



Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 1 - Friday 6th February 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week saw the first Secondary Council meeting with representatives from Swallowtail, Monarch, Admiral and Emperor Classes meeting with Connor to gather their feedback on the new playground, and what equipment they enjoy using.

We welcomed Tom Head to Swallowtail Class this week as their new class teacher. He has spent time in class getting to know the children and staff members in his team as well as the staff across the school. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome him to Papillon House and wish him a happy and successful journey with us.

Sadly we said goodbye to Kayleigh today who has worked across the whole school as an SNA. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class enjoyed participating in different activities relating to Paddington Bear including the children working together to make a large Paddington for our display. In Science, we explored activities using our different senses. We smelt tea-tree, played with bubble socks and participated in teabag painting. Other activities this week included a trip to Lidl with Peacock Class to buy ingredients for marmalade sandwiches and watching some lovely attention circles. In PSHE, we explored the emotions happy, sad, angry and excited. In our RISE session we explored flower petals and enjoyed throwing, scrunching, smelling and dropping them.

Meadow Class have been listening to another story for our topic 'Tell Me a Story' called 'The Pencil'. A lovely story about drawing, colour and life! The children all loved listening to it and enjoyed certain parts of the story such as when the rubber started to rub everything out! The class also enjoyed making their own books in making on Thursday as well as exploring different jobs they might have when they're older. Tiana wants to be a doctor and Aidan wants to be a shopkeeper. We also made fruit topped pancakes on Monday in cooking and went to ASDA Burgh Heath on Tuesday to find some exciting foods.

Peacock Class enjoyed a trip to Lidl on Monday to buy their items for cooking this week. They all independently made a toasted sandwich and built on their skills by using the toastie machine. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all! In Maths we have been working on 'one less than' and have been playing games using dice. In English, we have been using describing words that correspond to our rainforest topic. In science, we have been using waterplay to explore what items sink and float. Peacock Class had their first cycling session this week which was very successful!



Reminders & Requests

A reminder to all parents that we finish for the half term break next Friday 13th February at normal time of 3pm. 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.

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Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class welcomed their new teacher Tom to the class this week and completed some activities together. We continued looking at Islam in our World Views session, exploring a Mosque and what rules need to be followed inside the building. We enjoyed trips to Dorking Library to look at books about space and also went cycling for the first time this year. Swallowtail Class continued reading their level books and some pupils matched phonic letters their sounds. The class made chicken burgers in our cooking session using cornflakes, eggs and other seasoning.

Monarch Class enjoyed our tennis session this week, developing our skills and teamwork, and took part in lots of activities for Online Safety Week. These included thoughtful morning meeting debates about cyberbullying, what information is safe to share online and what should remain private, learning about online strangers, and an online safety true or false quiz. In cooking, we made fruit cupcakes, and in science we learned about wood and materials made from wood, exploring their properties. Today, the children also did some lovely work in PE, playing badminton and showing great focus and cooperation.

Admiral Class have been learning about internet safety this week where we discussed the importance of knowing how to protect ourselves online. Some of Admiral Class enjoyed visiting Dorking Library to investigate books that relate to our topic of 'water and the water system'. In music, some learners enjoyed taking part in a copy and recall activity using the drums and in our maths lesson we have continued to add fractions together to calculate the answer as a whole. With the upcoming Chinese New Year in mind we made noodles in our cooking session which proved very popular!

Emperor Class have been learning about advertising in line with our Media Literacy topic and produced some fantastic posters and audio adverts, using persuasive language. Michael began his internal work experience this week, confidently serving customers in the Emperor café and tuck shop, where he did an excellent job. Michael said "I enjoyed my work experience. I'm really looking forward to doing it next term." We finished the week with some hands-on outdoor learning in the garden, planting lavender and raking up leaves.

Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar Class** Jaxson for "confidently identifying different letters."
- Meadow Class** Nevaeh for "amazing horse riding."
- Peacock Class** The whole class for "successfully making toasties independently!"
- Swallowtail Class** Aahil for "exploring the library and finding books on space."



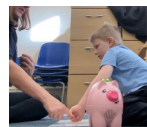
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There were no Primary birthdays this week

Therapy

Well done Tristan on a brilliant Speech and Language Therapy session where he used the communication board to request 'more' and 'balloon' lots of times! *Emma Kennington (Speech and Language Therapist)*



Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Jaxson for participating in classroom activities with his peers.



Well done to our Makaton 'Stars of the Week': Jenny and Tegan, who correctly guessed the mystery sign. Last week, the mystery sign was 'rain'. *Monika Persechino-Speech and Language Therapy Assistant Practitioner*

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 'Chinese New Year.'

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'

"We should give other countries our leftover/extra foods that need it as we don't need it." Bailey (Swallowtail Class) sharing ideas in his PSHE session.

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Student Council

- *Swallowtail – Aahil*
- *Monarch – Jenny*
- *Admiral – Ahiyan*
- *Emperor – Michael*

The students were asked to share their thoughts about the new playground area.

Jenny (Monarch) shared that she *really likes the new playground* and finds it “*so much fun.*”

Mikey (Emperor) commented that the playground *looks good* and that *other students seem to enjoy it as well.*

Ahiyan (Admiral) said that the playground is *good*, but he felt that it *took a long time to complete.*

Aahil (Swallowtail) simply said that he *likes it.*

The general feedback from students is very positive. They are enjoying the new space and are pleased with how it looks. One student noted that the process of getting it ready took longer than expected.

We also discussed club ideas: The school is planning to offer new clubs, and the council discussed which clubs students would find interesting and beneficial.

Student-Suggested Clubs

- **Gaming Club**
- **Jewellery Making Club**
- **Chess Club**
- **DVD/Film Club**
- **Cooking Club**
- **Gardening club**

These ideas reflect a wide range of interests, offering opportunities for creativity, problem-solving, social interaction, and outdoor activities.