



19TH JUNE 2026

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NEWSLETTER

Summer is hotting up!

Thanks again to the parents in Wheat House who recently joined us for their House Lunch, it was lovely to see you enjoying the playground and for the lovely feedback. If the forecast is to be believed, then summer is hotting up! Please ensure children have long-lasting sun cream on before arriving at school or are able to apply it themselves at school, alongside having a water bottle in school each day. With the weather as temperamental as it has been lately, we would also recommend having a light raincoat in the bottom of their bag too!

A busy fortnight awaits with Year 6 residential this coming week followed by Sports Day the following week. Sports Day on Monday 29th June is in the morning (9.15am) for Acorn, Ash and Birch and then 1.30pm for Hazel, Yew and Oak. We would encourage you to bring a camping chair if you would like to sit to watch Sports Day as we will not be bringing chairs outside. Standing is of course, fine and we ask that parents/carers sit or stand on the far side of the racing track facing the school building.

We are also excited for our Summer Fair on Saturday 11th July! Keep an eye out for an email in the next week or so for what to do with a paper bag that will coming home to you and a non-uniform day to support our bottle tombola stall.

I look forward to seeing so many of you at our upcoming events,

Mrs Housden

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our recent Stars of the Week...

- ★ Friday 12th June - Noah, Marlee, Eric, Zac, Beatrix, Connor
- ★ Friday 19th June - Dotty, Arabella, Henry, Johnny, Abigail, Maia

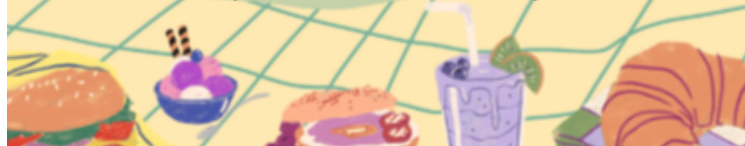
House Lunches

Barley - Weds 3rd June
Wheat - Mon 15th June
Rye - Mon 29th June

Up to 2 adults per family are invited to join their child/children for lunch and then experience lunchtime OPAL play!

Adult lunches will be bookable and payable via Parent Mail and need to be ordered/paid for in advance.

No mobile phones/devices will be permitted.





We have really enjoyed seeing lots of parents at the OPAL lunches. We hope you have enjoyed seeing all of the wonderful play (and learning!) the children do during their lunchtime. As we are having such changeable weather, it is essential that children have a rain coat and sun hat in school every day. If you could apply sun cream before school that should keep the children protected until after school. Thank you for your help and support with this.

We are also looking for some handy parents who might be able to support in building some pallet furniture. We have the pallets and the ideas but just need the people power! If you thing you could help, please let us know!

The Play Team



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Acorn Class

This week has been full of storytelling, imagination and exploration.

In Maths, we have been learning about positional language and thinking carefully about where things are in relation to one another. Through stories, small world play, obstacle courses and construction activities, the children have been using words such as behind, next to, under and in front of. We have also been learning how to give clear instructions and have discovered just how important it is to be precise when helping someone else recreate a model or follow a route!

In English and Understanding the World, we have continued building on our previous learning about legends and fairy tales by exploring Greek myths. The children were fascinated by the story of Prometheus and the Fire and enjoyed discussing the characters and events within the myth. We then used our ideas to create our own versions of the story. It has been lovely to see the children becoming more confident at retelling stories and adding their own creative twists.

Our learning about stories from the past has also encouraged us to think about how stories are passed on and retold over time. The children have enjoyed spotting similarities and differences between fairy tales, legends and myths and sharing their own thoughts about which stories they enjoy most.

In Music, we continued exploring Peter and the Wolf. We listened carefully to how different instruments can represent different characters and discussed how music can help tell a story without using any words. The children were brilliant at identifying characters and talking about how the music made them feel.

We have also been busy developing our creativity through art, experimenting with colour mixing and creating collaged tiger pictures. The children showed great concentration as they explored different shades and combinations of colour.

Across all of our learning this week, I have been particularly impressed by the children's willingness to share their ideas, listen to one another and persevere when things have felt challenging. It has been a wonderful week of curiosity, imagination and growing confidence.

Ash Class

The children have all shown great resilience and perseverance during the Phonics Screening Check. They all applied themselves and read each word to the best of their ability. I am very proud of them all and you should be too.

In Maths we have been looking at time. The children have been learning the days of the week and months of the year. They have found out about seconds, minutes and hours and are beginning to tell the time using an analogue and digital clock.

In Science we have begun learning about Astronomy. The children have learnt that there are eight planets in our solar system that orbit the sun. The sun is a star and the only light source. They have found out that the moon orbits the Earth and we see different phases of the moon but it does not change size or shape.

In Art, we have been looking at murals and tapestries. We have learnt that a mural is a large painting created directly onto a wall or surface. The children created a class mural of an under the water scene working together using oil pastels before using a wash to create a wax resist.

We have noticed that some children are not reading at home as often as we would like. Ideally children would be reading at home every day. We understand life gets really busy but reading at home has a significant positive impact on children's learning.

Have a great weekend!

The Year One Team

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Birch Class

A busy couple of weeks in Birch class, learning about homophones, starting to write a story and moving around using forwards, backwards, right turn, left turn in maths.

Using positional language we are exploring how to maneuver through a maze, how to guide our partner across the obstacles and how to map a route home. The children are enjoying remembering their left from their right and remembering which way to turn. A full turn and you start again!

In History the children have really enjoyed learning about the story of Rosa Parks and understanding why her powerful voice made such important changes to the world.

