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A message from Miss Harris

Another very busy week in school - we continue to try to pack in as much as possible to each week! Thank you to everyone who came to the Sports mornings – what wonderful events! Thank you very much to Mrs Hookway for all her organisation.

Thank you to Mrs Morton for taking the String group to the music event yesterday – it was a wonderful afternoon enjoyed by all. The children played exceptionally well and represented St Matt's superbly.



Our reception classes welcomed a princess into school this week – the Princess and the Pea company spent the afternoon with Goslings and Ducklings. Everyone had a wonderful afternoon – thank you very much to the Princess and the Pea company for donating their time to us and providing such an enjoyable afternoon!



Healthy Snacks

We would like remind everyone that children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to bring a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables for their morning breaktime if they wish. Children in Year R, 1 and 2 have a snack of fruit or vegetables provided through the Government scheme.

As part of a drive for healthy eating, we ask that children do not bring in other snacks please and only have fruit / vegetables if they choose to bring one into school. Thank you!



Positive Changes and Successes

The outdoor area for our Reception classes is looking wonderful! We were visited on Wednesday by the Tunbridge Wells in Bloom judges who talked with our children about the different plants and how the planting had been developed. The children were very proud to talk about the plants and show the judges the range of flowers and fruit and vegetables being grown. The judges commented that the children were very enthusiastic about their work and they could see how involved they had been. When we receive the results of the competition, we will let you know the outcome.



Attendance Ted

Here are attendance figures for last week!

Ducklings (R) 94%	Goslings (R) 87%
Robins (Y1) 96%	Owls (Y1) 96%
Kiwis (Y2) 93%	Lorikeets (Y2) 93%
Puffins (Y3) 86%	Peacocks (Y3) 91%
Class 4S 98%	Class 4W 95%
Class 5B 95%	Class 5K 93%
Class 6C 91%	Class 6H 90%



Supporting children with their transition into their next class

The end of the year is fast approaching and so we wanted to share our approach for supporting our children to transition into their next classes. Next week, we will communicate with you about arrangements in more detail – but here is an overview for your information.

On Thursday afternoon, the children will meet their new teachers and TAs for a transition afternoon – we do not have any new teachers coming into school and so the children will already be aware of, or know well, their new teachers. The children will have another transition afternoon on Wednesday 9th July so that they can return to their new classroom and adults to meet them again. Across the next few weeks, children will regularly visit their classrooms / teachers and TAs so that the new arrangements and people are as familiar as possible.

We have also decided to redesign our class names – you will know that some of our classes have names of birds and some do not and we would like to develop this. From September, we have decided to call each class by the name of a tree – your children will find out which tree will be associated with their class next week too!



Dates for your Diary

You will have already seen the Term dates for the year, but if you would like to refer to them again, you can find them by following [this link](#).

Many of the events below will be followed with additional details. (The additional dates are noted in green.)

Dates for Term 6:

- Tuesday 1st July: Year 3 trip to the library
- Wednesday 2nd July: Rhea Powell, Educational Psychologist, to lead Parent Support Group
- **Thursday 3rd July: Transition Day for Year 6 and 'moving up' afternoon for Years R - 5.**
- Saturday 5th July: Summer Fayre – PTA Event
- **Wednesday 9th July: 'Moving up' afternoon for Years R - 5**
- Friday 11th July: Year 3/4 Art Exhibition
- Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th July: Year 6 Production
- Wednesday 16th July: Reception Reports sent out to parents/carers
- Tuesday 22nd July: Term 6 and the school year ends

The calendar for the next school year including Term Dates for 2025-2026 can be website and/or by following [this link](#).

