

# Parent/Carer Newsletter



"If you can dream it, you can do it." - *Walt Disney*

## Key Dates for Parents/Carers

**Wednesday 20th July** - Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9.00am - 10.00am)

**Wednesday 20th July** - End of Year Picnic on the field (11.00am - 12.30pm)

**Wednesday 20th July** - Last day of Term (*children leave at 12.30pm*)

**Wednesday 20th July** - Year 6 Disco (4.00pm - 5.30pm)

**Thursday 1st September** - Children return to school (11.00am-11.15am)

**1st, 2nd, 5th & 6th September** - Reception Home Visits

## Important Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a good weekend and are looking forward to the holidays.

I am really pleased with all we have accomplished this year particularly as it has been one of the hardest years we have ever had. Cast your mind back to Autumn term when isolation rules were relaxed and numbers were predicted to be low. This simply was not the case. Instead, teachers, pupils and parents were intermittently off with COVID. Schools were asked to teach classes and provide remote learning, while covering teachers who were absent. I cannot thank our Learning Support Assistants enough for stepping up.

Due to the lockdown previously, many pupils with SEND had not had their 12-month, 18-month checks meaning they were undiagnosed. Across the country pupils arrived in EYFS without the needed support plans. This made the start of the year very difficult, however we have learnt a lot and are in a much better position to deal with any situation moving forward. Our quality first teaching is and remains excellent and our SEND provision is getting strong and stronger. We have been asked to share our 'exemplary model' with other schools. Given the difficulties we faced, I am even more delighted with our results this year, which have been excellent.

Statutory testing takes place in Reception, Year 1 (phonics screen check), Year 2, year 4 (new multiplication test) and Year 6. All results have been significantly above national in

all but one measure (Year 6 Maths). Maths has dipped nationally and we have this as an improvement target for next year. Each year Local Authorities' moderate schools on rotation and this year our pupils work was external moderated. They were very impressed with the work, leaving our only next step as; 'to support other schools more'.

I wanted to thank the teachers and LSAs for all their hard work this year and the office for managing all the calls, the questions and keeping the school running. You have no idea how hard they have worked! I am proud of how the whole school has stepped in to support each other. A big well done and heartfelt thanks to them all.

Below is an email I recently received from our Phonics consultant...

*Thank you for your hard work and determined effort to get every child in your school reading. I have just processed my school's data and you will be pleased to know that your children have scored some of the highest scores of my entire school tracker.*

*You always take my breath away when we analyse your data but this time of the year shows why it is vital to never let your eye off the ball – excellent RWI lessons followed by high quality Fast Track Tutoring!*

*It is a pleasure to work with you all and so rewarding as a trainer to push you even further with the other vital elements of literacy. Please thank your staff team and share my happiness with them all – these children now have such a bright future.*

*Send lots of video links home over the Summer! Have a good rest. Looking forward to working with you next year.*

Unfortunately, we had to close the school today and tomorrow for Upper Primary. This was a real shame as we had such a good assembly planned for our Year 6s. Fortunately, we have been able to move it to Wednesday at 9.00am, however I know some pupils have already left. Despite this, we will do our best to make this an enjoyable day and the disco will now take place at 4.00pm on Wednesday. I would like to wish our delightful Year 6s all the best in their new chapter. Their energy, confidence and passion were so evident in the performance, I know they will be fine. They have been delightful and will be sincerely missed!

For any parents who are also leaving us this year, know that we have valued every moment. We could not have done this without you and we honestly will miss seeing you too. Those morning and afternoon exchanges and morning and general chit-chat. Thank you for all you have done and be brave in September.

Looking forward to next year, we are in full swing for preparations and are extremely excited about all that it has to bring. Children will return to school on **Thursday 1st September at 11.00am -11.15am** for this day only, drop off will remain between 8.30am -8.45am. Going forward, KS1 children to be dropped at gate D and KS2 children to be dropped at gate C. You will drop your child off at Moat Drive and leave them at the school

gate, children have been adequately prepared to walk to their classes through the transition day. Timings may differ for certain children, you will have been informed of this by Mrs Harris and the new starters in EYFS are aware of their transitional times.

The collection time is now 3.15pm -3.30pm, collecting from Moat Drive, gate D for entering at gate C for exiting. I understand this may be new for some parents, there will be signs for gate C and D on the first day. The parent carpark is available for you to use though the only entrance point is Moat Drive.

### **Whole School Picnic**

As a final celebration we will have the end of year picnic on the last day. Please follow the time guidance, to allow a safe and enjoyable event for all.

