



VILLA REAL SUMMER NEWSLETTER - 2026

OAK

This term in Literacy, Oak have been reading the class text, 'The Camping Trip' by Jennifer. K. Mann. Pupils have been working on developing literacy skills, sentence building, and practising comprehension skills, compiling lists of equipment we need for camping and food we would like to take for picnics. Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed supporting staff to build a fire and toasting marshmallows. Pupils packed their rucksacks according to their lists and went on a hike, following simple directions on a map to their school campsite, built dens and then put-up tents to role-play the story. We have also been deepening our knowledge of plants and minibeasts in the surrounding environment while exploring the outdoors. We even found slugs like in our story!!!! Well done to all of Oak who have taken on the challenges and developed a fantastic understanding of camping and the great outdoors.



ROWAN

It's been another very busy term, with everyone working hard to complete work linked to accreditations while continuing to take part in all the usual activities, including DAAC sessions and work experience. Alongside this, we have contributed to consultations on the Government White Paper, enjoyed taking part in the VEX GO Celebration at Nissan, and even created our own podcast! With so much packed into one term, there has certainly been plenty to celebrate and be proud of. Phew! We are ready for summer but not quite ready to say goodbye to our leavers.



SYCAMORE

Sycamore class have had a wonderful summer term, we have really enjoyed learning and exploring our pirate topic. We have been digging for treasure and exploring which treasure is magnetic. We have been making animated stories with our sentences. We have been exploring a range of sensory trays and fishing to find our words. We have also made junk model pirate ships and explored which objects float and sink. We are ending an amazing summer term with surfing at South Shields Surf School.



WILLOW

Willow class had a fun-packed day at Adventure Valley. Between animals, slides, bouncing pillows and zip wires we had plenty of things to enjoy. Pupils spent the first part of the day outside in the sun having fun on all of the outdoor play equipment. The heat eventually drove us indoors for lunch - but the fun did not stop there! We played in the indoor soft play areas before getting up and close with some creepy crawlies. How brave are Willow class for holding and stroking that snake! A huge thank you to VRSA for funding our summer treat. It was a fantastic day and lots of new memories made.



HEADTEACHER COMMENTS

This has been a very busy year with so much positive news to share – especially new building for 2029. The school continues to develop and extend our curriculum so from September 2026 there will be more opportunities and activities for pupils to enjoy. Thank you for your support. Have a lovely summer.

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GOVERNOR COMMENTS

As another school year draws to a close, I would like to take a moment, on behalf of the Governing Body, to reflect on and celebrate all that our pupils have achieved this year. The final weeks of term have been busy and enjoyable, my personal highlight was Sports Day! It was a pleasure to see pupils taking part with such enthusiasm, supporting one another, and giving their best. The encouragement shown by staff and classmates, along with the pride pupils took in their achievements, created a wonderful atmosphere and reminded us of the strength of our school community. I am also looking forward to the Record of Achievement Assemblies in the final week of term, where we will recognise the progress, effort, and successes of our pupils. I would like to thank our staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the year, our families for their ongoing support, and our pupils for the positivity, resilience, and energy they bring to school every day. As the summer holidays begin, I hope everyone has the chance to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. We wish our pupils who are moving on every success for their future, and we look forward to welcoming everyone else back in the new academic year. Have a safe, happy, and enjoyable summer. Lindsey Robinson, Chair of Governors

SCHOOL NEWS

We are incredibly proud of eight of our pupils who recently completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions. Four pupils successfully completed their Silver Expedition, while four pupils achieved the more challenging Gold Expedition. Throughout their journeys, the pupils demonstrated determination, teamwork and independence as they navigated routes, overcame challenges and supported one another along the way. These experiences helped them build confidence, resilience and valuable life skills. Their achievements are a testament to their hard work and commitment, and we congratulate all eight pupils on this fantastic accomplishment.



Many thanks to everyone who donated items or attended our VRSA Summer School Fair. Everyone had a great time and we are proud to announce that

we raised the amazing total of **£1363.88!** The proceeds of the fair are used to support our pupils in fun and inclusive activities during the summer term. The VRSA would like to thank everyone involved in making the Fair such a success. We have also achieved Eco Education recognition and Sounds of Intent in Inclusive Music Education awards this half term.



ASH

Ash have had a fantastic and action-packed end to the school year! Throughout the term, we have been lucky to work with our specialist PE coach, Alex, who has helped us develop our football skills, teamwork and confidence through his brilliant sessions. All of Alex's hard work and encouragement helped prepare us for Sports Day, where every single Ash pupil was outstanding. We were so proud of their enthusiasm, participation and determination. Another highlight was the Silent Disco, which Ash absolutely loved! We have been practising our dance moves every morning and had so much fun showing them off. We're sure our moves will be continuing all through the summer holidays! We would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer break.



