



Summer Term 2025

Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian(s)

Welcome to our Summer Term 2025 newsletter – lots of photos and news about some of the exciting learning we've been doing this term, which we hope you enjoy!

And what a busy term – so many highlights, where to begin?! Phase 3-7 have loved exploring fish and spiders through their topic books *Hooray for Fish* and *Walter's Wonderful Web*. In Phase 7-14 KS2 have been learning about Myths and Legends and Water, and KS3 have been travelling from South America to the British Isles. In Phase 14-19, KS4 have had fun with Katherine Rundell's *The Explorer* and collaborated with HandMade Theatre to produce an interactive piece which they shared with some of the younger pupils in Professor Penny's Theatre of Possibilities. And the 6th Form have taken lots of their learning from *The Jungle Book* and in other subjects under canvas outside.

We all loved Sports Week at the end of May, and many of us travelled several laps of the Harvey Hadden running track 'Going for Gold' on Thursday 03 July. The 6th Form students enjoyed the 3-day visit of their Ampleforth College friends at the end of June, and more recently some of them performed the opening storm scene from *The Tempest* at the RSC Playmaking Festival at The Squire theatre. Other highlights have included the 2-day visit of the Great Little Orchestra Project. And as you will see from the photos, we had so much fun in our Multicultural and Spanish weeks – the Global Café especially, with lots of different foods to taste and sensory experiences to try, was a real hit!

It has been great to see so many parents and families in school this term, at the Summer Family Fun Day, Saturday morning swim sessions, Sports Week events, Going for Gold, the Multicultural Week sharing event, Six Acres Nursery and Wollaton Park with the Phase 3-7 pupils, and of course at the 6th Form Leavers' events this week.

We have 11 School Leavers this year, and we will miss them. We will also be saying goodbye to longstanding Teaching Assistant Sarah Walker after 43 years at Oak Field and Shepherd Schools! We wish them all lots of luck in their new adventures!

If you live in the City, look out over the summer for emails from the new Nottingham City EHCP hub – the City have moved to a new online system, so we'll learn it together!

Finally, I'd like to thank you once again for all your support this term, which we have really appreciated – the Summer Fair showed what an amazingly supportive community of family, friends, staff and volunteers our pupils have around them, and we can't thank you enough.

In the meantime, our very best wishes for the summer break – we look forward to seeing the pupils again on **Thursday 4th September**.

Best wishes
Patricia and all @ Oak Field.



Class 1

We have been listening to 'under the sea' sounds in our Music sessions.



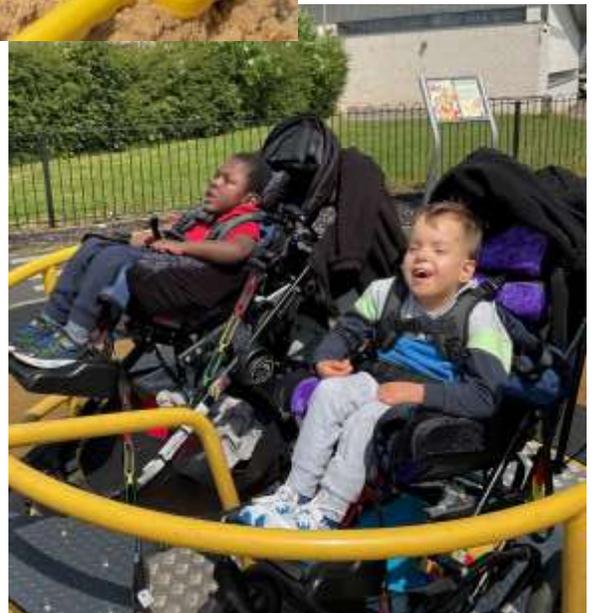
We've had the chance to do lots of water play in the hot weather...



...and lots of playing in the sand, too!



We have been spending lots of time outside...



...we even went to the local park!

Class 1

We have explored lots of different stories in the Virtual Space.



