

Tuesday 23rd July 2024



Bridgewater Summer Term 2 Newsletter 2024



A message from Mrs Henderson

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the academic year comes to an end, I wish to thank you for working with us to support and promote our values and aims to ensure the very best for your children. This final newsletter showcases just a snapshot of some of the fantastic provision children have enjoyed here at Bridgewater this final Summer term.

This term we say a fond farewell and best wishes to our Year 6 children, Miss Harrison, Miss Johnson and Mr Simons as they move on to new schools and new opportunities. I hope they all take happy memories of their time at Bridgewater with them. I am really pleased to inform you that we have a few new faces joining us in September too –Miss Robinson, Miss Tanker, Miss Whitfield, Mrs Thompson and Miss Furzer. I look forward to introducing them to you in the new academic year!

Finally, I am sure you will all join me in saying a **huge thank you** to the dedicated and caring staff here at Bridgewater. They are simply the best! Staff have also asked me to thank parents for your thoughtful and generous end of year gifts.

Have a great summer everyone! Stay safe, and we will see you in September.

School Council

Our School Council members have had a super last half term in school. We met with Miss Morris and some visitors who came to our school to talk about how we represent our classes as Well Being Ambassadors. They were very impressed with us and Miss Morris was so proud of our maturity.

Thank you to everyone who came to support us with our Annual Summer Fair. Fortunately the rain held off and we were able to have great fun with lots of activities to play, delicious food and drink and creative stalls to buy crafts.

A note from Miss Morris ... Thank you to our school council members this year, it has been a privilege to work alongside you. Your dedication and commitment has been commendable and I wish you every success in your new school year.



Important dates next half term:

10th September
Y3 Trip to Pooles Cavern

18th September
Y4GW Trip to Deva Romance Centre

19th September
Y4RS Trip to Deva Romance Centre
EYFS & Y1 Phonics Parent Workshop

24th September
Globe Theatre Project Parent Workshop

26th September
MacMillan Cake Sale

30th September
Nasal Flu—Nursery

3rd October—4th October
Y1 Audiology Screening

10th October
World Mental Health Day

17th October
Flu Vaccines—Reception

A big congratulations to Mrs Glendon on the birth of her baby boy who arrived safely into the world this month.

Archie Glendon weighing
9lb 8!

They're both doing well and enjoying plenty of snuggles!





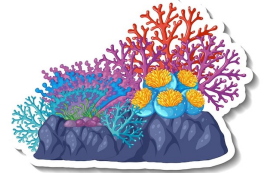
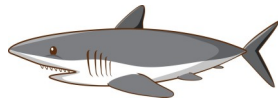
Nursery



As we wrap up another exciting term in Nursery, we are thrilled to share all the wonderful activities and learning experiences we've had this Summer 2 term. Our theme for this term was "Under the Sea," and the children have been captivated by the wonders of the ocean. We explored various sea creatures, learned interesting facts about their habitats, and created beautiful underwater crafts. From painting colourful fish to crafting jellyfish using paper plates and streamers, the children's creativity truly shone through. In addition to our ocean adventures, we also embraced the joys of summer. The children enjoyed outdoor playtime, where they participated in water games, sandcastle building, and nature walks. These activities not only provided endless fun but also helped develop their motor skills and foster a love for the great outdoors. A highlight of our term was the visit to Blue Planet Aquarium. The children were mesmerized by the variety of marine life, including sharks, rays, and vibrant coral reefs. The interactive displays and informative talks made it a memorable educational experience. We saw the children's faces light up with awe and excitement, making the trip truly special. In phonics, we focused on learning digraphs, helping the children to blend sounds and develop their reading skills. Through fun and engaging activities, the children practiced identifying and pronouncing various digraphs. It's been wonderful to see their progress and growing confidence in reading.

We are incredibly proud of the children's achievements this term and look forward to continuing their learning journey. Thank you for your continuous support and involvement in our nursery activities.

Wishing you all a fantastic summer break!



Reception

During the last half term, we have enjoyed lots of exciting activities. To begin the half term, we had some furry visitors come to see us in school. The children were able to stroke and see some sheep, chickens, goats, rabbits and a pig! We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to 'Imagine That' where the children were able to be scientists, explorers, investigators and designers. The children created their own snow, slime and bath bombs as well as painting their own fridge magnets. The children had the best day ever! We were also lucky to have some sun during our sports day. The children had lots of fun in the different races and they displayed great sportsmanship as they cheered each other on and celebrated one another. To end the half term and to celebrate our children finishing Reception, we celebrated with a graduation to acknowledge and applaud the children for their hard work, behaviour and progress this year. Thank you for a brilliant year! Have a fantastic summer and good luck in Year 1!



GOOD LUCK!



Year 1



Year One have had a busy end to the year!

In History, the children have enjoyed learning about travel and transport. Whilst on their walk of the local area, the children conducted a travel survey. They spotted cars, motor bikes and bicycles.