**Date:** Wednesday 20th July

**Location:** School Field

**Gates Open:** 11.00am (*Parent Car Park Gate & Moat Drive Gate*)

**Gates Close:** 11.20am (*Gates will not be manned after this time*)

**Picnic Timing:** 11.00am - 12.30pm

**Gates Open:** 12.10pm

**Gates Close:** 12.30pm

We are unable to provide a lot of shade so please keep this mind. Please make a quick exit as we have a staff meeting in the afternoon.

We have made a slight change to the plans - **If you are bringing in food to sell at the picnic you must be at the Barn Gates by 10.40am.** We will let you in slightly earlier so that you can set up. You must let your child's class teacher know if you will be bringing in food via Teams.

With all that being said, I wish you all nothing but the best! I hope you all have the best summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you back in September.

*Miss Mehat*

## Messages & Reminders

### **sQuid Accounts**

Please ensure that your child's sQuid account contains enough funds to cover him/her until the end of the term.

*Front Office Team*

### **Free School Meals**

If your child is currently in Year 2, as of September 2022 when they will move into Year 3, they will no longer be eligible for universal free school meals so you will need to pay for any school lunches. If your family is currently receiving benefits, your child may still be entitled through the benefit free school meal scheme. If you believe that you are entitled, please collect a free school meal form from the office for us to submit to the council or alternatively you can apply through the Slough Borough Council website directly. Once we receive the decision from Slough Borough Council regarding your application, we would contact you with the outcome.

*Mrs D Thistle*

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

Launching in Slough Libraries 2nd July. For 2022, The Reading Agency is partnering with [Science Museum Group](#) for Gadgeteers, a science and innovation themed Challenge that will spark children's curiosity about the world around them. The Summer Reading Challenge combines FREE access to books with fun, creative activities during the summer holidays. Throughout the Challenge, Slough libraries will support and encourage children to discover new authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading.

Children aged 4 years and older can challenge themselves to read six books from the library over the summer and be rewarded with lots of stickers and free goodies along the way. Certificates and medals will be awarded to children who complete the challenge. Joining the challenge is free and it runs until 17th September so there's plenty of time to read your six books. Children need to be a member of the library to take part. It's easy and free to join.

The official Challenge website hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer: [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

Sign up to the challenge and discover a world of imagination, inspiration and innovation inside your local Slough library. [www.slough.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.slough.gov.uk/libraries)

*Mrs Orgill*

### **Summer Reading Challenge 2022**



**Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.**

## Greetings

To continue our celebration of languages spoken in our school please use the Bulgarian greeting of 'zdrasti'. Please take this opportunity to discuss where Bulgaria is on a world map.

*Mrs Patterson*

## Summertime Book Review Competition 2022

The aim is to encourage children to read over the summer holidays by sending us a book review. We had some amazing entries last year and would love for you to get involved this summer!

The prizes are books for the winner and their school's library; and also, a video call for the whole class with award-winning World Book Day author **Zanib Mian**.

The competition is open until the 30th September. Click [here](#) to find out more.



Win books for you and £100 books for your school library!

Read a book this summer and send us your book review for a chance to win a bundle of books for you and your school.

### Summertime Book Review

Have you read a book and want to tell everyone all about it? Well, now is your chance! Send us a review of your must-read book for a chance to win books for you and your school. You can use one of the templates on our website, one from your school, or create your own. For full details about the competition; suggestions for what to include in your review; templates; and terms and conditions, [click here](#) or visit [www.schoolreaders.org/summertime-book-review-competition](http://www.schoolreaders.org/summertime-book-review-competition)

### What could you win?

Two winners and their class gets a video call with award winning children's author Zanib Mian; who wrote the Planet Omar series!

The winners' book reviews will be featured on the Schoolreaders website.

The two winners will also win £25 worth of books for themselves, along with £100 worth of books for their school's library. Four runners up will win £15 worth of books each.



### When by?

All entries need to be submitted by 5pm on Friday 30th September 2022

### Important information:

This is a competition for pupils of primary school age in the UK. By entering the book review competition participants and their parent(s) or guardian(s) are deemed to have accepted and agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions.

The child's name and age and an adult's contact details must be included with each entry. Please also include the name and town of the entrant's primary school so we can contact them.

Send entries by e-mail to [competition@schoolreaders.org](mailto:competition@schoolreaders.org) or post them to: Schoolreaders, Bedford Heights, Brickhill Drive, Bedford, MK41 7PH.

