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NUTLEY NEWSLETTER



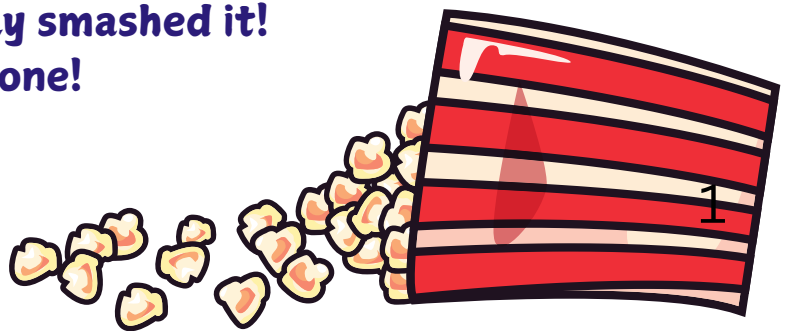
Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

What a lovely week it has been with plenty of sunshine and lots of opportunities for our children to get across to our lovely school field for PE. Even with the intense heat, the children and staff have been keeping busy, working hard to complete the curriculum in time for the end of term. This week our school reports were sent out, including the Year 6 SATS results! I would like to congratulate all of Year 6 for their fantastic effort and for doing so well in achieving the grades they got. This comes from working hard every day and trying their best! Well done!

This afternoon it has been 'Tale Time' in school! The teachers selected some fantastic picture book stories to read and the children chose which stories they wanted to listen to. The children had a lovely time, snuggling up to their favourite cuddly and also enjoying tasty treats provided by our PFA: popcorn and juice! A wonderful time was had by all. What a great way of promoting enjoyment of reading! This was all the brainwave of our amazing School Councillors who wanted to bring this event back! Thank you School Council!

This week it was also showtime at Nutley! Our talented Badgers performed their highly entertaining play – Rock Bottom – to three packed audiences! They were absolutely sensational! The children took us all on a fun-filled journey back to the Stone Age, with plenty of hilarious jokes that kept us chuckling from start to finish! The highly effective stage set, props and costumes set the scene so well. The children were well-rehearsed and belted out one catchy song after another, with plenty of dancing as well. Everyone was so impressed with all the solo singing performances which were worthy of the West End! Well done Badgers! You absolutely smashed it! Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Best wishes,
Mrs Robinson.



Class News

Rabbits

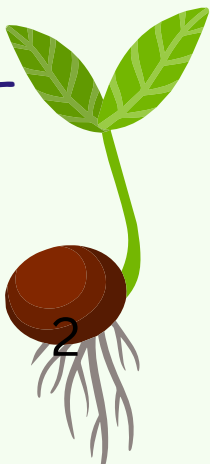
This week we read 'Rainbow Fish' and thought about the importance of being kind and sharing. We used adjectives in our writing to describe Rainbow Fish and made our own version of a beautiful, colourful fish! In maths, we have been recapping 2d shape work, creating models by joining different shapes and composing/decomposing shapes. In phonics we have been practicing writing words with adjacent consonants and reading our level 4 tricky words. We had a wonderful time at tennis on Monday and enjoyed a PE session with Hedgehogs as part of Rabbits' transition i

into year 1. We welcomed the new starters in for a transition session which was lots of fun and our Rabbits were super helpers, as always. We have learnt about the water cycle and where rain comes from, which we followed up with a 'Raincloud in a jar' science experiment! What a very busy week we have had! Enjoy your weekend!



Hedgehogs

Well, yet another busy and exciting week! In English we have begun reading a new book called The Little Gardener by Emily Hughes. We have enjoyed the story, learning about the environment, as well as being helpful to one another. We have also been learning about how to put commas in the right places in a list. In Maths we have finished our learning on Time. We have done so well to learn how to tell the time and to know how many hours there are in a day, how many days in a week and how many months in a year – a lot to remember and understand. We have just begun learning about 'Mass' and how to measure it. In Science we have found a new way to plant seeds! We are trialling a method where a Runner Bean is in a transparent bag, with water and tissue, in the sunlight to see if it can grow without soil....watch this space! In computing we tried to use our very own email accounts – with not a lot of success! However, the children have learnt the purpose of email, using the keyboard and the terminology of emails. We did not give up though – we decided to type messages to each other on laptops, using the J1T5 'Write' and spent a happy time messaging to each other and replying! Stay cool this weekend! One more week to go!