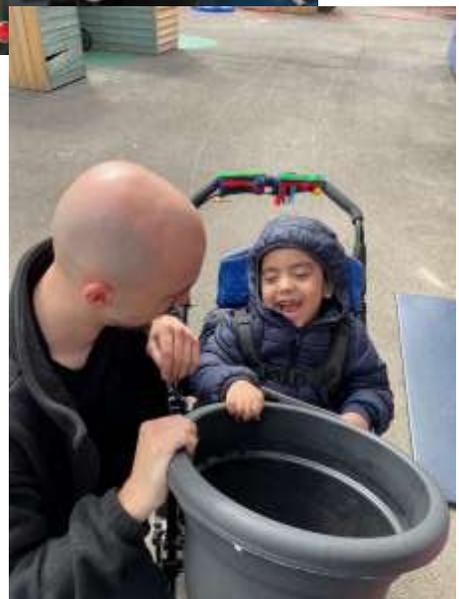
Some of us took part in a fun run at Harvey Hadden – we did 3 full laps!



In Sports Week, we had a go on the mechanical horse



Some of us have been doing some rebound therapy on the trampoline.

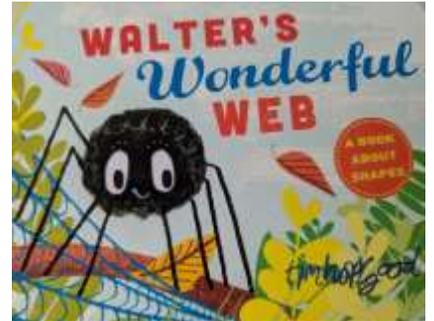


We planted some beetroot in our garden during Green Week!

Class 2



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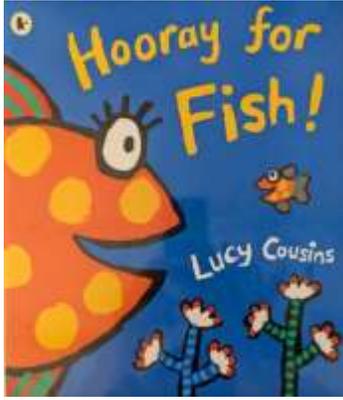


Trip to The Play Patch, Six Acres Nurseries, Costock



Class 2

Keeping cool in the water, just like fish!



fish



Class 3

In May we had lots of fun exploring the 'qube' during our computing lessons. We explored pressing different switches to cause an effect.



summer



In June and July, we have enjoyed our Forest School lessons where we had lots of fun being out on the grass. We also looked at fires and loved cooking food like smores.



Class 3



summer

In our English lessons we have been learning about fairy tales, and we enjoyed a sensory story about the three little pigs. We have really enjoyed building using the different materials.



We have been learning about explorers and we loved getting into a kayak and exploring life jackets.



Class 4

In May we discovered different Myths and Legends. We enjoyed pretending to visit ancient Greece, exploring land and discovering the gods and goddesses.

Science/Humanities

We explored the stars linked to our zodiac signs. We had fun mark-making our zodiacs. We planted seeds to grow our own sunflowers.



Literacy Story

We listened and explored the myth of King Midas, who turn all he touched to gold. We enjoyed dressing up and turning everything gold.

Trip – Nottingham Indoor Bowls Centre
We had the best time playing lots of different bowls games as part of Sports Week.



Class 4

In June and July we explored water, the water cycle, where to find it and what it can be used for.

Religious Education

We explored lots of different cultures, looking at how water is important. We had lots of fun baptising our babies with holy water.



DT/Food tech

We enjoyed making sail boats and playing with them in the water to see if they floated.

We also enjoyed washing our hands and fruits to make a fruit salad. The best part was tasting it!

Humanities/Outdoor learning

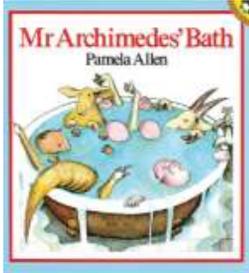
We have explored the sea, rivers and lakes, and discovered what creatures live there.

We have had a great time pretending to go to the beach and having ice cream.



