



Papillon House School Newsletter

Summer Term 2 - Friday 10th July 2026



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was lovely to welcome our parents and carers to Papillon for Parents' Evening this week which was the perfect opportunity to showcase the fantastic work that your children and young people have done. We continued to celebrate achievements this week with some of our Emperor students sitting their functional skills maths exams. Well done to you all!

Six secondary pupils returned from the sleepover today, tired but full of new experiences and memories made at the Old Pheasantry. They experienced bowling, swimming, a camp fire and visited an inflatable park! We will share photos and updates with parents next week.

Lastly, a big thank you to Tash (TSA in Peacock Class) for arranging the safe delivery of eight rescue chickens! We are pleased to report that they have settled well into their new home.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class had a fantastic time enjoying water play on the lower lawn. They also explored ice to rescue sea animals and took great pride in cutting the grass they had grown themselves. In Maths, the children explored the concepts of big and small by printing with different sized blocks and searching for numbers in the 'I Spy' tuff tray. In Literacy, the children took part in a range of activities inspired by the story 'The Snail and the Whale'. The children used glitter to create sparkling snail trails and enjoyed imaginative role play with emergency services puppets. In cooking, we made ice lollies and the children carefully peeled and chopped some oranges to put in the lollies.

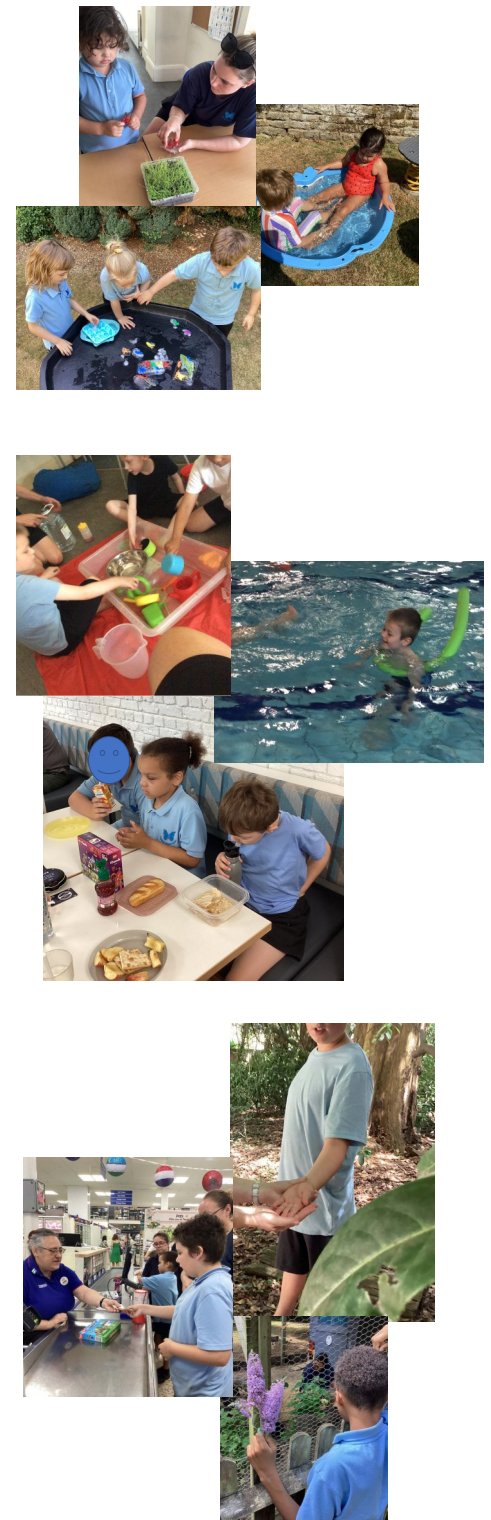
Meadow Class have enjoyed thinking about different summer fun activities that they could do such as cycling, camping and going to the beach. Some children enjoyed exploring different containers that hold water in a water play-themed maths lesson this week. Every child was shown how to take photos using the iPad (of them lying down on a beach towel), send them to the computer and then print them out in computing! Also, the class loved learning about the 'Rise and Shine challenge' in cooking on Wednesday trialling our new food curriculum for September. Additionally, the class really loved celebrating Nevaeh and Teresa's birthdays on Friday.

