



Papillon House School Newsletter

Summer Term 2 - Friday 19th June 2026



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been a busy week at Papillon with off-site visits and Sports Day practise. Emperor Class enjoyed a day at Littlehampton Beach on Wednesday (despite it being rather chilly!) whilst Admiral Class visited Tilgate Park, learning about a variety of animals linked to their topic of 'migration' and observing them in a real-world setting.

On Thursday we celebrated the life of our very special colleague Colin who we sadly lost last year. Staff, some ex pupils and members of his family shared treasured memories and photographs of Colin who we still hold dear to our hearts. Papillon House unveiled 'Colin's bench' which sits proudly at school and we know will be used by staff and pupils at Papillon to reflect and remember our colleague and friend who is very much missed.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class had a fantastic swimming session on Monday. The children showed great enthusiasm as they explored different ways of moving around the pool and played simple swimming games. In PSHE, we focused on self-awareness and emotions. The children looked at themselves in the mirror and had fun pulling a variety of facial expressions. During our creative session they made scuba masks and enjoyed exploring playdough and pasta. In our 'knowledge and understanding of the world' session we went digging in mud and explored different flowers.

Meadow Class began reading their first topic book called 'Splash Day' by Nick Sharratt. They loved the story and thought about the different characters and did some writing based on them in different OT positions such as prone. The class enjoyed a trip to Rosebery Park in Epsom on Thursday where they played on equipment with each other and met some other children there too! The class also loved a summer-themed attention circle and took part in a summer clothing hide-and-seek game as well as making a 'happy sunshine' in making. The class learnt about the phoneme "igh" and took part in some exciting maths activities such as counting beyond 10 and making potions using colourful animals, counting them one-by-one as they were added.

Peacock Class enjoyed a visit to Tadworth Park with Meadow Class. They loved using all the equipment, especially the swing seat which Joseph described as 'very high and very fast'. In English finished our work on 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea', by writing an invitation asking the tiger to come back for a visit. We made sandwiches in our food tech lesson, spreading butter and Dairy Lea, adding ham, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber and celery. Our art sessions have been focussing on British wildlife, using collage materials to decorate pictures of these animals for our display. We've also been drawing in ICT, producing images of wild animals with drawing programs.

Reminders & Requests

Our **school photographer** will be in on Monday 22nd June to take class and whole school photographs. Please could you ensure that your child is in full school uniform on this day. Thank you.

Photo Gallery



Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class continued our topic of dinosaurs, taking a look at the Triassic Period and some of the dinosaurs that lived during that time, such as the Herrerasaurus and the Asylosaurus. We also touched on Pangaea, which left all the students rather surprised that the Earth's continents were once all joined together into one super continent! In Maths we have continued to look at Fractions, in particular, how to recognise and find a half. We have also made some really cool looking dinosaur art to go up our board that will be on show in time for Parents' Evening. In science, we have continued to work on plants, with us looking at the life cycle of plants, and were able to put the life cycle in order and write a brief line underneath each image. We finished the week on a lovely trip to Morden Hall Park, seeing the fish in the garden centre before taking a walk in the park.

Monarch Class learnt about animals that live in Antarctica this week and how there are no land based animals that live on the continent. During outdoor learning, we have been observing changes in our vegetable plants, looking for signs of growth, including buds and flowers on our runner bean and strawberry plants. In making, the children got creative, using junk modelling materials to create fantastic 3D Antarctic animals. Although cycling was cancelled this week due to the track being unavailable, the pupils thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Priory Park where they had lots of fun playing rounders together. In cooking, we continued our world street foods theme by making a delicious Greek salad and tasting a variety of different ingredients.

Admiral Class have been learning about food waste this week, and the impact that it can have on the environment. Some learners went to Tilgate Zoo for the day to investigate what animals migrate and why. For our offsite physical activity, we went to Reigate Priory Park to play Rounders. Within our PSHE Jigsaw lesson, some learners have been learning about what a relationship is, and how relationships differ for different people.