Class 5

In May we explored “Mr Archimedes’ Bath” as our class sensory story, and as part of this we explored water in different ways - such as blowing bubbles, spraying water and splashing water.



We participated in a Boccia festival at Harvey Hadden – we all did really well in taking part rolling and throwing the ball.



In June/July we participated in Forest School sessions which were very exciting. We explored natural outdoor materials and had lots of fun flower printing and bug hunting!



Class 5

In June/July we have taken part in fun sensory experiences whilst learning about water. We have experienced the movement of water in different ways, and have had lots of fun making sensory bottles, popping bubbles and having foot spas!



water



In Science we have been exploring sea animals and nature sounds such as waterfalls and ocean sounds.



splash



Class 5 pupils are very proud to have participated in the Fun Run at Harvey Hadden Sports track this half term.



medal

Class 6



share

We have enjoyed outdoor learning and Forest School this half term, learning how to share and take turns. We have explored den building, fires and lots of play!



maths

In Maths we have been learning about capacity.

We have been identifying and experiencing different quantities.

Class 6



Summer

We have explored water as a topic. We have been rowing boats, dressing up as pirates, building dams, exploring rivers and lakes and having lots of water play!



Class 7



We enjoyed exploring 'Myths and Legends' in May.



In DT, we had a great term exploring ingredients, and making and tasting a range of traditional Greek dishes!



We also enjoyed planting sunflowers, which we cared for and grew fantastically!



We had a fantastic time in Sports Week! We enjoyed taking part in a range of physical activities before being crowned with the laurel wreaths and given the gold medals that we had made!



Class 7



Summer

We have enjoyed exploring 'Water'.

In Maths, we have enjoyed exploring capacity through a range of sensory activities. We have also applied our learning in cooking!



We have had great fun being explorers in the Virtual Space, pretending to sail across the ocean and find new land, whilst exploring cause and effect technology.

We have also enjoyed exploring the flow of water in rivers and lakes in our Science and DT lessons.



Class 8



In Science we have loved exploring water and light in different ways through bubbles and coloured filters. Lots of looking and exploring this term.



Science



summer

In English we have been exploring *The Twits* by Roald Dahl. We made collages of the Twits and got messy and creative.



ABC
English



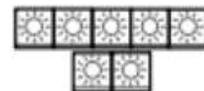
Class 8



In Maths we have explored full and empty – handling objects and pouring liquids with help.



multicultural



week



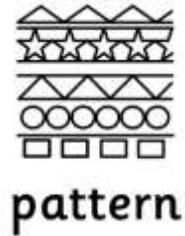
humanities



Class 9

We've investigated patterns and colours of fabrics from South America in Maths.

We've created our own repeating patterns and printed them on fabric



pattern



South America



We competed in a new age kurling tournament, had lots of fun and won lots of our matches



We found out about crops the Incas grew and have planted our own.



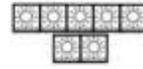
crops



Class 9



multicultural



week

During multicultural week we enjoyed sharing customs and traditions with our families and friends, including clothing and food



police



In PHSE we've been finding out about British Values and community and had a visit from a police officer. We got to try on some of their uniform.



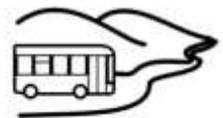
landmarks



United Kingdom



We've been out on trips including to the Tennis Centre and to Belvoir Castle for cricket and to meet the hounds



trips

We've built towers and recreated landmarks using different shapes



Class 10

We have been learning about South America. We have learnt about textiles in DT. We created our own designs and made these on bags using the embellisher and fabric painting.



south america



In Science, we have been hard at work maintaining the garden area. We have harvested strawberries which were tasty and enjoyed learning how to water the plants by ourselves.



summer



science

Class 10



summer

We have also been exploring the British Isles. We learnt about the different places and explored summer festivals – we enjoyed tents, face painting and garden games.



