



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - Friday 18th September 2026



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Community visits have been in full swing again this week with classes continuing to enjoy cycling, horse riding and swimming. Well done to Mia who learnt how to swim backstroke this week and swam half a length of the pool. Well done also to Aiden and Bailey who learnt how to order food in Japanese as part of their ASDAN work. Peacock Class enjoyed a day exploring Alice Holt on Wednesday and the children had a great time walking the Gruffalo Trail.

Primary Department News

Woodland Class loved their swimming sessions this week, with lots of big smiles in the pool! In Maths, the children explored the concepts of 'big and small' and 'more and less'. They enjoyed taking part in a teddy bears' picnic activity, where they worked out which teddy had more or fewer items, as well as completing stacking activities by ordering objects from biggest to smallest. In Literacy, the children looked at their names and practised matching the letters. They also enjoyed mark-making activities, using their fingers to create patterns in paint. During 'Knowledge and Understanding of the World', the children played with farm animals and matched animal sounds to the animals. Our core word in RISE this week was "yes". The children enjoyed massage activities and explored a range of sandwich spreads, practising saying "yes" as they tried different tastes and experiences.

Meadow Class used shaving foam to write 's' words, found 'p' words in frozen peas, dug for insects on a sandy island and played with ice. We visited Preston Park in Tadworth, where the favourite equipment was the bucket swing and horse roundabout. This was great practise for horse riding on Thursday! It was great to see the confidence growing for our children on horseback. In Maths this week, we were sorting and finding rules for sorting, comparing bears into colours and sizes, sorting pasta into types / shapes and found similar coins from a big selection. Our physical development lessons involved parachute games, OT using the balance beams, stepping stones and throwing balls at targets. Creatively, we made crowns to celebrate how incredible we are, following our story of the week, Incredible Me. Friday came and we all loved dressing up!!

Peacock Class have been reading 'A Whale of a Time' using colourful semantics to answer questions based on the poems within. We have also tied it into our art lessons, making art inspired by a poem about aliens eating the moon. On Monday, some pupils visited Preston Park and had a great time playing on the equipment. On Tuesday, we went to our second swimming session of the term using the, floats, pool noodles, balls and larger floats. The class had a great day on Wednesday at Alice Holt Forest! We had an amazing time with a session in the park by the visitor's centre, followed by snack time. We then went on the Gruffalo Trail, meeting all the characters from the book. Along the way, everyone got an opportunity to use the giant marble run. Following lunch we went on another walk before we returned to school.

Reminders and Requests

Thank you to all parents and carers who have brought in non-perishable food donations for Epsom & Ewell Foodbank. If you would like to donate any items for our **Harvest Festival** please could your child bring these in to school by the end of next week. Thank you.

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Secondary Department News

Skipper Class have been exploring the number 9 in maths, learning to identify differences between objects representing 9 and other quantities. As part of our topic work, we have been learning about our families and enjoyed creating some lovely photo frames for our parents' pictures. In assembly, we explored this week's recycling theme by sorting different objects according to the materials they are made from. We also enjoyed our cycling session and had lots of fun exploring different ways of serving and presenting food. The pupils did a fantastic job trying a variety of foods, including sugar snap peas and egg noodles! We also had a lovely trip to The Range in Crawley, where we explored different sensory toys and had lots of fun discovering our reflections in the mirrors.

Monarch Class have enjoyed continuing their work on their topic book "My Friend Walter" and have been looking at historical evidence to delve deeper into the Tudor times. They enjoyed a trip to Reigate Castle on Thursday where they saw the castle ruins and explored the town. This week they also started the new food tech curriculum which they thoroughly enjoyed and they also loved doing some ASDAN work towards their formal accreditation.

Admiral Class have continued learning about Asia and famous lands marks. We finished making the map of Asia in our topic lesson, naming the countries and how they are in relation to each other. In music, we were learning about the instrument the Oud, a Middle-Eastern short-neck stringed lute. We have also celebrated a birthday in class and visited ASDA to buy food for our celebration party. As part of our horticulture lessons we are continuing to prepare the garden for winter by removing weeds from the soil.

Emperor Class enjoyed a lovely trip to Box Hill this week where the students treated themselves to a well-deserved drink from the café using their hard-earned money from the first two weeks of running Emperor Café. It was wonderful to see them enjoying the rewards of all their hard work! Our focus in English lessons this week has been following instructions, and the students have been working hard to develop their understanding and independence. In Science, we have been enjoying learning all about the human body and exploring the important functions of our bones.



Our Primary "Stars" this week are:

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| Woodland Class | Teddy for "recognising the alphabet and matching the correct letters to his name." |
| Meadow Class | Reece for "settling in so well and joining in with all our activities." |
| Peacock Class | Dominic for "excellent swimming." |

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There were no Primary birthdays this week.

Therapy

Shelbie did very well in her joined SLT and OT session. She responded very well to the platform swing being used to facilitate Shelbie's engagement and communication. She requested to be pushed on the swing verbalising "more" multiple times throughout the session. She also said approximations of "ready, steady..." and "squeeze". In addition, Shelbie has been working towards using visuals to make choices and towards the end of the session she was able to tap the symbol corresponding to her favourite motion: "backwards and forwards". Well done, Shelbie!

Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place in the Autumn Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme for next week is the Jewish festival, Yom Kippur.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	28th September		Harvest celebrations and assemblies
Monday	5th October	am	School photographer (individual photos)
Monday	12th October	3.30-7pm	Parents' Evening
Friday	16th October	3pm	End of half term
Monday	2nd November	9.25am	Start of Autumn Term 2
Thursday	12th November	12.15pm	Mexican themed lunch
Thursday	10th December	All day	Christmas jumper day for Crisis
Monday	14th December	12.15pm	Children's Christmas lunch

Online Safety

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, we are focusing on online safety this half term with ideas and resources on how to support your child's digital wellbeing. By taking proactive steps, parents can help create a safer online environment for their children, ensuring they can thrive in the digital world while maintaining their physical, emotional, and social health. Please see links below for more information.

[Childnet – Parents and carers section](#) – lots of accessible info and advice on various online risks. The 'have a conversation' resources are great for encouraging families to discuss online safety together. They also have [resources for SEND families](#).

Papillon 'Food Shout-Out'

Well done to Aahil (Monarch Class) for trying sweet yellow pepper in snack time this week.



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