



Nutley Newsletter



Friday 8th May 2026

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HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely long weekend in the sunshine. I know that many of our families were out in the village on Monday supporting The Coffee House after the incident early Saturday morning. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they work to rebuild their much loved coffee house on our high street. School has been a hive of activity as ever this week, with Badgers going off to forest school and making cream on the way! We have also seen some beautiful leaf printing in all classes over the past few weeks. Reception class have been making the most of their outside area this week with the good weather and it has been wonderful to see all the opportunities they are getting to practise their skills using larger resources such as building and using the drainpipes. I have seen plenty of problem solving going on out there this week!

We were really lucky to have Red Butler Music School visiting us this Thursday for a fantastic assembly showcasing all that they offer in terms of musical instruments and skills. Well done to all our musicians who take part in their music lessons already and if you would like to sign up, please let Amy in the office know.

Next week is SATS assessments for our Year 6 children. They have been working so hard, along with Miss Marshall and Mrs Shearer, to be as prepared as they can for their tests. Miss Marshall and I have really enjoyed working with the children during SATS club over the past 2 terms to support the children on their journey. As a whole school community we wish you all the best of luck and have everything crossed for you.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend,

Mrs Denton

Class News



RABBITS

This week in Rabbit Class our main text has been 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We already had some knowledge about caterpillars and butterflies from looking at the lifecycle when our caterpillars arrived in school. Our caterpillars are currently making their way to the top of the lid where two have already started to hang! Over the next few days, they will now harden into chrysalides. We have been learning our days of the week and matching what food the hungry caterpillar ate on that day and have also written caterpillar/butterfly facts. In maths, we have been learning about taking away numbers. This is so tricky but the children have worked so hard. In phonics, we are still making our way through ccvc and cvcc words before we move onto polysyllabic words. In level 4, there are more tricky words and this week and last, we have had 4 tricky words each week. I am so impressed at how hard the children are working to remember these and any help looking at these tricky words in the children's home phonics learning books would be fab! We finished our week creating oil pastel pictures of fruit from 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' in the style of the work by author and illustrator, Eric Carle.

HEDGEHOGS



This week our class have been learning about non fiction books in Literacy and understanding what the different features such as heading, subheading and captions are. We are working up to creating our own non-fiction page in our writing lessons. In DT we have been learning about what makes a strong and stable vessel and working up to making our own at the end of this term, we have also been predicting what might happen to a variety of different vessels when testing them in water! In maths we are learning about fractions and we've been focusing on halves, quarters and thirds, and talking about how we know that shapes and amounts are in those fractions (eg there are 4 parts and they are all equal for quarters).

With Mrs Hollamby we are reading The Smeds and the Smoos and practising inference questions as well as retrieval practise- and of course, loving the story!

Class News Cont..



FOXES

This week we have started to learn about decimals, we have looked at tenths as fractions and as decimals, and we have also looked at decimal place value. In English we have been exploring the different poetic features used in the different river poems. We have identified onomatopoeia, rhyme, alliteration, repetition, similes, rhythm, metaphors, and imagery. We enjoyed coming up with lots of words to rhyme with. In computing we have done lots of coding on scratch and coded how to ask questions and type the correct answer. We had fun allowing each other to play and try these out. In science we linked to Forest school and looked at the pictures we took of the trees and then they drew the leaves into their books and identified the tree and its features (e.g. oak). In RE fox class made beautiful prayers and doves with Mrs Shearer. In geography we have been crafting our water cycle models using the boxes that were brought in (thank you!) and they are starting to look fabulous! Have a great weekend 😊



BADGERS

The last push before SATs and all the children have been fantastic. Well done Year 6, you have done all the hard work now and are sooo ready to take your papers next week. Thank you Y5 for getting on with your work so well, Mrs Shearer told me you have finished off your algebra topic brilliantly and have done some fab persuasive writing in English. In French, we learnt the names of different continents and challenged ourselves to write and say sentences about countries and the continents they are found in. In geography, we have been thinking about sustainability, and created information pages on the Great Barrier Reef and the important work they are doing to protect it. In PE, we have really developed our netball skills and understanding of the rules. In art, we created our initial designs for our final art piece inspired by Ted Harrison. Well done everyone, get plenty of rest this weekend.



Red Butler Music School



On Thursday morning we had an inspiring visit from Red Butler Music School. They run lessons during school time for Guitar, Keyboard and Drums. If your child would like a free trial lesson please visit rbmsmusic.com



Uniform Reminder

A polite reminder that white/ coloured trainers should not be worn as part of the school uniform on non-PE days. We are seeing an increasing number of children come in wearing these. Plain black trainers are acceptable.



SATs Week

Wishing our Year 6 pupils all the very best next week in their SATs... you've got this! Below are some top tips for your child to help them do their very best!

**100%
Attendance
Achieved this
week**

Badgers Forest School



Badgers spent their forest school afternoon making their own butter, doing flower rubbings, climbing and playing in the den.



Dates to Remember

May

Tue 12th Rabbits Forest School
Fri 22nd Last Day of Term 5

June

Mon 1st INSET Day
Tue 2nd First Day of Term 6
Thu 14th
Fri 19th Sports Day and PFA BBQ
Thu 25th Non-Uniform Day
(Bring an item for the fete hamper)
Sat 27th Nutley Village Fete

Attendance Year to Date

Whole School **95.3%**

Rabbits **94.5%**

Hedgehogs **95.4%**

Foxes **96.4%**

Badgers **95.0%**

Just a gentle reminder that government guidelines are to fine families taking more than 5 days consecutive holiday. Please be aware of this before booking holidays during term time!

Team Nutley Achievements

Class Certificates

Rabbits- Lily G, Chloe M
Hedgehogs- Reagan G, Charlie J
Foxes- Kenzi R, Imogen P
Badgers- Faye B-C, Georgia M

Values Award- Compassion

Rabbits- Rex E
Hedgehogs- Georgia B
Foxes- Thomas B
Badgers- Noah F

Staff Superstar- Miss Marshall

Star Badges

Nova S-D- 100 stars
Lily G- 100 stars

Good Deed Feeds

Charley
Lorenzo



YEAR 6 SATS TIPS

You've got this!

1 READ THE QUESTION CAREFULLY

Take your time to read it properly. Check what it's asking before you answer.



2 PLAN YOUR TIME

Make sure you have enough time for every question. Don't spend too long on one question.



3 CHECK YOUR WORK

If you have time, go back and check your answers. Small mistakes can make a big difference!



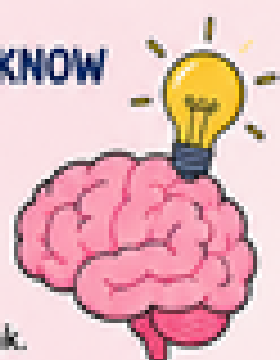
4 SHOW ALL YOUR WORKING

In Maths, show your working out. You can get marks for your method, even if your answer is wrong.



5 USE WHAT YOU KNOW

If you're not sure, use your best guess and apply what you've learned. Don't leave questions blank.



6 STAY CALM AND POSITIVE

Everyone can feel nervous. Take deep breaths, stay calm and do your best.



REMEMBER...

- ✓ You have **worked** hard.
- ✓ You are **prepared**.
- ✓ You can be **proud**!

Believe in yourself!

DO YOUR BEST AND BE PROUD OF YOURSELF!

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