



Summer Term 2026

Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian/Friend(s)

Welcome to our Summer Term 2026 newsletter – lots of photos and news about some of the exciting learning we've been doing in this really busy (and increasingly hot!) term, which we hope you enjoy!

So many highlights, where to begin?! Phase 3-7 have loved exploring their topic books *Real Superheroes* and *Zeki Goes to the Park*, and were thrilled when so many family members joined them for their Wollaton Park trip on Weds 15 July. In Phase 7-14, KS2 have been learning about 'Reduce, Re-use, Recycle' and in KS3 Europe and Renaissance Art; aptly, in June/July both of these Key Stages have been learning about Deserts! In Phase 14-19, KS4 have had fun with Katherine Rundell's *The Good Thieves*, and the 6th Form with Loll Kirby's *Do Something for Someone Else*, which they've been putting in to practice around the school.

We all loved Sports Week at the end of May – almost 50 pupils went bowling at the Nottingham Indoor Bowls Centre, and 130 pupils travelled several laps of the Harvey Hadden running track 'Going for Gold' on Thursday 02 July – the family, friends, Governor and volunteer support for both of these events was astounding, and we can't thank you enough. The 6th Form students enjoyed the 3-day visit of their Ampleforth College friends at the end of June, and more recently some of the Phase 14-19 students performed the opening witches scene from *Macbeth* at the RSC Playmaking Festival at The Squire theatre. Other highlights this term have included the orchestra performing at the Djanogly Recital Hall in May, and trips to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park and the Belvoir Cricket and Countryside Day in July. And as you will see from the photos, we had so much fun in our Multicultural week, with lots of different costumes to explore, foods to taste and sensory experiences to try.

It has been great to see so many parents and families in school this term, at the Summer Family Fun Day, Tuesday afternoon and Saturday morning swim sessions, Sports Week events, Going for Gold, the Multicultural Week Family Sharing event, and of course at the Phase 3-7 graduation and 6th Form Leavers' events this week.

And we were absolutely amazed by your huge support for our Sports Week sponsorship fundraising for the Friends of Oak Field charity – families raised an amazing £3,300 (with a shout-out to Class 2 especially!), for which we are really grateful – please come along to the Friends of Oak Field meeting in September, where we will discuss how best to use this – all ideas welcome!

We have 12 School Leavers this year, and we will miss them. We will also be saying goodbye to some staff, including longstanding Art Teacher Andrea Mckenzie after 24 years at Oak Field and Shepherd Schools, and longstanding Teaching Assistant Karen Brown after 35 years at Oak Field and Aspley Wood Schools. And as many of you know, the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire NHS Integrated Commissioning Board (ICB) have decommissioned from the end of this term the Notts Healthcare Complex Health Needs team of nurses and HCAs who have been supporting a small group of pupils at Oak Field for many years – these pupils' health needs will continue to be supported, but differently. We wish all pupils, staff and colleagues who are leaving lots of luck in their new ventures!

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

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

Best wishes

Patricia and all @ Oak Field.



Class 1

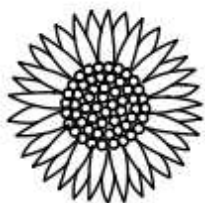
We have enjoyed listening to Liz play the saxophone and the flute for us.



We have enjoyed playing outside in the water!



We have enjoyed planting seeds, and growing sunflowers!



sunflowers

We have enjoyed playing at the park, on the slides and on the swing.



Class 1

We have been exploring different parts of the park, as part of our topic story 'Zeki Goes to the Park' – this includes the sandpit!



We have spent lots of time playing with our friends.

We've been practising role-playing different jobs, as part of our topic story 'Real Superheroes.'



We've been playing lots of different instruments!

Class 2

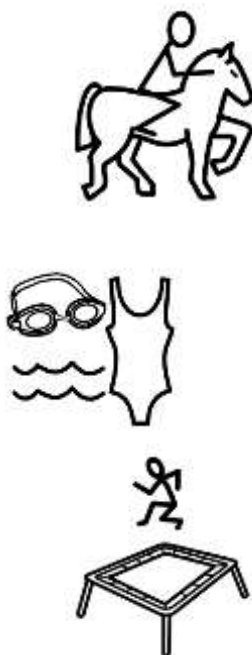
One of our topics this term has been 'Real Superheroes'. During our learning we have enjoyed pretending to be doctors and learning about fire engines!



