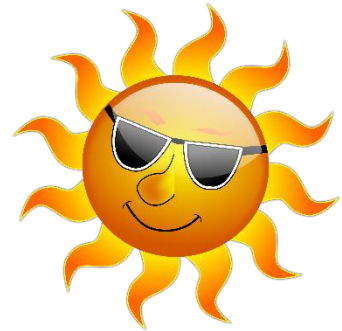


Summer Term 2026 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the school year, which has flown by at incredible speed, it is lovely to share some highlights and also take this opportunity to express my gratitude for all we have achieved together at our school. It has been a year of growth, learning, and resilience, and I am so proud of our students and staff.



We are particularly pleased with the progress our students have made. They have worked hard to achieve personal goals, develop new skills, and grow in confidence and independence. Every success, big or small, deserves recognition and celebration.

The leavers prom was a particular highlight. It has been a privilege to be part of their school journey and observing at first hand just how much they have grown and developed over the years. We will miss each and every one of them.

A big thank you must go to our dedicated teachers and support staff. Their hard work and care create a nurturing and inspiring environment for our students. We say goodbye to some staff members, notably teachers Jordan and Chloe and Teaching Assistants Louise and Ebony. They are all off to exciting new adventures and I would like to thank them for all their hard work and wish them all the very best for the future. In September we will be welcoming new teachers and teaching assistants who will join our school family.

As we prepare for another exciting school year, we look forward to creating even more opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and succeed. We will always continue to provide a caring and stimulating environment where every child is encouraged to reach their full potential. Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership, it truly makes a difference.

Thank you for a wonderful year. Have a restful and enjoyable summer break (hopefully sunny). We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September

Lisa



Spode 1 Summer Newsletter



Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a fantastic year in Spode 1 and I know I speak for the whole class when I say that we are so proud of everything that the children have achieved; I really can't believe that a whole year has gone by so quickly! This has been another hectic term with lots of exciting events and activities and we have had a fantastic time!

In Summer 1 we enjoyed looking at the topic of The Jungle and the children really enjoyed exploring 'Five Little Monkeys swinging in a Tree' and 'Elephants on a web' for our maths rhymes, especially when we acted this out with the parachute! For our story we looked at 'Rumble in the Jungle' and the children enjoyed exploring this both in our sensory story and through actions in our disco dough sessions. In topic we enjoyed exploring our own sensory garden through our nature sessions and it was great to see our pupils building their engagement with nature, minibeast exploration and of course messy play!

In Summer 2, the children have really enjoyed exploring the topic of 'The Seaside'. The children have loved engaging in our water and sand play sessions and this is probably the most engaged that we have seen them; they have loved it! We have enjoyed engaging in lots of role play this half term and the children have really enjoyed our ice cream shop role play recently, especially when we got to make ice cream sundaes in class! We have also enjoyed creating our own trifles, making beach sculptures in playdough, and developing our cutting skills in our collage activities.

This half term we have enjoyed exploring Nepal for Cultural Studies week and the children really enjoyed engaging in our sensory story. We also enjoyed creating artwork related to Nepal and exploring range of different foods in our market role play. The children loved our exploration of the mountains through our sensory snow play and loved exploring the colours of Nepal in the light room

In addition to all of this, we have been continuing to work on our independence and play skills and it has been fantastic to see the children so much more engaged in their play both with adults and when exploring independently.

It has been fantastic to see how much the pupils have changed and grown in this past year and we were so pleased to be able to share with you at the celebration assembly. We are so proud of them all and we just want to say a big thank you for all of your help and support this year. It hasn't gone unnoticed and we couldn't be more appreciative. Have a lovely summer and we will see you in September!

Cath, Stacey, Natalie, Kaye, and Milli (Spode 1 team)

Wedgwood 1 – Summer 2 newsletter

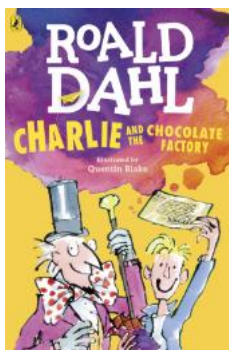
This term, we have enjoyed lots of exciting learning experiences across all areas of the curriculum.



During our history lessons, the children have learnt about pottery and explored the work of Josiah Wedgwood and Emma Bridgewater.

They have compared different styles of pottery and learnt about the importance of pottery in our local area. The children have also explored how our local area has changed over time by comparing it with photographs from the past, discussing what has stayed the same and what has changed.

Within Art, the children have explored the work of Vincent van Gogh, focusing on his famous artwork and the techniques he used. They have also developed their digital art skills by creating their own artwork using the iPad and computers, experimenting with different tools, colours and effects.



This half term, our English text has been *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. The children have immersed themselves in all things chocolate through a range of engaging activities. They have explored chocolate in our sensory tuff trays, developed their descriptive writing skills by describing the characters, followed recipes and instructions to bake cakes and brownies, and explored how to write and follow instructions.



As part of our Life Skills learning, the children visited The Bread and Butter project at The Hive, where they enjoyed helping and learning about the local

community. They have also been on several visits to the local shop, where they practiced using money and followed shopping lists.

During our PE lessons, the children have developed their ball skills through a variety of fun activities. They have practiced bouncing, throwing and catching balls, improving their coordination, control and teamwork while building their confidence during games and challenges.

During Design Technology, the children have explored a range of different materials and used these to design and build their own structures. They investigated which materials were the strongest and most suitable for different purposes, experimenting with different ways of joining and fitting them together. The children used their own ideas and creativity to design and construct their structures, testing and evaluating their models to see how they could make them stronger and more stable.



During Cultural Studies Week, the children explored all things Nepal. They began their exciting journey by "boarding" an aeroplane in the school hall and travelling to Nepal. Throughout the week, the children learnt about Nepalese culture by exploring the sights, smells and tastes of the country. They created their own Nepal flags, learnt about how people live, compared life in Nepal to their own experiences and enjoyed a range of hands-on activities that helped bring the country to life.



This term, the children have also been on their transition days, spending time in the classes they will be in come September. They have met their new teachers, new peers and explored fun activities to get to know their new class. We have also celebrated their achievements this year with a wonderful Celebration Assembly, which was a lovely way to recognise all their hard work and progress.

