

NEWSFLASH

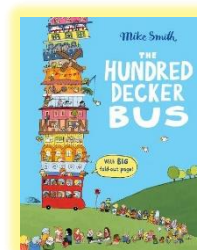
A reminder that **Friday 19th June 2026 is an INSET day** and the **school will be closed to all children**. School reopens as usual on **Monday 22nd June**.

School has been a hive of activity over the past few weeks, with pupils enthusiastically engaging in a wide range of learning experiences. We have been learning about...

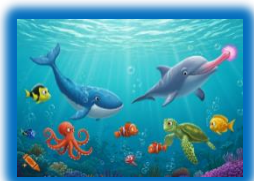
Nursery

This half term, Nursery have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our exciting topic, '**A Summer Around the World**'. Through a range of engaging stories, including *The Hundred Decker Bus*, *Meerkat Mail* and *You Can't Take an Elephant on Holiday*, the children have been developing their communication and language skills by discussing different journeys, adventures and experiences. In Maths, we have been learning about the concepts of more and less, using practical activities to add and take away objects from groups. The children have also been building their early writing skills by practising simple CVC words, while strengthening their fine motor skills through a variety of creative collage activities linked to our stories.

One of the highlights of the half term was writing postcards and riding bikes to our outdoor post box to send them to Sunny the meerkat from *Meerkat Mail*! It has been wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm, creativity and growing confidence in all areas of their learning, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.



Reception



What an exciting week we have had in Reception! We have launched into our new topic, Ocean Explorers, and have loved diving beneath the waves to discover fascinating facts about amazing sea creatures. From colourful fish to enormous whales, the children have been full of curiosity and enthusiasm as they explore the wonders of the ocean.

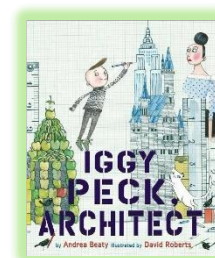
In maths, we have been becoming number bond experts, using games and practical activities to strengthen our understanding of number facts. We have also enjoyed plenty of outdoor learning and creative opportunities. Whether building, creating, investigating or imagining, the children have shown fantastic enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the week.

In our Curiosity Lab, the children have been busy exploring magnets and forces. They have enjoyed making predictions, testing different materials and discovering which objects are magnetic. There was lots of excitement as the children investigated how magnets can push and pull without even touching!

We can't wait to see where our ocean adventures take us next!

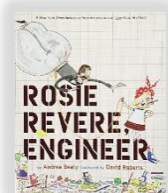
Year 1

All of our Year 1 children have now completed the Phonics Screening Check, and we are incredibly proud of the progress they have made. It was wonderful to see their confidence and positive attitudes towards phonics shining through. We look forward to sharing your child's score with you in their written school report, which you will receive soon. In English, we became architects, designing our own buildings and dream homes to develop our descriptive writing skills and expand our vocabulary. We have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the book *Iggly Peck, Architect* by Andrea Beaty as inspiration for our writing. Next week, we will begin creating fact files about famous buildings from around the world, as well as some interesting local landmarks in Walsall. In Maths, we have been using part-part-whole models to solve missing number sentences and consolidating our understanding of doubling and halving numbers. In Design and Technology, we have enjoyed designing and creating our own playground structures, while in Science we have been exploring the seasonal changes associated with spring and summer.



Year 2

Year 2 have been developing their understanding of time and have been practising reading both analogue and digital clocks. In English, the children have been enjoying our new class book, *Rosie Revere, Engineer*. Inspired by the story, they designed and built their own bridges using lollipop sticks and have been using expanded noun phrases, adjectives and conjunctions to write about their own invention ideas. This week they will be writing explanation texts to describe how their inventions work. In Design and Technology, the children have been designing and preparing a recipe for rocky road, which they are looking forward to making later this half-term. The children have also been busy preparing for their Graduation performance by learning songs and dance routines, as well as sharing some of their favourite memories from Year 2.



REMINDER! Parent Book Look



We look forward to welcoming all of our families into school on Thursday. The school will be open from **3.30-5.00pm on Thursday 18th June 2026**. This is a drop-in session where your child is invited to share all of their wonderful work with you. Please enter and exit via your child's classroom door. We look forward to welcoming all of our families into school.

