

We made it!



Form 8's last splash of the year!

Dear Parents

It is Sunday evening and a breath taking afternoon of sport seems to have captivated the whole nation.

Federer and Djokovic had an epic singles final at Wimbledon, Lewis Hamilton won the British Grand Prix at Silverstone for a record fifth time and if all that wasn't enough the English cricket team (with an Irish captain?) won the final of the ICC 50 over World Cup competition. What an amazing finale with a super over following a tied game.

It comes at the end of a very successful final week of the academic year, one that is always our busiest and best.



On Monday, Form 7's had their hustings assembly where candidates had to stand in front of the school and give a speech for their particular role in Form 8. They all did particularly well and were notified of their awards on Wednesday.

Following the assembly, Form 8's had their customary Tour de France day, cycling to Weymouth with Mrs Sewed, Mr Stazicker and Mrs Brunt (on her super-duper new electric bike, much to the chagrin of her peers!)



On Tuesday we enjoyed three brilliant sports days. The Nursery children got us started with a brilliant "telly tubbies" routine that was so cute we asked them to perform the act again to the Endeavour assembly on Wednesday. The Nursery races went well until the parents got their chance to be involved with their children. Relative carnage then ensued!

After break, Reception to Form 2 had their own sports day with some lovely fun events. My own favourite was the waiters' event. A big crowd certainly enjoyed the spectacle. The relay races were really excellent – even the parents had a relatively trouble free event!



On Wednesday we had our end of term Endeavour assembly where we recognised effort and achievement across sport, music and academic pursuits.



Thursday is always the calm before the storm with final practices taking place at the church.



And finally to Friday – our proudest day of the year.

In the afternoon, it was the turn of the older pupils, with competition getting much more serious and the level of competition at a very high level. The high jump event in particular captivated us all. What really was noticeable was the spirit of the competition and the fantastic support all the competitors gave to each other.

Our two by two procession through town found us all in St Peter's Church at 9.30am for the Form 8 Leavers' Service. It really is a moving ceremony which is written and organised by the children themselves with sterling support from Mrs Moss, Mrs Smith and Mrs Brunt. I don't think there was a dry eye in the Church.



A quick break back at school and then we found ourselves in the hall for Speech Day and Prize Giving. The Mayor of Dorchester, Richard Biggs joined us alongside guest speaker Ben Vessey, Headmaster of Canford School.

Chair of Governors, Philip Fry, got the ceremony started with his recollections of being a parent and governor for the last ten years. He finished off his speech with his memory of a member of staff falling asleep in a lesson. It was only half way through this paragraph that I realised he was talking about me in a yoga lesson we had both shared!

My own speech was themed about the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Our orchestra, inspired by Mrs Nolan-Stone performed Holst's Jupiter to an amazing standard and Mrs Moss and her Chamber Choir performed Police's, "Walking on the Moon". It was starkly brilliant.

I recapped curricular developments and major achievements of the year and noted key developments to take place over the following year which include:

- Phase 2 of the Art/DT room development
- 2 new sections for the low ropes course
- A very first office for Mrs Sleightholme
- A work room for the Junior Prep staff (and their own toilet!)
- Fledglings being converted into a wet room and dance studio
- Keeping chickens

I congratulated Mrs Sewed, Mrs Carr and Megan for their excellent first years' in post.

There were a number of farewells including Mrs Brunt, Mrs Skidmore, Miss Dingle, Philip Fry and Trevor Blackburn.

We also presented flowers to Mrs Saines and Mrs Hampshire in recognition of each having achieved twenty years of service.

I then invited Ben Vessey to hand out the prizes and to address the school. Ben spoke eloquently and seemed absolutely on message with our own hopes for young children. He extolled the virtues of how failure helps us become better people and how we should react to moments of success with modesty and thoughts for those who might not be in the same position. It was very inspiring.

We then escaped the furnace of the hall to enjoy Pimms and canapés on the lawn followed by the Leavers' lunch for the Form 8 families.

As always, Kerry and her team served up a sumptuous banquet for us all and the year came to a very lovely end.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your great support over the course of this year and wish you a very happy summer with your families.

We'll see you all back in school on Thursday 5th September.



Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Nursery

Nursery children have thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lessons and each of the girls have progressed brilliantly with their skills in the water. They were very excited to receive their 'Ducking 1' award this week. A big well done to you all!





