



# Papillon House School Newsletter

Summer Term 2 - Friday 12th June 2026



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to Summer Term 2 to all our pupils and their families! This term is always a busy term with lots of school events including Parents' Evening, Sports Days and our annual Papillon family BBQ! Classes will be starting their new topics for the last half of the Summer Term, a full overview of the topics are at the bottom of this newsletter.

This week saw the first of our off-site visits linked to the class topics, with Swallowtail Class visiting Crystal Palace Park in search of dinosaurs and Monarch Class observing the aquariums at The Sea Life Centre linked to their topic of Antarctica.

Sadly we said goodbye to Keiran today, our current TSA in Swallowtail Class. He has been an invaluable member of staff who will be greatly missed. We wish him all the very best in his new adventure.

## Primary Department News

**Caterpillar Class** all loved swimming and playing simple games in the water. On Tuesday afternoon we took a trip to Lidl to buy fruit for a tasting session. They chose pineapple, grapes, strawberries, mango and oranges. For our 'knowledge and understanding of the world' session we explored herbs and vegetables in some soil and looked at books about our amazing world. In RISE, we continued to focus on the core word 'no' and in our Literacy sessions we explored the book 'Commotion in the Ocean', and went fishing to label and match the fish, making marks in sand using different tools.

**Meadow Class** enjoyed their first swimming lesson of the year at Dorking Leisure Centre, the teachers were so helpful in getting the children into the pool, Nevaeh and Logan were superstars as they were a little apprehensive but eventually joined their friends in the water and had a great time. The class also liked starting their topic of 'Summer Fun' this week and they took part in an attention circle identifying things to wear/drink in summer as well as 'going fishing' to collect different sea creatures using a magnetic rods. We also enjoyed our cooking session where they prepared fruit salad faces!

**Peacock Class** visited Knight's Garden Centre to take photos of trees for our Science topic of growing. We then visited areas of our grounds taking leaf rubbings to compare the differences. In English, our text is 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea'. We looked at the order of the story and wrote sentences in our own words. In maths, we started a new unit about position and direction. We have been programming robots to move around the room, using forwards, backwards, turn, left and right. For our food tech session we tasted foods from all the different groups and used our senses to smell, taste and feel some cooked and uncooked pasta, crunchy peppers, spiky pineapple and smelly tuna!

## Reminders & Requests

With our Sports Days approaching, please could **all children and young people** have a named PE kit (including plimsoles/trainers) in school. This really helps to support them in preparation for the event. Thank you.

## Photo Gallery



## Class Topics - Summer Term 2

(Please see a full overview of this half terms topics at the end of this newsletter.)

**Caterpillar Class** – Deep Sea Dive

**Meadow Class** – Summer Fun

**Peacock Class** – Wild Animals

**Swallowtail Class** – Dinosaurs

**Monarch Class** – Antarctica

**Admiral Class** – Migration

**Emperor Class** – Nutrition

## Secondary Department News

**Swallowtail Class** completed some work on healthy eating on Monday (due to tennis being cancelled) and prepared our display board for the new half term. We started our new topic of dinosaurs in English, and have started looking at fractions in maths with an introduction into parts and the whole. We continued with our science topic of plants, preparing for an experiment to be carried out next week. We also made pizza muffins for our day trip out. Swallowtail visited Crystal Palace Park on Wednesday where we went for a lovely walk, played in the new dinosaur play park and saw the awesome dinosaur statues. We also enjoyed finding our way around the maze! On Thursday we completed some dinosaur related comprehension, art and a community visit to ASDA to get some party supplies for Keiran's leaving party. Swallowtail would like to say a **massive** thank you to Keiran for all his hard work and support. We wish him all the best and good luck.