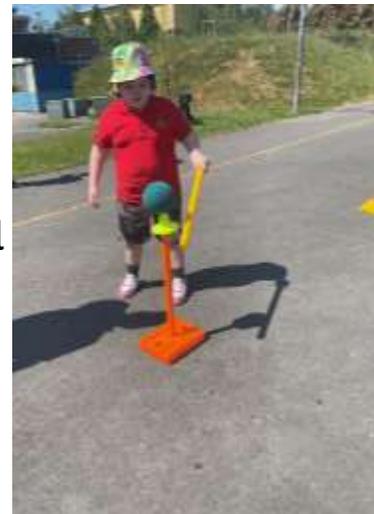
the british isles



festival



We have had a summer of cricket – learning with a coach in PE, visiting Trent Bridge on a trip and exploring Belvoir Castle. We saw birds of prey, horses and hounds.



cricket



Class 11

We have looked at South America.



south america



summer



That caterpillar is well camouflaged!



science

In Science, we enjoyed looking at the adaptations of animals in the Amazon!

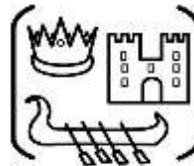


This one is easy! He is too bright!

This Mayan house is made from clay and mud!



This caterpillar is the same colour!



history



In History, we enjoyed learning about the Mayans and exploring how they would eat, dress and live!



Beans! Tasty!



Class 11

We have also been exploring the British Isles.



summer



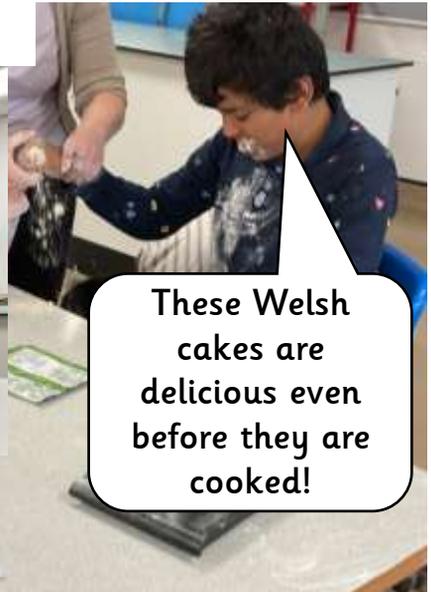
dt



the british isles

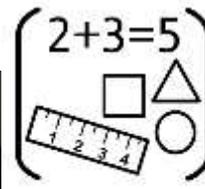


I've got to roll these scones!



These Welsh cakes are delicious even before they are cooked!

In DT, we tried cooking lots of different recipes from across the British Isles!



maths



This is empty!!



multicultural week

In multicultural week, we enjoyed exploring our friends' cultural clothing, food and music!

In Maths we have enjoyed looking at capacity and weight, filling and emptying!

Class 12

In Science, we have been learning about animals and plants. When looking at plants, we labelled key parts such as stem, leaves and flower.

We also explored different animals and matched them to their habitats.

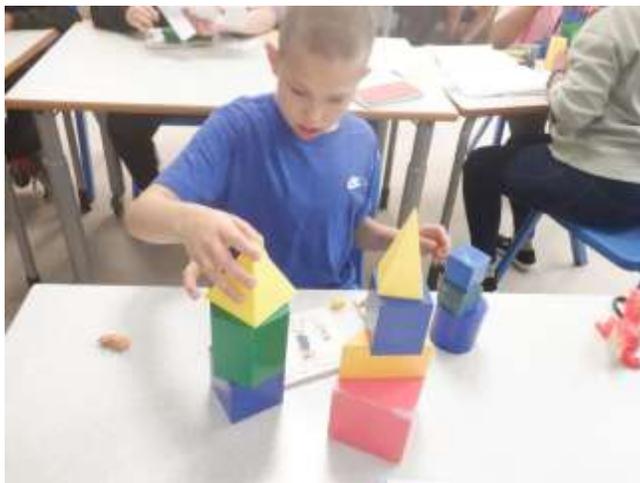


In Cooking sessions, we have been making food from England, Scotland and Wales. We have used the scales to weigh and knives to cut. When cooking our food, we have used heat sources like the hob and oven safely.