To find out more about volunteering as a Schoolreader visit [www.schoolreaders.org](http://www.schoolreaders.org)





# Foster for Slough

Foster carers are **ordinary people doing extraordinary things**. If you...

- ✓ Have a spare room
- ✓ Are aged 21 or over
- ✓ Want to help a vulnerable child

**You have it in you to change a life.**



Contact us today to find out more about fostering.

Phone: 01753 690777

Text: FOSTER to 60066

Visit: [fosterforslough.com](http://fosterforslough.com)



### Free Cricket Sessions

The links to sign up are now live: [ALL STARS\(5-8 Year Olds\) – FIRST SESSION MONDAY JULY 25th 1-2pm](#)

All Stars Cricket provides boys and girls from 5-8 years old with 8 weeks of non-stop fun. The activity and game-based programme is suitable for all skill levels, providing your child with the foundations to begin a lifelong love of physical activity and cricket, while making friends in a safe and enjoyable environment.



### [DYNAMOS\(8-11 Year Olds\) – First Session Monday July 25th 2:15-3:15pm](#)




Dynamos Cricket provides boys and girls from 8-11 years old with 6+ sessions of non-stop fun. Each week there will be a focus on a different cricket skill to build their confidence and ability, before they take part in a 60-ball countdown cricket match. Dynamos Cricket will help grow your child's love of the game, and will give them the opportunity to socialise and make friends in a safe environment.





## Awards & Honours

### STARS OF THE WEEK - EARLY YEARS










<b>Morning Nursery</b>	<b>David</b> for showing a more mature attitude and becoming more independent
<b>Afternoon Nursery</b>	<b>Harris</b> for having a positive week and using kind hands
 <b>England</b>	<b>Maaz</b> for building independence and making new friends.
 <b>Scotland</b>	<b>Momin</b> for independently writing cvc words and numbers to 10.
 <b>Wales</b>	<b>Abhijot</b> for beginning to write his numbers and sounds

### STARS OF THE WEEK - LOWER PRIMARY

 <b>Spain</b>	<b>Hashim</b> for building routines and making good choices.
 <b>Poland</b>	<b>Anayah</b> for striving for excellence when writing her innovated story and for a fantastic performance of her Djembe drumming.
 <b>Italy</b>	<b>Fatima</b> for striving for excellence with her story writing even after missing the planning stages
 <b>Fiji</b>	<b>Umayyah</b> for her bravery and dedication to performance of our poetry
 <b>Australia</b>	<b>Mohammed</b> for being brave and joining in on class discussions in Maths. He has worked incredibly hard to make amounts using coins.
 <b>Tonga</b>	<b>Filip</b> for his excellent map work! Well done, Filip!
 <b>Egypt</b>	<b>Musa</b> for having a positive attitude towards his learning and always ready.
 <b>Ethiopia</b>	<b>Nailah</b> for having a positive attitude towards her learning & the next academic year. She's always ready for lessons & has shown this when constructing & learning our poetry story map.
 <b>South Africa</b>	<b>Jamie</b> for always being ready, respectful and having great table manners at lunch time. From Miss W.



## STARS OF THE WEEK - UPPER PRIMARY

	Cuba	<b>Shaniya</b> for her excellent attitude towards her learning and for being a kind and helpful member of the class.
	Canada	<b>Insiyah</b> for always striving for excellence and being a great role model to her peers.
	Mexico	<b>Zinedine</b> for constantly going above and beyond when helping others
	Brazil	<b>Haysam</b> for being a fantastic, welcoming partner and role model for a new member of our class.
	Argentina	<b>Sehajpreet</b> for enthusiasm and striving for excellence in all lessons
	Peru	<b>Husnain</b> for striving for excellence when writing to inform and thinking carefully about including the toolkit features!
	Sri Lanka	<b>Siraj</b> for working really hard this week to strive for excellence regarding his behaviour
	China	<b>Alishba</b> for being a trustworthy member of the class and using her initiative to take on responsibilities and important tasks
	Philippines	/

### Staff Spotlight



**Name:** Ms Whittingham

**Job title:** Nursery Class Teacher

**When did you join WCPS:** 6 years ago, and it is the best school I have ever worked in.

**Job Role/Duties:** ensuring the children are taught within a happy and safe environment. Teaching the children to learn, be resilient and become keen independent learners, by working within the team, and with support from the parents.

**Favourite thing about WCPS:** The staff are all so supportive and friendly, like a family, a smile goes a long way.

## Clubs & Activities

# Summer craft workshops

## FOR KIDS



Run by an experienced teacher at Craft Coop Windsor



£15 per child



Age 6+  
One adult per group must be present.