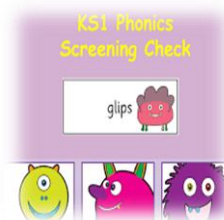
Year 1 Phonics Screening

A huge well done to all of our Year 1 children who completed their Phonics Screening Check last week. We are incredibly proud of the effort and enthusiasm they have shown throughout their phonics learning journey.

The Phonics Screening Check is a short assessment that helps teachers understand how well children can apply their phonics knowledge to read and decode words. Children read 40 words, including a mixture of real and pseudo (nonsense) words, allowing teachers to assess their ability to use phonics strategies when reading unfamiliar words.

The check is not a pass-or-fail test; it simply helps identify any children who may benefit from additional support and ensures that all pupils continue to make good progress in reading.

Thank you to our staff for their hard work in preparing the children, and congratulations once again to all of our Year 1 pupils for their fantastic effort. You will receive your child's result alongside their end-of-year report.



Year 2 SAT's

Congratulations to all of our Year 2 children for completing their Key Stage 1 optional SATs assessments. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, resilience and positive attitude they have shown throughout the assessment period. As a reminder, the SATs are only one piece of evidence used to support teachers in making their end of Key Stage 1 judgements. The final outcome is based on teacher assessment, which takes into account children's achievements and progress across the whole year. Information about your child's attainment will be available to discuss during the Book Look on Thursday and will also be shared in their end-of-year report. Thank you to our children, staff and families for their continued support.

The Mini Beast Conga

We are excited to invite our Nursery families to join us for **The Mini Beast Conga** on **Friday 3rd July**. Please arrive via the hall doors at the times listed below:

9.15am (Ducks & Herons group)
2.15pm (Swans & Parakeets group)

We look forward to seeing you and sharing this special event together.



Celebrating the achievements of our children out of school. Lots of children have been busy reading and completing the Summer Reading Challenge. They have also been busy achieving in swimming, dancing, footballing and gymnastics.



Achievements		
Class 2	Aniya S	Kickboxing – Brown Belt Award
Class 3	Veer S S	Kickboxing Trophy
Class 3	Karanveer V	Swimming – Stanley 5 Award
Class 4	Avani P	Kickboxing – Brown Belt Award
Class 6	Dylan S	Kickboxing – Best Behaved Kickboxer Award
Class 9	Rubaani D	Swimming – Goldfish 3 Award

Gold Star Assembly Award Winners



In recognition of your learning, progress, attitude, effort and upholding the school learning habits and values. Congratulations!



Class 1 – Danyaal R

Class 4 – Shayan J

Class 8 – Ava L

Whole School Attendance

Week commencing Monday 1st June 2026 – 95.1%
 Week Commencing Monday 8th June 2026 – 95.3%

Highest Attendance 99.2% Class – 5
 Highest Attendance 98.5% Class – 6

Well done Class 5 & 6!

Attendance Target 96%

Class	% Attendance w/c 01/06/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 01/06/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 08/06/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 08/06/26
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1	96.7	6	94.2	1	92.3	6	98.5
2	97.3	7	93.3	2	97	7	95
3	93.7	8	96.9	3	96	8	95.5
4	94.8	9	96	4	90	9	98.3

**High focus on attendance. Please ensure your children are attending daily and on time.
 Don't miss the phonics learning at 9.00am!**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 18th June – Reception Performance Class 3

Thursday 18th June – Book Look

Parents / Guardians are invited into school for a drop-in session to look at their child's work and visit the classroom. (3:30pm-5:00pm). Enter and exit via your child's classroom door

Friday 19th June 2026 – INSET DAY – School Closed to all pupils

Reception Telford Exotic Zoo Trip

Tuesday 23rd June – Class 1

Thursday 25th June – Class 2

Friday 26th June – Class 3

Friday 3rd July – Nursery Mini Beast Conga

Wednesday 8th July – Year 2 Graduation

Thursday 9th July – Year 2 Graduation

Thursday 9th July – Year 2 Leavers Disco

Monday 13th July – Year 2 In School Pantomime Performance (Further Information to Follow)

Tuesday 14th July – Day of Sport

Friday 17th July – Last Day of Term



Inset Days

Friday 19th June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Friday 18th June 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

Term Dates

Please click on the link below for the current academic term dates.

<https://www.parkhall-inf.walsall.sch.uk/term-and-holiday-dates/>