**Monarch Class** began by introducing our new topic, *Antarctica*, and spent time sharing what we already know, as well as thinking of facts we would like to know. In cooking, we made delicious spring rolls, and we enjoyed our cycling session despite the rain! In PSHE, we introduced our new topic, some of us beginning to look at different relationships whilst others explored the physical differences that can exist within families. The highlight was our trip for some of the pupils to the SEA LIFE London Aquarium. The children were fantastic well behaved. We loved seeing the different sea animals and especially enjoyed meeting the penguins!

**Admiral Class** started our new topic this half-term which is 'Migration'. This week we spoke about humans living in in South Africa and how they began their migration. We also started to read our class book titled 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin which details her journey from Trinidad to London as part of the Windrush generation. Within our ICT we looked at Microsoft Word documents, trying out different tools and features to format them. We have continued with cycling, and everyone did well with the wet weather. In our PE session pupils have started practicing for our upcoming Sports Day.

**Emperor Class** started the week with a trip to Wing Yip as part of our new topic, Nutrition. The students were fascinated by the wide variety of unusual foods on display, including fruits and vegetables that many of us had never seen before. During snack time, the students enjoyed tasting the food items they had chosen to purchase, including fortune cookies and seaweed crisps. Our café session was a success this week, with Emperor students preparing some delicious beef burgers. In Maths, the class produced some fantastic work, developing their understanding of addition and subtraction by recognising and identifying words associated with the + and - symbols.

### Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar Class** Matilda for "moving across the swimming pool independently using a pool noodle."  
**Meadow Class** Logan for "working hard at swimming and swimming independently using a float."  
**Peacock Class** Kuba for "his participation in our cooking lesson, enjoying lots of different foods."  
**Swallowtail Class** Whole class for "their exemplary behaviour at Crystal Palace Park."



## Photo Gallery



Teddy celebrated his birthday in the holidays and received a bubble machine from his friends in Caterpillar Class.

## Therapy

We had a lovely session in Nature Club this week - despite the rainy weather! Mia, Tegan and Jenny created nature crowns using leaves, sticks, flowers and moss. The girls fed back that they loved making their crowns and enjoyed modelling them! *Emma Kennington (Speech and Language Therapist) and Monika Persechino (Speech and Language Therapy Assistant)*



Well done to Aahil for exploring his creative ability and knowledge of model building, using the models to express himself in a way that is comfortable to him. *Keith Waterman (Art Therapist)*

## 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 the Islamic New Year.

| DAY       | DATE      | TIME     | EVENT                         |
|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------|
| 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 had a great week working at Papillon!" Work experience volunteer who spent the week with us.***

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# EPSOM RDA

St Ebbas Farm, Hook Road, Epsom KT19 8QW

# SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 13th June 2026  
11am to 4pm

Entry £2.00 per person  
(children under 12 go free)

## WHAT'S ON:

- Lesson Demonstrations
- Stalls & Local Crafts
- Delicious Food & Treats
- Petting Ponies
- Face Painting
- Pimm's Tent

## PLUS:

- Surrey Classic Vehicle Club
- Music from  
Epsom Hospital Radio
- Visit from the Mayor of  
Epsom & Ewell



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## CATERPILLAR CLASS



Our topic this half term is '**Deep Sea Dive**'. The children will be introduced to new topic-related vocabulary, alongside the appropriate Makaton signs to support their communication and understanding.

In Literacy our story focuses will be '*Commotion in the Ocean*', '*The Snail and the Whale*' and '*The Rainbow Fish*'. Our rise sessions, we will focus on the core words, **no**, **I**, and **like**. These sessions will focus on the children's engagement and will involve some lovely sensory exploration. During our attention autism sessions, the children will be encouraged to take turns with their peers and engage with a motivating activity.

In maths, we will be focussing on position and space. The session will be a free flow session with a selection of activities out for the children to explore. We will look at positional language, comparing sizes and shapes. We will continue to look at our numbers and sing number songs.

In Science, we will focus on the topic of '*Our Wonderful World*'. Activities will include planting seeds, making seed bombs and recycling activities. The session will be a free flow, and the children will be encouraged to explore the different activities on offer.