Our other topic has been 'Zeki goes to the Park'. We have enjoyed going to the park in school, and exploring the school environment, and we even went to the play park at Wollaton Park.

Class 2

We have all enjoyed doing lots of physical activities this term. We had a brilliant Sports Week where we all completed a sponsored challenge and raised lots of money for Friends of Oak Field! Each week we all take part in swimming, go on the trampoline and ride the mechanical horse. Phew, we are exhausted!



We have enjoyed playing with our families at the stay and play afternoons. There have been lots of celebrations and proud moments this term for all of us. Well done, Class 2!



Class 3



Summer

In Summer 1 we had Forest School where we had lots of fun outside exploring lots of natural materials and even experienced a fire!



forest



school



In Sports Week we had lots of fun. We went on a trip to the National Indoor Bowls Centre. We had fun on the trampolines and mechanical horse and even cheered on our friends in the races!



Class 3



sand

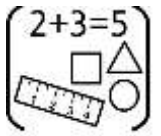
In Summer 2 we have been learning about the desert and in DT we made some sand bottles. We had lots of fun exploring coloured sand and choosing what colours we wanted for our sand bottles.



We went to Harvey Hadden for the Going for Gold fun run. We had lots of fun with our friends and families walking around the track to collect all of the stickers.



Class 4

$$2+3=5$$


In Summer Term 1 we explored lots of recyclable objects as part of our topic. In Maths we liked using the materials to do different activities such as sorting, filing and emptying and planting. We also went around school recycling.



We enjoyed an interactive sensory story which was called 'The Little Plastic bottle.' The bottle went on an adventure and taught us about recycling and caring for our earth.



In communication we have been finding out how our senses can help us to learn.

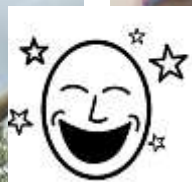
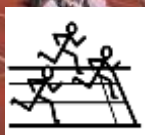
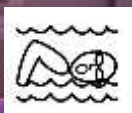


Class 4

In Summer Term 2 in PSHE we have been learning more about ourselves, keeping active and making good friendships.

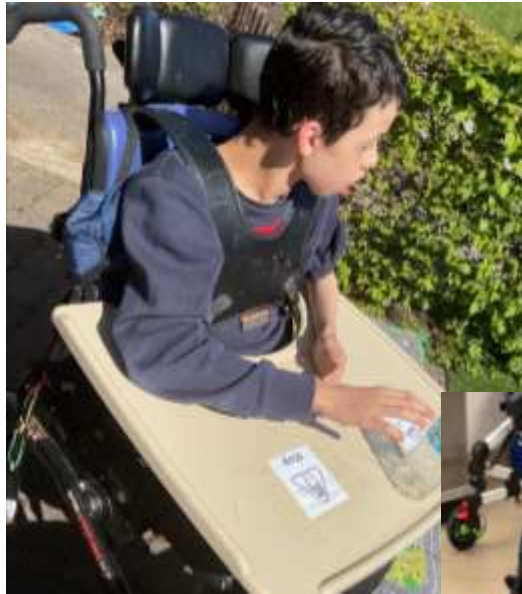


We have had lots of opportunities to go swimming, bowling, 'Going for Gold' at Harvey Hadden, dressing up and just having so much fun! !



Class 5

During the first half of the summer term, we enjoyed a sensory story focused on reducing, reusing, and recycling.



During DT, we explored cause and effect with different switches to make sounds. In food technology, we practised teamwork and turn-taking skills while using a blender to make banana smoothies.



computing



swim



walk

We enjoyed taking part in sponsored activities to raise money for the Friends of Oak Field charity. We also had lots of fun taking part in Sports Week.



Class 5

In Summer term 2, we have taken part in lots of sensory fun during our Forest School sessions.



desert

In Science we have been learning all about the desert and exploring objects related to the desert.



fun



run

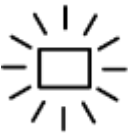
Class 5 visited Harvey Hadden track to take part in the Going for Gold fun run, and every pupil enjoyed the active experience.



Class 6



We have enjoyed
going out into
the community
this term!



new



places



community



outdoor



learning

We have loved learning
outside and how to stay
safe in the sun!



