



Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 1 - Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week saw the first of our School Council meetings this term with Primary pupils meeting with our Head of Primary, representing and contributing to the 'pupil voice' in our school. The children shared their thoughtful suggestions regarding lunchtime clubs and these chosen clubs are now up and running from today, starting with 'car club.' Well done to all the Primary school council representatives for thinking of positive ideas and suggestions which will benefit all at Papillon.

We said our farewells today to Natalie (Peacock Class teacher) who sadly leaves us and who will be missed. We wish her all the very best.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class enjoyed ice play this week and played with the toy kitchen. It was nice seeing some of the children using their imagination and feeding the adults with the play food! They all made teddy bears using butterfly pasta shapes. In our fine motor session the children enjoyed exploring the marble run and posting coins into the money box. They all did really well in our 'food is fun' session, exploring the different foods such as grated cheese, pringles, carrot sticks and grapes.

Meadow Class have continued their topic of 'Tell Me a Story' this week by making their own bridges out of spaghetti and marshmallows. They also preparing a fruit salad in cooking. Meadow Class have been combining two numbers to make bonds to ten in maths this week using objects to represent the numbers. In Science the class carried out a test to see which containers would float and sink. Some children even predicted the results! Next week we will be looking at internet safety which aligns with our ICT topic.

Peacock Class enjoyed a trip to Dorking Library on Monday where we chose some information books on the Rainforest. We've continued our knife skills in cooking, cutting lots of different fruits for our fruit parrots. We investigated lots of different objects in Science this week to see which objects floated and which objects didn't! We enjoyed a party for Natalie today to say goodbye.

Reminders & Requests

A little reminder to all parents that we finish for the half term break on Friday 13th February. We have two planned **INSET training days** on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th February where **school will be closed to all pupils.** Children and young people return on Wednesday 25th February.

Photo Gallery



Photo Gallery

Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class made smoothies in our cooking session this week using mangoes, bananas, apples and oranges. We blended in coconut water and everyone tasted the delicious fruits! In Science we looked at shadows, what creates a shadow and how it's formed. We discussed how Muslims worship in our Worlds Views sessions this week, sharing ideas on the rules and steps Muslims follow and the reasons for prayer. We celebrated William's birthday this week with a party in class and a butterfly cake, and finished off the week with a great trip to Sutton Trampoline Park!

Monarch Class visited tennis in our PE session this week and took part in some fantastic doubles matches, working closely with the instructor and supporting adults. In our topic work, we learned about famous people from the UK and created brilliant portraits of our chosen individual, as well as enjoying an exciting trip to Box Hill Fort as part of our learning about UK landmarks. In cooking, we made delicious vegetable pies, and we've also completed some great phonics work. In science today, pupils explored materials and their properties, comparing handmade and natural materials, whilst others learned about different types of rocks.

Admiral Class discussed the importance of money management this week, why saving money for the future is important and we thought of ideas of what to spend it on. Admiral Class enjoyed their swim session this week, some learners even jumped into the pool from the deep end for the first time. Admiral pupils made the river for our class display using a range of different materials, sticking them onto paper. We also enjoyed working with Martin this week where we dismantled two computers to be able to identify key components and identify how it works. In our topic lesson we watched a video explaining how rain is formed and discussed the process, whilst in Science we enjoyed exploring different surfaces, identifying which creates more friction.

Emperor Class have had a great week celebrating Sienna's 18th birthday with a trip to McDonalds and a class party! We've also been busy up in the garden planting basil and sweet peas. In our Science lesson, we were learning about animal diets and categorising animals into herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.



Our "Stars" this week are:

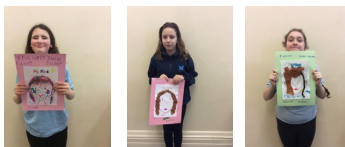
- Caterpillar Class** Shelbie for "engaging in making."
Meadow Class Tommie for "amazing making this week."
Peacock Class Cruz for "great spelling in Phonics."
Swallowtail Class Logan for "making a great smoothie."



There were no Primary birthdays this week.

Therapy

Tegan, Jenny and Mia did very well in girls club. First, they made their self-portraits using a range of different resources and then everyone said something nice about each other. According to the group, Jenny is friendly, kind, funny and a good singer; Tegan is creative, friendly, funny and a good dancer and Mia is funny, kind, beautiful and a good actress.



Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Cruz for identifying his feelings well during morning circle.



Well done to the whole of Meadow Class who all guessed correctly last week's mystery sign! The mystery sign was: 'wind'. *Monika—Speech & Language Therapy Assistant*

A huge well done to Cruz for great engagement and participation in his OT session. Cruz enjoyed exploring movement through the use of different swings and focused on completing the fine motor 'Feed the Dog' activity as well as following a number of visual instructions cards to order different burger orders in a build a burger activity. Cruz enjoyed imaginative play of eating the burgers once he had successfully made them. Well done Cruz! *Claire Messom (Lead Occupational Therapist) and Clara Boxall (Occupational Therapy Assistant)*



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 'Safer Internet Day.'

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 Panathlon
Thursday	5th March	All day	World Book Day (mufti day)
Monday	16th March	am	Primary Cinema Trip
Monday	23rd March	am	Secondary Cinema Trip
Thursday	26th March	All day	World Maths Day
Friday	27th March	2pm	End of Spring Term

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"Thank you for my birthday Mary!" Sienna (Emperor Class) celebrating her birthday

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Student Council

Jamie and Aidan attended Primary Student Council this week and shared their ideas for lunch playtimes. Caterpillar Class said they would like to have a bubble club whilst Meadow Class said their favourite club was dance and Lego. Peacock Class also liked the idea of a dance and Lego club but also made the suggestion of a sing/dance club.

Aidan said that he likes lots of Star Wars characters and playing Star Wars at playtime. He said that he enjoys cooking, maths, making, soft play and horse riding. He was not sure about phonics or loud noises.

Jamie said that he enjoys Peacock Class, playtime, soft play and indoor/wet plays where he can choose toys.



Spelthorne Family Centre Support Group

Our sessions offer drop in emotional support and practical help, all within a safe and comforting environment for parents and carers of children and young people aged 0-19 years old (or 25 years with additional needs).

- Every Tuesday 9.30am-11.00am at Clarendon Family Centre
- Every Tuesday 9.30am-11.00am at Buckland Family Centre
- Every Thursday 1.30pm-3.00pm at Stanwell Family Centre

Are you feeling isolated and overwhelmed as a parent?



We are here
to help!

“What’s Up” – Parent Peer Support Group

A friendly, confidential group for parents and carers to share experiences, connect with others, and explore new coping strategies. An Outreach Worker will attend each session to provide professional advice and practical help, and with quiet space to discuss sensitive matters. Children are welcome.

We meet every Tuesday and Thursday in Spelthorne.
For times, dates and venues, follow the link below:



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