


SMUPS Newsletter 24/4/26

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Friday 24th April





Dear all SMUPS children and families,

It has been fantastic to wish you a warm welcome back to SMUPS for this Summer term. We hope you had a peaceful and joyful Easter and are enjoying longer days and better weather.

We have to give our PTFA and parents who donated their time, resources and energy to complete our garden project over Easter the hugest thankyou for their holiday spent at school. We cannot thank them enough for the continued commitment and dedication to our school and children. Our garden area is absolutely fantastic and our pond has been completely updated and improved. We can't wait for you to see it!

We have had visits from cultural champions this week, they are representatives of the Hindu faith, Jewish faith, Islam and Humanism. This has helped our children understand how different faiths and cultures worship, ask any questions they are curious about to people who represent a range of beliefs and practices. It was such an important celebration of diversity and respect for humankind.

This half term is short but action packed with an essential period of focused learning and assessment. Attendance is always top priority as the children need to be in school every day to get the full impact of our action packed curriculum, structured social time and team expertise. Please find the link below for our updated Attendance policy, including the updated absence request form: [THSPAttendancePolicyMarch-26.388583365.pdf](https://www.thsp.co.uk/attendance-policy-march-26-388583365.pdf)

Please not that absence during the school term for holiday will not be authorised by any school within our trust as outlined in the policy. The policy highlights that any repeated absence that totals ten missed sessions (five full days) can lead to a fine. Please continue to support us in ensuring your child's attendance is 100%.

With all my very best,

Mrs Harvey



Class News

Acorns



We have had a super first week back! I am so proud of how everyone has come this year and it's clear that all their hard work is starting to pay off! We have really stepped it up this half term and we are all working towards writing 2 sentences independently each day which is a lot of writing! All of Acorns have approached this with super positive attitudes and lots of enthusiasm.

We have also made a super start to our learning all about 'Beautiful Bugs' in preparation for our ugly bug ball and our trip to the honey farm which we are super excited about!

Well done Acorns we have had an amazing week and I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Miss Snell x

Oak



Hello, Miss Stinchcombe (Miss S) here! Oak class have welcomed me beautifully this week as their new teacher for the summer term, whilst the lovely Miss Willis enters motherhood. We have worked together to ensure we are on the same page about school values, routines and trust.

We have had an insightful week welcoming our cultural champion, Jane, in for two morning sessions about Judaism. We asked questions, built on old and new knowledge, as well as showing excellent listening skills.

Along side this, we investigated part - whole number models in maths, and welcomed our faithful friends from the curious quest to extend our writing skills.

Bring on next week, we have some science content planned about plants, which is truly fitting for this sunny weather!

Ash



What a fab week back! The children are energised and as always eager to learn.

We have started our new English unit, Orion and the Dark and the children have used this to think about things we are afraid of to base around our writing. In Maths we have started looking at Fractions and the children loved our introduction to our new History unit, The Titanic.

We have a lot to fit in in the next few weeks, a challenge that the children are certainly up for!

Please keep reading at home and completing Numbots with the children, your continued support is, as always, appreciated.

Pine



This week, we have started lots of exciting new topics, including erosion and our big *Deadly 60* art project. I cannot wait to see how this develops as we get closer to the end of term. We have also continued our Maths learning, focusing on mass and capacity—comparing different masses and understanding what grams and kilograms are.

We also had a Cultural Champion Day, where we welcomed Neomi into school. She visited to talk to the children about her religion, Islam, helping to further embed and deepen our learning from the Autumn term. The children had a fantastic morning, engaging thoughtfully and asking lots of questions, and they all left having learned something new.

The summer term is always a very busy one, so please keep an eye on Tapestry for updates about the different events happening in school.

Just a reminder about homework: TTRS will be set every week, and children must complete a minimum of 21 minutes each week, along with 20 minutes of reading every day. Please keep quizzing and upload any comments on Tapestry, as it really helps me to see who is completing their homework.

Enjoy the weekend and the lovely sunshine! ☀️

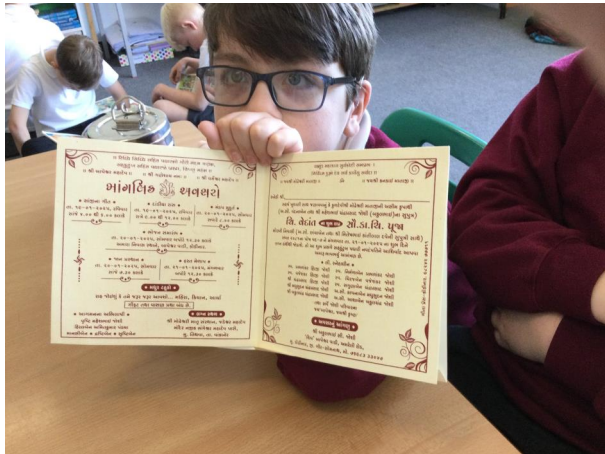
Beech



We have had a wonderful start to the summer term. The children returned eager to share their Easter holiday events with each other and then settled very quickly back into school life.

