



Papillon House School Newsletter

Summer Term 1 - Friday 8th May 2026



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was Meadow Classes turn to enjoy their whole day trip this week and visited Pirates Landing in Camberley which links to their topic of 'A Pirates Life for Me'. The class got to explore the soft play, went down the slides, had lunch on a pirate ship and met a pirate!

We also enjoyed a visit from the fire service on Tuesday where Primary classes got to meet the fire service, sit in the fire engine and use the hose.

Secondary pupils came home with a letter today regarding our parents coffee morning on Wednesday 10th June. This is an opportunity for us to meet with our Papillon families and share advice and guidance on supporting children and young adults in our care. A copy of the letter is attached with this newsletter, please do let the office know if you are able to join us.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class thoroughly enjoyed their visit from the fire engine on Tuesday. The children explored the fire engine, looking at all its features, and some even had the opportunity to sit inside. Others chose to try using the hose, which they found very exciting! It was a lovely and memorable experience for everyone. We also visited Tesco to purchase ingredients for our cooking session where the children made fruit kebabs. They all took part in chopping the different fruits, and some enjoyed tasting them too. In our Science session, the children felt their heartbeats before and after exercise and had the opportunity to sample some healthy foods. In our RISE session the children made sandwiches and investigated the smells and tastes of different spreads.

Meadow Class loved meeting the fire brigade on Tuesday and most of the children sat inside the fire engine and even aimed the fire hose independently. They also thoroughly enjoyed our day trip to Pirates Landing soft play on Wednesday and sat and had their lunch whilst on a pirate ship! Additionally, the class loved making their bird feeders in science and putting them out in the grounds for the birds to feast on. Lastly, all children have been learning about patterns in maths, and some have been continuing patterns on using differently coloured/sized objects.

Peacock Class have been continuing with the seaside theme, making crabs for our display and writing speech bubbles for characters in our text 'What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside'. In maths, we have been treasure hunting in the sand for 2-digit numbers, learning about place value of tens and ones. In Science and ICT, we have been learning about trees through bark rubbing and drawing the parts that make up a tree. Our cooking was sausage rolls, which were very tasty!

Reminders & Requests

With the summer months approaching and the weather (hopefully) warming up we do encourage sun-safety. If your child has a sun-hat please can this be brought to school (named). We do have Papillon sun-hats for sale, please contact the office to place an order.

Photo Gallery



Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class continued our science topic of plants, and conducted an experiment with bean seeds. We hope to get them to germinate so we can observe the results. We also made some very impressive bread in cooking! Swallowtail Class continued our topic of machine and robots, continuing to listen to the 'Wild Robot' and wrote a review of the book so far, stating what they liked and if they'd recommend it to a friend or not. The pupils went for a lovely sunny walk on Thursday on Box Hill. We just so happened to have planned the same trip as Emperor Class, and we walked through the woods together. It was great to see the pupils mixing together and having fun. Today, we started our next book in relation to our topic, which is 'The Iron Man', the book that the Iron Giant is based on. In maths we continued our topic work on mass, capacity and temperature.

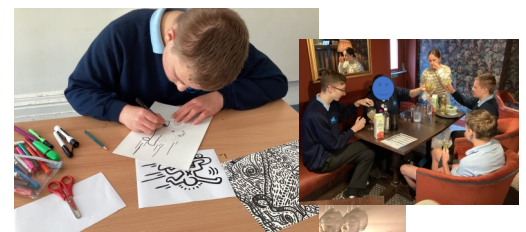
Monarch Class started the week by celebrating Mila's birthday, and also learned about another very special occasion — David Attenborough turning 100! The children enjoyed learning about his accomplishments and why he is so important in helping us understand and care for the natural world. In science, we began a new module on skeletons, learning the names of different bones in the body, while some pupils started exploring particles and states of matter. In English, we used illustrations from a pet story to inspire some fantastic creative writing and create our own narratives. We also enjoyed a visit to Fourwents Pond, where we fed the ducks and spotted some very cute goslings with their mum! In cooking, we made delicious sausage rolls using puff pastry.

Admiral Class have been learning about the different diets that animals have and how diets vary depending on the type of animal. Within our topic lessons we have been learning about graffiti and the law, and the consequences of breaking it. Secondary discussed British Values in assembly this week and thought about how we all need to be respectful of each other, and others' points of view. Within our maths lessons, some learners have been learning about 'one less' whilst other learners have continued to build on their skills to read time on an analogue clock.

Emperor Class enjoyed a trip to the swimming pool, whilst the others took part in a work-experience outing from Ductu part of Surrey Careers hub to the Horse and Groom. During their visit, they were given a tour of the business and learnt about the different job roles involved in running a restaurant. They also practised laying a table correctly and followed instructions to create mocktails. In Maths, we have been learning about the different vocabulary used for addition and subtraction and in art we have had great fun experimenting with artwork inspired by Keith Haring.

Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar Class** Amberley for "confidently tasting and exploring new foods."
- Meadow Class** Aidan for "being so grown-up around the fire engine and at Pirates Landing."
- Peacock Class** Jack for "putting his full face in the water whilst swimming this week."
- Swallowtail Class** William for "excellent listening and following instructions making his robot."



Mila (Monarch Class) celebrated her birthday this week and received a Play-Doh set.

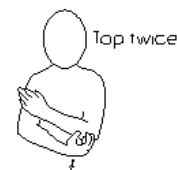
Ahiyan (Admiral Class) celebrated his birthday this week and received a Mario Lego Set.

Therapy

Ryan C has been doing really well with practising the volume of his voice both within the therapy sessions and in class. Well done Ryan! *Emma Kennington, Speech and Language Therapist.*

Well done to William who has learnt how to use his communication board to request 'help'.

Our Makaton stars this week are Nevaeh and Logan P from Meadow Class. Congratulations for guessing the mystery sign correctly. This week it was "cracker/biscuit". *Monika Persechino—Speech and Language Therapy Assistant Practitioner*



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 for next week is National Children's Day.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
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
Wednesday	10th June	10.30	Secondary Parents Coffee Morning
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'

"RDA volunteer - Did you enjoy horse riding today?" (to Aidan in Meadow Class)

Aidan - "YES!"

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YMCA EAST SURREY

Face2Face

Information session for parent/carers
of children with disabilities

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Here for you

Introduction to Attention Autism

*Stacey Lawrence, Attention Autism Practitioner and Sovereign
Pre-School Manager*

Weds 20 May 2026 | 10:30am to 12:30pm

YMCA Sovereign Centre, Slipshatch Road, Reigate RH2 8HA

This session introduces parent carers to the Gina Davies Attention Autism approach, demonstrating how to use simple, engaging activities to support children's attention, engagement, and communication. Parents will learn the four-stage structure and gain practical strategies they can easily use at home to create enjoyable, shared learning experiences.

There will be opportunities to try hands on activities and time for questions.

Please contact sandhya.gulati@ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk to book a place for this session.