Class 6



independence



skills



We have been working on our independence skills and have been learning how to stay safe.



looking after



our



planet

Class 6 have learnt about ways we can help our planet such as Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



Class 7

We have been learning about the importance of 'reducing, reusing and recycling' in Summer Term 1. We have enjoyed exploring materials to create garden decorations and homes for wildlife.



We have also learnt about the importance of reducing our waste through sensory stories, exploration of the ocean and helping our environment by litter picking.



This term, we have had a fantastic Sports Week, where we have explored a range of sporting activities including running races and a sponsored walk!



Class 7

We have enjoyed learning about 'the desert' in Summer Term 2 through sensory exploration and creative activities.



We have also explored language, including big and small, long and short.



Finally, we had a fantastic morning visiting Harvey Hadden running track and completing the 'Going for Gold' event! As well as exploring a range of cultures in Multicultural Week.

Class 8

We have been exploring the desert and plants, animals and buildings found there – we even enjoyed time in the bell tent!



tent



Desert



Summer



In Science we have observed and explored materials, building with them. We explored how they feel and what happens when we add water. We learnt about rough and wet materials.



Science



Observe



Class 8

We have been working on Crest Awards in Science. We have explored plants and created sticks to show our journeys around school. We have also explored shadows and creating puppets.



Plants



Science



In Summer 2 we have enjoyed keeping cool in the heat – using water play to cool off. We have also been learning how to take care of ourselves by washing our hands and relaxing with a foot spa with friends.



washing



Class 9



In Science we found out about famous scientists and their experiments.



science



Our minds were blown when we dropped different objects and they hit the floor at the same time, just like Galileo did.



We created simple helicopters like Leonardo Da Vinci



We created our own optical illusion: and had great fun spinning them to make pictures move.



Europe and



Renaissance

Art



We have visited the local shops to buy ingredients for making our own pizzas

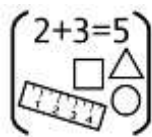
We've explored maps to find all the different countries in Europe



geography



Class 9



maths



DT



We designed, created and built our own Middle Eastern skyscrapers.



deserts and the



Middle East



humanities

We've explored the life of Bedouins, including exploring what it would be like to live in a tent.

We travelled by camel as we experienced life as nomads



Class 10

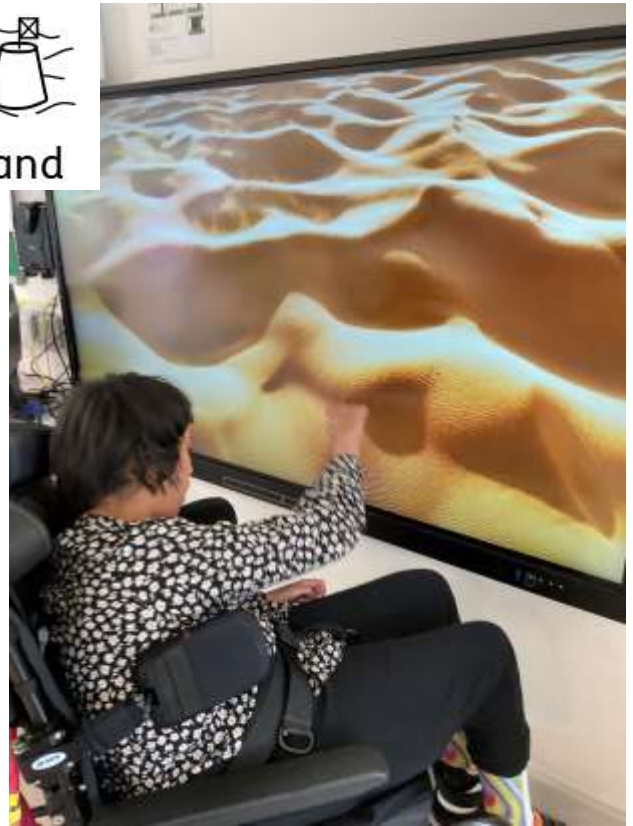


Deserts and the middle East

In Computing this term we have been exploring deserts using touchscreen and green screen technology!