Class 12

We used different 2D and 3D shapes to build castles and London's Big Ben. We thought about how many sides they have and used words to describe them.



We really enjoyed multicultural week in school. We looked at different countries our families are from and made some ice cream to share with our friends.



In July, we took part in the Great Little Orchestra Project. As part of this we got to play different instruments and create our own music.

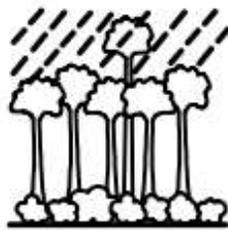


Class 14



summer

Class 14 have enjoyed learning about the Amazon rainforest as part of our English topic. We have focused our work around Katherine Rundell's *The Explorer*. We learnt some skills about how to survive, including fishing for food and filtering dirty water.



rainforest



Class 14



summer



We have used lots of technology this term. We focused on using technology outside school. We visited the pedestrian crossing and we also scanned items using a self scanning machine and paid for them using a contactless card.



technology

Class 15

We have enjoyed participating in HandMade Theatre sessions in the school theatre!



summer



Amazing work from Class 15 this term!



In English sessions we have been reading 'The Explorer'. Everyone has loved learning about the rainforest and survival!

(ABC)

English



We tasted lots of foods from different cultures and worked on a stall for the Global café!



multiculture

Class 15

In Science we have explored clean and dirty water and how to reuse it!

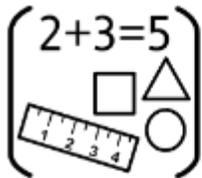


summer

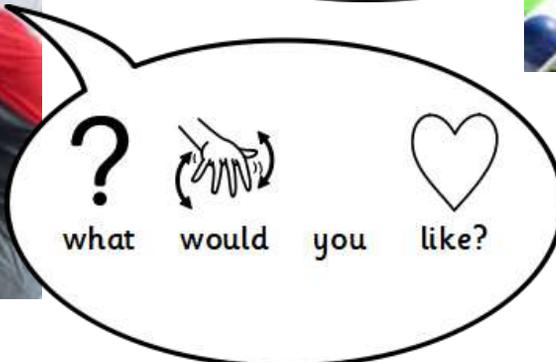
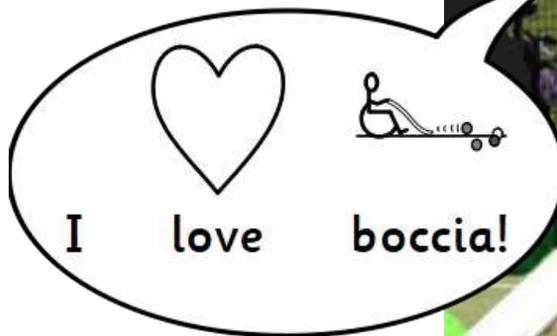
Everyone has really enjoyed participating in different sporting events this term! We have been using our Maths skills to keep score in outdoor games!



science



maths



We enjoyed visiting and paying with a card at the school café, choosing a hot drink. We have also been practising communicating with customers!



6F1



Environment



This term, 6F1 have been doing lots of exciting things! We have all been involved in looking after our environment as part of our Eco curriculum. We have been learning about the importance of recycling and reusing. We have reused plastic bottles to make flower planters, and old gloves to make puppets, both to decorate our outside area.



Maths

In Maths we have explored subitising as a topic. We made our own 'subitising animals' game and had fun using the dice to identify the numbers.

We made the best of the hot weather by doing some of our Maths lessons outdoors.

Well done 6F1!



6F1

We have really enjoyed taking on outdoor projects in our DT lessons this half term. We learnt about the benefits of composting food waste and we made our own composters. The compost will be used to nourish our sunflowers. We have also been working on tissue paper lanterns that we will hang from the canopy on the 6th Form yard!



In English we have been exploring *The Jungle Book* this summer term. Our class have joined 6F4 to work on a puppet show project. Students from both classes worked really hard at making and operating the puppets, choosing the music, sounds, background lighting and telling the story. We gave two performances both of which were a great success!



