

Friday 5th June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half of the summer term! It has been lovely to see everyone return with such positive energy, ready for the final weeks at Miss Delaney's before moving on to big school. This half-term promises to be a busy one, filled with lots of learning as well as exciting and enjoyable experiences.

This week, our theme has been Space and we have been busy blasting off on an exciting learning adventure. The children have explored the solar system, the planets, stars, moon, astronauts and rockets, and have enjoyed discovering all things space. They loved listening to space-themed stories, singing space songs, sharing their ideas about what they would take with them on a journey into space and watched spacecrafts zoom off to space.

Creativity was in full swing as the children made and painted their own planets, decorated their rockets and created moon crafts using foil. It has been a fantastic week full of curiosity, exploration and imagination. In phonics, we reviewed the tricky words "I" and "a", introduced the new tricky words "the" and "am", and continued blending and word-building activities. In handwriting, we practised our long ladder letters 'l' and 'i'. In Maths, we introduced the concept of time, exploring daily routines and discussing the differences between daytime and nighttime activities. The children also practised sequencing events and were introduced to clocks in an age-appropriate way.

We returned to Avondale Park for our Forest School session, where the children explored friendship and kindness by making seed bombs and special clay creations for one another. We also started our daily tooth-brushing routine this week, and the children have been enjoying taking part.

Next week: People Who Help Us.

The children will be exploring different occupations and learning about the different people who help us in our community.

Literacy: We will listen to stories about community helpers, explore a range of books, build vocabulary and continue recognising and using Phase 2 tricky words. The children will also take part in simple word-building activities.

Maths: Sorting and matching objects by occupation or equipment, counting and exploring simple patterns.

Understanding of the World: Pond-dipping session at Holland Park. Learning about different occupations within our community and exploring the tools, equipment and uniforms used by the people who help us.

Arts and Crafts: The children will create occupation-themed artwork, enjoy dressing up and take part in imaginative role-play. They will also express themselves through music and movement.

Snack: Raisins & ricecakes, cucumbers, satsumas, bananas, sweetcorn and peas.

Notices:

Pond Dipping Session at Holland Park on Monday 8th June - please drop off children at 9.15 am at the benches by the Belvedere Restaurant (as with forest school before half term) but pick-up is at 12 noon (rather than 11.30 am).

Dress-Up on Friday 12th June: To support our learning about People Who Help Us, we would like to invite the children to come dressed as their favourite occupation or community helper. This could include a doctor, firefighter, police officer, vet, builder, chef, nurse, teacher, dentist, postal worker or any other role that interests them.

The trip to Battersea Zoo on Friday 12th June has been cancelled but the parents are planning to organise a whole school picnic in Avondale Park that day.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Eby and Miss Zara