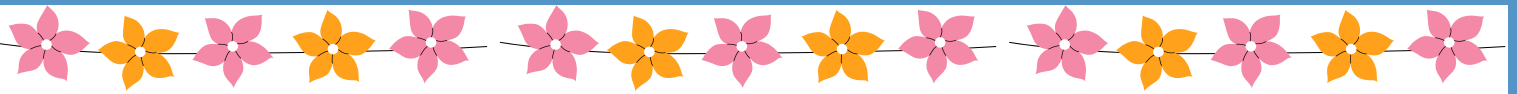


# ST COLUMBA C OF E SUMMER 1 NEWSLETTER



As we begin our final half term of the academic year, I would like to take a moment to thank our whole school community for their continued support. The summer term is always an incredibly busy and exciting time within school, with many events, visits, celebrations and transition opportunities taking place over the coming weeks. We are looking forward to making many more wonderful memories together before the end of term.

Our Year 6 children made us very proud last week with their focus and determination to do their very best in their SATS tests! Well done!

This term, we are also having a renewed focus on school uniform and presentation. We would like to thank you for your support with ensuring children are attending school in the correct uniform each day. This not only helps to promote pride and belonging in our school, but also supports children in understanding expectations and boundaries. Secondary schools have also asked us to share how important it is that these high standards continue from primary school into the next stage of education, helping children transition successfully into Year 7 and beyond.

We would like to say goodbye and thank you to Mrs James, who has been a valued member of our school community for many years. We are incredibly grateful for her dedication and contribution to the school, and we wish her every success and happiness in her future endeavours.

As many of you are aware, Mrs Jones has recently been supporting within Beech Class and is now also working as a Teaching Assistant and providing after school support. We are very pleased to have her as part of the wider team.

Looking ahead to September, we are delighted to share that Miss Luxton will be joining us as a full-time teacher and middle leader. She brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming her to St Columba and seeing the positive impact she will bring to our school community.

I would also like to personally thank parents and members of the community for the many kind well wishes following the announcement of my move to my next role. Your support and kindness have meant a great deal to me. As part of ensuring a smooth transition for the children and wider school community, Mr Lehmann has recently been joining me on the gate at the beginning of the school day. He will continue to spend time in school throughout the next half term so that children have the opportunity to build positive relationships with him and become increasingly familiar and comfortable with his presence within the school.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We are excited for all that the remainder of the summer term has to offer.

Mrs Viola



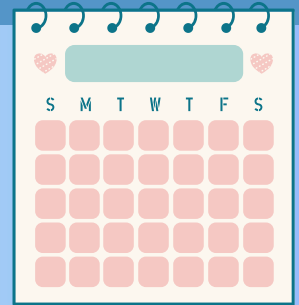
# Dates for your Diary



## May

22<sup>nd</sup> - INSET DAY

25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> - HALF TERM



## July

2<sup>nd</sup> - Year R 2026 Stay & Play 9-10:00am

6<sup>th</sup> - Year R-5 Transition afternoon

9<sup>th</sup> - Year R 2026 Stay & Play 2-3:00pm

10<sup>th</sup> - Summer Fair 3:30-6:00pm

20<sup>th</sup> - Leavers Service

21<sup>st</sup> - Parent Support Meeting 2pm

22<sup>nd</sup> - LAST DAY OF TERM

## June

1<sup>st</sup> - INSET DAY

15<sup>th</sup> - Year R Spetember 2026 Parent Information Evening 4-5:00pm

16<sup>th</sup> - Parent Support Meeting 2pm

17<sup>th</sup> - Fathers Day Shop

18<sup>th</sup> - Tower of London Trip (Oak Class)

19<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day

24<sup>th</sup> - Olivia Production 1:30pm

25<sup>th</sup> - School Photos

26<sup>th</sup> - Oliva Production 5:00pm



## INSET DAYS

2026/27

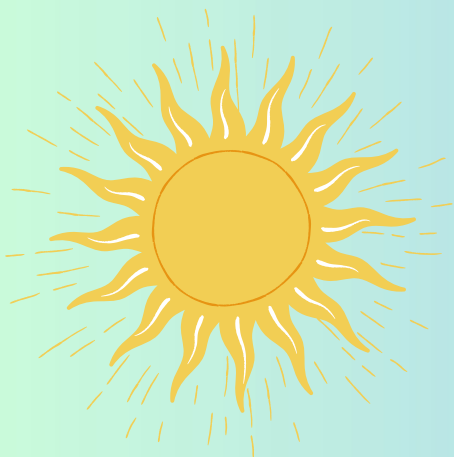
1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