Each week, the children will take part in a range of fine and gross motor activities designed to strengthen the different muscles in their body. These will include cutting, moulding, balancing and movement activities. We will also start practicing activities for Sports Day, which is always a lovely day for our children.

Our making sessions will involve making different sea life creatures, including jellyfish, sharks, crabs and star fish. During our cooking sessions, we will continue to encourage independence when using different utensils. We are going to buy and taste different fruits to make a fruit salad and then try different toppings for our fruit salad.

We are continuing to swim this half term, swimming every week on a Monday afternoon. It's been lovely to watch their confidence grow and see them moving around the pool independently. Please remember to send swimming kits in every Monday. Our weekly community visits will include trips to local parks, supermarkets and garden centres. We will be having a day trip this term too. (More details to follow!)

It's going to be a lovely half term.

Lauren and the Caterpillar Class Team

## MEADOW CLASS



Meadow Class will be learning about the topic of 'Summer Fun'. The children in Meadow Class really love having a topic book read to them, so in the first week, we will be focusing on the first of our topic books in this area; "Splash Day" by Nick Sharratt. The class will explore the summer-based activities mentioned in the story as well as reenact some of the fun scenes as hopefully the weather improves! In the second week, we will be thinking about the different types of summer fun we can all do which include swimming, riding bikes and camping, and we will be using our first topic book to refer to this in topic sessions. The class will also use real world toys and sensory materials to reenact different parts of the story to understand it in more depth while carrying out some role play.

Moving on into the third week, Meadow Class will continue onto our next story, "The Dot" by Peter H Reynolds and complete some making based on this story. We will be photocopying different pages from this book to support the pupil's understanding of characterisation as well as different fonts and independent word/sentence writing.

Then, as we move into the fourth week the class will be looking at the last story for our topic which is "Hello Summer" by Jo Lindley. We also have our whole day community visit on the Wednesday this week, so please look out for letters in the next week or so about this. As we move into the last few weeks of the half term, Meadow Class will be doing some practising for our Sports Day on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June and looking forward to Papillon Summer Fun Day on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July. The last few topic lessons will be based on what we have learnt about in this topic and will ultimately conclude "Summer Fun". The class will also be carrying out some exciting summer-themed lessons throughout the term which I'm sure they will enjoy.

This half term, we will be aiming to visit Knights Garden Centre in Betchworth, Banstead Library (to visit the amazing Magic Table) as well as Leigh Playpark on our community visits. This half term, Meadow Class will also have the exciting opportunity to visit Dorking Leisure Centre for swimming lessons on Tuesday mornings which I know the class are very excited about, so please send in swimming kits on Tuesdays. Additionally, the children will also be going on a whole day class trip later in the half term based on our topic of "Summer Fun".

In our maths lessons, Meadow Class will start exploring "To 20 and beyond" topics as well as using their skills to subtract numbers share and group numbers. During English sessions, some children are continuing to trace unfamiliar words, write independently using a pencil grip and slant (for specific OT targets), match words as well as use the summer-themed topic books as stimulus for role play experiences. Additionally, other children will be continuing to work on communicating with peers, choosing a preference from two/three options and showing pride in their work. As usual, we will continue to send new books home this half term every **Friday** with each child's reading records.

The class will continue to carry out the Jigsaw PSHE sessions in class and our topic for PSHE this half term is 'Changing Me' where the children will be looking at thinking about the future and the idea that change happens but that it can be a good thing. For science sessions, Meadow Class will be starting some animal and physics-based sessions and our topics for these sessions this half term will be 'From City to Sea' and 'Look All Around'.

Additionally, the class will be cooking different foods in cooking sessions on a Wednesday based on our "Summer Fun" topic with Teresa, which will include fruit ice lollies and a summer fruit skewer. The class will also have a chance to try out our new food curriculum from the "Food a Fact of Life" scheme of work during the half term.