It has been a very busy, fun and exciting term, filled with lots of learning and memorable experiences. The staff in Wedgwood 1 would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you and your family a wonderful, restful summer break, and we look forward to seeing the children in September.

Amanda, Kim and Elaine

Doulton 2

What a fantastic term we have had in Doulton 2! We have thoroughly enjoyed our topic, The Sea, and have loved exploring this exciting theme through a wide range of engaging activities.

This term, we have immersed ourselves in sensory stories, including *Sharing a Shell* and *Commotion in the Ocean*. The children have enjoyed discovering the different sea creatures and learning about their habitats and behaviours. Throughout these sessions, they have developed their communication skills by using symbols, switches and gestures to make choices and express their preferences. We have also continued to build sensory tolerance through the exploration of a variety of sensory materials, including water, sand, shaving foam and Gelli Baff.



During our Communication and Problem Solving sessions, we have been developing our early writing skills using a range of creative materials such as water painting and chalks. The children have also enjoyed investigating number boxes to discover what was hidden inside while developing their curiosity and problem-solving skills. We have explored circles, squares and triangles, with many children beginning to

recognise and identify these shapes independently.

In our My Independence sessions, we have focused on developing physical skills through sit-to-stand practice, bench sitting, corner seating and supported walking. We have also explored seaside-themed messy play using sand, Gelli Baff and water—water has certainly been the favourite, especially on the warmer days! Alongside this, the children have enjoyed using a range of technologies, including switches and our wonderful light room, which has provided exciting opportunities for exploration and engagement.

We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved this term and would like to thank all of our families for their continued support.

We hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September!

Doulton 2

Aynsley 2 Summer Newsletter

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we would like to take this opportunity to celebrate all of the wonderful achievements and experiences our pupils have enjoyed this term.

Science



This term in Science, pupils have been learning about human reproduction, puberty, and the changes our bodies go through as we grow and develop. They have approached these important topics with maturity, asking thoughtful questions and developing their understanding of growing up.

English & Maths

Pupils have been focusing on developing their functional maths and English skills. They have worked hard to improve their understanding of money and budgeting, telling the time, and reading transport timetables. Pupils have worked hard on reading menu's and information leaflets. These practical skills will help to build their confidence and independence in everyday life.

Life Skills

Our pupils have continued to make fantastic progress in developing their independence. They have been preparing their own snacks, including beans on toast, pancakes, noodles, and hot drinks, while practising safe food preparation skills.

They have also learned how **to use a washing machine**, including sorting clothing correctly and selecting the appropriate wash settings.

Another great achievement this term has been growing in confidence when using public transport, with pupils becoming much more independent when catching a bus to travel around the city.

Trips and Visits

It has been a busy term with plenty of opportunities to explore the local community. Pupils have enjoyed visits to:

- Hanley Museum, where they created their own clay figures
- Westport Lake
- Frankie & Benny's
- Vue Cinema
- Alton Towers

The highlight for many was our trip to **Alton Towers**, where pupils enjoyed a fun-filled day packed with exciting rides, laughter, and plenty of screams! It was wonderful to see everyone supporting one another and making lasting memories.



Year 11 Prom

💎 A Day to Remember! 💎

Year 11 students from Kemball School and Watermill School came together for an unforgettable prom at Milton Bowling Club. Dressed to impress, everyone enjoyed an afternoon filled with dancing, games, singing, laughter, and fantastic prizes.

From the first song to the final dance, it was a wonderful celebration of friendship, achievements, and the exciting journeys ahead. It was the perfect way to mark the end of an amazing chapter. Congratulations to our fantastic Year 11 pupils! 🎉 🎊 🎈 🎁

A Final Message

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support throughout the year. It has been a pleasure watching the pupils grow in confidence, independence, and maturity.

We would like to wish all of our Year 11 leavers the very best of luck for the future—we are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved.

To those returning, we hope you have a wonderful, relaxing summer break, and we look forward to welcoming our new Year 11 pupils in September.

Best wishes,

The Aynsley 2 Team

Bridgewater 1 Summer 2 Newsletter

What an amazing Summer Term we have had in Bridgewater 1! We have thoroughly enjoyed the warm weather and have made the most of opportunities to get outside and explore our school grounds. The pupils have adapted brilliantly to the classroom changes this half term, warmly welcoming Emma into the classroom as class lead for three days each week.

English

In English, we focused on the story *Somebody Swallowed Stanley*. The pupils enjoyed developing their skills across reading, writing, speaking, and listening activities. They loved following Stanley's adventures and recalling key events from the story during each lesson.

Maths

In Maths, we have been learning about addition and subtraction. The pupils particularly enjoy using our Numicon resources, including Numicon shapes and Cuisenaire rods. They have enthusiastically taken part in a range of practical challenges, such as filling peg boards, identifying missing numbers in number sentences, practising number formation, and creating patterns using compare bears and pegs.

PSHE

Our PSHE learning has focused on respecting and caring for our environment. We discussed the importance of recycling and explored how failing to look after our environment can affect others. We also linked our learning to *Somebody Swallowed Stanley*, discussing the impact of rubbish in the ocean on sea creatures. The pupils enjoyed role-playing rescue scenarios and thinking about ways we can help protect marine life in the future.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

During our Mental Health and Wellbeing Day, we explored different aspects of wellbeing through a variety of active and engaging activities. These included circuit training in the hall, dancing, and practising throwing and catching skills with balls.

Geography

Our Geography topic this half term was *My Local Area and the UK*. We have been learning about maps and how they help us navigate the world around us. The pupils enjoyed following maps around Kemball School, locating our school in Blurton, and even finding their own homes on maps.

Design and Technology

In DT, we learned about Emma Bridgewater and her pottery designs. The pupils recreated some of her work by making clay plates and creating decorative items using salt dough.

Art

In Art, we revisited the work of Vincent van Gogh and his famous painting *The Starry Night*. We developed our painting skills by experimenting with different brush strokes and mark-making techniques to create artwork inspired by Van Gogh's style.

Cultural Studies

During Cultural Studies Week, we travelled to Nepal! The children loved role-playing a journey by aeroplane, complete with boarding passes and passports. Throughout the week, they took part in a variety of exciting activities, including food tasting, preparing Nepalese food, designing flags, and learning about Nepal through role play and discussion.