5<sup>th</sup> October 2026

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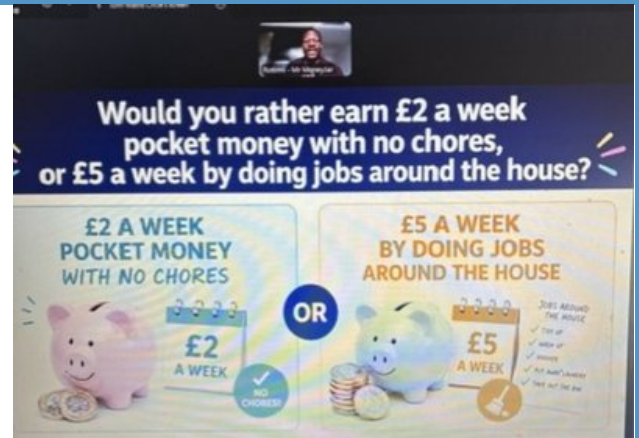
# HAZEL CLASS



This half term we have explored the topic of the Seaside! The children have delved into the world of rock pools and going back in time of what a Seaside holiday would look like for our Great-Grandparents. Also, this half term Hazel class have gotten some brand new scooters (and helmets!) for the outdoor area. We have had so much fun scooting around and building up our gross motor skills!



# WILLOW CLASS



This half term in Willow Class has been filled with exploring! As the weather has become warmer, we have enjoyed taking more of our learning outdoors. We have explored capacity and volume in the garden and even planted our own broad beans seeds to experiment what conditions a plant needs to grow. We have loved exploring sculpture through creative work with paper and card, experimenting with different ways to shape and join materials. Working collaboratively in teams, we have designed and created some fantastic large-scale sculptures, showing excellent teamwork, imagination, and problem-solving skills. It has been wonderful to see the confidence and creativity grow through these hands-on activities.

As part of Numeracy Day, Willow Class took part in a live lesson about money. They had to vote for a number of questions. For this question, the majority of Willow Class said they would do chores!



# BEECH CLASS



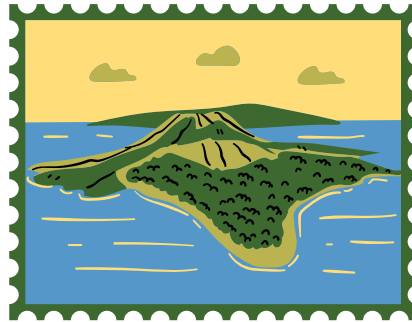
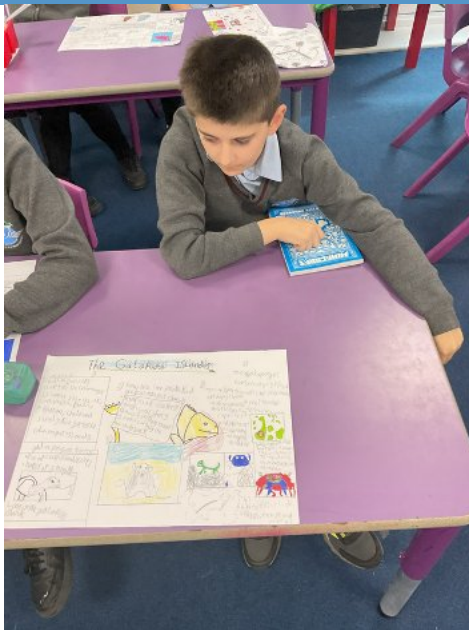
What a great half term Beech class have had! We've enjoyed learning all about Scandinavia in particular learning that Denmark invented lego, and how much they enjoy the outdoors... the whole class now wants to move to Scandinavia. In science ( when there was some sunshine) we went outdoors and explored shadows and how they are formed, as well as using torches to find out how we can make a shadow get bigger. In Maths we have tried very hard to learn to tell the time, a vital life skill and in English we have improved our discussion skills. We have enjoyed learning about tone and proportion in Art sessions, through sketching and collage, and have loved to see how our sketching has improved throughout the term. A big thank you for all of your support this half term.



HAVE A GREAT HALF TERM.