Alex and the Meadow Class Team

## PEACOCK CLASS



This half term, Peacock Class are learning about wild animals, both in the UK and around the world. We will be using fiction and non-fiction books in English lessons, hearing about a very hungry tiger who came for tea and extending the invitation to come for tea in our class. We will be using this text to help us write invitations and recipes, further developing our experiences with foods. We will also be reading 'Percy the Park Keeper' and 'Slime! It's not mine', where we will be bug hunting in parks in the local area.

In maths, we will be learning about position and direction, using robots; telling the time and using money. Our curriculum visits will involve some shopping, along with trips to the library and visits to some unusual creatures living in our local area. We will visit Meerkats in Brockham and Reptiles in Tattenham Corner! For our upcoming full day trip, Peacock Class are heading to Tilgate Zoo and Park to discover the animals they keep. We will be looking at the places the animals originate from and the food they eat. We may even get a hard-shelled visitor come in for the day and learn how they live wild in Cyprus.

In science, Peacock Class will continue looking in our grounds at the variety of trees and plants we have. Our sunflowers are growing well, which will hopefully provide us with some food for the bird feeders we will be making in our topic lessons.

As always, we will be very arty and use different resources to make some beautiful pictures with camouflage and collage. These will show different habitats for wild animals from around the world and how the animals skin, fur and feathers let them hide away from predators or conceal them from their prey. We will be creating British wildlife with clay and may even make ourselves into some wild animals by mask decorating!

In music, we will be using different instruments to make quiet and LOUD noises, taking turns and sharing what we play. Our PE will be all about sports day, practising and preparing for the events. We will be throwing, rolling, running and jumping. We have a mixture between swimming and horse riding sessions continuing this half term, building on the experiences the children have gained over this academic year.

Our food tech lessons are all about healthy eating. We will learn about balanced diets and experience lots of new foods. We will be planning and making foods for our tea party for 'The Tiger', hopefully he won't eat all the sandwiches and buns again! Our PSHE lessons will be 'Changing Me' and we will learn about life cycles and how animals and humans change over time.

In World Views, we will continue our learning about leaders and find out about different religious leaders and the stories we remember them by.

With all the exciting school events planned this half term, I'm sure we are going to make some fantastic memories!

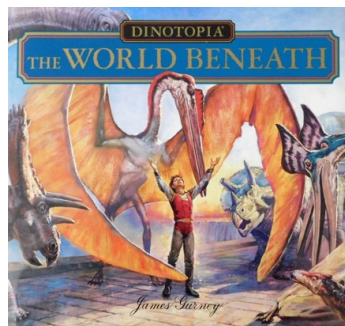
Linda and the Peacock Class Team

## SWALLOWTAIL CLASS



In Swallowtail, our class topic for this half term is 'Dinosaurs'.

In English, we will be exploring dinosaurs from different periods, such as the Triassic period, Jurassic period and the Cretaceous period. We will look at the dinosaurs themselves, fossils and the environments they lived in. To aid in our learning, we will be using the following books; *The Dinosaur Next Door* by David Litchfield, and *Dinotopia, The World Beneath* by James Gurney. We will also use a variety of factual books to aid in our learning too.



In Maths, we will be moving on to fractions, continuing to work through the White Rose curriculum in our streamed groups.

For Science, we will be continuing with plants, which will lead us up to the end of the year. We will be utilising the White Rose curriculum and doing a variety of experiments to aid in our learning.

In ICT, we will be working on and developing the application of the skills and knowledge they have already learnt, and expanding/further embedding them.

Our PSHE topic for this half term is 'Changing Me'. This topic is all about changes in our bodies as they go through puberty, giving students the information they need to know will happen. This will give them a peace of mind, knowing that what is happening is normal. We will be using the Jigsaw curriculum for the topic throughout the half term.

For Food Tech, we will be using the new Food, A Fact of Life curriculum that we will be adopting to learn about a variety of different aspects of food, such as healthy eating, where food comes from, exploring different recipes and developing cooking skills needed for independent living.