Contact [craftcoopwindsorworkshops@gmail.com](mailto:craftcoopwindsorworkshops@gmail.com) for more info





# RUNNYMEDE Stories

at The Curve, Slough

## FREE summer holiday workshops

To book, head online at [nationaltrust.org.uk/runnymede](https://nationaltrust.org.uk/runnymede), talk to a member of staff in the gallery (from 22 July), or scan the QR code (bottom right) to go directly to the booking page



### Creative workshops

**Zine-making Workshop**  
Sat 23 July, 10am & Sat 6 August 10am (2 hours)

Families are invited to have a go at making a zine collage book guided by Nami Ralph, illustrator and Stef Smith, artist.

**Making Mobiles Workshop**  
Sun 24 July, 10.30 & 2.30 (1 hour)

Bring the whole family along to create mobiles, guided by our 2022 Artist in Residence, Bhajan Hunjan.

**Illustration Workshop**  
Fri 29 July, 10.30am (1.5 hours)

Families are invited to get stuck into the world of illustration and drawing, guided by Nami Ralph, illustrator and Stef Smith, artist.

**Print making Workshop**  
Sun 7 August, 2pm (2 hours)

Participants are invited to create their own beautiful prints, guided by our 2022 Artist in Residence, Bhajan Hunjan.



### Archaeology workshops



**Be an Archaeologist Workshop**

Thurs 4 August, 10.30am, 1.30pm, 3pm & Fri 5 August, 10.30am, 1.30pm, 3pm (1 hour each)

Ever wondered how we dig into our past and tell stories of human history? Our archaeologist Harry will teach you all you need to know! This workshop is for families ready to get digging- Harry will take you through what it takes to be an archaeologist, how to keep yourself safe, how to dress like an archaeologist and what objects you might find under the earth.



### Nature workshops

**Bug Hunting Workshops**  
Mon 25 July, 10.30am, Thurs 28 July, 10.30am, Sun 31 July, 10.30am, Tues 2 August, 2pm & Wed 3 August, 10.30am (1 hour)

Ever tried a bug hunt before? We'll take you through Salt Hill Park to find all of your favourite bugs and maybe some more you haven't seen before. Prepared to get a bit mucky by exploring through the different habitats for bugs, suitable for children aged 5-11 years.

**Wild Art Workshops**  
Mon 25 July, 2pm, Tues 26 July, 2pm, Wed 27 July, 10.30am, Sun 31 July, 2pm, Mon 1 August, 2pm & Tues 2 August, 10.30am, (1 hour)

In this workshop we'll be using natural materials to experiment and make our own shapes, colours and creations to feature in the exhibition here at The Curve.

**Build a Bug Hotel Workshops**  
Tues 26 July, 10.30am, Thurs 28 July, 2pm, Mon 1 August, 10.30am & Wed 3 August, 2pm (1 hour)

Come join in with our bug hotel workshop and learn how to help your local wildlife. Suitable for children aged 5-11 years.



#### Volunteering for the National Trust

Interested in finding out more about volunteering? Come and have a chat with a member of our team and we'll tell you all about what it's like to volunteer at Runnymede, whether it's as a volunteer ranger, photographer, habitat monitor, storyteller or designer. Or drop us an email and we'll be in touch: [runnymede@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:runnymede@nationaltrust.org.uk)





# GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service  
East Berkshire



# BEAR CUBS

## AGES 5 TO 10



**ONLINE AND FACE TO FACE ACTIVITIES!**  
**FORTNIGHTLY FRIDAYS AT 4PM**

## Activities

15/07/22 Maidenhead - Yoga Fun - Braywick Park  
05/08/22 Online - Lego Building  
19/08/22 Bracknell - Sports day! - South Hill Park  
02/09/22 Online - What do I want to be when I grow up?  
16/09/22 Online - Treasure map & Pirate design & Name  
07/10/22 Windsor - Rugby Fun - Home Park  
21/10/22 Online - Design your superhero & Powers  
04/11/22 TBC - Low noise fireworks display - Camp Mohawk  
18/11/22 Online - Poem/Rap writing  
02/12/22 Online - Christmas card designs  
16/12/22 Slough - Christmas party -TBC