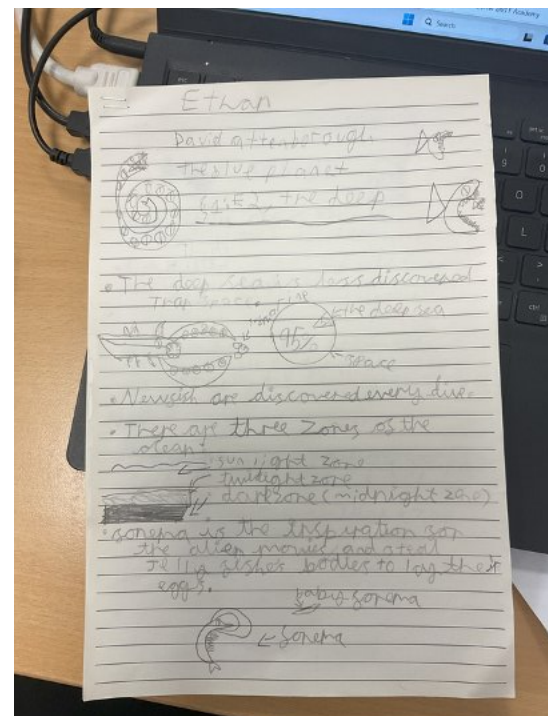
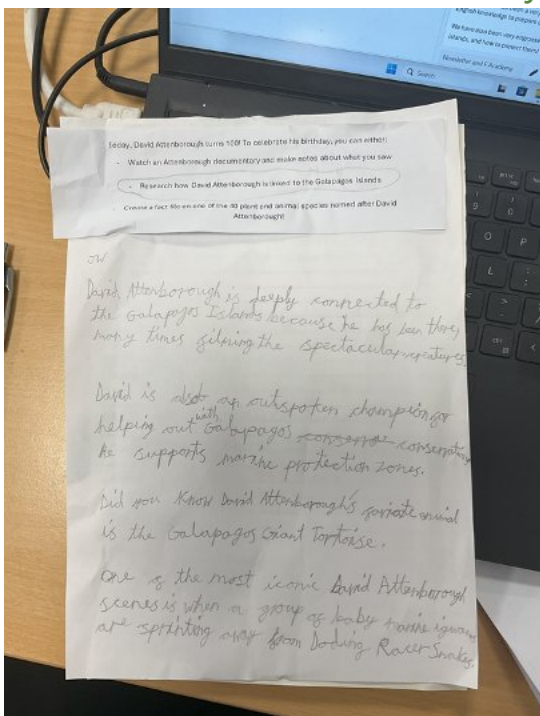


# OAK CLASS



This half-term has been a very busy one for Oak class, particularly for our Year 6s! We have been spending a lot of time revising maths and English knowledge to prepare ourselves for SATs, which we have now completed!

We have also been very engrossed in our Geography topic of the Galapagos Islands, studying Charles Darwin, the biodiversity of the islands, and how to protect them! We loved celebrating David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and researching how he was linked to the Galapagos Islands! We are very sad to be saying goodbye to this topic!





# NEWS

FROM ST COLUMBA PTFA

## UPCOMING EVENTS



FATHER'S DAY  
SHOP SALE

WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE



SUMMER FAYRE

FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY

3.30-6PM



BOUNCY CASTLE

WEDNESDAY  
22<sup>ND</sup> JULY



PANTOMIME TRIP

THURSDAY  
17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

A BIG  
**THANK YOU**

♥ TO EVERYONE THAT  
HELPS SUPPORTS THE  
SCHOOL AND PTFA. ★



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
BE APART OF ORGANISING  
EVENTS PLEASE GET IN TOUCH  
WITH **MRS HATTON**,  
ANY HELP IS ALWAYS  
APPRECIATED. ♥

★ **MASSIVE** ★  
**CONGRATULATIONS**

★ TO BEECH CLASS FOR WINNING  
TREAT THURSDAY SALES!  
THEY WILL BE HAVING  
**MOVIE + TREATS**  
IN CLASS



THESE SALES HAVE HELPED PAY FOR A

**PETTING FARM**

FOR THE SUMMER FAYRE! ♥

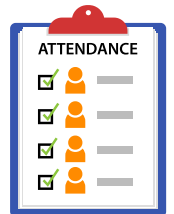


# ATTENDANCE



**Thank you for all your hard work and support in ensuring the children attend school every day and arrive on time.**

Good attendance and punctuality make a huge difference to children's learning and help them to have the best possible start to each day.



## **Important Reminder**

The school gates open at 8:40am and all children should be in school by 8:45am ready to begin their learning.



If you have any pre-booked medical appointments for your child, please notify the school office as soon as possible. This helps us to keep our attendance records accurate and ensure your child's absence is authorised where appropriate.

**Thank you again for your continued support.**

**We hope you all have a lovely May half-term!**

# ONLINE SAFETY



**We are committed to helping children stay safe both in school and online. As technology continues to play a big part in children's lives, it is important that we all work together to encourage safe and positive online experiences.**



## **Internet Safety Tips**

**Talk regularly with your child about what they are doing online.**

**Remind children never to share personal information with strangers.**

**Encourage kindness and respect when using games, apps, and social media.**

**Make use of parental controls and privacy settings where possible.**

**Encourage children to tell a trusted adult if something online worries or upsets them.**

## **Support for Families**

**If you have concerns about your child's wellbeing, these organisations are here to help:**

 **NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000**

 **Childline: 0800 1111**

 **Family Lives: 0808 800 2222**

**Asking for help is a sign of strength. Support is always available.**

**Thank you for continuing to support your children in staying safe online.**