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Date: 22nd July 2022

# Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

This fortnight has been a special time of celebration and reflection as the end of the academic year comes to a close. Poppy Class children have graduated in their caps and gowns and are ready to start their new chapter in Reception. The rest of the school have also been getting to know their new teachers and TAs while getting a feel of their new classrooms and topics they will soon enjoy learning.



## Sports Day

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who were able to join us to watch the children compete in their teams for sports day. If you took any photos or videos of the children during this event, please ensure that they are kept for your own personal use and not shared on social media. We really appreciate everyone who helped by walking to school, especially those who dropped children then then drove to leave the car back at home.

Mr O'Brien, who is our PE subject leader, designed all of the races and tasks in relation to the skills that the children have been developing in their PE lessons. The children worked so hard to showcase their skills and there was a lovely atmosphere of camaraderie and team spirit. The team that won overall was the **Red Team** and this was announced to the children during assembly today. We look forward to officially naming our house teams next year.

## Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed the parent survey. This is a vital source of information for us to use for school planning and development and the results will be shared with you at the beginning of next academic year. If you haven't completed the survey yet please use this link—it takes 3 minutes:

<https://forms.office.com/r/KmwKvixRfi>

## Pre-Loved Uniform

Thank you to parents who have kindly donated uniform that their children have grown out of or no longer need. If you do have any uniform that your child has grown out of, please donate it in the PTA bin. If you would like to buy pre-loved school uniform please email [pta.at.williammorris@gmail.com](mailto:pta.at.williammorris@gmail.com) or message through the PTA Facebook page.

## Cost of Living Support

If there is anything that the school can do to help with the cost of living, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the school office or myself. We are able to make referrals to the food bank if required and I hope it goes without saying that confidentiality and discretion will always be maintained if help is asked for.





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### School Office Closure

Please note that the school office will be open next week until the end of Wed 27th July. If you need to make any enquires through email or phone please ensure do this by the end of Wednesday. Any emails sent after this date will not be replied to until Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September when the office will be open again for the Teacher Training Days.



### Parent Pay Bookings

Booking for breakfast club, after school club and hot lunches will go live on Monday 22nd August. If you have any enquiries with making these then please note that the school office staff will be ready to answer calls and emails from the 1st September.

### Phonics Play and Reading Over the Summer

It would really benefit your children if they continue to practise their phonics and reading skills over the Summer holidays. The phonics play website: [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) is a fantastic resource to use. To access the activities please use:

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

**Username: wmorris**

**Password: 123456**



YR and Y1 Teachers have also continued to make online books available to read on the Collins ebook website for the children. You should already have login details to access these books from home.

If your child is not in these year groups, please remember that Swindon has various libraries open and are running a Summer reading challenge to encourage children to keep reading over the Summer. If you use this link to register, you can collect a free pack of goodies to help with this.

<https://swindonlibraries.wordpress.com/childrens-services/summer-reading-challenge/>

Also Swindon libraries have a range of books available that are written specifically for early readers and cover a range of topics to capture children's interests.

### Access to free ebooks

Oxford Owl provide access to lots of free ebooks for children, you just need to register at:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

### Year 3 Trip Planned

We are excited to share the news that the year 3 children will be going on a trip to Stonehenge (rather than Avebury) on the 11th October. The final costs will be confirmed and shared with you in September.





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### Staff Farewells

We are really sad to be saying goodbye to **Miss Abi James** who will no longer be a TA at our school. Thankfully, Miss James is still looking forward to running the after musical theatre and drama club, so the children will still be lucky enough to spend time with her and benefit from her many talents. Miss James has been with us since William Morris opened and she has worked with a large number of our children from nursery to year one. We wish her all the best, but we look forward to continue working with her through the after school clubs.

good luck!  
we will miss you

**Miss Leah Huckin** is also leaving for a new role at Swindon Special Educational Needs service. She has been covering PPA at William Morris this year and more recently been working in Sunflower class. Miss Huckin has become a great part of the team and got to know all the children. We will miss her and wish her well.

