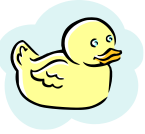


Friday 26th June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic and hot summer week we have had! With the beautiful sunshine and warm weather, it has been the perfect opportunity to explore our theme of Summer through a variety of exciting learning experiences, play and outdoor activities.

This week, we learned about summer as one of the four seasons and discussed some of the changes that happen during this time of year. The children enjoyed sharing their summer experiences and talking about their favourite holidays and activities. We explored lots of summer-themed vocabulary through stories, discussions and group activities. And of course, the highlight of the week was our water play in the garden where the children (and teachers) had great fun cooling off in the hot weather, spraying water and enjoying a variety of water-based activities. There were indeed lots of smiles and laughter all around!

The children continued to develop their fine motor skills through a range of creative activities, including making watermelon hand fans, designing summer hats, and decorating sandcastles and seaside scenes.

As part of our Artist of the Month project, we explored the work of Henri Matisse and the children created their own collages inspired by his artwork, using bright colours and joyful shapes. In phonics, we continued reviewing and consolidating previously learned sounds and began to build and read simple words and phrases. Handwriting focused on practising the Zig-Zag Monster letters and developing confidence with letter formation.

In maths, we explored subtraction using practical resources and manipulatives, taking away objects and counting how many remained.

It has been a fun-filled and productive week, and everyone has worked very hard in their learning.

Next week: Amazing Me!

As we approach the end of the school year, we will be reviewing some of our learning by celebrating the children's achievements, reflecting on their learning journeys and reinforcing social skills to help prepare them for their next big school adventure.

Literacy: Listening to themed stories and exploring prints, following simple instructions, building vocabulary and developing an understanding that words can be combined to create meaning.

Handwriting: Review and practise all letter formation and numbers 1-10.

Maths: Counting using Numicons, subitizing and ten frames; counting beyond 10.

Understanding of the World: Last Forest School in Avondale Park on Thursday, exploring signs of summer and taking part in a summer nature hunt.

Arts and Crafts: Themed crafts and completing our self-portraits.

Snack: Melon, cucumbers, satsumas, bananas, sweetcorn and peas.

Notices:

A quick reminder of the events for next week:

Monday 29th - last Art Club

Tuesday 30th - Ducks can wear their new school uniform

Thursday 2nd -

9.15 am 'The Duck Year Ahead' Coffee Morning for parents of children going to Ducks in September, at Avondale at 9.15 am with Mrs Murray, Miss Zara and Miss Louise

2.00 pm Tarka display for parents for children doing extended days in the garden (or Kenley if its raining)

pm Ballet display for parents of children doing Ballet Club at Kenley - Miss Louise will advise the time

6.00 - 7.30 pm Drinks Party for parents in the garden (or Kenley if its raining)

Friday 3rd - World Cup Football Day - we will be celebrating the World Cup and children are welcome to come dressed in a football kit or bring something football-related to nursery if they would like to take part.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Eby and Miss Zara