DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 18th July 2025

Headteacher's Thoughts

Mystery at Magpie Manor, our Y5/6 production this year was performed to two packed houses at the Shed at Cokethorpe – it was an amazing show. I was extremely impressed with the way the children learnt, delivered and performed their lines, songs and acting so brilliantly. Well done everyone.

Year 4's headed to the Cotswold Wildlife park later that week, looking at different habitats and their resident animals – it was a fun and interesting trip and I certainly learnt a great deal.

During our final week, we have enjoyed 'The Jungle Book' and Y1 – Y6 headed off to the Ashmolean museum for a variety of workshops and activities – thank you to Ms Carolan for organising the whole trip. Finally, yesterday, Reception and Year 1 had a visit from Farmer Gow's with their animals and Year 6 had their Leavers Service, an opportunity for them and their parents to share their experiences of primary school. We have had quite a busy two weeks.

As we reach our final day of the academic year, it is time to say our farewells and thank yous to Ms Butt and Mr Mahony as they head off for the next adventures. I would like to personally thank them for all their hard work here at Ducklington and wish them well for the future. We will miss them.

In other staffing news, I am happy to share that we have appointed a new Deputy Head, who will also be our Year 5 teacher. Mrs Chowne will be joining us in September and will be working with Mrs Parkes, who will take the class on a Tuesday. The current year 4 have had the opportunity to meet their new teacher on Wednesday.

Finally, at the end of this academic year, the governors would like parents to complete the following questionnaire to help the school to continue to develop its continual work with our children. Please do take the time to complete this document – it will be kept open throughout the summer holidays and the beginning of next term. To access the questionnaire – please click here.

As this will be the final newsletter of the year, I hope you all have a great summer holiday, please look after yourselves and keep safe and I look forward to seeing you again on Wednesday 3rd September and I wish the Year 6 children good luck on the next stage of their academic journey. Also, I would like to a huge thank you to the children, staff, governors and parents for their hard work and support throughout this academic year. The teamwork is what continues to make this school special.

Mr. Leigh

Future Diary Dates.
Friday 18th July 9:15am End of term service
1:30pm End of term/School Year

Monday 1st/ Tuesday 2nd September – INSET Days

Wednesday 3rd September – Autumn Term starts

Around the School

Hello from Year 2 as we come to the end of our year together. We have had some exciting trips, visitors, healthy living week and Sports day.

Here we are enjoying the hula hooping workshop.

The librarians visited Year 2 and explained to the children how a library works. The children learned about the different ways books are organised in a library and discovered that they can borrow up to 20 books at a time for free. The children had a set of front covers that they needed to sort into alphabetical order by surname. They demonstrated some great literacy skills and teamwork. The librarians returned for a school assembly and talked to the children about the summer reading challenge, which many are keen to participate in.

Next, we had a visit from the team at the Space shop in the covered market, Oxford. They shared some amazing space facts with the children and were impressed by the children's factual knowledge about space. They brought along a replica of Tim Peake's spacesuit, which I had to wear, during one of the hottest days in school!

We have been to the Astro Turf in Witney and joined in with other schools as part of their Ultra Olympics session, great fun was had by all.

We also enjoyed our trip to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford. We had a very interesting workshop all about Islamic art and then we looked around the Egyptian artefacts.

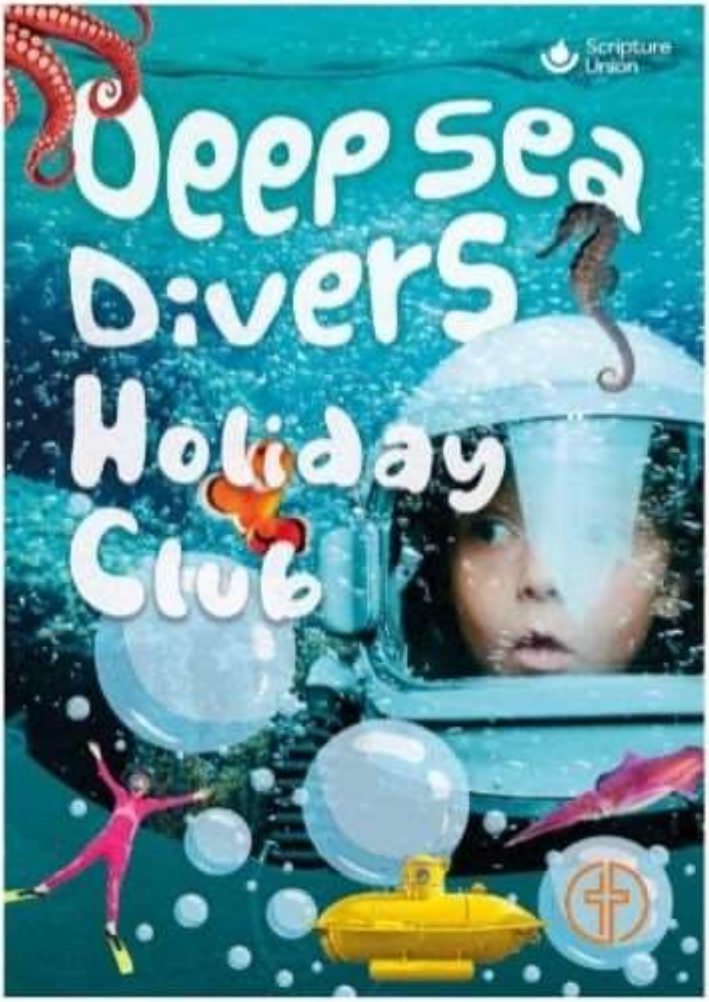
We have still found time to carry on with our learning in school too, revising all the skills we have learnt in maths, writing poems in English and learning about life cycles in science. In geography, we are considering if we would rather live in a hot or cold place, and I am sure we all agree that at the moment, a cold place would be most welcome! And of course, I cannot forget the vehicles the children have made as part of their DT learning, which they are excited to bring home.
We have had such a busy but exciting summer term and now we are ready for the holidays! ☺

What a lovely term of learning **Reception** have had. These photos show some of our highlights.

They became artists creating patterns on tiles.

Our Teddy Bears picnic day was a great success. We all had such a lovely day, especially learning some football skills and eating our picnic.

We finished the term with a wonderful visit from Farmer Gow's



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May Half Term
Tuesday 27th May – Friday 30th May

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Wednesday 23rd July - Friday 25th July
Monday 28th July – Friday 1st August
Monday 4th August – Friday 8th August
Monday 11th August – Friday 15th August
Monday 18th August – Friday 22nd August

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DUCKLINGTON VILLAGE SHOW

The Village Show will be held on **Monday 25th August at 1pm**, at the Ducklington Sports Club. Please visit the website for the show schedule: (copies will be delivered end of July)

www.ducklingtonvillageshow.co.uk

Please note there are changes to the entry deadline:
**** All entries must be emailed or delivered by Wednesday 20th August ****

If anyone would like to hold a stall, then we would love to welcome you to the Show. We are also in need of volunteers to steward the judges between 10am and 12pm, and to help run various activities during the day. So, if you think you could spare an hour or two on the day, then please get in touch using the details below. **Thank you!**
For any queries, feedback, ideas or interest in the events held at the Show, please contact Emma Buckard:
duckflowershow@gmail.com

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