Emperor Class enjoyed a trip to Dorking High Street, where they visited a butcher, a bakery, and a delicatessen as part of their Nutrition topic. The students asked the staff questions to learn more about where the food we buy comes from. We had a fantastic trip to Littlehampton Beach on Wednesday. Although the weather was a little cold and windy, that didn't stop Chris and Yara from having a swim in the sea! We also enjoyed collecting lots of shells to show friends back to school. We all enjoyed a picnic lunch before treating ourselves to an ice cream. It was a wonderful day and a great experience for everyone.

Our "Stars" this week are:

Caterpillar Class Amberley for "moving across the pool independently."

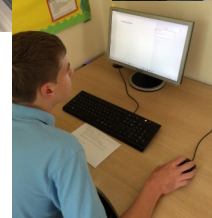
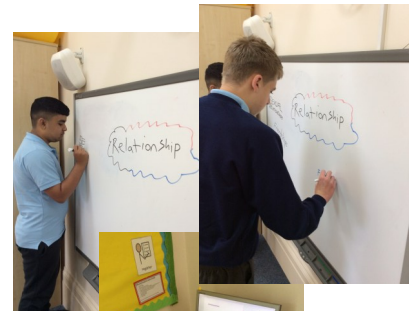
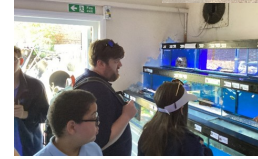
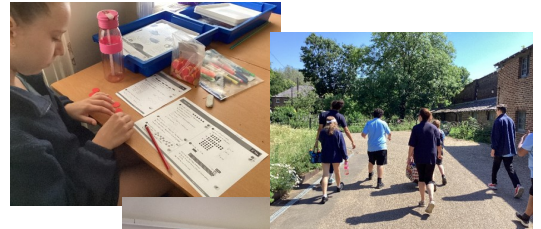


Meadow Class Tommie for "having a brilliant first swimming session on Tuesday."

Peacock Class LJ for "looking after the school garden by watering the plants."

Swallowtail Class Mia for "great engagement in her work."

Photo Gallery



There were no Primary birthdays this week.

Therapy

Tommie and Logan P did extremely well in their Speech and Language Therapy session. Both boys stayed fully engaged for nearly 30 minutes, took turns with each other, followed instructions, and made choices. They particularly enjoyed having a parachute shaken above their heads! Well done, Tommie and Logan.

Monika Persechino—Speech and Language Therapy Assistant Practitioner

Our Makaton ‘star of the week’ is Archie from Admiral Class, who correctly guessed the mystery sign: “orange”. Well done!



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 Pride.

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
Thursday	3rd September	9.25am	Start of Autumn Term

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

“The sea stones and shells will sink and the duck will float.”
Tommie (Meadow Class) during his sea-themed attention circle activity.

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Papillon House are happy to confirm that we have been offered free circus tickets once again for the upcoming performance in **Epsom**.

The event details are as follows :

Date: Tuesday 22nd September 2026

Show times: 4.45pm and 7.00pm

Venue: Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell, Epsom, KT17 1UF

Any tickets ordered will be sent home in September. (Please see attached letter for more information.)

Every child, parent, and carer attending the show will require their own ticket (with the exception of baby in arms).

A promotional poster for Circus Starr's Autumn Tour 2026. The background is blue with a sunburst pattern. On the left, a vertical strip shows a boy with tiger face paint holding a pink glow stick, a girl with glasses, and a young boy in a blue jacket. On the right, a circular inset shows a cyclist, and below it, a woman with purple braids and a man in a clown costume. The text is centered and includes the Circus Starr logo, the tour title, and event details.

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Dates:

4th , 6th , 10th and 13th of August 2026

Time: 8:30 am -1:00pm

 Hillcrest Farm Riding School, Horsham RH13 6NX

Book Now

Spaces limited to 10 children per day

£115 per child per day £30 pound deposit

By purchasing a ticket via eventbrite you are paying a £30 deposit. You will be invoiced for the balance 1 week before the event

Links for Booking

[4th August](#)


[6th August](#)

[10th August](#)

[13th August](#)



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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