

Monarch Class completed lots of fantastic maths work in our streamed groups and enjoyed learning about reptiles in this week's science session. On Wednesday, we went to Crawley town centre to visit the Christmas shop and to choose some Christmas treats to try in our tasting snack sessions. We also made stained glass window cookies in our cooking session. On Thursday, the children had lots of fun watching the pantomime perform their version of Jack and the Beanstalk and today, they enjoyed continuing with their P.E. session, taking part in a range of video workouts and dances.

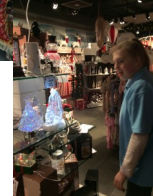
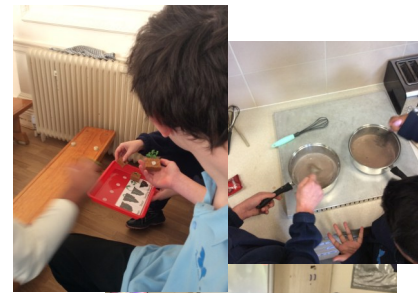
Admiral Class have been learning about different theatre performances and identifying what they like about them. In cooking, some learners made mac and cheese and some made beans on toast. We enjoyed a performance from a pantomime company who performed "Jack and the Bean-Stem". Ahiyan and Louis took part in the pantomime and sang beautifully, following guidance from the actors. In maths, we are experimenting with mass and capacity, finding which containers can hold more liquid. Some learners have started to make papier-mâché masks for the class display board.

Emperor Class had a fantastic cooking session on Tuesday trying out recipes for the Christmas show refreshments. Everyone was very excited to arrive at school while it was snowing on Wednesday and take a walk around the school grounds. In Maths, we have continued our work on the topic of Time, reading analogue clocks and learning Roman numerals. Thomas did brilliantly during his work experience at The Children's Trust charity shop, and the whole class thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime visit, with some students even joining in and taking on roles...oh yes they did!



Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar** Jaxson for "happily participating in food is fun in the classroom with his peers."
- Meadow** Logan for "taking part in lots of activities in class this week and having a fantastic week."
- Peacock** Kuba for "good listening this week and being a great new big brother!"
- Swallowtail** Bailey for "encouraging his class peers to join in using the Boomwhackers."



Birthdays

Amberley celebrated her birthday this week and received a rain maker and an ocean drum.

Therapy

Well done to Jaxson on engaging really well in his sensory exploration session. He loved wobbling and splatting the jelly! He was also able to use his device to communicate when he was finished. *Jess Mason, Speech and Language Therapist and Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist.*

A massive well done to Caterpillar Class for great participation in their first food exploration session of the school year. The children explored the sensory elements of different foods including the texture, smell and at times the taste. These sessions will continue to run throughout the school year to help the children to develop their acceptance and tolerance of different foods. Well done everyone! *Claire Messom (Occupational Therapist) and Jess Mason (Speech and Language Therapist).*

The OT team would like to request that if anyone has any unwanted duvet covers, no matter the size, please could we have them. We would like to fill them with foam cut-offs and make foam cushions with them. They will be used in sessions for the children to crawl across, hide under and jump on to, a great way to provide the children with deep pressure feedback to help them calm. Thank you in advance. The OT Team

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 'Christmas'.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday	10th December	All day	Primary visit to Hobbledown Adventure Farm Park
Thursday	11th December	All day	Christmas jumper day
Wednesday	17th December	1.45pm	Papillon Christmas performance of 'Merry Poppins'
Thursday	18th December	1.30pm	Children's Christmas Fair
Friday	19th December	2pm	End of Autumn Term 2—finish at 2pm

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

**"Oh no!" LJ (Peacock Class)
during a critical moment in the
pantomime!**

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Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to LJ for really good listening when walking in the grounds.



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Family Wellbeing open morning

Epsom Downs Family Centre

Join YMCA East Surrey's Family Wellbeing Service and Reigate and Banstead Family Centre Team to find out more about YMCA's services offered to families in the local area.

Family Support Workers and Family Wellbeing Coordinators will be available to provide general advice and guidance to parents/carers, as well as signpost to other services and take direct referrals for emotional wellbeing and mental health support.

Wednesday 3 December 2025

08:30-10:30

YMCA Epsom Downs Family Centre,
St Leonards Road, Epsom Downs,
Surrey, KT18 5RJ

*Please enter via the St Leonards Road
entrance.*



Hot drinks and biscuits will be provided. Parents/carers can drop in at any time. No need to sign up.

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