



# Papillon House School Newsletter

Summer Term 1 - Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was lovely to see so many of our primary parents on Wednesday at our Community Connector coffee morning. We had two guests from the Surrey Family Information Service to help showcase opportunities within Surrey and the surrounding areas. These events are important and gives opportunity to offer support and guidance on a range of leisure activities as well as parent support groups. Thank you to Yara and Michael for helping serve refreshments.

This week saw Swallowtail and Monarch classes head off-site for their whole day trips linked to their topics of Machines & Robots and Pets. Swallowtail enjoyed the day at Brooklands Museum and Mercedes World looking at different forms of transport throughout the years, whilst Monarch enjoyed the day at Tilgate Park visiting the zoo, observing the animals and enjoying a picnic lunch with an ice-cream!

## Primary Department News

**Caterpillar Class** started their swimming sessions at Aquapups in Headley this week. This is a new pool, and everyone had great fun. It was wonderful to see their confidence growing, with lots of big smiles all around. We look forward to seeing how they progress over the term. On Tuesday afternoon, the children went on a trip to Lidl to buy ingredients for cooking. This week, they made pizzas using wraps, which they really enjoyed. In maths, we sang number songs and used a variety of shapes to build towers. During our creative session, the children made a paper mâché volcano and crafted pterodactyls, showing great imagination and enthusiasm throughout.

**Meadow Class** continued their learning on 'A Pirate's Life for Me', listening to the story "10 Little Pirates" by Mike Brownlow and completing some English work on it. Additionally, they also made Rice Krispy and sweet-filled treasure chests in cooking and telescopes in making using loo rolls. The class loved their Play-Doh therapy on Wednesday and all children sat beautifully for this in class with Charlene. They also really enjoyed their outdoor PE session based on basketball on Thursday! Peacock Class have also enjoyed trips out this week to Leigh Playpark, Banstead Library and horse riding at RDA.

**Peacock Class** have been very creative this week working towards a beautiful display in our classroom. We have been making coloured film windows of sea scenes and jellyfish mobiles. In English, we've written our own versions of 'Billy's Bucket', using our imaginations and in cooking we are learning how to make pastry and pastry foods. Next week we have an exciting trip planned to Littlehampton Beach, so keep your eyes out for a letter which came home today!



## Reminders & Requests

With the weather warming up and pupils spending time outside in the sunshine, please can we encourage parents to apply sun cream to their child before school if possible. We do have a supply of suncream that we use in school, but if you would prefer for us to use a suncream from home, please could this be sent in with your child next week. Thank you.

## Photo Gallery



## Secondary Department News

**Swallowtail Class** visited Ebbisham Sports Club for another session of Tennis on Monday, then continued with our topic of Robots and Machines in English. On Tuesday, we continued with our Science topic of Plants, looking at the individual part of plants and their functions, and in Food Tech, we made egg fried rice. Swallowtail Class went on an excursion to Brooklands Museum & Mercedes-Benz World as part of our topic. We looked at all sort of planes, buses, cars and many racing related items, old and new. We even saw a LEGO car! On Thursday, pupils started a class project in Art making a class robot out of cardboard boxes and various other materials. In the afternoon, we took full advantage of the lovely weather and went to a local park to get some fresh air. On Friday, we continued with our PSHE, Maths and English, and then finished off the day with a few rounds of Headbandz.

**Monarch Class** did some great topic work identifying the needs of pets and how we can keep them safe and happy. On Tuesday, we planned a science experiment to investigate the waterproofness of different materials and decide which would be best for making an umbrella. On Wednesday, we enjoyed a fantastic trip to Tilgate Zoo, where the children loved seeing all the animals and enjoyed a picnic lunch. Thursday brought our weekly cycling session, with lots of laps around the track. Today in PSHE, some pupils learned about love and loss, while others explored the importance of maintaining positive relationships.