sand



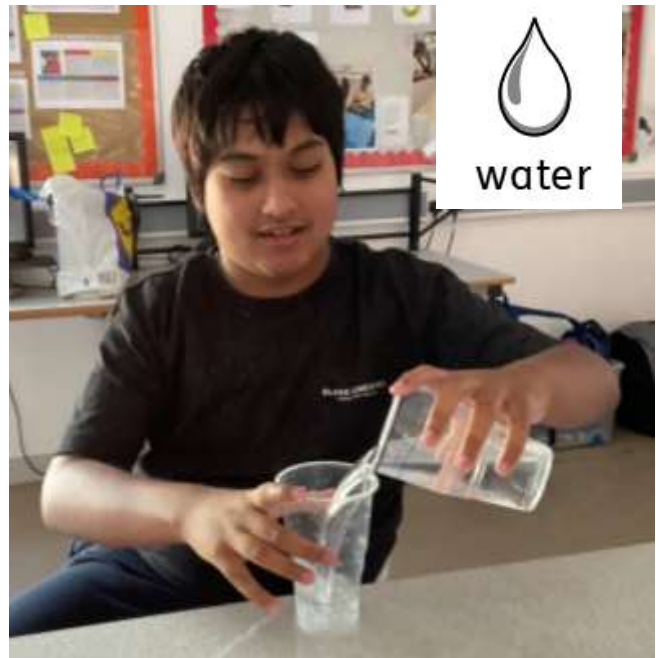
In Maths this term we have been exploring water. We have used our motor skills to pour and tip, fill and empty containers and explore size and capacity.



water



fruit



We have taken part in Multicultural Week! We learned about Afghanistan and prepared fruit skewers to share at the global café!

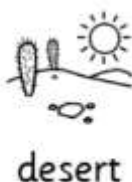


world

Class 10



In English we have been exploring Arabian Nights. We created our own desert pictures and have started to create our own theatre experience based on the story.



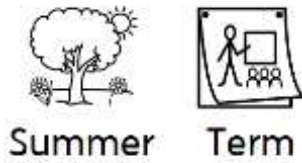
In Science we have been exploring the plants and animals that live in the desert. We have had a go at planting our own cactus and comparing its growth to plants that grow here.



In Humanities we are looking at people who live in the desert - the Bedouin people. We have been learning to live like the Bedouin people by making our own food, coffee and even building tents!



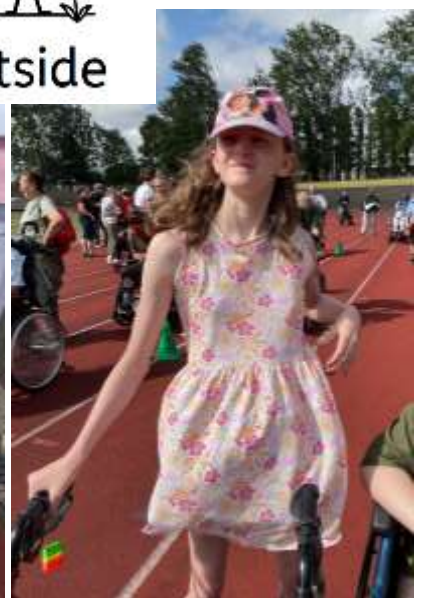
Class 11



We have had an active Summer Term and have been making the most of the sunny weather! We all completed the three laps at Harvey Hadden for the Going For Gold Competition. We have also enjoyed having lessons outside the classroom.



outside

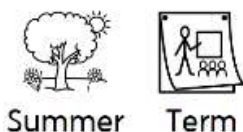


making memories

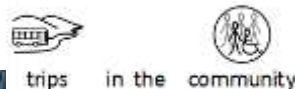
We had a great time meeting new friends from Ampleforth College and keeping cool in the shade at Wollaton Park.



Class 11



We have enjoyed exploring our local community this Summer Term. The 'try a tram and bus' day was really exciting! We learnt about using public transport. We also had lots of fun learning self care at BBA's beauty salon each week.



We have been learning about The World Cup. Every week we have learnt about a different country and prepared different national dishes. Fajitas were our favourite!