In Music the word legato is the theme. Legato meaning smoothly we are learning how to sing lullabies and the culture behind lullabies in different countries. So far the children have enjoyed singing Brahms lullaby from Germany and Bressay lullaby from Scotland. Bairn, bonnie and gae were all new words to work out and pronounce.

In PE the children have been enjoying the warmer weather and using their striking, hitting and control skills in interclass competitions. We are also readying ourselves for sports day – Monday 29th June @ 9:15. We look forward to seeing lots of you there to cheer us on.

Reminder: PE days are Monday and Thursday. Reading books and logs should be in school daily with a water bottle and light jacket. The weather still has unexpected downpours so are encouraging all children to take their jacket out with them each lunchtime.

Enjoy your weekend,

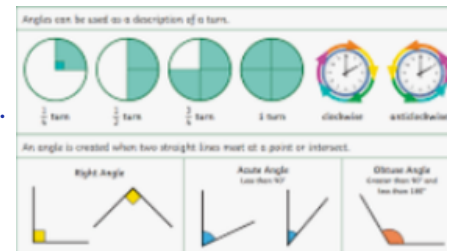
Mrs Tidey

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Hazel Class

In English we have continued our work based on the 'Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. We have spent time writing a diary entry as one of the characters in this story. We needed to remember to write in the first person, write in chronological order and use the events in the book to influence our diary entry. Everyone tried their best and can be rightly proud of what they produced.

In maths we have been looking at shape, so far we have thought about turns, clockwise, anti-clockwise, measuring half quarter and full turns in degrees. We have sorted angles into acute obtuse and right.



Other news:

In geography, we have been finding out about Japan, its location on the globe, major cities, and physical features, along with the effects of living on the faults of three of the earth's tectonic plates.

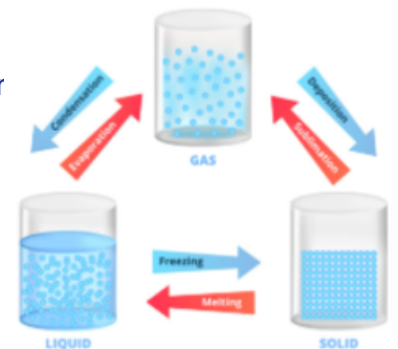


In history, we have continued finding out about the events from the Stuart period, the plague and great fire of London.

We have been enjoying creating patterns in cross stitch as part of our 'textiles in art' unit, and been introduced to creative weaving and how artists can use it to express emotion and ideas.

In science we have been thinking about changes in states of matter, focussing on the states that water can exist in and how these work together to create the water cycle.

CHANGING STATES OF MATTER



A few reminders...

Over the last couple of weeks there has been an increase in the amount of toys and small items that children have been bringing in from home. Please can I remind you that the children do not need to bring any toys or other items in to school with them. These are causing distraction from learning and upset when they are lost or muddled up with others belonging PE kits in school every day
Sun hats water bottles

Thank you for your continued support,
From the Hazel class team

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Yew Class

In English, we are continuing to read George Orwell's Animal Farm. We have continued to study the Cold War with the aim of writing a report on an aspect of it. We have looked at all aspect of the Cold War from the beginnings at the end of World War Two through to the collapse of the Soviet Union in the early 1990's. We will look at the features of the genre next.

In Maths lessons we are continuing to look at angles – the children learnt how to measure these with a protractor (using the Leaning Tower of Pisa as a starter). Ask your child how to measure with a protractor. We have also started to look at the properties of shape.

Hopefully by the time you are reading this we would have completed our assessments for the summer term. The children have worked hard in their tests in maths, SPAG, spellings and reading. Well done to Yew class for all your efforts this week.

Last week the whole school enjoyed watching a visiting theatre perform Oliver. Yew class were extra lucky because they were invited to a workshop from the actors afterwards. Here are some interesting photos of the children acting in it!

The next homework will be due in on Friday 26th June.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mr Baker and the Year 5 Team



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Oak Class

At the moment in Year 6 we have been focusing on our school production, practice is really coming along and children are getting more and more confident with their lines. We have been belting out some fabulous songs and begun to think about costumes and props. We are so excited for everyone to see it.

We have also been continuing with our curriculum subjects. Maths has taken an investigative approach where the children are applying their skills to real life problems. In history we have been looking at human rights and the progress of women's rights over the years. Geography has been us look at globalisation and just how small the world can be in terms of import and export.

In art we have begun to look at sculptures and their meanings as well as considering sculptures from all angles. We then took the idea of 'All that I am' and have begun to sketch out a possible sculpture around that topic. What has been particularly lovely about this topic is that it echoes the first piece of art we did in Year 6 where the children completed 'half faces' to show me all about them – it is so interesting to see how the children have changed over the year.

In RSE we have been looking at naming body parts, changes during puberty, how to keep clean and healthy during the changes to our bodies, the menstrual cycle, how a baby is made, consent and the life cycle of a sperm and an egg. This has linked brilliantly into our science topic of evolution where we have been learning about inheritance.

With all the changes in timetable and additional activities going on, I understand there is a lot of information coming out – as always, if you have questions please do not hesitate to contact oakclass@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk

Best wishes,

Miss Barrett and Year 6 Team



OTHER/COMMUNITY NOTICES

THEATRE TRAIN
DANCE ACT SING

MOANA

summer holiday club

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Thursday 30th July
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9:30-11:30
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SUMMER FESTIVAL

AGE 5 (YR 1) AND ABOVE
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Games - Crafts - Fun!

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SUMMER CAMPS 2026

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