**Admiral Class** have been enjoying their science sessions this week learning the names of different parts of trees and flowers. They then stuck leaves and bark onto paper to make their own tree. In writing, some learners were given a story starter about a detective and were asked to finish the story. We had some great ideas for our story endings. We researched the artist Banksy this week, and found out more about who is, and why his work is so popular. The class also visited Leatherhead to compare if the levels of graffiti here would be the same as a larger town.

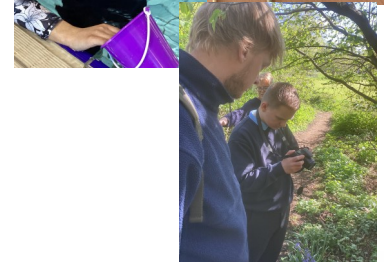
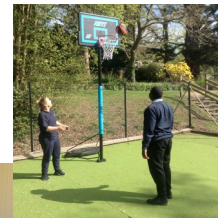
**Emperor Class** started the week with a photography trip to Abinger Hammer, where they used iPads and cameras to capture some beautiful images of nature, which they later edited. The photos will be displayed on our classroom board for everyone to enjoy. Everyone had a great time on the swimming trip on Tuesday, and the students produced some excellent artwork this week, linked to our topic 'Tate Modern'.

### Our "Stars" this week are:



- Caterpillar Class** Tristan for "great swimming and showing confidence in the pool."
- Meadow Class** Tiana for " amazing horse riding on Thursday."
- Peacock Class** Jack for "helping at lunchtimes and being a wonderful friend."
- Swallowtail Class** Aahil for " being very inquisitive at Brooklands Museum, asking lots of questions."

## Photo Gallery



Tasha (Peacock Class) celebrated her birthday this week and received socks and an X-Box cake.

## Therapy

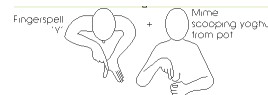
Well done to Ryan B in Admiral Class for participating well in his morning OT sessions, following instructions and completing lots of new activities. Ryan showed off his basketball skills and enjoyed using the new basketball hoop. *Claire Messom, Lead Occupational Therapist*

Well done to Alfie in Monarch Class for being Makaton star of the week and correctly guessing our mystery sign of yoghurt! - *SaLT Team*



## Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Teddy for actively participating in reflection session, following instructions to pop the balloons.



## Important Dates

### Diary Dates

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	4th May	All day	<b>BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Wednesday	20th May	am	Whole school visit to Leatherhead Miniature Railway
Friday	22nd May	3pm	End of Summer Term 1
Monday	8th June	9.25am	Start of Summer Term 2
Monday	22nd June	All day	Class and whole school photos
Monday	29th June	1.30pm	Primary Sports Day
Wednesday	1st July	1.50pm	Secondary Sports Day
Monday	6th July	3.30-7pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday	16th July	All day	Papillon Summer Fun Day
Monday	20th July	am	Transition morning
Monday	20th July	5-7.30pm	Papillon Family BBQ
Tuesday	21st July	3pm	End of Summer Term 2

## Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

**"I liked getting on an old bus!" Aiden (Swallowtail) after his trip to Brooklands Museum**

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# POST 16 SHOWCASE

**Preparing For Adulthood  
Tuesday 9 June  
5.30pm – 7.30pm**

**East Surrey College  
London Road  
Redhill RH1 2JX**



**No need  
to book,  
just drop  
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# Mindfulness Pony Days For Kids

A magical day of ponies, riding, art, friendship and mindfulness

## What to expect :


- Mindfulness time with ponies
- Pony care
- Riding and Mounted games
- Connect with arts and nature
- Make new friends



## Dates:

28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2026

Time: 9:30 am -2:00pm

 Hillcrest Farm Riding School, Horsham RH13 6NX

## Book Now

spaces limited to 10 children per day

**£115 per child per day**

By purchasing a ticket via eventbrite you are paying a £40 deposit. You will then be invoiced for the outstanding amount on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May


### Links for Booking

[mindfulness pony day 28<sup>th</sup> of May](#)

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We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) we celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

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