Peacock Class have been learning about money this week by looking at notes as well as coins; with a shopping trip to Tesco to buy some much needed ice lollies and water balloons. Jack did well at the checkout and made sure the cashier gave us the right change for our £10 note. In English, we have been reading 'The Ugly Five' by Julia Donaldson, learning about what the animals look like and their diets; making sentences using word cards to describe their chosen animal. Our science session involved a minibeast hunt in the garden, watching woodlice wiggle in our hands, then meeting our new chickens. In cooking, Peacock Class made some World Cup Cupcakes, mixing the ingredients together, spooning them into cases and decorating them with icing pens. With another hot week, the children also enjoyed waterplay in the paddling pools!

Reminders & Requests

Please could all children and young people bring in swimwear, a towel and a sunhat in a named bag next Thursday 16th for our Papillon House Summer Fun Day!

Photo Gallery



Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class continued our topic of Dinosaurs and started to write our own stories based on Dinosaurs. We also looked at fossils in Science, with the students making fossil-like impressions in salt dough which will form part of our display. In food tech on Tuesday we used some leftover wraps to make mini pizzas, which we then brought up to the class to have as part of a small birthday party for one of the staff in the class. Swallowtail Class enjoyed a trip to Priory Park in Reigate this week where the class got to explore to whole of the play park, even taking advantage of the water fountains to help keep cool! Timetables have been altered slightly with afternoons being more relaxed due to the heat, conducting lessons such as English, Maths and PSHE in the mornings when it's not as hot.

Monarch Class developed our understanding of time in maths by estimating and timing different activities on a stopwatch before learning to tell the time to the hour and half hour on an analogue clock. In science, we continued exploring how our joints and muscles work together to help our bodies move. In English, we finished reading *Journey to Antarctica*, learned about the history of Antarctic exploration and completed book reviews. In cooking, we made delicious burritos and the children were brilliant at trying a range of new flavours and ingredients. We also learned about the *Aurora Australis* and continued our Antarctic-themed making activities, creating a textured representation of Mount Erebus for our classroom display.

Admiral Class have continued learning about migration this week and the reasons why people migrate. Within maths we have started to learn about shape and the angles of shapes. In our science lessons we have been thinking about food waste and what steps we can take to reduce it. In assembly we have been learning about the NHS, when it was formed, why it is important and how we can support the NHS. Some learners went to the Old Pheasantry for the two-night sleepover and we will share all the details with you next week!

Emperor Class has a great swim session this week and pupils continue to improve each week. Three of Emperor Students sat their entry level one maths exam this week and gave it their all! This is a first for Papillon, well done to you all for trying your best. We also enjoyed a shady walk around Epsom Common and visited the Stew Ponds. Some of the Emperor students participated in the two-night sleepover for the latter part of the week and we will share all our adventures with parents next week.

Our "Stars" this week are:

Caterpillar Class	Tristan for "attending to and saying 'more' during our topic attention circle."
Meadow Class	Nevaeh for "having a super trip to Tesco Gatwick on Thursday."
Peacock Class	Kuba for "his brilliant speaking and listening skills in Tesco."
Swallowtail Class	Bailey for "being engaged and staying in class for longer periods this week."



Photo Gallery



Nevaeh (*Meadow Class*) celebrated her birthday this week and received a Lego set.

Teresa (*TSA in Meadow Class*) celebrated her birthday this week with chocolate cake and gift card.

Harriet (*SNA in Swallowtail Class*) celebrated her birthday this week and received and some popcorn, adult beverages and a nail voucher!

Therapy

Jenny, Mia and Sylvie did very well in Nature Club this week. They made imaginative mud monsters and were able to describe them to the group. The highlight of the session was visiting “Cluckingham Palace” and meeting our new Papillon House chickens. Thank you to Sylvie, who introduced the chickens to the group and answered questions about them. *Monika Persechino (Speech and Language Therapy Assistant Practitioner)*



Well done to Gabrieliuss on his engaging and collaborative Occupational Therapy session this week. He had great fun swinging, and building towers with the bean bags, climbing on top of his tower and jumping off his tower. *Catherine Hauvette (Occupational 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 ‘moving on’.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	16th July	All day	Papillon Summer Fun Day— MUFTI 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 ‘Food Shout-Out’

Well done to Nevaeh who has started eating brioche which is now sent in every day for her snack time!



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