World Cup



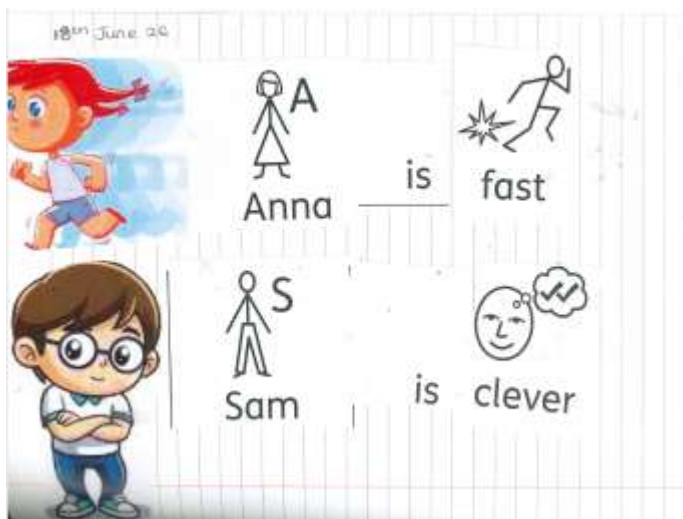
Class 12

We have had lots of fun in Class 12 this Summer Term.

We have spent a lot of time outside in the sunny weather. Our favourite activity was creating big bubbles using washing up liquid. We loved popping them! During the heatwave, we also enjoyed cool foot spas in the classroom.



In Literacy, we have looked at the story 'The Good Thieves'. As part of this, we have thought about characters and chosen symbols to describe them. We have also thought about Grandfather's house and designed our own, writing our sentences underneath.



Class 12

We continue to enjoy spending time with our friends. As part of the Buddy Up scheme, we had a BBQ outside with Class 11.



For Sports Week, we took part in lots of different activities; archery, rounders, golf, running, swimming and races. We all worked really hard and developed new skills.



Class 14



As part of our community sessions, we have been helping others. This has included washing the windows and cleaning other classes' chairs.



summer



As part of our enterprise in DT sessions, we researched, created and made rocky road to sell!



cooking

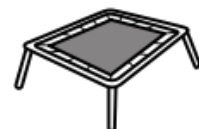


Class 14

We have enjoyed some different activities in our PE sessions including swimming, playing tennis and trampolining.



summer



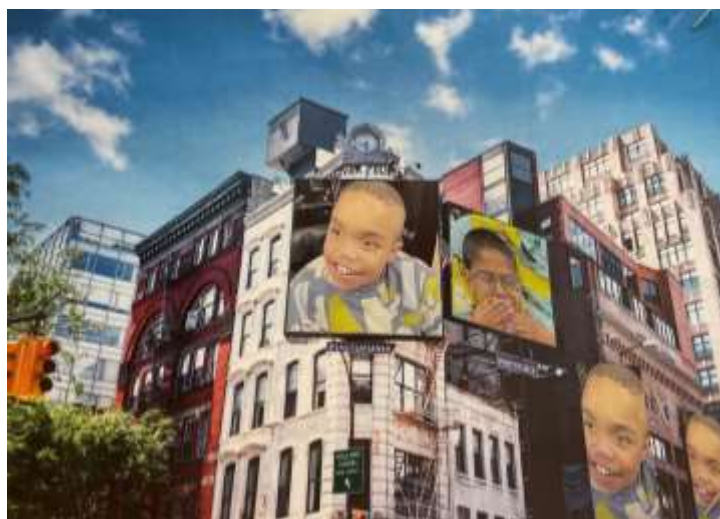
trampoline



In our English sessions, we have been reading *The Good Thieves* which is set in New York and has a sneaky pickpocket!



New York



6F1

Great work from Class 6F1
this term!



We supported our
friends and enjoyed
our sports days!



We loved participating
in the Going for Gold
event at Harvey Hadden
and having family there
to support us!



sports



In Science, we
made and used
solar ovens to
melt chocolate
and cook mini
pizzas!

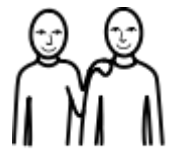


6F1

We enjoyed spending time meeting new friends from Ampleforth and had some great visits to different places!



summer



friends



tennis



arts



culture

We liked getting creative in an arts workshop, using photography and light effects!

We explored different heritage and culture within our school community.



6F2



This Summer Term, 6F2 have been doing lots of exciting things. We have enjoyed the outdoor learning as part of Community Gardens. We contributed to our outside area by reusing old items to make a plant pot and we also made a bird bath.



