



Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 2 - Friday 13th March 2026



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our children and young people enjoyed visits from the fire service over the last two weeks, spending time in all classes and giving pupils a unique opportunity to learn about the different range of duties the fire service responds to, how to identify hazards and dangers in the home and how to call for help in an emergency. Pupils had the opportunity to ask the fire officers lots of questions and try on some of the uniform! I enjoyed going out in the community this week with Meadow Class and Emperor Class and seeing how our younger children interact with the older children.

As an independent school we are keeping a close eye on the Government White Paper on SEND reforms. We are now in a 12 week consultation period where it is vital that we all have a chance to share our views. A separate letter has been sent out to share with you how to do this.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class enjoyed playing with the parachute during their Rise sessions, taking part in relaxing massage activities and exploring a variety of musical instruments. They also listened to the story of 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and then had the opportunity to explore the story sack together. In fine motor activities, the children were encouraged to develop their skills through posting and matching games. In science, we explored different rolling activities, the marble run was a huge hit with everyone! They also enjoyed a lovely trip to Jubilee Woodland with Peacock Class with the pupils exploring different areas.

Meadow Class have enjoyed reading some more books around their topic of 'Rumble in the Jungle' and Jeffrey the giraffe came to visit! Tiana and Logan enjoyed taking him around the school to tour the different classes and he will be spending the weekend with one of our pupils - they can't wait! Also, Meadow Class loved making Mother's Day cards on Thursday and learning about odd and even numbers in maths. Happy Mother's Day to all our Meadow Class mums! We hope you enjoying receiving the cards.

Peacock Class visited Jubilee Woods on Monday and explored the minibeasts hiding under logs. We have also made yummy pitta pizzas with pepperoni toppings, and made a few little surprises for Mother's Day! In phonics, we have been practising the 'or' sound and making words with cubes. In our White Rose Maths session we learnt about 3D shapes and made our own 3D shapes using different coloured Polydrons.

Reminders & Requests

We will be participating in **Comic Relief Red Nose Day** next Friday 20th March. All children and young people are invited to wear a chosen outfit for the day to celebrate, and bring in a £2 donation for Comic Relief. Please see attached letter for more information.

Photo Gallery



Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class have been looking at the Summer solstice as part of our topic of Celebrations this week, and have looked at the traditions, and why it takes place. As part of that, we made some very nice suncatchers to go on our windows. We had the fire department in to do a fire safety talk with our class, and they really enjoyed asking questions about the fire engine and trying on the trousers, jacket and helmet. We also went cycling and had a great time, and there was even some great independent cycling going on, with a little encouragement here and there!

Monarch Class had lots of fun learning about fire safety during a visit from the local fire safety crew, who taught us some important tips about staying safe. The children also did some great work during our tennis session, showing improving skills and teamwork. We enjoyed getting creative in our making sessions, where the children made Mother's Day artwork and created outdoor scenes for our scouting-themed activity. In cooking, we prepared a delicious vegetable stir fry, and the children did a fantastic job following the recipe and trying new flavours. In assembly, we learned about International Women's Day and discussed the Suffragettes and their important role in the fight for women's rights. In PSHE, we also had important discussions about the dangers of smoking and the hazards posed by harmful substances.

Admiral Class enjoyed a great swimming lesson this week, one learner even swam in the deep end without a swimming float for the first time! We have started to learn about money and adding values together in maths. We also had a visit from Surrey Fire Service, the class asked some great questions and were able to wear some of the fire equipment. One learner had a birthday this week and it was nice for the class to celebrate it. One learner worked really hard in science being able to identify what we can do to care for our planet Earth.

Emperor Class had a lovely trip to the park with Meadow Class on Tuesday and on Wednesday the Fire Service came to visit. It was wonderful having them in our class telling us all about their jobs and hearing the students ask some fantastic questions. We even got to try on the uniforms! Our cooking session went well on Thursday - the pizzas were delicious!



Our "Stars" this week are:

Caterpillar Class Shelbie for "great horse riding, being calm around the horse and listening well to adults."

Peacock Class Jamie for "his enthusiastic engagement with the fire service during their visit."

Meadow Class Nevaeh for "an amazing horse riding session, holding the reins and saying "Woahhh Dazz" when stopping."

Swallowtail Class Aahil for "persevering after a tricky situation."

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Cruz (Peacock Class) celebrated his birthday this week and received a Bluey Kinetic sand set. Class celebrated with a birthday party.

Therapy

Well done LJ who did very well in his joint OT and SLT session. He used his communication board to request his favourite activities and linked three symbols consistently throughout the session; "More bounce on walrus."
Monika Persechino-Speech and Language Therapy Assistant Practitioner

Tegan, Jenny and Mia worked really hard to start our sensory garden this week. The girls had a close look at nature, managed to find lots of things in different colours and expanded their vocabulary.

Monika Persechino - Speech and Language Therapy Assistant Practitioner

Well done to Meadow Class who did well in their first fine motor group sessions this week. *Clara Boxall –Occupational Therapy Assistant*



Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Jaxson for participating in the 'guess the reader' activity for World Book Day.

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 next week is Science Week.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	16th March	am	Primary Cinema Trip
Friday	20th March	All day	Red Nose Day (mufti day)
Monday	23rd March	am	Secondary Cinema Trip
Thursday	26th March	All day	World Maths Day
Friday	27th March	2pm	End of Spring Term
Monday	13th April	9.25am	Start of Summer Term 1
Wednesday	22nd April	10.30	Primary parents coffee morning
Monday	4th May	All day	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday	20th May	am	Whole school visit to Leatherhead Miniature Railway
Friday	22nd May	3pm	End of Summer Term 1

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"Yay I did it!" Nevaeh (Meadow Class) after completing her task at horse riding.

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Student Council

Primary Student Council Cinema Choices

Alex M, Lily and Olivier met with Joseph and Nevaeh to discuss primary classes cinema choices for our upcoming trip. The films of choice were Hoppers, Zootropolis 2 and GOAT.

- *Caterpillar Classes favourite was Zootropolis 2 with 5 points.*
- *Meadow Class had 1 point for each film.*
- *Peacock's favourite was GOAT with 4 points.*

The films with the highest score overall was Zootropolis 2 but unfortunately when Alex spoke to the cinema to book, they advised that Hoppers was the only film available. Primary will go to see Hoppers!

Joseph told the student council that he has a big new TV screen in his classroom, and that there were lots of things at school that are happy and fun. Including going outside on the trampoline and the swing, cooking and science. Sharing that 'intelligence is key!' for science.

Nevaeh's adult shared she has been talking a lot more in class, she loves making and cooking lessons and is enjoying learning gymnastics in PE.

Secondary Student Council

The secondary school council meeting was attended by class representatives: Yara (Emperor), Ahiyan (Admiral), Mila (Monarch), and Aiden M (Swallowtail). The main discussion was about the upcoming secondary cinema trip, with the film options being Hoppers or GOAT. Council members returned to their classes to gather students' opinions, and each class held a vote. The overall result was that Hoppers received the most votes, so the final decision was for students to watch Hoppers on Monday 23rd March.