6F2

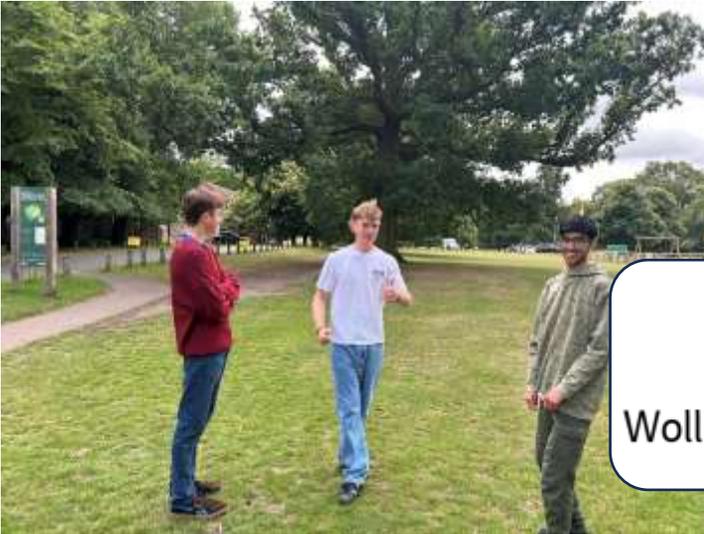


Summer

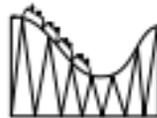
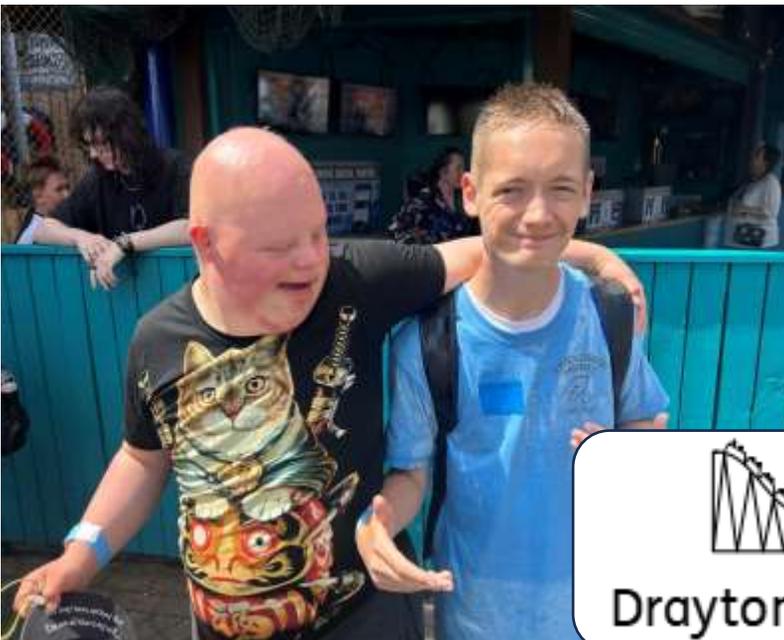
In June, 6F2 and students across 14-19 had a wonderful three days hosting our friends from Ampleforth College! We developed new friendships, had lots of fun and made memories together!