In Design Technology, the children have enjoyed making fruit kebabs and decorating fairy cakes.

The children have been colour mixing in Art. They learnt the names of the primary and secondary colours and then used their paints to create a piece of artwork in the style of the famous artist Steven Brown.

In English, they have been reading Hibernation Hotel.



Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic half term and have been so busy with all their new learning. We have been learning about plants in our Science lessons and have planted our own sunflowers. We have taken great care of our seedlings ensuring they have plenty of water and light. In History, we have explored holidays in the past and had a special visitor who showed us artefacts from the past. We've enjoyed reading 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch' and 'The Lonely Beast' in our Writing lessons. We have worked hard in our Maths lesson focussing on fractions, partitioning numbers in different ways and telling the time. In PSHE, we have been discussing our feelings around transitioning to our new classes. Mr Gandy and Miss Lomax wish all our Year 2 families a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. See you in September!



Year 3

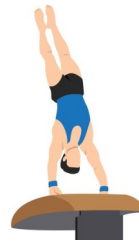


Year 3 have been super busy this half term. We had an amazing trip to Poole's Cavern where we learnt about how rocks are formed. We walked in to the cave and couldn't believe how cold and dark it was! in our Science lessons, we have learnt about rocks and soils. We used food to show the different layers of soil and we became palaeontologists. We learnt about Mary Anning and how fossils are formed. During our Geography topic, we learnt about tsunamis and earthquakes and the devastation they can create across countries. At the end of the topic, we presented our information and new knowledge using Powerpoint. In English, we have been writing non-chronological reports about dragons. Mr Hargreaves and Mrs Byard have both had a fantastic year with their classes and wish them all the best when moving up to Year 4!



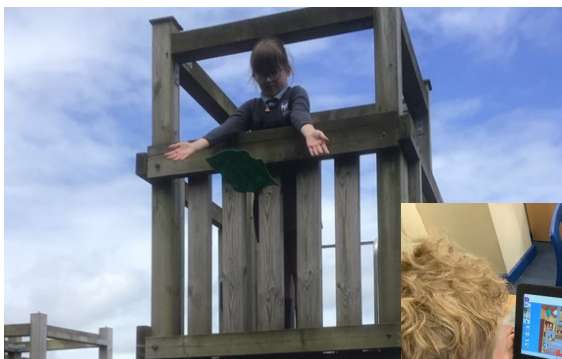
Year 4

This half term in English, Year 4 have been writing a narrative linked to our class novel 'The Lost Happy Endings as well as a character description of the terrible witch. In addition, the children enjoyed exploring poetry linked to 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. In Maths, we have been learning about different translations on a grid and mastering our skills linked to money. In Science, we have continued our studying on how living things (both plants and animals) survive in their habitats. Year 4 dived into their Geography learning this half term and they have acquired lots of new knowledge linked to Scandinavia. Both year 4 classes have continued to develop their core strength and flexibility in gymnastics. Finally, Year 4 have enjoyed working with our professional artist, with a focus on Phillip Westcott for this half term's pieces of work.



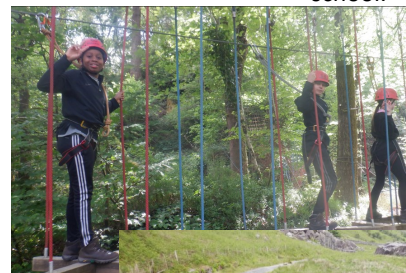
Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic final term. They have been continuing to read the text 'Wonder' and have written a fantastic biography. They have also drafted a brilliant descriptive piece inspired by the video 'The Lighthouse'. In Maths, they have been working hard to master fractions and have been continuing to recap previous learning and develop their Mental Maths skills. In Science, they have been looking at forces where they have discussed gravity, friction and water resistance and air resistance. They particularly enjoyed our investigation with the parachutes. Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their topic on Medieval Britain. They got to visit Tatton Park and experience what life was like in the Medieval period. In Spanish, they have learnt about items of clothing and how they can structure a sentence to describe which clothing they would wear in different countries and climates. In Computing, the children have enjoyed creating their own games. Their favourite part was when they got to play each other's games. They also showed great skill during their digital art workshop.



Year 6

Year 6 have had a jam-packed summer half term. They showed incredible bravery on their residential trip to Lledr Hall. They also enjoyed a trip to Graystones which allowed them to experience some extreme sports and even sparked an interest in some children! In Art, they have been studying the work of Claude Monet and Bruno Catalano, creating their own sculptures and impressionist abstract artwork. Finally, they have put a lot of effort into creating their leavers' assembly which they cannot wait to share with parents and carers on their very last day at Bridgewater. We wish all our Year 6's a restful Summer break and a smooth transition to secondary school.



Goodbye & Good Luck
Year 6



School Reopens Wednesday 4th September 2024