Foxes

What a lovely week! In English we have finished our newspaper reports and made an excellent design. In maths we have been looking at angles and shapes and identifying different properties of shapes. In Spanish we made our own design of a zoo or farm to practice our knowledge of animal names in Spanish. In Geography we learnt about fairtrade, particularly focusing on bananas. In DT we designed our own healthy snack (and the packaging as well!) which was a fun lesson. We also had a lovely treat of seeing Badgers class play, which was AMAZING!!! Foxes had a great time during PE on the field and it is sad to see Josh go. We practiced our cutting and chopping skills through using bridge hold and the claw grip to cut fruits. Have a fantastic weekend! 😊



Badgers

After weeks of dedicated rehearsals, we are finally done! Badger Class absolutely smashed their play performances, singing, acting and dancing their hearts out! I couldn't be prouder of all their hard work. We had a brilliant last PE session with Josh. We are all very sad to see him leave, but we have learnt so much from him over the past year. In art, we have begun our sculpture project, looking at and analysing a range of sculpture artists. We also explored the human form by challenging ourselves to draw different people without removing the pen from the page. We then had to cut out the shapes as well! This helped us create some brilliant abstract figures. We used iPads to take photos of ourselves in different poses – this will then be our inspiration for our sculptures next week. It has been a long, hot week; make sure you get plenty of rest this weekend!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

JULY 2025

Mon 14 th	Tennis Rabbits & Hedgehogs
Thurs 17 th	Year 6 Leavers Service Nutley Church 6.00 – 7.00
Mon 21 st	Final Collective Worship End Term 6

SEPTEMBER 2025

Wed 3 rd	INSET Day – School closed
Thurs 4 th	INSET Day – School closed
Fri 5 th	INSET Day – School closed
Mon 8 th	Start Term 1 – Years 1 – 6
Wed 10 th	Start Term 1 – Reception

OCTOBER 2025

Fri 24 th	End Term 1
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NOVEMBER 2025

Mon 3 rd	Start Term 2
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DECEMBER 2025

Fri 19 th	End Term 2
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JANUARY 2026

Mon 5 th	Start Term 3
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FEBRUARY 2026

Fri 13 th	End Term 3
Mon 23 rd	Start Term 4



NUTLEY TOURNAMENT TOPS

With the end of the year fast approaching, could we please ask you all to check to see if you have any of the Nutley sports tops at home? These are the tops we loan out for the children to wear when they go to tournaments outside of school. We are missing quite a few!

Thank you!

STAR CERTIFICATES

Noah 700 Stars

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

Rabbits: Charlie

Hedgehogs: Danyil and Bea

Foxes: Jayke and Olivia

Badgers: All of Badgers and Mrs Shearer

Attendance this year to date: Whole School: **94.8%**

Rabbits: **96.0%**

Hedgehogs: **96.3%**

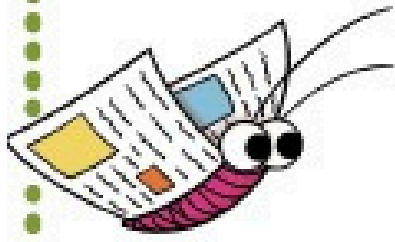
Foxes: **95.3%**

Badgers: **93.8%**

Red under 92%

Amber 92-96%

Green above 96%



THE
READING
AGENCY

Summer Reading Challenge



Starts 5 July 2025 Ends 6 September 2025

Join this year's Summer Reading Challenge at

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src



The Summer Reading Challenge is a national scheme produced by the Reading Agency and delivered by public libraries that encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays - and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to take part and collect rewards for their reading, giving them a positive experience of reading for pleasure.

It's **FREE** to take part. Sign your child up at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src You can ask a one of our volunteers or a member of staff for help if you need it.

The Challenge will begin in [East Sussex libraries](#) on Saturday 5th July and end on Saturday 6th September.

The Challenge is to read any six books borrowed from the library or downloaded from our [ebook library](#). For children under 4 we have the Pre-school Challenge, where you can collect stickers for each book shared and a special medal sticker at the end.

Children signing up for the Challenge get a character sticker and a Reader Record. Children will be able to collect a prize for each of the six books they have read. When they finish the Challenge they will get a certificate which they can receive in school or at the library. The Challenge is for all children, whatever their reading ability. Children who are not reading independently can share their books with a family member or friend, or they might prefer to listen to audio books.

To take part in **Story Garden** children need to have their own library card and PIN.

It is easy and free to become a member of the library. Take something with your name, address and signature to the library and you can join the whole family. You can [reset your child's PIN online](#) if you can't remember it, or ask in the library for a new one. ~~You will need the PIN to sign up to the Challenge.~~ We have lots of free

events over the summer holidays happening in our libraries. You can also visit

<http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> for online fun games, author interviews and book recommendations.





Dear Parents/Carers,

The Magic of Music

We are on a mission to bring the Magic of Music into as many Sussex schools as possible. Learning to play a musical instrument provides children with an experience that enriches their lives in so many ways. Through learning an instrument children will learn musical skills that help develop a lifelong love of music. Research has also shown that there are many other benefits associated with learning to play a musical instrument including:

- raising confidence and self-esteem
- improving teamwork, concentration, and many other skills for learning
- connecting with new people and broadening horizons
- improving their well-being by becoming happier and healthier

Lessons take place either individually or in small groups during the school day. If you would like to register your child for lessons, please apply directly via our website www.createmusic.org.uk
Create Music offer violin lessons.

Here you can find out about what is involved in learning an instrument, the curriculum followed, the costs, hiring an instrument and how you may be able to receive financial support towards lesson fees.

I very much hope that your child will be interested in learning to play an instrument and experience the Magic of Music.

Kind regards,

Claire Kirkpatrick

Instrumental Teacher (violin, cello and keyboard).

Create Music

Contact us on createmusic@brightondome.org