Thank you to all who came to support Nursery in their sports day. Lots of fun was had by all!

Goodbye Form 1.....Form 2 here we come!

Nursery had a great time at the park with Reception and Forms 1 and 2. We played duck, duck goose, had an ice lolly, a play in the park and a yummy picnic. We all love a nice end of term treat!



Notes from a small garden..

It was all about the harvest this week. A beautiful day for our last garden club of the year. It always comes around so quickly!

Potatoes, potatoes and more potatoes, we had a bumper crop this year, and it's always a highlight, rooting around in the pots to find the perfect little treasures hidden within.



Carrots, kale, onions and some herbs all filled their bags of bounty to the brim. A quick tidy up, a last minute water and we all said goodbye until September. Hopefully we will have lots more late summer fruits and vegetables to harvest.



Happy Holidays!

Alumni

Congratulations to Roger Vanburgh (Hardye's), who has been awarded an MA in Russian and French from the University of Manchester.



Sports Day





Community Defibrillator

A huge thank you to everyone involved in our fundraising. We have reached our target of £1850.

Jacky Walker



Miss Emilie Ballet Classes

Another school year complete and on to the summer holidays! Our team here at The Studio have put together a great schedule of fun and varied single session courses with something for all young people, pre-school and upwards. Please take a look at the information attached. Everything starts this week with Emma's weekly workout on Thursday and then George's 'Joseph and The Technicolour Dreamcoat' workshop on Sunday. We are very fortunate to steal our past student away from his role as "Benjamin" in the show for this treat.... lots of other not to be missed sessions too so hope to see you there.

Wishing everyone a wonderful break and look forward to seeing some of the students for dance sessions when we resume next term.

Miss Emilie

Change to Sports Uniform

There is a change to the sports uniform for the Autumn Term. Please read the letter from Mrs Wilson which will be sent home this week. Please see the photos showing the new look.



PTFA

I just wanted to pass on big thanks to everyone at Sunninghill for all your help with the PTFA Summer Fayre and throughout the last year. As many of you know, I was never very keen to take on the responsibility of chairperson... I really hate asking people to give up their time when everyone is already so busy. But as it turns out I needn't have worried. All of you - PTFA committee members, class reps and all the parents who have helped with, or even organised, the kids events - have been so helpful I feel I have ended up doing very little myself! It has actually been total pleasure.

Also, Steve Ray who has been a brilliant treasurer for the last few years is sadly moving on in September so if anyone thinks they may be able to step up please let myself or Mr Thorpe know... I'm sure Steve will be happy to talk anyone through the job but it's basically keeping track of the PTFA incomings and outgoings and coming to one PTFA meeting a term - the meetings are short and sweet (usually 6-7pm on a week night) and Kerry always provides wine and cheese.



Thanks again everyone and have a lovely summer.

Carol Krosnar

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With past STUDIO student "George" who is currently playing "Benjamin" in this fantastic most performed musical! George, who is a professional dancer and musical theatre artist will workshop choreography from the show by Andrew Wright who's other work includes Singing in the Rain and Half a Sixpence.

Sunday 21st July
11.00am-13.00pm School Years 3 - 6 as of next academic year
13.00pm-15.00pm School Years 7+ as of next academic year
£16

A little different to our normal term time sessions, wings and wands summer time with "Miss Emilie" will cater for all keen little movers both pre-school and key stage 1.

Lots of fun, dance based activities for both boys and girls including rainbows, bubbles, feathers, treasure and much more!

Friday July 26th, Thursday 1st & 8th and Friday 16th, 23rd August
10.00am - 10.45am
Pre-school, Reception Year 1 & 2 as of next academic year
£5

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Summer
Wings and Wands



Festival choreographer and STUDIO graduate "Megan" will teach circus inspired routines from this fantastic and hugely popular film.

School Years 2 - 6 as of next academic year
Tuesday July 30th
15.30pm - 17.00pm
£7.50

Develop your acrobatic and tumbling skills with "Inga"! Sessions will also enhance your balance, co-ordination, strength (specifically the core and back) and flexibility. Explore a range of exciting TRIx that will not only be fun and rewarding to learn, but set you up with some fabulous wow moments ready to incorporate into your dance routines.

School Years 1+ as of next academic year
Saturday 27th July 09.00am-10.30am
Mondays 5th, 12th, 19th August 13.30pm-15.00pm
£7.50

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