Swimming

All the children have thoroughly enjoyed swimming this half term. It has been wonderful to see the progress they have made in both their swimming skills and confidence in the water.

End of Year Message

We have had a fabulous year in Bridgewater 1 and are incredibly proud of all the pupils and their achievements. We wish them every success and happiness as they move into their new classes in September.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you have a wonderful and relaxing summer.

We would also like to wish Sally all the very best as she begins her maternity leave. We hope she enjoys this special time and look forward to seeing her and her beautiful baby boy during the new academic year!

From,

Emma, Sally, Carmen, Rachel & Leah xx

Bridgewater 2

Our sensory story this term have linked to our umbrella topic of 'The Sea'. Our Sensory Story was 'Tiddler' by Julia Donaldson. The children loved this well known story about a little grey fish and actively took part in all the sensory aspects to the story. I think some of their favourite activities were fishing the mermaids out of water trays and feeling the slimy squids, we used jelly for this, and they enjoyed tasting it as well as feeling it! Our story this half term has been The Little Mermaid and again the children have engaged so well with the sensory aspect we put into this story and their favourite parts were making the Evil Eels using playdough and tasting the wedding cake at the end of the story.

Our topic session we have explored and learnt about all aspects of The Sea. The children have found out about the sea and animals that live in the sea using a range of sensory activities, they have enjoyed exploring water trays and using nets to fish out the creatures to explore, they have enjoyed saving the sea creatures from slime and engaged with a variety of sensory small world tuff trays used enable the children to further explore the sea and seaside activities.

The children have carried out science investigations around the theme of the sea and explored different animal habitats.

They have also created rock pools in art and creative and this term have really enjoyed following simple instructions to make an ice cream sundae. I think this was actually their favourite activity of the whole year!

We have been able to get out and about a lot during this term and we have enjoyed lots of community walks to develop awareness of road safety and we have been looking around school and our local area for signs of summer.

We have also been lucky enough to go on two fantastic trips! The children loved going to Longton Park and enjoyed playing on all the equipment, we also went to the café there and the children used their communication aids to communicate what they wanted to eat, and they were all so well behaved, and explored all the play equipment and walked so well around the park. Our second visit was to The Ice Cream Farm and we all had the best day! The children had a great time exploring in the huge sand and water barn they have there, they absolutely loved playing in the different water activities and were very brave climbing on all the different apparatus. They all got very wet and sandy but had the very best time and then our trip was finished with a yummy ice cream!

I have so enjoyed teaching your amazing children this year and I know I speak for all the staff in Bridgewater 2 when I say how much we will miss those who are moving on next year! I know they will continue to flourish and progress, we will pop and see them whenever we can!

Thank you for all your support this year, your children really are a credit to you!

Coalport 1 Summer Term



Coalport 1 have had a fantastic summer term creating more wonderful memories and experiencing a variety of engaging activities. We loved participating in our multisensory fundraiser week where we explored a country in each continent: Mexico, Italy, Kenya, Australia and India. We raced around the world, had themed activities including learning about the Mexican Mariachi, and making Italian Pizza, and came together with our multisensory peers to share food from the different countries.

Our cultural studies week involved learning all about the country 'Nepal' where we participated in a pretend flight and explored traditional Nepalese food and music.

During our my independence sessions we have explored the sea by playing in sensory mediums, using a switch activated hairdryer to move boats on water, and making our own water sounds using the rain maker, pipets, and lots of splashing!



This term we have been out on walks in our community to go to the shop, see our outdoor environment, and even have a picnic. We loved our trip to Peak wildlife where we saw the polar bears and walked through the wallaby enclosure.

In PSHE we loved making our own 'Kemball Spa' where we used the foot massager and made lots of bubbles, and all got to experience a massage by pressing the switch and feeling the massager on our bodies.



We hope you have a fantastic summer break! Stay safe everyone. From
Jordan, Kim, Becky, Shelby and Gulshen x

Coalport 2



This term, we have been learning about Nepal during Cultural Studies Week. We explored Nepal through music, food, and interactions with our peers. Everyone enjoyed dressing up and trying new flavours.

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser this year. Throughout the week, we travelled around the world, exploring several continents, taking part in group activities in the hall, and joining a parade outside along the multisensory pathway.

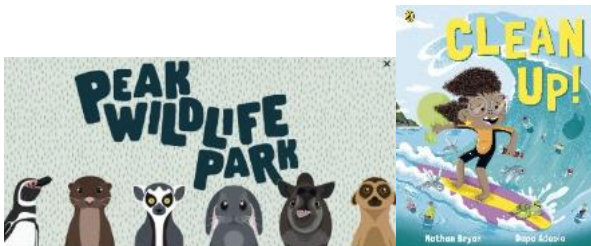
This term also saw some changes to our curriculum and timetable. Our sensory story has been *Clean Up!*, giving everyone a sensory experience while reading the story. Our problem-solving and communication sessions have included opportunities to develop number, colour, shape, reading, and writing skills, with all activities designed to build skills while incorporating individual targets.

We also enjoyed a class trip to Peak Wildlife alongside Coalport 1. It was a wonderful, shared experience and a fantastic way to end the year!

During our *My Independence* sessions, everyone has been working incredibly hard on their target areas while developing positive relationships with class staff.

On behalf of all the staff who have worked alongside the young people of Coalport 2, it has been an absolute pleasure to spend the year with you and watch you grow. Enjoy your well-deserved break, continue to work hard, and we look forward to welcoming you back in September for another amazing year.

Coalport 2, Jo Katie, Laura and Tahira x



Doultou 1

As we come to the end of another wonderful year in D1, we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the exciting learning experiences and achievements of our children throughout the Summer Term.



This term, we have enjoyed exploring two exciting topics: The Jungle and The Seaside. During our Jungle topic, the children loved learning about a variety of jungle animals and their habitats. As we moved on to our Seaside topic, the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring sand and water play. They developed their understanding of seaside environments through sensory activities, role play, construction, and outdoor learning experiences. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity and enthusiasm as they explored these new themes.



