

# Summer 1 Newsletter - May 2026



Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, and all members of our school community,

It has been another incredibly exciting and engaging half term for our school with many different things happening. The behaviour of our children in our school continues to improve as our behaviour curriculum and associated approaches embed further. It has been particularly pleasing to see the positive energy from the children and the staff in the classrooms and how this is positively impacting the children's learning across the curriculum. Our learning has been brought to life by several wonderful visitors recently. This included a fascinating session with the Pollinators Project, where the children discussed the vital importance of bees and identified the different species we have here on Guernsey.

Beyond the classroom, the children have been fully immersed in our Cultural Enrichment activities. Year 2 have been embracing the wonders of outdoor learning, while Year 4 have been exploring the creative links between music and nature. Meanwhile, Year 5 have had their introduction to Bioblitz, where they will be acting as young scientists to record the biodiversity in Guernsey next half term. It has been wonderful to support the children as they get the most out of our outdoor spaces, both within the school and across our beautiful island.

We enjoyed another successful Liberation Day celebration with a special focus on island life during the occupation. Throughout the day, the children took part in a variety of activities designed to reinforce their understanding of this significant period in our history. The event included a vibrant Celebration Parade and culminated with a spirited World War II sing-along, making a truly memorable tribute to our heritage.

## Sun Safety

Thank you all for your support with the children wearing sun hats when outside at school. We know that lots of the children are also having sun cream applied before school. The children's safety is always our top priority and developing routines to enable them to help themselves is a key part of this. There have been many articles in the press recently. Here is a recent one which may be of interest.

<https://guernseypress.com/news/2025/06/02/cream-up-cover-up-cool-off-this-summer-says-mug>

## Residentials

Our Year 6 have just returned from their residential to Rockley in Poole. This was an amazing experience with an incredible array of activities for them to engage with. We were so proud of all the children who pushed themselves to take on everything that was on offer. For the children who were unable to attend, we ran a local activity week. This also had a wide range of opportunities which the children really engaged with and enjoyed. Thank you so much to everyone involved for making these happen. Our Year 5 children will soon be off to Herm for their residential after half term and we are in the process of organising our next Year 4 residential to Lihou Island in September.

## Staffing Update

At the end of this term we will sadly be saying farewell to Mrs Thomas who is leaving Vauvert after 28 years of dedicated service. She has been a huge part of the school, teaching hundreds of children, leading many events, and bringing a joy and passion to experiences in school. Mrs Thomas will be leaving to join the Island Wide Teaching Team who work across the primary schools. We look forward to seeing her in her new role and thank her for everything she has done while she has been at Vauvert.

With best wishes as always,  
Adrian Paul  
Headteacher

## Reception

We have had a fantastic half term! We have been learning all about mini-beasts. We have learnt about their habitats, created clay models of them and went on a trip to the KGV to see what different ones we could find. In English, we have continued with Drawing Club where we have looked at the fable, "The ant and the grasshopper", "The very hungry caterpillar" and have watched "Bill and Ben." The children's writing has gone from strength to strength and we are so proud of how well they have done. In Maths, we have continued to look at shapes; both 2D and 3D, we have counted to 20 and beyond and we have looked at both addition and subtraction to 10. We started swimming this term, which the children have absolutely loved. It has been wonderful to watch them grow in confidence over the past few weeks in the pool and their skills develop. We can't believe it is going to be their last term in Reception coming up, and we are excited to see what next the next half term will bring!



## Year 1

The children have had a wonderful first half of the summer term, engaging with all areas of the curriculum. In English, the children enjoyed writing setting descriptions based on the book 'Julian is a Mermaid'. During maths we have focussed on multiplication and division, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. The children have loved their PE this term, particularly swimming. It has been a joy to watch their enthusiasm grow when swimming. We have engaged in striking and fielding activities during PE, focussing on accurate throwing and catching. During DT the children have designed and created their own pencil pots. They have developed skills in programming during computing, and pitch and tempo within music. Finally, they enjoyed learning about growing plants in Science. We look forward to seeing their progress next half term!



## Year 2

The children have had a wonderful first half of the summer term, showing growing confidence and enthusiasm across the curriculum. In English, we enjoyed learning about The Great Fire of London, developing our writing by using conjunctions, time words and clear sequencing of events. Maths lessons focused on fractions, where the children confidently explored halves, quarters and fractions of shapes and amounts using practical resources. Swimming has been a real highlight in PE, with excellent progress in confidence and technique, alongside developing athletics skills. In Music, the children enjoyed learning to play the recorder and performed together with increasing accuracy and rhythm. A special highlight was meeting author Lauren Child, which inspired creativity and curiosity.



### Year 3

What an exciting and action-packed half term we have had! We loved our Hive Hackers sessions, working with Ralph from PwC to learn block coding and create algorithms. Our creativity shone during our Egyptian art unit, where we crafted our own papyrus paper and designed scrolls using ancient symbols. In science, we practically explored plant functions; watching flowers change colour in dyed water was a huge hit that clearly showed how stems transport water. We also found our groove in music, using percussion instruments to compose our own rhythms. Finally, we took to the courts in PE to master our tennis racquet grip and forehand shots leaving us all feeling officially ready for Wimbledon in a few weeks!