Environment



During Multicultural Week we enjoyed exploring the culture of the United States and our own heritage. For the global cafe we prepared some hot dogs and popcorn to share with others. We also appreciated time spent with our parents, who shared information about different cultures with us. What a lovely morning that was!



multicultural



6F2



Friendship

In June, we enjoyed making new friends with the Ampleforth College students, who came for a 3 day visit from Yorkshire. What a great few days. We went bowling together, followed by a trip to Wollaton Park and an amazing day out at Drayton Manor. Looking forward to meeting again next year!



science

We have been involved in a lot of Science activities and experiments this Summer Term. We made a solar bulb, sundial, and nature exposition frames and had lots of fun making shadow puppets. We have also learned why applying sun screen is important, especially in the summer months.

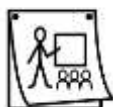
We had lots of fun exploring The Power of the Sun topic this term.



6F3



Summer



Term



javelin



sprint



Sports Week
champions
of 2026....

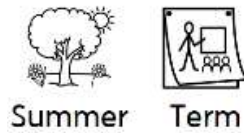
6F3!!!!



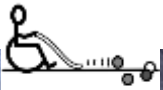
The
Ampleforth
College visit
was absolutely
amazing!



6F3



exercise



boccia



Rhythm and Relax at Beechdale Community Centre



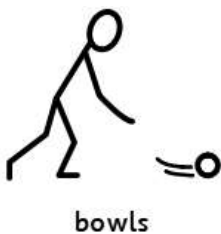
tennis



Visiting my new college!
Goodbye and good luck to all
of our 2026 school leavers.
We are very proud of you and
we will really miss you! Good
luck in all of your future
adventures.

6F4

In Summer 1 we tried lots of new things and had a great time!



We went to Nottingham Bowls Centre to play bowls!



That will knock the posts down!



Got to run!



choose your end stories

We worked on 'choose your own ending' stories, choosing the story and taking photos with a green screen to bring it to life!



Ready, aim, go!



In Sports Week we tried lots of different sports and competed in races!



sports week



Run, run as fast as I can!





go for gold

We went to Harvey Hadden and ran lots of laps!



Got to run!



Go go go!

We celebrated Multicultural Week with food, clothes and music!



multicultural week



What a fun global cafe!



Wollaton park

We went to Wollaton Park with new friends!



Pop!



global voices

We met new friends from different schools for our Global Voices day!



This fab is fab!



6F5

have been
being active -
trampolining,
swimming
and trips out and
about.



We had fun at the
Bowls Centre in Sports
Week!

6F5

We have had fun learning about
Summer celebrations in RE



and
Hungary in
Multicultural
week!

Art



KS2 – We explored the work of Irish artist Jack Coulter, who uses colour and flowers in his art work.



KS2 –We made dream catchers.



KS2- We made bunting using flowers and leaves with paint to make a pattern.

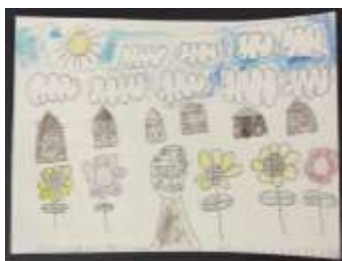


DT KS2 – We created wind cars with cardboard and wooden dowels.



KS2 – We made a stained glass window design of flowers, exploring colour.

We entered an art competition with the Autism Team at Nottingham City Council. Our work will be used in a virtual art exhibition.



Art



6F enjoyed hosting a workshop at Oak Field with students from Woodlands Academy, during the Bilborough Festival. We explored how to decorate tiles and flower pots with botanical stencils.



KS4 – We made lanterns, inspired by the cherry blossom pattern.



6F Arts Awards students - We created 3D paper flowers, inspired by Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama.

All students entered for Arts Awards passed their exams.



KS3 – We explored how to create a mould, casting a clay pattern with plaster.



6F – Making bunting using the technique of press print.



Music



6F enjoyed learning about drumming from different countries, especially Japanese taiko drumming!



KS4 loved performing K-pop songs together.



Oak Field Orchestra put on an incredible performance at Djanogly Recital Hall.



orchestra

Music



KS2 had lots of fun creating remixes, especially making their favourite songs faster!



KS3 enjoyed exploring Middle Eastern music.