One of the highlights of the term was our Cultural Studies Week, where our focus country was Nepal. The children had a fantastic time learning about Nepalese culture through a variety of engaging activities. They explored Nepalese art, created their own colourful artwork, and investigated Mount Everest through exciting sensory trays. We also enjoyed a special Nepal-themed music session, where the children experienced different sounds, rhythms, and cultural traditions. It was a wonderful opportunity to broaden their understanding of the world around them.



We were delighted to welcome families to our End of Year Achievement Assembly. This special event gave us the chance to celebrate the children's hard work, progress, and achievements throughout the year. It was lovely to reflect on how much they have grown in confidence, independence, and learning. We are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished and were thrilled to share these moments with their families.

As the school year comes to a close, we would like to thank all of our families for their continued support and partnership. It has been a joy to watch the children learn, develop, and flourish throughout the year. We wish all of our EYFS families a happy, safe, and relaxing summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new academic year.

Best wishes,

Danica, Amer, Amelia and Charlotte

Gladstone 1

What a wonderful Summer term we have had in Gladstone 1. We have had a fantastic term reflecting on a very successful school year. One of our main highlights this term was our trip to Wedgwood the children loved the experience and have learnt so much from the visit recalling lots of facts and information from our trip.

English- Throughout this term we have explored two key texts the Monkey Puzzle and Titanic. The children have thoroughly enjoyed both texts and have participated in a range of activities such as story sequencing, role play, designing their own story boards, writing sentences using colourful semantics and lots more. The Titanic was a firm favourite!

Maths- In our maths lessons we have been exploring Money skills learning the names of different coins, how to make different amounts using coins, how to count and give change and how different combinations of coins can make the same amounts.

Science- During our science lessons we have been learning all about Electricity. The children have learnt how plugs and sockets are used and how to stay safe around electricity. We have learnt how to put batteries into different toys finding the – and + signs and we have experimented how different items can move, heat up and light up.

P.E- The children have enjoyed swimming this term. The children have grown in confidence and have been working hard to practice swimming longer lengths, how to swim through hoops under water and how to safely dive underwater to collect sunken toys.

R.E- During our RE lessons we have focussed on celebrations and festivals. We have explored how different types of religious celebrations and festivals are carried out comparing them to our own traditions. We have also learnt all about Ramadan and Eid and the importance of these to religious people.

We want to say a huge well done to all the children for another fantastic year of learning and fun. We are very proud of how far the children have come this year and we look forward to seeing them continuing to thrive. Thank you to all the parents for our continued support this year.

Wishing you all a fantastic summer holidays and good luck in your new classes!

Gladstone 1 Team- Shannon, Laura, Anna, Ebony and Aarzo x



Gladstone 2 Summer Newsletter

We have had a fantastic summer term in Gladstone 2, with lots of exciting learning, fun activities and wonderful achievements. We are so proud of everything the children have done this term.



In English, the children really enjoyed our class texts, *All Aboard the Titanic* and *Monkey Puzzle*. One of our pupils shared lots of interesting facts about the Titanic and loved teaching the rest of the class about this important historical event. The children also wrote diary entries, imagining they were passengers on the Titanic. They all did a fantastic job describing what they could see, hear and feel on board the ship.

The children have continued to work hard on their handwriting and spelling every day, and it has been lovely to see the progress they have all made with their writing.



We started the summer term with Cultural Studies Week, where we learned all about Nepal. The children loved exploring Google Maps and comparing the landscapes of Nepal and the UK. They spotted the huge mountains and forests in Nepal and compared them with the fields, towns and cities they know here in the UK.



Sports Day was a brilliant day, and it was wonderful to see every child taking part with enthusiasm. They all tried their best, cheered each other on and showed fantastic determination. We were especially proud that a couple of our pupils took part in the whole of Sports Day for the very first time. This was a huge achievement, and it was lovely to celebrate this together!

In PSHE, we have been thinking about the different groups we belong to, both in and out of school. The children enjoyed talking about their families, clubs and teams, as well as the groups they support, including the England football team.

In RE we have been looking at festivals and food. The children enjoyed comparing their favourite celebration food and we talked about which celebrations we take part in and like to learn about. We compared different festivals and realised that lots of festivals involve family, food, lights and decorations.



During our topic days, we revisited learning from earlier in the year. It has been great to see how much the children have remembered and how their skills have grown. We have been especially impressed with the progress they have made in Art, where they have become much more confident with their painting techniques.

It has been a wonderful summer term, and we are incredibly proud of all the children and everything they have achieved. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you all have a happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday, and we look forward to seeing everyone in September!

A huge thank you to our lunchtime supervisor Alison. We will miss you next year!

From

Maddie, Gemma, Chloe and Zea

Coalport 3 and Maple have made the most of the sunshine throughout the Summer term. We have explored water play and practised our aim whilst in walkers when using water pistols and sprayers!

We have very much enjoyed our topic of Nepal. Pupils have been able to demonstrate where in Nepal they would like to spend time through showing preferences to temperatures and wind speeds. We have practised the greeting of 'Namaste' and have also cooked the traditional recipe of Dal Baht.

Our yoga goat has been very popular during our sensory story with all pupils showing super responses to both its movements and sound effects. Pupils have been able to request more of the goat consistently and some have even identified body parts.

Our options learning has been fantastic as usual with all groups enjoying their chosen learning. The Outdoor Learning group has spent time outdoors enjoying the parachute, nature walks and creating collages through nature. Our local legends group have enjoyed learning about a real variety of local people who have done great things including Slash and famous potters. Our Slash inspired hats were particularly impressive. The arts and crafts group have created some fantastic pieces of artwork using techniques such as bubble art and syringe painting. They have shown super choices with colours and all pupils have shown a super 'have a go' attitude.

As usual we have enjoyed getting out and about in the community with plenty of walks to local places. It is always lovely to hear when members of the local community comment on what a wonderful group of learners we have in Maple and Coalport 3, it has happened a lot over the last couple of months!

We would like to wish all friends and family of Kemball school a fantastic summer break and look forward to seeing learner again in September.