### Year 4

Year 4 have been learning lots of theory about Beach and Sea safety from AJ. We are looking forward to getting into the sea and thinking about what we have learnt practically (hopefully when the weather warms up). Music has been amazing, composing our own pieces to go with a film that Nature Guernsey produced. The soap sculptures in art were a hit - feel free to let the children continue this over half term at home! Our Liberation Celebrations were as special as ever, many children really enjoyed listening to Molly Bihet and others who were here during the Occupation. Our new class books brought so much joy, thank you.



### Herm Class

It hardly seems that long ago that I was telling you all about the exciting things done in Herm in Autumn, but here we are coming to the end of a short half term and we have managed to do so many things despite having a full week in Vauvert last week and additional time for Liberation Celebrations at Vauvert. Firstly, I would like to welcome our new student Cicely who has joined us during this term and settled into learning at Herm very well.

Reception learning has focused on mini beasts, shape in Maths, and developing our Phonics and Reading and Writing skills in English alongside me sharing some of my favourite books and cartoons as a stimulus with Drawing Club with Wacky Races and Captain Pugwash.

Year 4 learning for our new student has used the magical world of Narnia as a writing stimulus and in Maths work on Decimals and Shape, Science has been on Humans and other animals but a large amount of work has focused on our History Topic of World War 2 and especially, Liberation Day.

Year 6 learning has seen more in depth learning with decimals and shape and a big focus on developing Grammar skills and letter writing in English. Activity week for Year 6 saw surfing, archery and high ropes as just some of the activities covered.

Jointly the children have done many things in Music, Art, Outdoor/Environment Learning and PE including musical terms, sculpture, spring flower pictures, our allotment, beach combing, flower pressing and improving our bike riding skills.



## Year 5

It's been another fantastic half term in Year 5, with lots of learning, fun and forward thinking taking place. In our English sessions, we've looked at the story of Anne Frank and written some moving information texts, and we've created some brilliant stories based on 'The Lost Happy Endings'. In maths sessions, we've covered fractions, decimals, percentages, angles and shapes - the children have done amazingly well to remember so much vocabulary. In other areas of the curriculum, we've covered a huge range of things from athletics to forces, Tudor explorers to systems analysis, and installation art to musical composition. We are all very much looking forward to the summer term, especially the Herm trip, sports day, and our transition work into Year Six. Well done everyone and have a great half-term break!



## Year 6

We have had a lovely start to the Summer Term. This half term we have enjoyed listening to some of the Grimms' fairy tales, some very familiar and others not so, but all containing some interesting demises to some of the characters! We covered ratio and proportion in our maths sessions and some of us have begun stretching ourselves even further with some stretch and challenge activities. Our talks with PC Nick and the SHARE nurses have been very important and helped us understand more about what to expect as we grow up and move on into secondary school. PE activities have covered cricket which we were very grateful for the expertise of Mr Martel, and swimming. The next half term will be jam packed not only with learning, but with show rehearsals, transition days, sports day to name just a few! Have a lovely half term break.



## Sports Teams

A huge 'well done' to everyone who has represented the school this half term in the various teams and clubs we have put together. Our success in the recent softball tournament and triathlon meet have been real highlights. Well done, too, to the all-year-five girls' team that competed at Victoria Park - for many of the team, it was their first time representing the school! Thanks, as always to all those who come along to support us at these events.



## PTFA

We are very much looking forward to our Summer Festival on Saturday 13th June. There is considerable work being done behind the scenes to make this a success. Please watch out for further details which will be posted on Dojo,



### This term's dates for the diary:

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May	Half Term Break - School Closed
Wednesday 3rd June - Friday 5th June	Y5 Herm Residential - see letters
Tuesday 9th June	Y6 Children Transition Day 1 at high schools and colleges - see letter
Friday 12th June	Pupils wear their own clothes for a donation to the Summer Festival - more information to follow
Saturday 13th June	1pm - 3.30pm PTFA Summer Festival - more information to follow
Monday 22nd June	Y6 Children Transition Day 2 at high schools and colleges - see letter
Monday 22nd June	6pm Y6 Parent Presentation at new High Schools
Friday 25th June	Reception Beach Trip to Cobo - more information to follow
Friday 26th June	Y2 Day Trip to Herm - more information to follow
Friday 3rd July	Y3 and 4 Beach Trip at Grandes Rocques - more information fo follow
Wednesday 8th July	Y6 Show - Performance to parents - more information to follow
Thursday 9th July	Sports Day - more information to follow
Friday 10th July	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 14th July	Y1 Beach Day at Port Soif - more information to follow
Wednesday 15th July	Y6 Leavers Evening - more information to follow
Friday 17th July	School finishes at 1pm for the Summer break - no school bus

### Future dates for the diary:

Mon 7th Sept - Children start back after the summer break	Fri 18th Dec - School finishes at 1pm for the Christmas holiday
Fri 23rd Oct Additional Inset Day - <b>School Closed for Children</b>	Mon 26th Oct - Fri 30th Oct half term holiday

## Lost Property

**Please ensure items are named. The amount of clothing that we collect each day is phenomenal. We return it where we can but it is so much easier if it is named. If your child is missing anything, please check the lost property box.**