



I would like to start this week's newsletter by saying congratulations to our Year 6 children for their efforts this week with the Key Stage 2 SATs. They had tests on four mornings, assessing their skills and knowledge in Reading, GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) and Mathematics (both arithmetic and reasoning). They all put a lot of dedication into the week's work and should be proud of themselves. Miss Dillon and Mrs Patton are putting together several special opportunities for these pupils to take place during Term 6 - look out for a letter from Miss Dillon coming very soon!

The classes have now started attending our Forest School area - Kingfishers and Starlings have been there today - and we are planning to increase the amount of time they use this going forward. From next academic year each class will have weekly sessions on three of the six terms (e.g. Terms 1, 3 and 5). We are aware that there has been some confusion over what the children should wear. From next week we would like the children in their school jumper and wearing wellies, but you can choose an appropriate t-shirt and trousers for them to wear - this doesn't have to be school PE kit.

I wanted to update you on a few matters relating to staffing.

- Mrs Ball has settled really well into our Starling Class having now been here three weeks and I hope those of you with children in the class have had a chance to meet her. She is taking on the role of phonics lead in the school having been very successful with this in her previous setting.
- Miss Dillon initially joined us for a temporary post from January to July but we are really pleased to be able to let you know that she will be staying with us now in a permanent role as our Swallow Class teacher. She is now looking forward to putting together a summer production!
- When Miss Foote left at Christmas we were without a permanent SENDCo (special educational needs and disabilities coordinator) but this role has now been taken on by Mrs Smith. I know she has met with some of you in this capacity already, but during the rest of the summer term, she will be available to meet with other parents who would like to discuss special educational needs and how this relates to their children.

I hope you all found the termly overviews useful that were sent out. These will be sent out on the first week of each term from now on so you have the relevant information that you need. Please remember you can always email your child's teacher - or one of us in the office - with any questions or concerns. We will also start building in class news into the school newsletter so that you have an idea of what learning and activities have been going on for your children. Kingfishers and Starlings already share information on Seesaw so this will just be a highlight from the week's learning for each class.

A reminder that on Monday morning the school photographer will be on site to take class photos. Please can children be in their smartest school uniform!

The staff have been busy planning a Jubilee event at the school. This will take place after the half-term break on Wednesday 8th June. More details will follow, but the idea is to have a Jubilee picnic and performance at around 2:00pm, with the children all sharing a couple of songs they have been learning. We will let you know the final arrangements before the break, but keep this date clear if you are able to.



Photos of the Year 6's end of SATS week treat!



Diary Dates for the Summer Term

Each Week

Monday	<u>pm</u> - Violin lesson for Swallow Class. <u>after school</u> Choir Club (yrs 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) and Lego Club (Ryr and yr1)
Tuesday	<u>7.45 am</u> Breakfast Club <u>am</u> - PE for children in Kingfishers, Robins and Swallows with Mr Groves <u>pm</u> - PE for children in Starlings and Goldfinches with Mr Groves <u>after school</u> Sports Club with Mr Groves
Wednesday	<u>7.45 am</u> Breakfast Club <u>after school</u> - Sunflower Club
Thursday	<u>7.45 am</u> Breakfast Club <u>after school</u> - Yoga Club

May

Monday 16th	Whole School Photos Robins to Forest School
Wednesday 25th	Swallow Class day trip to Carymoor Environmental Centre Road Safety Workshops
Friday 27th	Last day of Term 5 FOLS Disco (time to be confirmed)