



# Summerseat Methodist Primary School Newsletter



16th January 2026



## Head of School's Message...



The Spring term is now well under way and children have been working hard in all areas of the curriculum this week. The dinosaurs have been causing mischief in Acorn class and Beech have spent the day with an author to inspire them to write their own stories. They used some amazing headphones which we are hoping to purchase for school to support teaching and learning.

As we look ahead to all the visits we have planned, we are keen to ensure we have enough adults accompanying to ensure they can go ahead. We would like to build up a bank of parent volunteers that we can call upon to support us when the need arises. If you are willing to be included on this list please email the office and I will then be in touch. Also, if you are able to volunteer to support us in school listening to children read for example, then please also contact the office.

Thank you so much to everyone who has ensured their children are in school by 8.50am. This has really made a significant difference to the start of the school day!

Have a lovely weekend, take care, Mrs Brown x



### What is No Outsiders?

Our Vision: Inclusive education, promoting community cohesion to prepare young people and adults for life as global citizens.

We have run this program at Summerseat previously and are going to re-launch this half term. The program looks at diversity and celebrating difference within a modern world. There is also a focus on each of the 9 protected characteristics. The program will be covered at an age appropriate level in worship and in classes. This week we will be looking at 'disability'.



We are excited to announce that our school has been selected to take part in the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme!

From mid-January to the end of March, every time you shop at Tesco Ramsbottom Superstore (BL0 9AS), you can help us by choosing our school when you receive your blue token at the checkout.

Each token makes a difference and helps us fund projects and resources that benefit all our pupils. Please support us and encourage friends and family to do the same - together, we can make a big impact!

Thank you for your support!

Miss Ward x



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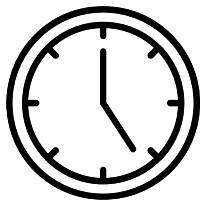
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## SCHOOL START TIME

Gates open at 8.40am  
Staff will be ready to welcome pupils into school at 8.45 am.  
At 8.55am the gates close and the registers are taken in each class.

Classroom staff are then busy starting lessons and office staff are busy around school.  
If your child arrives after 8.55am then there may not be a staff member available to welcome them and you may have to wait at the gate to be buzzed in.  
It really does help your child have a smooth and positive start to their day if they are in class with their peers by 8.55am.  
Thank you for your support with this.

## Forest School

As part of our 'Feel Good Friday' offer last term the children all had 'Wellbeing through sport' sessions. This term we are excited to see the re-launch of Forest School sessions. This will start with Oak class led by Mrs Oakes (funny!)



The other classes in school will have slots later in the year. We will also be reintroducing 'Relax Kids' in the summer term. Wellbeing through sport, Forest School and Relax Kids all seek to support our pupils emotional wellbeing and are an important part of our week.

## Let's Get Back Into Routine - Spring Term Attendance



As we begin the new spring term, we want to make sure every child has the best possible start. Regular attendance is so important - it helps children learn, feel confident, and stay connected with their friends.

To support a smooth return to school, here are some helpful tips:

### Getting back into bedtime routines

After the holidays, it can take time to re-establish routines. Aim for a regular bedtime and wake-up time to help children feel rested and ready for school. Turning off screens at least an hour before bed and introducing calming activities like reading a story or having a warm bath can make a big difference. A consistent "wind-down" routine - bath, story, lights out - helps children settle and sleep well.

### Planning ahead

Please avoid booking holidays or appointments during school time, as every day counts for your child's learning. Our term dates are available on the website.

### Talking about the exciting things ahead

Help your child look forward to school by talking about the fun activities planned this term - whether it's trips, projects, or special events. Please see the class information pages to see what your child will be learning.

### If you need support, we're here to help

If you're facing any challenges that might affect attendance, please let us know as soon as possible. We want to work with you to make sure your child doesn't miss out.

Every day in school matters, and together we can make this a fantastic start to the year. Thank you for your continued support in making attendance a priority.

## PE DAYS

Acorn - Friday  
Oak - Mon and Fri  
Beech - Mon and Fri  
Ash - Thurs and Fri  
Blossom - Thurs and Fri  
All classes Tue cricket.



## Litter

We have had a concern raised by a local resident about more litter appearing on the roads outside school. We know many of our pupils are great litter collectors as part of our sustainability club. Please let's all do our bit to keep Summerseat litter free.



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## Attendance Every Day Counts!



Your paragraph  
text

	Acorn	Oak	Beech	Ash
% this week	94.3	93	98	96.3

## Diary Dates

16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Shine assembly 9am
20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Cricket workshops
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Panathalon some KS2 pupils
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Cricket workshops
End Jan	KS2 assessments
2 <sup>nd</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Green fortnight
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Year 5/6 Athletics

## This Week's Awards

Who has been shining at Summerseat this week?

Shine Award	Value Award
Acorn (Nursery & Reception) Reuben	Acorn (Nursery & Reception) Eva
Oak (Year 1 & 2) George C	Oak (Year 1 & 2) Halle
Beech (Year 3 & 4) Willow	Beech (Year 3 & 4) Hugo
Ash (Year 5 & 6) Hallie	Ash (Year 5 & 6) Jensen



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



Hamer



Rogerson

Epworth Education Trust are holding 'The Big Serve', information below. Parents do not need to do anything at all other than discuss with your children. Do they have any ideas about how we could serve our local community, any ideas for random acts of kindness or any ideas of how we can raise money for charity. I will be asking staff to think of their own random acts of kindness too!

As part of this even Summerseat Methodist will be raising money to donate to Sarcoma UK. This is a charity that has been chosen by Mrs Allen who is very much in our thoughts and prayers at the moment.



**Infinite Eight Trust Focus:**  
**"The Big Serve"**

Following the success of last year's Trust Infinite 8 project, 'The Big Sing!' we are delighted to launch this year's Infinite 8 event, **'The Big Serve!'** As part of our Trust's Infinite Eight Strategy, this special event will empower children to **'Be a helping hand'** by taking practical steps to support others and make a positive impact in our communities.

The 'Big Serve' aligns with Random Acts of Kindness week, a global movement that encourages people to perform small, thoughtful actions that brightens someone's day and foster a culture of generosity.

**What is the 'Big Serve'?**

The Big Serve is an opportunity for each school to support its local context and community through a range of activities. Aligning to the principles of Random Acts of Kindness Week and our Trust Motto of 'Do All You Can', the school can lead on an activity which focuses on:

- **Empathy:** Understanding and responding to the needs of others
- **Community:** Building stronger connections through shared positive experiences
- **Generosity:** Giving without expecting anything in return.

**What We Need From You**

- Choose an activity or range of activities that reflects your school's community getting as many children involved as possible. Each class can do something different—there's no one-size-fits-all.
- Complete your chosen activity during the week beginning 9 February 2026.
- Submit a 3-minute video showcasing your school's Big Serve by Thursday 13th February at noon to Matt Collins.

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**Ideas to Inspire You**

Some practical ideas for how schools and teams can bring "The Big Serve" to life:

- Organise a charity bake sale or a sponsored event for a local charity  

- Create care packages for a local shelter / food bank  

- Lead a community litter-picking event or tidy a local community area e.g. cenotaph  

- Visit a care home or nursery to play games, talk and give company  

- Pack bags at a local supermarket  

- Collect blankets and food for animal sanctuary / charity  


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# RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

15th-21st February 2026