bowling



Wollaton Park



Drayton Manor



6F2



Summer



Den



building

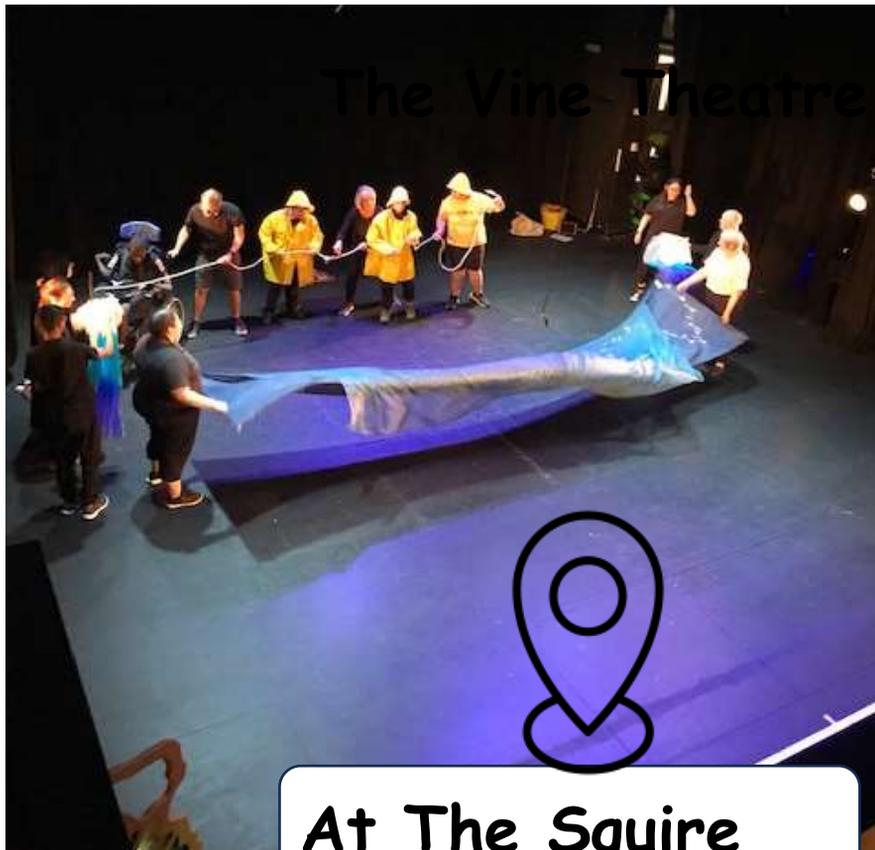


We've been making accessible dens and learning about how important it is to stay in the shade and to drink water in the hot weather!

Six students from 6F2 were involved in a performance of *'The Tempest'* alongside other Nottingham City schools. Our students were so confident, performed brilliantly and received a huge round of applause from the audience!



Shakespeare



At The Squire

6F3

This term we learnt about what food is growing on the school grounds, and what we can cook with it!



We added herbs to our Spanish and Cuban recipes & made a fruit salad.

6F3

We also joined in lots of outdoor events at school, where we practised keeping cool. We loved spending some time in a tent, too!



6F4

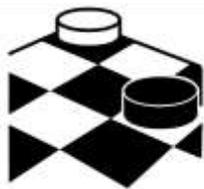


Summer

6F4 have had a very exciting Summer term!

We have enjoyed getting outside the classroom and taking part in outside events around the school for sports week!

We had a great time at the Indoor Bowls Centre. There was a brilliant atmosphere and 6F4 enjoyed the competition!



games



6F4



Summer



We have enjoyed celebrating classmates' birthdays outside in the sunshine!



celebrating

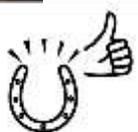
We also had a high rise planter built for the class. The strawberries and runner beans have grown and we picked them as a class to show in assembly! It has been fun tending to the garden each week.



gardening

6F4 have had a fabulous term learning outdoors and making the most of the sunshine!

We wish our School Leavers all the best in their new settings and we look forward to seeing the rest of the class again in the Autumn!



good luck

Art



Winning art entry by a KS3 pupil, one of three competition winners from over 100 entries! The SEND Inclusion Support Services held an art competition for students to express 'what autism means to them'.

KS2 - We explored watercolour paint and wax resist for our water topic.



DT KS2 – Making choices for our dam building topic.

We made our own dam!



KS2 – We made art with bubbles, foam and paint!



We explored the work of Spanish artist Joan Miro, during Spanish Week.



KS3 - We designed and made printing blocks and prints, inspired by artist Norman Ackroyd's coastal prints for our British Isles topic.



Art

Bilborough Festival - KS3
We enjoyed sharing skills learned with pupils from Woodlands Academy, making festival art.



KS3 - We have been making South American tree frogs and parrots, using the techniques of mini screen printing and painting.



KS4 – Mixing primary colours into secondary colours.