Phase 3-7 loved exploring music from different cultures for Multicultural Week.



Across school, classes created an amazing music video to 'Waving Flag' for Sports Week.



PE

During the Summer Term we had Sports Week and the Going for Gold Fun Run, and lots of trips and competitions including a visit to the Nottingham Indoor Bowls Centre.



Phase 3-7

We have been doing some sensory relaxation, athletics and tennis skills as well as continuing with our swimming sessions; we also learnt about different jobs adults do, physically acting them out..



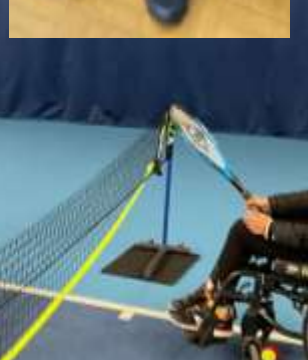
PE Phase 7-14

We have done some sensory football and some kicking and pushing of the footballs to celebrate the Men's Football World Cup. We also did ten-pin bowling.



PE Phase 14-19

In lessons we have done athletics, and played kwik cricket, and football. A couple of classes have continued to play tennis at the Nottingham Tennis Centre and Mapperley Park Tennis Club.





Royal



Shakespeare



Company



showcase



and performance

Oak Field School work with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

The 14 – 19 Phase enjoyed learning about Shakespeare's play *Macbeth* in the Spring Term. We held an immersive showcase for the whole school and invited Nottingham schools.



We performed the opening scenes to *Macbeth* at The Squire in Nottingham.

We really enjoyed rehearsing with a director from the Royal Shakespeare Company and experimenting with different props.



We enjoyed being backstage and getting ready in the dressing rooms!



The show was great!

It was nice to meet pupils from different schools in Nottingham.



FREE SWIMMING

FOR UNDER 16s

MAKE A SPLASH
THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAY!



BEGINNER & FAMILY
FRIENDLY



SAFE &
SUPERVISED



WEEKDAY
SESSIONS



6 NOTTINGHAM
LOCATIONS

SCAN TO
BOOK



From 27th July 2026 - 9 daily sessions - 6 locations
BOOK VIA THE ACTIVE NOTTINGHAM APP AND WEBSITE

active
Nottingham



Nottingham
City Council

fun palaces



FAMILY FUN DAY

Portland College Nottingham Road, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG18 4TJ

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2026 • 11AM-2PM

SCAN TO BOOK
YOUR SPACE



FREE



A family friendly event, held at our accessible venue so that absolutely everyone can come along and get involved. For all ages and abilities.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- Face painting
- Circus skills
- Drumming workshops
- Arts and crafts
- Sports activities



PARTNERS INCLUDE:



Nottingham City Council

School Terms and Holidays Calendar - 2026/27

AUGUST 2026						
M		3	10	17	24	31
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MAY 2027						
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	

JUNE 2027						
M		7	14	21	28	
T	1	8	15	22	29	
W	2	9	16	23	30	
T	3	10	17	24		
F	4	11	18	25		
S	5	12	19	26		
S	6	13	20	27		

JULY 2027						
M		5	12	19	26	
T		6	13	20	27	
W		7	14	21	28	
T	1	8	15	22	29	
F	2	9	16	23	30	
S	3	10	17	24	31	
S	4	11	18	25		

Key	
	In school
	School holiday
	Public holiday
	In Service Training Day
	Health Training Day

AUGUST 2027						
M		2	9	16	23	30
T		3	10	17	24	31
W		4	11	18	25	
T		5	12	19	26	
F		6	13	20	27	
S		7	14	21	28	
S	1	8	15	22	29	

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

School Meal Prices for 2026/2027 Academic Year



from September 2026 the charge for school meals will be:

Nursery (Years N1 - N2) - £2.70 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) - £2.95 per day unless entitled to free school meals

KS3+ (Years 7 - 4) - £3.05 per day unless entitled to free school meals

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

Nursery		KS2		KS3+	
1 day	£2.70	1 day	£2.95	1 day	£3.05
2 days	£5.40	2 days	£5.90	2 days	£6.10
3 days	£8.10	3 days	£8.85	3 days	£9.15
4 days	£10.80	4 days	£11.80	4 days	£12.20
5 days	£13.50	5 days	£14.75	5 days	£15.25

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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