Our art sessions will reflect the topic of Dinosaurs along side our English lessons, using a variety of mediums to create art inspired by Dinosaurs.

Tom and the Swallowtail Class Team

## MONARCH CLASS



This half term, our topic is 'Antarctica'. We will begin by exploring Antarctica's location, climate and unique features. We will explore Antarctic wildlife and the adaptations that help animals survive in this extreme environment. In week 3, we will investigate what lies beneath the ice and learn about the geology of Antarctica. In week 4, we will find out about famous Antarctic explorers and the challenges they faced during their expeditions. In week 5, we will learn about the Antarctic Ocean and the important role it plays in supporting wildlife and regulating our planet's climate. In week 6, we will explore how we can look after Antarctica by learning about climate change and its impact on this fragile environment. Finally, in week 7, we will celebrate our learning through Antarctic-inspired art and music. Our focus books include 'Journey to Antarctica' by Julie Haydon, 'Antarctic Animals' by Alan Trussell-Cullen and a selection of Antarctica-themed fiction stories.

We will continue our off-site cycling sessions this half term, with children attending King George Cycling Centre in Epsom on Thursdays. As the weather warms up, please ensure your young person has sun cream available if they require a specific type not provided by school, or if you have not already sent some in. Sun hats and/or sunglasses may also be brought in and kept at school for outdoor activities.

For our White Rose Maths sessions this half term, we will be focusing on money and time. Children will develop their understanding of coins and notes, including recognising different denominations, combining coins to make different values and solving simple money problems. We will then move on to time, exploring vocabulary such as before, after, morning, afternoon and evening, before learning to identify the hands on a clock and tell the time to o'clock and half past. We will finish the term with some fun Taskmaster-themed maths challenges.

For our White Rose Science sessions this half term, some children will complete their learning about skeletons by exploring exoskeletons, different types of skeletons and how joints support movement, before moving on to nutrition and healthy diets. Other children will finish their module on matter through investigations linked to evaporation and the water cycle before beginning a new topic on sound, where they will explore vibrations, the structure of the ear, volume and pitch.

In our Jigsaw PSHE we will be moving on to our topic, 'Changing Me'. Children will explore how people grow and change over time, learning about physical and emotional changes and how to manage them positively. Some children will focus on celebrating individuality, life stages and preparing for future changes, while others will explore healthy relationships, attraction, online influences and safe decision-making.

In ICT, children will continue to develop their computing skills using the Twinkl Computing scheme of work. Some children will build their understanding of computer systems, including navigating devices, managing files and creating digital work independently. Others will use a range of software to research, design and create their own game before producing materials to promote their final product.

In our World Views learning, our theme is 'Are Words More Important Than Actions?'. Children will consider how beliefs and values influence people's lives, discuss different viewpoints and reflect on their own values and what matters most to them.

In Cooking, our theme this half term is 'Street Foods Around the World'. Children will explore a variety of cuisines from different countries, developing their food preparation and cooking skills while learning about foods enjoyed in different cultures. They will have the opportunity to make dishes such as spring rolls, mini pizzas, quesadillas and churros while continuing to build their confidence and independence in the kitchen.

For our Outdoor Learning sessions, we will continue our rewilding project, helping to maintain and improve our outdoor spaces while learning about local habitats and wildlife. Children will also work in our horticultural area, growing vegetables and learning about the journey from garden to plate.

If you have any questions about your young person's learning this half term, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Nikki and the Monarch Class Team

## ADMIRAL CLASS



This half term our topic is 'Migration'. We will be learning about how human history began in Africa, where the earliest humans evolved and developed the skills needed to survive and thrive. Over time, groups of people migrated to new regions, encountering a variety of environments and obstacles. In 'Different Places, Different Challenges', we learn how different climates, landscapes, and resources required humans to adapt in unique ways. We will also be looking at animals and how they migrate to survive due to food.

