



Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 1 - Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We continue to celebrate our achievements at Papillon House and we always aspire to try new things. The children from Meadow Class visited Bansted Library as a class for the first time this week and enjoyed exploring the interactive board and looking at story books. Ryan in Emperor Class used the Stepmill at the David Weir Gym for the first time whilst Louis in Admiral Class overcame his anxieties at swimming, and crab-walked along the side of the pool from the shallow end to the deep end. Well done to you all for having a go!

Sadly we said goodbye to Simon (minibus driver) who leaves us today. We wish him all the very best in his retirement.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class have enjoyed a variety of activities this week. They all enjoyed a trip to Walton on the Hill Park at the beginning of the week, exploring all the different equipment. They also enjoyed a trip to Tesco and sat in the cafe for snack. They were amazing! In science they explored lemons and enjoyed a selection of activities related to the smell. In cooking, the children made shortbread biscuits and did well at mixing the ingredients. They made teddy bears, participated in bucket time and enjoyed watching rice sliding down corrugated card.

Meadow Class have been exploring their second book for our topic of 'Tell Me a Story' called 'The Bridges'. The class have been thinking about how bridges (and walking over them) relate to reading stories. The class also loved visiting Bansted Library on Wednesday to read books and explore the sensory table. Additionally, Meadow Class celebrated Burns Night in class and the children ate potato cakes and danced in Scottish kilts!

Peacock Class enjoyed listening to a new Rainforest story in English called 'What the Macaw Saw'. We then labelled the different parts of a parrot and made our paper plate parrots using colourful feathers. We visited Walton on the Hill ponds to feed the ducks. In cooking we have been focusing on our cutting and grating skills, this week we made cheese sandwiches. We had a community visit to Pets at Home and enjoyed seeing the guinea pigs and bunny rabbits, and LJ had a fun visit to Jubilee Woodlands!

Reminders & Requests

Scaffolding is being erected at the side of the school building over the weekend. This is in order to carry out some urgent work to the roof. If you feel it appropriate, please let your child know in advance of Monday. Please be assured that we will make appropriate adjustments as required whilst the scaffolding is on site.

Photo Gallery



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Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class looked at the 99 names of Allah in our World Views session this week. We discussed what his name signifies and found out that he should never be represented through a drawing as there is nothing that resembles him. Swallowtail Class enjoyed cooking on Tuesday and made banana muffins. Some of the class took the recipe home to try making it themselves! Some of the pupils have been learning about money in maths, identifying coins and notes and adding the value. We enjoyed a visit to Pets at Home, looking at some of the pets in the shop and played an interactive board game about what pets eat. We enjoyed badminton in our PE session today focussing on coordination and movement.

Monarch Class have been learning about UK coastlines and beaches in our topic sessions, followed by a lovely making session where pupils created and painted their own coastal scenes. We've also enjoyed cooking where we made delicious warm veggie wraps. In ICT, we continued our important work on internet safety, focusing on safe image searching. In science, pupils worked brilliantly, with some completing their module on healthy lifestyles and hygiene, while others finished their learning on healthy eating and food waste, exploring sustainability. A fantastic week of learning all round!

Admiral Class enjoyed visiting ASDA this week to buy our snack. We also went swimming and we can already see everyone's confidence increasing. This week as part of our Jigsaw lesson we identified how to be safe online and how to raise concerns. Some learners have worked hard on the class display board and made mountains. Well done to Josh for his great cycling at David Weir and to Ryan for a great swim session this week swimming 20 partial lengths!

Emperor Class have continued learning about statistics in maths, thinking about how to record data in tables, bar charts and pictograms. We've also been getting creative and making coasters and trinket dishes out of clay which we plan to sell at our next Enterprise fair.



Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar Class** Matilda for "exploring all learning stations during free flow."
- Meadow Class** Aidan for "a great week, especially horse riding and reading independently in the school library."
- Peacock Class** Kuba for "great participating in all activities, sensible transitions around the school and great work in ASDAN."
- Swallowtail Class** Bailey for "independently planning and preparing his own lunch."



Matilda (*Caterpillar Class*) celebrated her birthday with a party in class and received a balancing puzzle.

Sarah (*TSA in Caterpillar Class*) celebrated her birthday this week and enjoyed a party with donut cake and got some chocolate, fidget toys and a voucher.

Jamie (*Peacock Class*) celebrated his birthday this week and received some kinetic sand.

Izzy (*SNA in Peacock Class*) celebrated her birthday this week and received a hamper of goodies!

Therapy

Aahil, Mia and Jack did very well in the last Lego therapy session. They listened to each other and communicated effectively throughout the session. During the free-play part of the session, they all demonstrated a lot of creativity, patience and skill in making their own models. Aahil made a caravan with lots of detail on it; Mia made a little garden and an ocean with a sea monster under the bridge and Jack managed to recreate his favourite brain rot characters, which looked very much like the actual ones! Well done Aahil, Mia and Jack!



Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Teddy for sitting at the group table to complete different activities, including making, mark making and cooking.



Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place in the Spring Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme for next week is 'music.'

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday	10th February	All day	Safer Internet Day
Friday	13th February	3pm	End of Spring Term 1
Monday	23rd February	All day	INSET day—school closed for staff training
Tuesday	24th February	All day	INSET day—school closed for staff training
Wednesday	25th February	9.25am	Children return for Spring Term 2—Secondary Pentathlon
Thursday	5th March	All day	World Book Day (mufti day)
Monday	16th March	am	Primary Cinema Trip
Monday	23rd March	am	Secondary Cinema Trip

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"That was so much fun!" Jenny (Monarch Class) after playing a doubles tennis match with Tegan, Charlene and Callum (tennis coach)

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Public Consultation on Play and Leisure Short Breaks

Tell us your views on our proposed changes to the short breaks service.

What are Play and Leisure Short Breaks?

Play and Leisure Short Breaks are for children and young people with any disability. It is one of the council's legal duties to provide them.

Play and Leisure Short Breaks give children and young people the chance to participate in educational and leisure activities in community venues across Surrey, and give parent carers a break from caring. At the moment, about 900 children and young people use these services each year, and about 300 more are on waiting lists.

What is the consultation about?

There are changes being proposed to the Play and Leisure Short Breaks programme. The proposals are to ensure the programme remains sustainable and effective, and to provide greater equity and fairness in the process, so we can prioritise resource and manage demand.

The vision for Play and Leisure Short Breaks is an offer that prioritises inclusive access, community integration, and cost-effective support for those with the greatest need, across both specialist and mainstream community schemes.

This sits alongside needing to identify efficiencies and cost savings as part of the council's need to achieve a balanced budget. In January 2025, the Surrey County Council Cabinet set out the budget for 2025 to 2026, which incorporates the need to find £66 million in efficiencies across the council over the medium term. This includes £800,000 to be saved in 2026 to 2027 from the Short Breaks budget of £2.56 million, while still meeting the council's Short Breaks statutory duties.

How do I give my views?

Surrey want to hear your views on their proposals. Your feedback will help them to shape services that are fair, and better in line with current and future needs, whilst also remaining affordable and delivering good value for money with the available budget.

The consultation is open until Wednesday 4 March 2026.

For further information, dates for drop-in or live events, and to share your views with Surrey County Council please follow the link: [Public consultation on Play and Leisure Short Breaks - Surrey County Council](#)