



# Newsletter

July 9th 2021



Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the summer break I just want to thank everyone for all the work and support you have given your children and the school over the last very difficult year.

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Houghton who is taking up a Deputy Headship at a school in Leicestershire. We wish her all the very best as she moves on in her career.

We wish our year 6 children a very special goodbye and good luck to them all as they move onto their secondary schools next academic year.

I hope you all have a lovely Summer Holiday

With very best wishes

Mrs Bailey



## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK LUCK YEAR 6!



### School Organisation for 2021—2022

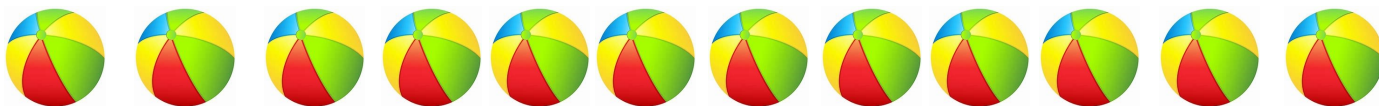
Due to the DFE lifting restrictions around Covid, the following timings will be in place from Wednesday 25th August when the children start back to school.

**Year 1 to 6 will be dropped off and picked up from the playground on Magnus Road**

Year Group	Morning - Arrive	Afternoon - leave
Yr 1	8.40am – 8.50am	3.00pm – 3.10pm
Yr 2	8.40am – 8.50am	3.00pm – 3.10pm
Yr 3	8.40am – 8.50am	3.10pm – 3.20pm
Yr 4	8.40am – 8.50am	3.10pm – 3.20pm
Yr 5	8.40am – 8.50am	3.20pm – 3.30pm
Yr 6	8.40am – 8.50am	3.20pm – 3.30pm

**Reception and Nursery children will be dropped off and picked up from the nursery playground**

Reception	8.45am	3.00pm
Nursery	8.45am – 11.45 am	12.30pm – 3.30pm



### **Essential Information for school**

Could parents/carers please ensure that the school office has your most up to date contact numbers and addresses to ensure that we can keep in contact with you, especially if your child is ill.

### **Vaccinations**

Anyone who has not yet been vaccinated or is due their second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine in Leicester, or the county is urged to go and get their jab within the next two weeks. The NHS is scaling up the number of vaccine opportunities ahead of the 19 July date proposed for Covid restrictions to be lifted. For information on clinics, which will include venues in Leicester, Loughborough and Oadby, and how to book. More dates will be added: for the latest available drop-in clinics, people are encouraged to keep an eye on :

<https://bit.ly/GetVaxxedLLR>



### **Holiday Activities Food Programme**

Children and young people who receive free school meals can take part in the free holiday activities and food programme run by Leicester City Council, over the summer holidays. The sessions will include a variety of activities, such as art, sport and music and a healthy meal will be provided each day your child attends. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis following confirmation of free school meal eligibility. To view the programme timetable and to register for a place visit:

<https://families.leicester.gov.uk/holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

programme Please note this will replace all FSM holiday vouchers.

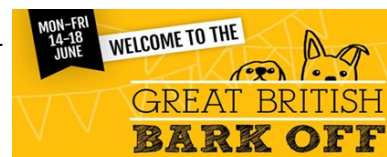
### **Leicester Summer Reading Challenge 2021 - Wild World Heroes**

This year's challenge starts on 26th June and finishes on August 31st. The scheme promotes library membership and use and reading for pleasure. Children can collect their Wild World Heroes pack free from a Leicester Library. This year's theme invites them to track down 6 amazing books and become a Wild World Hero. The school with the highest percentage of children entering the competition will win books for the school! Please encourage your child to take part.



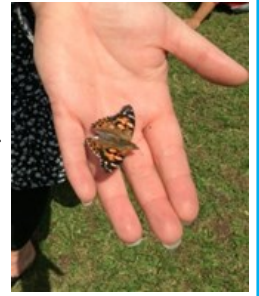
### **Underdog International's Great British Bark off**

The whole school took part in the Great British Bark off in June, raising awareness of dogs and raising funds for dogs around the world. The children enjoyed taking part and buying biscuits to help raise money. We raised £261.20. Well done everyone!