Kathy, Yvonne, Jess, Joy, Bekki and Sam

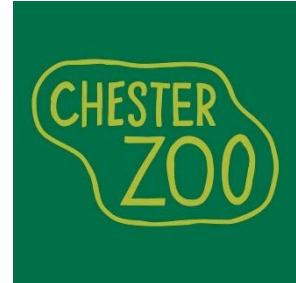


Minton 1

Our Topic during the Summer term has been "Under the sea". We have been on two trips this term where we have had opportunities to explore different animals in their habitat and begin to distinguish land animals and sea animals. We then visited Chester Zoo for our end of year trip, we had opportunities to feed different animals.

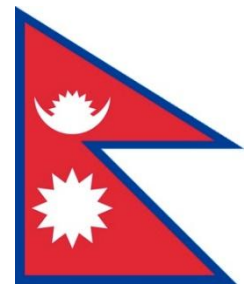
To support our love for reading we have been to visit Newcastle Library. We have visited the library a few times now and have recently had a couple of sessions delivered where pupils listened to different stories that included props. We have had the

opportunity to explore how we can loan books from the library to take back to school. It has been lovely being able to transfer the skills we have developed in our school library into a public library.



We took a trip to Nepal for our cultural Studies week. We started off in the Minton 1 airport where we packed our bags, went through security and boarded the plane. We explored Mount Everest, the culture and popular foods. We created our own pots during our pottery session and once they were painted and complete we took them home to share with our families.

In Life skills we have been busy cooking a variety of different meals. Each Monday we took a trip to our local Tesco and used a communication shopping list to help us purchase our ingredients. On Tuesday we followed step by step instructions to prepare and cook our meals. We tasted them at school and shared them with our friends and even took some home to share with our family.



We have been exploring how to maintain our safety when walking in our local community. Each week we have gone for a walk in our community focusing on how to maintain our safety by exploring how to cross a road safely to get from one destination to another.



We worked hard with the engagement pathway to fundraise money during our fundraising week. Our focus was the Commonwealth games; we worked hard to complete lots of physical activities to support our fundraiser. We ended our fundraising week with our Engagement Sports day. It was lovely to include you all in our sports day, also to watch our pupils showcase the skills they have learnt and developed during their physical education sessions throughout the year.

We have had such a fantastic year in Minton 1 and we are extremely proud of all our pupils and their achievements. It was lovely to share some of these with you all at our achievement assembly. We hope you all have a wonderful Summer, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Natasha, Emma, Kelly, Laura and Gemma

Minton 2 Class Newsletter

What a Wonderful Term!

As we come to the end of another fantastic term and year, we would like to share some of the exciting learning and experiences that the children have enjoyed.

English

The children thoroughly enjoyed finishing our work on , *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Inspired by the story, they designed their own imaginative chocolate bars and incredible inventions. We also had a fantastic trip to **Trentham Gardens**, where we took part in a delicious chocolate tasting experience and found inspiration for new flavours and products while exploring the sweet shop and ice cream parlour.

History

We completed our learning about **Our Local History**, recalling lots of fascinating facts about Stoke-on-Trent and its famous pottery industry.

Geography

In Geography, we have been learning all about our local area. The children explored the six towns of Stoke-on-Trent and developed their map-reading skills by using directional language to navigate their way around school.

Art

We revisited our work on Vincent van Gogh and created beautiful flower paintings inspired by his famous artwork. It was wonderful to compare these with the paintings we created in Autumn 1 and see just how much progress everyone has made.

Design and Technology

Our budding designers used recyclable and sheet materials to design and build their own structures.

PSHE

This half term we have been learning about how to care for living things. To support our learning, we visited **Pets at Home**, where the children discovered what different pets need to stay happy and healthy and discussed the responsibilities involved in caring for animals.

Computing

The children have been developing their digital skills by creating PowerPoint presentations about different animals. They learned how to include images, record audio and present information clearly for an audience.

What an amazing year it has been! We are incredibly proud of every single child in Minton 2. They have worked so hard, shown kindness to one another, embraced new challenges and made fantastic progress across all areas of learning.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year, it has made such a difference.

We hope you all have a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer holiday. We look forward to seeing what exciting adventures the children have next!

Happy Summer from the Minton 2 Team!

Paragon 1

I can't believe that this year in Paragon 1 is coming to an end, our summer term has been filled with lots of fun, learning and exploration!



Our topic this term has been 'The Sea' and it has been so lovely to see how well the class have engaged with this. We really enjoyed exploring animals and their habitats, boats, the seaside and signs of summer. We have conducted floating and sinking experiments, explored a variety of sea animals and created coral reef sculptures using clay and paint. A highlight of our summer term was our trip to Cheshire Ice Cream Farm where we explored 'Honeycomb Canyon', a huge indoor sand and water play which replicated a real-life beach!

In Summer 1, our Sensory Story was 'Commotion in the Ocean' where we explored poems based on a range of sea animals. In Summer 2, our Sensory Story was 'Sharing a Shell', which focused on 3 animals living in a rock pool looking for a new shell to call home. During both stories we developed our sitting, listening and engaging skills through exploring lots of sensory props.

We have explored our local environment through walks in our community where we visited different parks and developed our play skills when interacting with our peers. The children have continued to work very hard to develop their PSHE skills, especially through our Play Skills session where we have explored 'my turn, your turn' through games.



We have had some really lovely days together, including our Mental Health and Well-Being Day, where we focused on the 5 areas of well-being. We learned new skills to make cookies and then gave them to our friends in Spode 2, as well as developing our independence skills. We started Summer 2 term off with our Cultural Studies Week was great fun where we learned all about Nepal, their culture, traditions and the people. We also loved our Sport's Day where we practised lots of physical skills and engaged in some fun activities- thank you to all parents who came to support.

We are incredibly proud of every child in Paragon 1 for the dedication and effort they've shown across all areas of their learning this year. We hope you enjoyed celebrating their achievements at the end-of-year assembly as much as we did. A heartfelt thank you for making this such a fantastic year in Paragon 1 - we have thoroughly enjoyed all the time we have had with the children, and I hope you all have an amazing summer holiday!

Megan, Lydia, Louise, Kinga and Sarah

REGENCY 1 SUMMER TERM 2026

Summer term, the school year over again! That flew by.

ASDAN- The pupils continued to collect evidence towards their award. This term they worked on a mini-enterprise, learning how to run a business. That involved forming a company, taking roles, making their product and selling it.