We have had a busy week interjected with our Cultural Champion day lead by Sandhya Dave. She was wonderful and helped to immerse the children into the Hindu culture revisiting what we had already learnt with many new experiences. As you can see from the photos the children enjoyed dressing up; interacting with the artefacts; taking part in puja and playing Holi with a 'splash and play' painting session. Their behaviour was exceptional and they were a credit to the school.



















Willow



What a super start to the new term! The sun has inspired us with lots of energy and enthusiasm for learning. We have also been really impressed with how maturely Willow Class have come back, embodying our school motto of Uniquely Different, United Together and Universally Prepared. They are looking more and more ready to be super year 6s next year. This week we really enjoyed the visit from our Humanism cultural champion. The questions and participation were really insightful and children really grappled with the content. We have also written some super riddle poems inspired by the beach. These will be coming home soon for you to try and puzzle out.

Holly



Holly class have had an excellent start to the summer term. We have had the most productive week and this is down to all of the children giving their full commitment to their learning right from the start of the day to the end, every day this week! We have been working hard on our daily routines and focussing on how we can independently prepare ourselves for the learning at the start of every lesson; we have done this in readiness for secondary school and continue to discuss how our behaviour shows we are ready for this next chapter. On Wednesday, we had a cultural champion visitor who came in to talk to us all about Humanism, as this is what we have been learning about in R.E, this term. Our cultural champion was very complimentary of the class's incredibly respectful listening skills and the attention they showed him throughout his talk. The children also asked some very interesting and thought-provoking questions for our visitor. I was mightily proud of them this day, as I have been all week. What a great first week back Holly class !

Elm



Elm class have certainly hit the ground running this week in preparation for their SATs test in a few weeks' time. The highlight of the week was the superb talk from Cultural Champion, Keith Denby, who was able to tell the children all about life as a Humanist and what it means to be a humanist. I know he was very impressed with the children's thoughtful and insightful questions. During Miss Dekker's absence, Ms Steph McAllen-Fernandes will be taking the class on Wednesday afternoons. Se has a lovely afternoon this week, getting to know the children.

 Stars of the Week/s



Acorns: Kyron & Lottie-Lou

Oak: James & Charlotte

Ash: Edie & Barney

Pine: Ruby & Porcha

Beech: Tristan & Ellie

Willow: Madeleine & Ollie

Elm: Moise and Oscar

Holly: Dallas, Jake & Sabrina

Collective Worship



We introduced our key value of '**Hope**' this week for this half term. We have thought about our definition of hope as something we might wish for and want to happen and how in the Bible, **hope** is the confident expectation of God's promises and faithfulness, as seen in Romans 15:13, which speaks of "joy and peace in believing." It embodies the assurance of salvation and the belief in a better future through faith in God.

Attendance



Acorns: 88.66%

Oak: 98.67%

Ash: 99.66%

Pine: 97.5%

Beech: 96.95%

Willow: 97.08%

Holly: 95.38%

Elm: 98.33 %

Attendance %	Missed Days	Missed Weeks	Days Missed Over 5 years	Weeks Missed Over 5 years	Annually	Hours of Learning Missed (approx.)	Impact over 5 years
100%	0	0	0		Excellent	0	None
99%	1.9	0.38	9.5	1.9	Very Good	9.5	
98%	3.8	0.76	19	3.8	Very Good	19	
97%	5.7	1.14	28.5	5.7	Very Good	28.5	
96%	7.6	1.52	38	7.6	Good	38	
95%	9.5	1.9	47.5	9.5	National Average	47.5	Quarter Year missed
94%	11.4	2.28	57	11.4	Below National Average	57	
93%	13.3	2.66	66.5	13.3	Below National Average	66.5	Approximately third year missed
92%	15.2	3.04	76	15.2	Requires Improvement	76	
91%	17.1	3.42	85.5	17.1	Requires improvement/worrying	85.5	
90%	19	3.8	95	19	Cause for concern	95	Half Year missed
89%	20.9	4.18	104.5	20.9	Serious concern	104.5	
85%	28.5	5.7	142.5	28.5	Major issue	142.5	
80%	38	7.6	190	38	Significant impact on outcomes	190	Whole Year missed
75%	47.5	9.5	237	47.5	Significant impact on outcomes	237.5	1 ¼ year missed



- Family hub support drop in dates: every 2nd Tuesday of the month in term time only
9:15 - 10:30am 12/5 9/6 14/7
- Year Five Open Thursday 18th June 9:15am-2:30pm