**Mr Richard Keith** will moving onto a new adventure as a full time site manager in a local school. We have so much to thank Mr Keith for and he has played a vital role in the ongoing task of maintaining and running the school site. We wish him well in his new role.

### Vacancy

We are currently advertising for a school site manager to join our team. We are looking for someone who loves practical work and can complete building premises maintenance tasks, grounds work and cleaning. We can provide some flexibility with working patterns. Previous experience of being a site manager isn't crucial as long as the person is keen to be hands on and confident with completing practical tasks. If you've always liked the idea of having a drive around a field on a motorised lawnmower then this may be your opportunity! Please share this link if you know of anyone who might be interested in this role:



<https://www.eteach.com/job/school-site-manager-1256882?lang=en-GB&frmsrh=Y>

### Thank you

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for another fantastic year where the children have been able to thrive and grow. I hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy the video of highlights from the year which can be seen using this link: <https://youtu.be/pgVbuqfexPo>

Thank you to our fabulous staff team who have taught, supported, encouraged, guided and cared for the children at William Morris over the year. They are an amazing team who I am very proud to work with.

We have loved looking back and reflecting on the precious memories that have been made and the multitude of learning opportunities the children have experienced. None of this would be possible without the support from our school community and we really appreciate how lucky we are to have such supportive parents and carers. We hope you and your families have a wonderful Summer break and we will look forward to welcoming you and your children back in September.

Best wishes

Mrs Fraser, Headteacher



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## Gold Book

Well done to all of the children who were in the Gold Book this week and last week — we are very proud of you and your achievements! Thank you to the children who also sang for us during the assembly.



## Nursery—Poppy and Daisy Classes

### What have we been learning in Nursery?

It has been a busy final few weeks in Nursery. Our final theme of the year has been ‘holidays’ and the children have talked confidently about their own experiences. We have enjoyed lots of holiday theme crafts and enjoyed ice lollies to keep cool in the very warm weather! We shared lots of stories, songs and rhymes as well as playing lots of different games to practise turn taking.

### Poppy Class/ School Leavers

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our Nursery Graduation on Friday. It was a very special day for us all, as it was the first William Morris Graduation that we have been able to have parents come to join us in person. The children did a great job learning their songs and being so confident in singing them with such a large audience. We are immensely proud of all of the children and their achievements this year and we would like to wish them all the very best as they continue their journey into Reception. You are all super stars - keep on shining!

### Daisy Class

Thank you to all of the parents who joined us in Daisy Class at the Open House. I am sure you will agree that the children did a wonderful job sharing their favourite songs with you. We would like to say big well done to all of the children in Daisy Class. The children have made a fantastic start to their Nursery journey and we look forward to welcoming them all back in September.

We hope you all have an amazing summer and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Nursery Team :)



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Sports day



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### Nursery—Poppy and Daisy Classes



Water play fun!



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## Nursery—Poppy Class



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**Reception - Sunflower and Bellflower Classes**

What an amazing year we have had!

Bellflower and Sunflower classes have been superstars this year, they have all made brilliant progress and grown in confidence. It has been wonderful to see how they have developed kind friendships and worked well as a team.

They have thoroughly enjoyed the end of term, we had amazing water play and sports days this week.

We are sure they will continue to work hard and we wish them all the luck in the world as they go into Year 1.

We are so proud of them and know they will be brilliant!

Many thanks for all your support this year

Mrs Clark, Miss Cooke,  
 Miss Bailey, Miss Huckin,  
 Mrs Jackson, Mrs Campbell,  
 Miss Sudgen, Mrs Weston,  
 Mrs Hunt





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### Water play!





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## **Year 1—Lily and Tulip Classes**

We have certainly made the most of our last two weeks at school together and the children have been incredibly busy!

Last week the children enjoyed a morning with their new teachers and had lots of fun getting to know Mr O'Brien and Mr Knight. They were on their best behaviour and showed their new teachers what they have to look forward to next year!