ASDAN Options. All pupils chose an option to work on over the term. These were- Art & DT, DIY, Health & Social Care, Music Technology, and Hospitality. Some pupils went on a trip to make a pot in a ceramics studio.

DofE- Pupils are continuing to build their evidence towards a Bronze Award. Our PE sessions in basketball, cricket, athletics and walks in the community also count towards the physical element of the award. We have also carried out litter picks around school and in the community, and also, made donations to charities.

RE is now covered by two whole days every half term. The subject is covered by studying the area in question by looking at food, art and practices as well as the underlying values of the religion. We have looked at Ramadan and Eid first. Secondly, we looked at Festivals and food, which gave us the chance to make and taste various dishes as some of the activities and to explore why food is such an important part of any celebration..

PE- With the onset of the better weather, we got outside to play Boccia, frisbee golf, athletics and some other ball games. We have also continued working out to keep fit videos to try and build co-ordination, balance and stamina. There has been a definite improvement in the amount of time they are able to participate for before needing a break.

PSHE- We have studied drugs, alcohol and tobacco over the first half of the term, followed by managing finances over the second half term. The second topic gave us chance to look at important things like receipts, bills and using bank cards.

IT- pupils took photos and video clips around the school and then used the program iMovie to turn it into a presentation tour of the school. This involved editing the clips together and adding effects. Secondly, the pupils used a book creator app to create a book of their choice.

Mental Health and Wellbeing (MHWB) Be Active- We spent half of the day trying different activities, some new to them (old to adults) such as skipping, elastics and hopscotch. For the final MHWB session, we went on a long walk, took a picnic and noticed the surroundings in a different area.

Science- We covered work on rocks and reproduction. The trip this term to the Apedale Heritage Centre in particular, supported the study of rocks. A great opportunity to do something different by going down a mine.

Cultural Studies- This year, we looked at Nepal. We took a trip to Peak Wildlife Park to see red pandas which are native to Nepal. In addition, we made wool yetis, wrote a news article about the first climbing of Everest, carried out mapwork on the region, learned about mountain pollution and about Buddhism.

We also have daily phonics, reading and spelling sessions. We are trying to improve our comprehension by listening to playbacks of a conversation and watching film clips, and then being able to answer questions about the content. Our English work has concentrated on

functional skills such as arguments and points of view, giving and following instructions, and adverts. We read "Frankenstein," and produced work based on it.

As a treat, we took a trip to Alton Towers. Some fantastic photos were taken to remind us of the day there.

We always make time for discussion and enjoy our conversations going off in another direction and then using Google and YouTube to discover even further. We have continued doing daily immersive interactive warm-ups to get the brain and muscles moving. Best of all, we have a lot of fun.

Thank you for your support over the last year. Hope the sun shines on your summer. Good luck to all of those pupils moving on to a new class.

Ian, Shelley, Zoe and all in Regency 1

Regency 2 Summer Term

We have had a lovely term in Regency 2 and we would like to take this opportunity to share some of the exciting experiences and opportunities the children have enjoyed over the past few months.

English-

During English this term, the children have really enjoyed delving deep into a written text 'The Hound of the Baskervilles', the children used this opportunity to enhance their learning and written skills, looking deeply into different ways to make a piece of text more exciting for example, using adjectives to describe the setting or characters, incorporating speech into our academic writing, and exploring different closing texts, to keep the reader entertained and engaged. During the second half of the term, the children have showed a great level of interest during our 'World of Work' topic. The children have demonstrated a deep understanding of the working world, and what processes we may have to go through before getting a job, for example, interviews, CV's and job application forms. We have discovered the different pieces of personal information we may need to share when completing one of the above processes, and how we keep this safe and confidential.

Maths-

During maths this term, the children have shown a great level of perseverance and determination whilst they explored the topic capacity. The children faced many challenges along the way, however with great resilience, the children are now extremely confident in reading ML from different measuring utensils. The children engaged in many learning opportunities, for example using syringes to measure specific metrics, to using cups to measure full, half full and empty. Also in maths, we have been looking closely into time, what time is used for, why it is important and how to read the time from different clocks. The children have discussed hour, quarter past, half past and quarter to and used a 12-hour clock to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of time.

Duke of Edinburgh-

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning opportunities in Duke of Edinburgh this term, as they explored the different equipment that they would need for an overnight stay, experiencing utilising some of this equipment, and working extremely hard as a team to demonstrate how to pitch up their tents correctly. We have also had the opportunity to develop some volunteering opportunities throughout the community and within school and looked at all the different local charities within Stoke-on-Trent and how they benefit the wider community. The children have enjoyed several trips this term during Duke of Edinburgh, demonstrating to the public, our knowledge and understanding of the award and how this is going to benefit us in the future. The children have paid a visit to one of our local charities, Dougie Mac, where they very kindly donated 20 bags of old schoolbooks. They have also enjoyed their trips to Go Outdoors and other outdoorsy shops, looking at all the equipment, understanding how they are used and taking notice of all the different items of clothing, you may need for an overnight stay.

Computing-

During computing this term, some of the children have been working hard to develop their skills collecting data and demonstrating this in a spreadsheet or a graph. The children showed resilience and determination as they navigated some of the different platforms, including word, excel and publisher. The other children, have been delving deep into the world of technology, looking closely at the everyday appliances, or equipment that involves technology for example, microwaves, printers and computers. Both groups of children have shown a great level of understanding and are much more confident with using technology within the world and environment around them.

ASDAN-

During ASDAN this term, the children have worked exceptionally well as a team to achieve a shared goal that they identified and planned together. Their chosen objective was to use their fine motor skills to help revitalise the school's sensory garden. The children carefully discussed their goal, considering the resources they would need, the features they wished to include, and the timescale required to complete the project. With support and guidance from staff, they independently contributed to creating a safe, nurturing, and sensory-friendly environment for pupils across the school. Throughout the project, the children demonstrated excellent teamwork, creativity, and perseverance. Their activities included weeding flower beds and plant pots, planting herbs, vegetables, and flowers, creating bright and colourful garden decorations, and constructing bird boxes and bird feeders to encourage local wildlife back into the area. The children's hard work and dedication have transformed the sensory garden into an engaging and welcoming outdoor space that can be enjoyed by the whole school community.