**Please note activities may be subject to change**

**Registration:**  
[GEMS.4health@nhs.net](mailto:GEMS.4health@nhs.net)

## Criteria:

**On pathway to diagnosis or  
diagnosed with Autism and/or  
ADHD**



**More Information:** 0800 999 1342 [WWW.GEMS4HEALTH.COM](http://WWW.GEMS4HEALTH.COM)





# GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service  
East Berkshire

# WOLF PACK

## AGES 11 TO 15



**ONLINE AND FACE TO FACE  
ACTIVITIES!**

**SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH @430PM**

**Registration:**

**[GEMS.4health@nhs.net](mailto:GEMS.4health@nhs.net)**

**Criteria:**

**On pathway to diagnosis or  
diagnosed with Autism and/or  
ADHD**

## Activities

08/07/22 Online - Poem/RapWriting

12/08/22 Slough - Basketball Fun - Mercian Way Park

09/09/22 Online - App Invention and pitch

14/10/22 Bracknell - Fitness session - South Hill park

11/11/22 Windsor - Rugby Fun

09/12/22 TBC - Christmas meet up

Please note activities may be subject to change

**More Information:** 0800 999 1342 [WWW.GEMS4HEALTH.COM](http://WWW.GEMS4HEALTH.COM)



BRITISH  
ATHLETICS

STARTRACK



# STARTRACK CAMP!

Startrack Camp is all athletics based activities, for ages 5-13!

**Summer 2022**

**25th-29th July / 1st-5th August  
8th-12th August / 15th-19th August**

**09:00-15:00**

Extended hours \*8:30am – 5pm\*



Get booking for the Summer holidays so your kids can have some fun!



**For more information email [kidsactivities@deleisure.com](mailto:kidsactivities@deleisure.com)**



# Future Talent Sports

**ATHLETICS**



**NEW SKILLS**



**LEARN & DEVELOP**



**MAKE FRIENDS**



**HAVE FUN**



**GAIN CONFIDENCE**



**SESSIONS ARE BACK ON THIS WEEK!**

# SLOUGH WOMENS ALLOTMENT PROJECT

**We are looking for female volunteers to support a new allotment project for pregnant women**



**If you are:**

- Interested in gardening and being outdoors
- Sympathetic and open to helping vulnerable pregnant women
- Available approx. 2 hours per week
- Have your own transport or able to use public transport

**Free training will be provided**

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

**To find out more contact 01753 572958  
or [office@hsslough.co.uk](mailto:office@hsslough.co.uk)**



**Home-Start Slough is a local charity providing support, friendship, and practical help to parents of young children in Slough.**







**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**BECOME A VOLUNTEER AND  
CHANGE A LIFE**

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

**To learn more call  
01753 572958 or  
email us at  
[office@hsslough.co.uk](mailto:office@hsslough.co.uk)**

Next Volunteer Prep Training  
programme starts  
29th September  
3 mornings for 3 weeks  
Venue: Burnham nr Slough

- We need volunteers to support Slough and Burnham families who are finding things tough;
- Could you support a family in their home?
- Could you provide telephone support?
- A keen gardener? get in touch to help at our Allotment

**Comprehensive training and  
support package**

  
**Ofsted**  
Registered

**S4K**



# MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMPS

.....

**@ THIS SUMMER!**  
**WEXHAM COURT**  
**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Sport4Kids will be back at Wexham Court Primary School this Summer with their exciting Multi-Activity Camps for children aged 4(Reception+) to 13 years.

From themed arts & crafts to sports & games and team activities, there is something for every child to enjoy at Sport4Kids Multi-Activity Camps.

**15% OFF**

OFFER ENDS  
6TH JUNE

**USE CODE:  
SUMMEREBO**

**CLICK HERE**  
**TO BOOK**  
**NOW**



[www.sport4kids.biz](http://www.sport4kids.biz)

Call 0300 303 3866





The holiday activities and food programme

# Back for **SUMMER**

4 hours of fun for 4 days a week  
over 4 weeks during the summer break!

**COMING  
SOON!**

Arts and crafts, nutrition  
education, music, fencing and more!

Kids go free\*  
for 4 hours



**25 JULY to  
31 AUGUST 2022**

For more information visit:  
[www.sloughfamilyservices.org.uk](http://www.sloughfamilyservices.org.uk)  
and search for "Slough HAF Programme"

\*Eligibility criteria  
applies - free  
school meals



# SLOUGH MUSIC SERVICE



- Learn to play an instrument
- Join a band, orchestra or choir
- Take part in a course, residential or tour

**CHECK US OUT!**

[www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk](http://www.sloughmusicservice.co.uk)

or give us a call on 01753 759614



/sloughmusic



@sloughmusic



**From all the staff here at Wexham Court Primary  
School...**