Our topic related books this half term are *Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin. This inspiring autobiography tells the true story of Floella's journey from Trinidad to England as a child in the 1960s. The book explores the challenges she faced adapting to a new country, including racism and prejudice, while highlighting the importance of family, determination, and hope. Through her experiences, Floella shows how resilience and a positive attitude can help overcome difficulties and achieve success.

The theme for PSHE Jigsaw is 'Changing Me'. Within this unit we will be looking at topics such as, different types of relationships, understanding the range of feelings associated with attraction, understanding how adult content can affect expectations in self image and understanding the dangers of alcohol.

In Worldviews we will be learning about religion, that both words and actions are important in showing true faith and how many religions teach us that actions speak louder than words. Saying kind words is good, but helping others through actions is even better. Religious teachings often encourage people to act on what they believe.

In Science this half term we are looking at food waste and learning about why food is often thrown away instead of being eaten. It can happen when people buy too much food, cook more than they need, or let food spoil before using it. We can reduce our food waste by planning meals, storing food correctly, and using leftovers instead of throwing them away. Reducing food waste helps save resources, protects the environment, and ensures that less food ends up in landfill.

This terms focus in P.E is preparing for Sports Day. We will be practicing sports that we will take part in on the day.

This terms ICT focus is Using and Applying. Within this subject we will be learning how to use ICT to complete my schoolwork more efficiently. Helps me research information quickly and accurately. I apply ICT skills to create documents, presentations, and spreadsheets.

For the first two weeks we will be continuing with time in our maths lessons. We will then be starting the unit on shape.

This term we will be continuing with cycle for our off-site physical activity on Thursdays.

If there is any other information you would like me to provide you with or if you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Gavin and the Admiral Class Team

## EMPEROR CLASS



This term, our topic is 'Nutrition'. Emperor students will be learning about where our food comes from and what our bodies need to stay healthy; we will also be exploring and tasting a variety of new foods. As part of our learning, we hope to enjoy weekly community visits linked to our topic, including trips to a farm, local markets, and food shops.

In Maths, we will continue to focus on developing Functional Skills. Students will build their confidence in key areas such as number, measure, money, and problem-solving, helping them to apply their learning to everyday situations. We are especially proud that three Emperor students will be working towards and sitting their Entry Level 1 Functional Skills exam later this term and wish them all the very best.

In Science, our learning will link closely with our topic of Nutrition. Students will explore what different foods contain and learn about the importance of vitamins, minerals, protein, carbohydrates, and other nutrients that help to keep our bodies healthy and strong. We will also continue to nurture and grow our own vegetables and herbs in the school garden. This hands-on experience will help students learn more about where food comes from, how plants grow, and the importance of caring for the environment. We look forward to using some of our home-grown produce in future tasting and cooking activities.

In PSHE, our topic this term will be 'Changing Me'. Over the next few weeks, students will explore a range of important topics linked to personal growth, wellbeing, and emotional development. Lessons will include discussions around mental health and addiction, understanding change and managing emotions, the importance of healthy sleep routines, building resilience, and how we grow and change over time. Through a variety of activities and conversations, students will be encouraged to reflect on their own wellbeing and develop strategies to support positive physical and emotional health.

We will be continuing with our swimming sessions on Tuesday mornings throughout the term. These sessions provide students with valuable opportunities to develop their confidence as well as improve their physical fitness and coordination.

English skills will continue to be developed through our Functional Skills lessons, as well as across all areas of learning throughout the school day. Students will have opportunities to build their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills through a range of activities linked to our class topics and real-life experiences. Communication and literacy will be encouraged in lessons, community visits, group discussions, and independent tasks, helping students to grow in confidence and apply their skills in meaningful everyday situations.

Our Enterprise Projects will continue this term, providing valuable opportunities for students to develop vocational, communication, and independent living skills. Students will take an active role in running the Thursday Café, where they will be preparing and serving homemade burgers for staff to enjoy.

We are all looking forward to a fantastic final few weeks of the school year!

Mary and the Emperor Class Team