Trips and Opportunities within the community-

- B and M- To collect resources for the sensory garden.
- Trentham Gardens- To gain inspirations of the different flowers we could possibly plant in the sensory garden.
- Dougie Mac Charity Shop- To deliver donations and to expand our volunteering skills.
- Go Outdoors- To further our knowledge and understanding of the different equipment we would use for our Duke of Edinburgh experiences.



Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. We are all incredibly proud of the children in Regency 2 and we hope you have a wonderful and relaxing summer break. We look forward to seeing you all in the new school year.



Sam, Mel, Meg and Caroline

Spode 2

We have had a lovely summer term in Spode 2 and would like to take this opportunity to celebrate all of the wonderful experiences and achievements the children have enjoyed over the past few months.

Our topic this term has been 'The Sea', which has provided a fantastic opportunity to explore a range of sea animals and creatures, the beach, traditional British holidays, and the British summer weather. The children have thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the topic and have shown great enthusiasm throughout their learning. It has been wonderful seeing everyone get stuck into activities while continuing to develop their play, sharing, and social interaction skills.



During the term, we have enjoyed several exciting opportunities to get out into the community. We had a lovely visit to Longton Park, where the children enjoyed exploring the surroundings and spending time outdoors. We also had a fantastic trip to Cheshire Ice Cream Farm, where the children had lots of fun exploring the sand and water play areas—and of course enjoyed some delicious ice cream too! We also celebrated Cultural Studies Week, learning all about Nepal, its people, traditions, and culture. The children enjoyed exploring different aspects of Nepalese life and taking part in a variety of themed activities.

This half term, we have enjoyed two sensory stories: 'Commotion in the Ocean' and 'Sharing a Shell'. The children have engaged brilliantly with the sensory props and experiences, while continuing to develop their waiting, listening, and attention skills. In our Maths and English lessons, we have explored measurement, number, and shape, as well as developing our reading skills and mark-making through a variety of sensory materials and activities. The children have worked hard and made excellent progress throughout the term.



One of the highlights of the term was our Mental Health and Well-being Day, where we explored the Five Ways to Well-being. The children enjoyed taking part in a range of activities focused on connecting with others, being active, taking notice, learning new things, and giving to others. We also had a fantastic Sports Day, where the children showed great enthusiasm and determination while taking part in the different activities. Thank you to everyone who came along to support and cheer them on.

We hope you all enjoyed our End of Year Achievement Assembly. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the children's successes and share how proud we are of everything they have achieved this year. They have all worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of themselves. As always, the children have continued to work hard during our play skills sessions, and it has been wonderful to see them increasingly sharing, communicating, and interacting with their peers in playful and meaningful ways.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of all the children and everything they have achieved. We hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing everyone again in the new school year.

Lucie, Katie, Amelia and Kat



Summer Term Music 2026

We have achieved so much in music over this year and all the pupils have continued to make amazing progress across the school. It is wonderful to work with the pupils' exploring instruments, singing songs, listening to music and composing our own. Well done to those chosen from each class to achieve the music award for this year and the choir awards. You are all amazing!

As a school we have achieved a Bronze level Sounds of Intent Inclusive Music Award celebrating music at our school as truly inclusive and enjoyed by everyone.

Options Trip to see the Halle

The options group worked really hard in school using the Clarion app on the iPads to play The Lion Sleeps tonight in 2 parts. They performed this with the choir at the summer fair. I hope you enjoyed their performance.



We had a great trip to the Victoria Hall in June to see the Halle orchestra. The concert was themed around the world cup, and the orchestra played some great music by composers from the Americas as well as some tracks by British composers. The pupils had a chance to join in singing We're all in this together, Ai Caramba (a samba song) and Waka Waka. Our group were amazing and we had a great time.

Choir

Our choir has continued to be the highlight of my week. We have worked really hard learning some summer songs and even singing in 2 parts! We really enjoyed sharing these with you at our summer fair and at Tunstall Market. It's great to be able to take the choir to outside venues and share their joy of music and singing with the public. I am so looking forward to September and continuing our choir with our present and hopefully some new members. Choir is open to any pupils at Kemball School. We have a great time and it would be amazing to see some new faces 😊.



Trinity Awards and Certificates in Musical Development

During this year I have had the absolute pleasure of working with some pupils to work on the music skills needed to gain a nationally recognised Entry Level qualification in music. They all worked incredibly hard and achieved their awards. Well done to these pupils. We are so proud of you. 🏆



Wishing you all a lovely summer

Lorraine 🎵

Wedgwood 2

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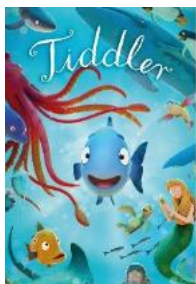


We have had a super summer term in Wedgwood 2 and we would like to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of all the children have achieved.

Our topic this term has been 'The Sea', which has provided a fantastic opportunity to explore a range of sea animals and creatures as well as their habitats. We have been able to explore water, animals and the environment around us which has led to me fantastic learning opportunities.



This term, we have had lots of exciting opportunities to explore beyond the classroom and engage with the wider community. We enjoyed a wonderful visit to Longton Park, where the children explored the environment and spent time outdoors. We also had a fantastic trip to Cheshire Ice Cream Farm, where the children had great fun investigating the sand and water play areas—and, of course, tasting some delicious ice cream! Alongside this, we celebrated Cultural Studies Week, where we learned all about Nepal, including its people, traditions, and culture. The children really enjoyed discovering different aspects of Nepalese life and taking part in a range of themed activities.



This half term, we have enjoyed two sensory stories: 'Tiddler' and 'The Little Mermaid'. The children have engaged brilliantly with a range of sensory props, as well as exploring light-up toys and musical resources to bring the stories to life. These experiences have supported the development of their waiting, listening, and attention skills while encouraging curiosity and engagement.

In Communication and Problem Solving our learning has linked closely to our sea theme. In English, the children have explored sea-themed stories, developed early reading skills, and practised mark-making through a variety of sensory materials inspired by the ocean. In Maths, we have investigated number, shape, and measurement through practical, hands-on activities such as comparing sea creatures, counting shells, and exploring size and capacity with water-based play. The children have worked incredibly hard and made fantastic progress throughout the term.