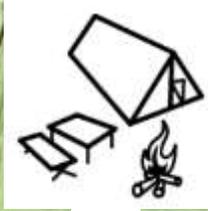
KS4 – We constructed 3D paper birds, inspired by French artist Henri Rousseau's jungle paintings.



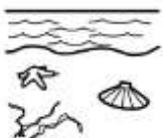
6F – We investigated the work of French artist Henri Matisse for our Arts Awards Explore accreditation, creating patterns on fish inspired by his work.

French

On aime le camping!

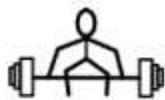


J'aime la montagne russe



The first half term we were “en vacances”- we planned our holiday, packed “la valise” and went “au camping”, “à la plage” and “à Disneyland”.

French



la musculation



On adore le
kayak!



le kayak

The second half term, we learned the words for “les sports” and tried some of them out. “Le kayak” was a favourite!



music



KS3 have enjoyed exploring Rock and Roll music, especially learning how to hand jive and play the drum kit.

Phase 3-7 had lots of fun sharing music from different countries during multicultural week



6F have been learning about samba music and loved making their own samba band



KS2 enjoyed singing sea shanties and playing ocean drums to sound like the sea



music

KS4 enjoyed exploring jazz music and creating their own jazz rhythms



We had a visit from the Great Little Orchestra Project and had lots of fun making some amazing music together!

The Oak Field Orchestra performed at the Djanogly Recital Hall and put on an incredible show.



PE in Phase 3-7 and 7-14



In Phase 3-7 we have used the pool, and do sensory activities in athletics. In KS2 we have ridden the mechanical horse. In KS3 we looked and tried out our moves to different dances and practised our athletics skills.

PE in Phase 14-19



We have played Kwick cricket with a qualified coach, and basketball outside, and performed athletics skills also with some bat and ball activities such as rounders, tennis and golf.

Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs



Oak Field 6th Formers attended the Portland Games. We won 4 knock out matches to win the boccia tournament, scoring a total of 25 points to 6.



93 pupils and more than 70 staff/volunteers supported the annual Go For Gold Fun run at Harvey Hadden in blistering heat.



We have had a busy term. A big Sports Week with competitions and fun sensory challenges, with lots of family visitors. The outdoor Basketball club and a trip to Trent Bridge to watch the cricket between Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire have been real favourites!

Nottingham City Council
School terms and holiday calendar – 2025/26

AUGUST 2025						SEPTEMBER 2025						OCTOBER 2025					
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Key	
	In school
	School holiday
	Public holiday
	In Service Training Day
	Health Training Day

AUGUST 2026						
M		3	10	17	24	31
T		4	11	18	25	
W		5	12	19	26	
T		6	13	20	27	
F		7	14	21	28	
S	1	8	15	22	29	
S	2	9	16	23	30	

- Half term 1 – 7 weeks
- Half term 2 – 7 weeks
- Half term 3 – 6 weeks
- Half term 4 – 5 weeks
- Half term 5 – 5 weeks 4 days
- Half term 6 – 8 weeks 1 day

School Meal Prices for 2025/2026 Academic Year



from September 2025 the charge for school meals will be:

Nursery (Years N1 - N2) - £2.65 per day unless entitled to free school meals

EYFS / KS1 – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be entitled to Universal Infant free school meals

KS2 (Years 3 - 6) - £2.90 per day unless entitled to free school meals

KS3+ (Years 7 - 4) - £3.00 per day unless entitled to free school meals

The following information will help you calculate part weeks when necessary:

Nursery

1 day - £2.65
2 days - £5.30
3 days - £7.95
4 days - £10.00
5 days - £13.25

KS2

1 day - £2.90
2 days - £5.80
3 days - £8.70
4 days - £11.60
5 days - £14.50

KS3+

1 day - £3.00
2 days - £6.00
3 days - £9.00
4 days - £12.00
5 days - £15.00

Please note that dinner money should be paid in advance online via Arbor

If you are unable to pay by card we will also accept payment in advance by cash, but please contact the office in the first instance to discuss



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