



Summerseat Methodist Primary School Newsletter



Head of School's Message....



24th October 2025

Well... that's a sixth of the academic year complete already!

I love the start of the year in September as it is full of hope and new opportunities. I personally have really cherished being at Summerseat fulltime and getting to know our staff, families and pupils better. We may not always get everything right - no school is perfect - but I know we have a team of staff with a 'what's possible' attitude and I am proud to work here. As a school, we are always keen to improve in whatever ways we can so please consider attending the parent forums to share your voice and help us to do so.

Please read on to see my reflection on all that we have achieved in school this half term and please check the dates for key events for next half term.

The highlight of my week was certainly accompanying Beech class to Chester Zoo. The children blew the education lead's mind with how much they knew about rainforests thanks to the prior learning in school. Their behaviour was excellent, their manners impeccable and their company was just wonderful! We have also enjoyed science shows this week and, again, our pupils were complimented on their excellent behaviour and attitude.

Half term is a chance for the children and staff to slow down briefly. Please enjoy the break as much as you can. I'll be cleaning kitchen cupboards and baking a Christmas cake whilst enjoying precious time with my immediate and extended family.

Have a lovely half term and we can't wait to see you all on 3rd November.

Mrs Brown x

In school we are continually planning what is next BUT it is good to pause and reflect on what we have achieved so far:

In the last 38 school days since the start of the year we have....

- Welcomed new families and pupils
- Taught a full curriculum in every class
- Introduced whole school phonics and spelling sessions to supplement English lessons supported by home learning leaflets
- Introduced whole school 'Every Step Counts' sessions to support maths fluency alongside maths lessons
- Set off on our journey towards a gold games mark
- Enjoyed running, musical theatre, sketching and sports' clubs
- Had a scoot-fit day enjoyed by every child
- Enjoyed science shows
- Had a karate demonstration
- Enjoyed Bury music service assembly
- Raised money with our non-uniform day for our Christmas fair
- Celebrated harvest in church and donated to porch box drop
- Explored Chester Zoo
- Welcomed 'Let's Go Sing' to Ash class
- Lots of staff training and staff sharing of best practice both in school and alongside our Epworth family of schools

Our broad and balanced curriculum supplemented by our wider offer is really something to celebrate.



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Christmas Fair

Friday 5th December
Please contact the office
if you can support in any way.

NSPCC

The NSPCC have some great resources available to support children as part of their speak out stay safe campaign. Please look online



Winter Weather

As the seasons change, please ensure your child has a warm and waterproof coat for school.



School fleeces will be available to order from Murrays of Ramsbottom.

WELCOME BACK!

GET WELL SOON

Thank you

STAFFING

It has been wonderful to welcome Mrs Oakes back to school this week after her maternity leave. All children and staff have loved having her back.

Also a huge thankyou to Ms. Cole for all her exceptionally hard work in Oak class this last term. Also to the team in Blossom, Mrs Rothwell, Miss Saunders and Miss Christian for all they have done.

Life does not stand still and nor does any school staff team. We now wish Mrs Allen all the very best in a planned leave of medical absence. We will miss her in Ash class and at breakfast club but are wishing her a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming her back in the pre- Christmas fun! We have supply cover booked in the interim so welcome another new member to our team.

Thank you

And as always, thank you to the whole team of staff for their dedication this last half term.



BBC Children in Need

Thursday 13th November
Non-uniform day
(Suggested donation £1)
plus lots more fun activities



Summerseats fundraiser for BBC Children in Need

A fundraiser organised by S Coffey for BBC Children in Need

Brooks was born prematurely and has visual impairment and global developmental delay. He attends the Dame Vera Lyn Charity where a BBC Children in Need funded physio has helped him to meet all of his key milestones such as sitting and walking. Thanks to this funding, Brooks is now able to go to school. Right now, too many children across the UK are facing...



Scan to donate

Help us reach our target!

Make a donation with **JustGiving**

www.justgiving.com/page/summerseat-methodist-cin?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CLo



Online Safety

Just to raise awareness of these 2 apps, wink and discord. They have been raised by Bury Safeguarding team as new platforms being used to groom children. If your child has devices which allow them online access then please ensure the age restrictions are followed and ensure they are only communicating with people they know.

Parent Forums

12th November
11th February
17th June

These will be held from 5pm until 5.45pm

A chance for school and parents to work together to address challenges, find solutions and discuss new ideas.

Attendance Every Day Counts!



	Acorn	Oak	Beech	Ash
% this week	83.8	90.5	95.2	96.8

Diary Dates

For future dates, please see the website.

3 rd Nov	School reopens for Aut 2
14 th Nov	SCHOOL CLOSED
5 th Dec	Christmas Fair
15 th , 16 th , 17 th Dec	Christmas performances
18 th Dec	School Party Day
19 th Dec	Christmas service 2pm

PE next half term
Monday - Beech and Oak
Thursday - Ash, Acorn and Blossom
Friday - all

This Week's Awards

Who has been shining at Summerseat this week?

Shine Award	Value Award
Oak (Year 1 & 2) Archie	Oak (Year 1 & 2) Halle
Beech (Year 3 & 4) Beech Class	Beech (Year 3 & 4) Willow
Ash (Year 5 & 6) Harry	Ash (Year 5 & 6) Izzy



Remember, you are always welcome to join us for our Friday Shine assembly. It is an open invitation. If your child is going to receive a reward, you will get a message on Thursday via the Parent App.

House Captain Awards



Hoyle



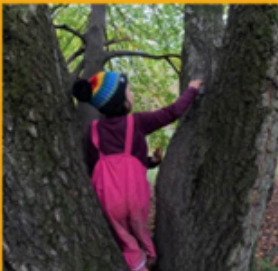
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Rogerson



Forest Holiday Club October Half Term



The Island, Summerseat

Reconnecting children with nature through play, creativity and celebration

At CommuniTree we facilitate a nurturing and safe environment for children to play, explore and take risks at their own pace and rhythm.

Dates: 27th - 31st October
Time: 8.45am - 3.30pm
Location: The Island Summerseat

Suitable for Year 1 - Year 6 children
£45.60 a day (inc. 20% VAT)



Activities

- Den building
- Tree climbing
- Foraging and cooking
- Story-telling and music
- Crafting with tools
- Woodland unstructured play

How to book

- Visit communitree.co.uk/summerseat
- Use code **50AUTUMN25** to save 50%
- Pay online via credit/debit card
- Childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare accepted

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