ASPEN

Three of our students have been proudly taking part in the *Good Life Project*, where they have been learning about sustainability, recycling and creative design. As part of the project, the students have been exploring how old and unwanted materials can be transformed into something new and useful.

Using old clothes, fabric and other recycled materials, they have worked hard to create a variety of new items. The project encouraged them to think creatively about reducing waste and finding new purposes for things that might otherwise have been thrown away. Through cutting, sewing, designing and decorating, they developed practical skills while expressing their own ideas and personalities. The students showed excellent teamwork, patience and determination throughout the project. They enjoyed experimenting with different materials and were excited to see their ideas come to life. The experience also helped them understand the importance of reusing resources and looking after the environment.

These students should be very proud of their achievements. Their enthusiasm and creativity have been inspiring, and they have demonstrated how a little imagination can make a big difference. We look forward to seeing what they create next and how they continue to apply their growing skills in future projects.



BLOSSOM

This term Blossom class have enjoyed learning about pirates, exploring the pirate ship and enjoying our sensory story *‘There Was an Old Pirate Who Swallowed a Fish!’* We have enjoyed lots of time in the sun and have taken part in lots of water play to keep cool while linking into our pirate topic and have also enjoyed lots of time exploring the garden. Blossom class have also enjoyed school trips to Low Barns Nature Reserve as well as a local walk from school, both of which we really enjoyed. Pupils showed some amazing walking ability on both trips and really enjoyed exploring the different environments. Blossom class have also enjoyed lots of music this term from attending the Big Sing to taking part in the music workshop and listening to our new school song.



BEECH

This term in Literacy, pupils have been exploring the story ‘And Tango Makes Three’ by using sensory props.

In Numeracy and Science we have been exploring hot and cold, and looking at polar places. In PSHCE we have been exploring local shops, practising our skills using play equipment.

We were also visited by Bruno the therapy dog. Pupils really engaged with Bruno, stroking him and giving him a bowl of water. We enjoyed the summer sun by having fun outside with water play and then having a McDonalds for our dinner.

We wish you all a lovely summer holiday!



CEDAR

Cedar Class have had so much fun this term! We enjoyed riding the waves with South Shields Surf School, singing along with Durham Music at the Big Sing and taking part in a fantastic trip to Hall Hill Farm. It has been a term full of exciting experiences, learning, and lots of smiles.

Happy Summer from Cedar 😊



CHERRY

This term Cherry class have been to Marquis Way to use their multi-sensory digital art studio, iMuse. This incorporates motion sensors and sound to visual projections. All students engaged really well and enjoyed the interactive experience of making sound and pictures by moving their body.

They have developed an increased awareness of the facilities and the studio environment.



HAZEL

The pupils of Hazel class have been enjoying the Summer term. We have listened to more sensory stories this term, a particular favourite being *‘The Three Little Pigs’*. The pupils enjoyed acting out parts of the story with props, puppets and switches. Some of the class have enjoyed lovely visits during Outdoor Education to a variety of local attractions including Beamish Woods and Stanhope. This term we have also participated in Child Safety Week where we were able to interact with a traffic Safety Camera Van, as well as a variety of whole school events such as Sports Day and meeting Bruno the therapy dog.



ELM

Elm Class has had a fantastic summer term filled with movement, outdoor learning and lots of fun! We have loved getting active, especially during our PE lessons where we explored tennis and athletics. The obstacle courses were a big hit, helping us move in different ways – high, low, fast and slow. We’ve also spent time doing the things that make us happiest, including bouncing, crashing and jumping!

Our outdoor adventures have been a real highlight, as we explored our local area, discovering plants and flowers along the way. On one of our walks, we even found a park... and of course, we couldn’t resist having a play!

We have also enjoyed taking part in whole-school events this term and incorporating water into our learning. This has really helped to engage the students, especially during the warmer weather! Another highlight has been exploring the World Cup and celebrating our country. This has been incorporated into our PE sessions and movement activities, both indoors and outside, where we have taken part in lots of fun, active challenges. It has been a joyful and active term for everyone in Elm Class. Have an amazing summer and take care.



MAPLE

We’ve had a fantastic summer term in Maple Class. All of the pupils have made excellent progress in their own ways. We have enjoyed covering the stories *‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’* and *‘Shark in the Park’* in English lessons.

In Maths, we have been focusing on “Maths on the High Street”, where we have taken on roles such as shop assistants and postal workers, learning all about money and understanding that money has value. We have also been learning about weight and measurement in Maths, linked to living skills.

In RE this half term, we have been learning all about Hinduism, exploring the topic “Let’s Find Out About the Festival of Raksha Bandhan”. We have learnt what the festival means and made our own beautiful Rakhi bracelets.

What a fantastic end to a brilliant year this term has been. Well done, Maple Class!