## EYFS

The Early Years Foundation Stage have had a fantastic end to the year and have celebrated with releasing our butterflies. All 30 of them happily flew into our forest school area and the children are enjoying keeping an eye out for them during our lunchtimes! We have also been enjoying our end of year parties and looking back over all of the work that we have completed this year. The end of term sees us saying goodbye to Miss Dixon in the Nursery. The Nursery children have enjoyed having her as their teacher and I am sure you will all join us in wishing her luck in her future



## Year 1 and Year 2



What a brilliant term we've had in KS1. Year 1 have enjoyed their topic 'Bright Lights and Big City', where they have been learning about London and the Royal Family. The children thoroughly enjoyed having a Royal Afternoon Tea session. In Year 2, the children have been learning about Minibeasts and their habitat. The writing the children have produced from this has been of a very high standard. Well done to all the children for

continuing with their hard work and enthusiasm. We have all been following the football and in particular tracking England's progress throughout the Euro Tournament. The children have been very excited about the results and they have even learnt the 'Three Lions' song. To all KS1 children and family, we hope you have a lovely summer – you deserve it!



## Year 3 and year 4

All of the staff in year 3 and 4 are so incredibly proud of how the children have got on with their learning this year. They have shown incredible resilience and their attitude towards their learning has not wavered. We want to thank you as families for championing Teams online learning and supporting the children with their learning. We wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you all after the holidays ready for other amazing year of learning. ☺



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## Year 5



Year 5 have been enjoying making mini beast sculptures in their Art and Design Technology lessons!



The year 5 team have been very proud of the children over the last year. They engaged well with their remote learning when at home and have thoroughly enjoyed having them back in school.

## Year 6



Year 6 had some great fun at the Leicester Outdoor Pursuits centre this half term and experienced activities like rock climbing, canoeing, archery and bushcraft. Well done to all of the children for achieving certificates in canoeing and climbing.



We would like to say a sad Goodbye to all of our year 6 children. We are very proud of them for their achievements at Rushey Mead Primary School and wish them a happy and successful time in their new schools.



## Skills Builder Challenge Day

Children throughout the school were very excited to take part in the school's very first Skills Builder Challenge Day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Over the course of the challenge, children gathered and analysed clues to decide which of the fairy-tale character suspects committed a fictional crime (stealing chocolate). Children were able to apply all eight of the essential skills defined as: Listening, Speaking, Problem Solving, Creativity, Staying Positive, Aiming High, Leadership and Teamwork to examine the crime scene before presenting to the class who they think committed the crime.

These types of challenges and activities are important for our children to build a set of essential skills to succeed in life, giving them the ability to creatively solve problems, to self-manage, to communicate effectively, and to work well with others.

Please click on the link below for more Skills Builder activities and challenges for children to take part in over the summer holidays:

<https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homelearning>



## Attendance

Our attendance target is **96%**,  
This year our attendance is **95.2%**

108 pupils attended school every day this academic year. Well done to all those children who achieved 100% attendance and managed to get a certificate for excellent attendance. Congratulations to the first 3 classes with the highest attendance.

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Class Hazel	97.5%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Class Willow	97.2%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Class Sycamore	96.7%

Thank you to all parents who have worked together with the school during this pandemic.





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# SUMMER CAMP

## Multi-sport & Healthy Eating Camp

**WHO** : Open to all who are aged 5-16 years, lunches included (siblings & parents welcome to stay and watch, Maggies Cafe will be open).

**WHEN** : Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri, (starting on the 19<sup>th</sup> July for 4 weeks)  
from 9.30am - 2.30pm

**WHERE** : St Margaret's Pastures Sports Centre, LE1 3EA

**COST** : £60 per week (that's £15 a day)

Multi-sport



Workshops



Crafts

Healthy Eating



Games

**FREE FOR  
FREE - SCHOOL  
MEAL  
STUDENTS**

# JOIN US

This programme is fully supervised by qualified sports coaches and leaders.

Includes a variety of sports and other activities to keep children happy, healthy and active!

Scan the QR code for more information, dates and to book your place, or email [emma.compson@leicesterhc.co.uk](mailto:emma.compson@leicesterhc.co.uk)



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