In English the children wrote their favourite memory of Year 1 and all enjoyed reflecting on the fun year that we have had. We talked about the dinosaur visit, our trip to Westonbirt and all of our WOW moments that have happened through the year.

In Maths the children have been absolutely awesome at learning to tell the time to O'clock and half past. The children picked this up so quickly and flew through their work. Very impressive!

Sports day was a huge success with all the children taking part. They absolutely loved it and all showed lots of resilience and fantastic sportsmanship.

As well as all of this lovely learning, we have also found the time to have lots of fun for the end of our year together. The beautiful weather brought opportunities to have lots of water fights which were thoroughly enjoyed by teachers and children and we even got to have our very own beach day. The children were all very excited when they discovered this on Thursday as they came into school.

As the year draws to a close, the Year 1 team wish you a lovely, relaxing summer and we look forward to seeing the children back in September in Year 2!

Year 1 Team :)

## Year 1—Lily and Tulip Classes



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Water fight 💧💧💧



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## Year 2 - Willow and Clover Classes

The children have had a fantastic last two weeks in Year 2.

The children very much enjoyed the waterplay during the heatwave – we all got very soggy (including Mrs Day and Mr O'Brien!!) and had a lot of fun! The children also enjoyed using their hands and feet to melt blocks of ice and rescue Mrs Day's duplo animals.

In our lessons we have been learning about:

Geography – We learnt all about coastal erosion. As we didn't fancy sitting by a cliff for 20 years to observe the changes, we made our own class cliffs out of sand and watched as the waves splashed them, knocking the houses into the sea. We also made our own rip-rap out of stones and observed how that protected our cliffs.

Music – we finished learning the Infant Voice Festival songs. Mrs Day and Miss Morgan were incredibly impressed with all of Year 2 and how beautifully they sang the songs. Thank you to the 12 children who came with us to the Wyvern – you did William Morris Primary proud with your fantastic behaviour and beautiful singing.

Maths – We finished looking at pictograms, seeing how we can take data and use a picture to represent 2, 5 or 10 children.

PE – We all really enjoyed Sports Day, we worked well in our houses and made our teachers very proud.

We are so incredibly proud of all that the children have achieved in Year 2 and we know you will have a fantastic time in Year 3. We hope you have a lovely summer holiday.

The Year 2 Team :)



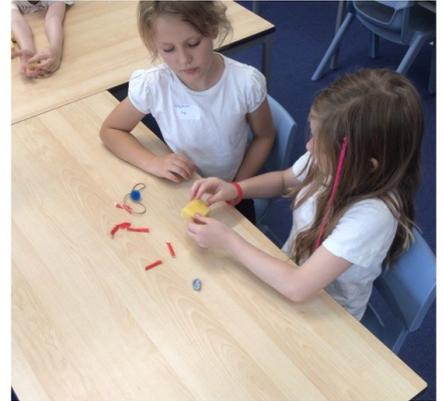


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# School Diary

## July

22nd Children break up

### **TD Days 2022-23**

We have 6 school closure days for staff development each year. The ones which are already confirmed for next academic year are:

- Thursday 1st September 2022
- Friday 2nd September 2022
- **Wednesday 19th October 2022**
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023

[New dates in red]

### **Term Dates for Next Year**

The terms dates for the next academic year are as follows:

**Term 1 (35 days):** Thursday, 1 September to Wednesday, 19 October 2022

**Term 2 (35 days):** Monday, 31 October to Friday, 16 December 2022

**Term 3 (29 days):** Tuesday, 3 January to Friday, 10 February 2023

**Term 4 (30 Days):** Monday, 20 February to Friday, 31 March 2023

**Term 5 (29 days):** Monday, 17 April to Friday, 26 May 2023 (There is a bank holiday on Monday, 1 May)

**Term 6 (37 days):** Monday, 5 June to Tuesday, 25 July 2023

This information can also be found on our school website.