Thank you for attending our school events this year. We enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day, where the children took part in a range of activities with great enthusiasm and determination. It was wonderful to see their confidence and enjoyment throughout the event. Thank you to everyone who came along to support and encourage them. We hope you enjoyed our End of Year Achievement Assembly. It was a special opportunity to celebrate the children's accomplishments and reflect on how much they have achieved this year. They have all worked extremely hard and should feel very proud of themselves.

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year. We are so proud of all the children and everything they have accomplished. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new school year.

Katie, Danielle, Lisa, Gemma, Ruth, Sophie

Paragon 2

We can because we try...

We have had a fantastic Summer Term in Paragon 2! The children have had wonderful Transition Days, meeting new friends and Staff and have also enjoyed celebrating our successes as we near the end of this academic year!

English- Throughout this term we have explored two key texts 'The Little Raindrop' and 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'. The children have engaged well with both texts and have taken part in activities to develop their comprehension and writing skills such as Letter Formation, Story Sequencing, Role Play scenarios and creating a Poster.

Maths- In Maths we have continued to develop our understanding of Numicon and Number Rods through Ordering, Doubling and Halving, Addition and Matching with Numerals. The children have gained lots of confidence in using both sets of resources and applying to simple mathematical skills.

Science- Within our Science topics we have revisited Animals and Humans and Electricity, Light and Sound. The children have demonstrated great recall and have been able to identify the 5 senses and the body parts they relate to, objects that have a plug/don't have a plug and have experimented with creating shadows in different forms.

History/Geography – During our History and Geography sessions, we have revisited looking at different homes where people may live and related them to our homes, as well as exploring our local area Blurton, and what surrounds our School. This has enabled the children to build upon their map reading skills. We have also explored Canals and our local History including famous Potters Josiah Wedgwood and Emma Bridgewater.

Art/DT – The children have been able to expand upon their creative skills and previously learnt knowledge by creating their own Van Gogh Sunflower paintings, utilising simple techniques we have worked on throughout the year. The children have also developed their construction skills by exploring a range of materials and recyclable materials to create Towers, Buildings etc, which have allowed the children to expand upon their imaginative skills.

P.E- In P.E. the children have been developing their ball skills through simple turn taking activities with both Staff and peers such as Rolling, Throwing and Catching, Stopping the Ball and Aiming towards a Target. The children have demonstrated such enthusiasm during our Swimming sessions and are now able to independently explore the Swimming Pool, beginning to use our arms and legs more to help us to navigate.

Computing – Typing has been our central focus in Computing, and the children have been able to develop and acquire new skills when exploring the Keyboard, typing simple CVC

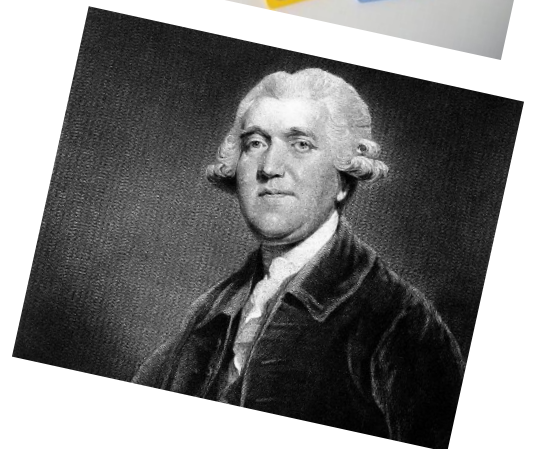
words and sentences, finding letters of our names and gaining observational skills through cause and effect.

R.E- During our RE lessons we have recalled our knowledge of a variety of familiar festivals that we have focused on throughout the Academic year such as Christmas, Diwali and Chinese New Year. The children have loved exploring artefacts related to each festival, as well as taking part in familiar rituals and those from other cultures.

Thank you for your continued support this term and this year we really appreciate it. It has been an absolute pleasure this year for us as a team; to introduce the children to the Progression Pathway and we are incredibly proud of their achievements and efforts, as well as how they have adjusted and transitioned to a new way of learning!

We wish you a fantastic Summer Holidays and hope you have an amazing time! We wish you all the best in your future classes and know that you will continue to succeed!

Paragon 2 Team- Stacey, Savannah, Rachel and Charlotte



Aynsley 1 – Summer Newsletter



This term, Aynsley 1 have enjoyed learning a variety of skills in our English lessons. Our Sensory Stories this term have been The lion, the witch and the wardrobe and We're going on a holiday, where students have joined in with activities based on their individual targets in class. By the end of the term, the pupils were able to interact more with the activities and show a greater interest by gesturing their feelings towards different parts of the stories. We have worked hard on our fine motor skills through a range of activities and also our letter recognition and mark making.



For our Maths lessons, we have explored our numbers using numicon and real objects to support our understanding. We have focused on matching quantities to number using objects and counting out actions and movements.

In our ASDAN lessons, we have focused personal care, washing our hands, brushing our teeth and washing the hair of a doll. We have made different types of healthy food, including sandwiches, cereal with milk and fruit smoothies. When following personal care instructions, we have focused on what different personal care products we use and for different routines. We have taken part in these routines. For example, knowing that we need to wash our hands before and after we have eaten food and recognising what we need to complete this task properly.

Within our Duke of Edinburgh lessons, the students have continued to develop their skills through cooking, packing bags for expedition, exploring where we could sleep in a tent and what equipment we could use to cook. We also used our knowledge of school to find our way around by looking at photographs.

In R.E, our topic this term has been food and festivals. The pupils engaged in sensory exploration of different foods and simple activities such as sharing. They joined in with exploring Easter, Christmas, Birthdays and Diwali, listening to the music and tasting foods that would be eaten at these times.

We enjoyed our Cultural studies week, exploring where Nepal is in the world, making Dhal, making architectural tiles from clay, exploring the Holi festival and making masks for religious ceremonies.

We have also enjoyed a trip out to Brewers fayre for our breakfast and then to Alton Towers where we had a great time.

Thank you for all of your continued support.

Have a lovely Summer From Eleanor, Fiona, Mandy, Sarah, Sophie and Saphina (Aynsley 1 Team)