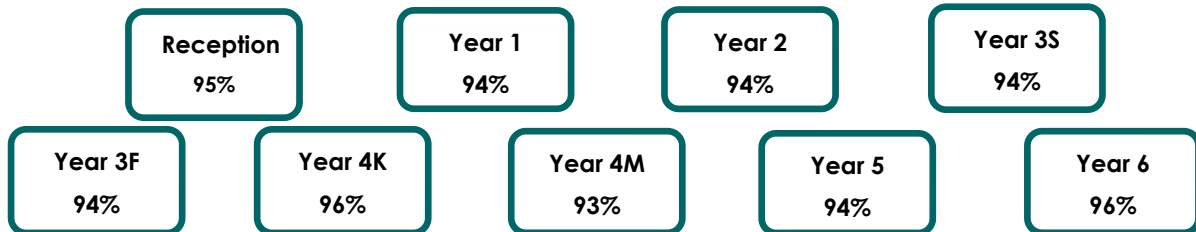


Summer 2 Primley Wood Primary School Newsletter



Good attendance and punctuality equals success!

Attendance for this year was 95% Our attendance target next year will be 97%
Please help your child to achieve success by ensuring that they come to school every day.
Please see individual class attendance for the year below.



Upcoming Key Dates Green events – parents are welcome

24 th July	Break up for summer
Tuesdays	Nursery Stay and play sessions every Tuesday (weekly times (am and pm) will be confirmed by the Nursery Team)
3 rd September	Back to school for pupils
4 th September	Meet the Nursery teacher and information about the year, 3.20pm in classroom
4 th September	Meet the Reception teacher and information about the year, 3.20pm in classroom
4 th September	Meet the Year 6 teacher and information about the year, 3.20pm in classroom
5 th September	Meet the Year 5 teacher - and information about the year, 3.20pm in classroom
5 th September	Meet the Year 3 teacher and information about the year, 3.20pm in classroom
6 th September	Meet the Year 4 teacher - and information about the year, 3.20pm in classroom
6 th September	Meet the Year 1 and 2 teacher - and information about the year, 3.20pm in classroom
9 th September	Phase 2 Phonics Workshop (for Reception parents) 9:05am
11 th September	Coffee morning for parents 9:00am in school hall
16 th September	DEAR sessions for Years 1 and 2 (2:50 pm)
17 th September	DEAR sessions for Years 3 and 4 (2:50 pm)
18 th September	DEAR sessions for Nursery and Reception (2:50 pm)
19 th September	DEAR sessions for Years 5 and 6 (2:50 pm)
24 th September	Live Phonics lesson in Reception 9:10am in Reception classroom
27 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning Fundraiser 9:00am in school hall
27 th September	Please bring in food for food banks (tins, packets)
30 th September	Harvest Festival Assembly, please bring in food for food banks (tins, packets)
1 st October	Black History Month Poetry Launch
7 th October	Phonics workshop for Year 1 parents 9:00am in school hall
10 th October	Live Phonics lesson in Year 1 9:10am in Year 1 classroom
22 nd October	Poetry recital (children selected from each class - performed on stage in front of parents) 2:30pm in school hall
23 rd October	Parents evening 3:30-5:30pm – online booking system available on 1 st October
24 th October	Parents evening 3:30-5:30pm - online booking system available on 1 st October
25 th October	Break up for half term

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the year, we want to start by saying a heartfelt thank you. Although it has been a fantastic year, we understand it has also been challenging with lots of change and sometimes uncertainty and we thank you for your continued support towards the school. I am extremely proud of the pupils and staff and have really enjoyed the journey we have been on so far together. It certainly has been a year of change, but we passionately believe that Primley Wood is on track to being an excellent school which values pupils' personal development and academic excellence in equal balance. In a short time we have already achieved academic success with 80% of our pupils passing their phonics screening and we are very proud of our Year 6 results with the cohort exceeding our predicted targets. We also have an excellent enrichment offer and the children have had an abundance of opportunities to develop personally. Our pupils are polite, kind and caring and make the staff very proud every day.

We are an inclusive school that welcomes children from all backgrounds and want children to thrive in an environment where they know they are nurtured. Please continue to speak kindly of the school and we hope for Primley Wood to be one of the most commended in Leeds very soon.

I would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of the staff. This year we have reviewed several subjects, introduced a new maths, writing and reading strategy, implemented a new phonics approach, refined the structure in Nursery, reviewed our teaching and learning pedagogy, our homework system, behaviour policy, safeguarding practices, playtimes and lunch times and much more. The Primley Wood staff have been truly amazing, they have been a part of the decision-shaping and have embraced the changes with understanding and positivity. We are very lucky to have such a caring staff that put the needs of our pupils first in everything that they do.

We look forward to next year to build on the successes so far and cannot wait to see our pupils in their wonderful new uniform.

Have a safe and wonderful summer and we look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Tuesday 3rd September. Thank you for your growing support.

Please sit back with a cup of tea and enjoy our Summer 2 newsletter.

Warm wishes,
Mrs Seetle Kaur

Nursery

In Nursery, this half-term, we have been busy learning all about 'Cool Creatures'. Each week we have focused on a different animal book, such as *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* and *Aaaarrgghh Spider!* We have talked about different animals and insects and where they live, and we have also enjoyed singing some animal-related nursery rhymes. We are becoming experts at joining in with songs and rhymes during carpet time!



In phonics the Wrens have been using the Little Wandle scheme to learn about syllables and rhyming words, while the Penguins have been practising our key rhymes. In Maths, we have continued to work on counting, 2D shapes and ordering numbers. In our daily 'Funky Fingers' sessions we have done lots of threading and pinching activities, as well as Lego building and Dough Disco.



In our Early Years provision we have done lots of activities and crafts linked to our weekly texts, and some of our artwork has been displayed on the working wall. We continue to focus on sharing skills and showing kindness to others while being busy in Nursery.



Our graduation was a great success, and it was a fantastic opportunity for the staff and parents to celebrate the children's achievements. We also loved taking part in Sports Day and got lots of stickers for running fast!

From all the Nursery team, we are so proud of the children and hope everyone has a fantastic summer holiday!



Reception

What a busy final half term! Over the past couple of weeks, we have been exploring the wild world of animals, from jungle critters to deep-sea creatures! To kick start our topic we visited Temple Newsam, where we learnt all about the workings of a real farm, got to hold some of the animals and even ride a tractor! The children really impressed us with their behaviour and it was a wonderful day for everyone. A huge thank you to the parents who supported us on the trip.



In Maths we have been reading the story 'All about Legs!' This sparked lots of lovely discussion about different animals and how to classify them but also how to count in twos, add together and subitise! The children have also been using Numicon and the Rekenreks to support their understanding of number bonds to 10.

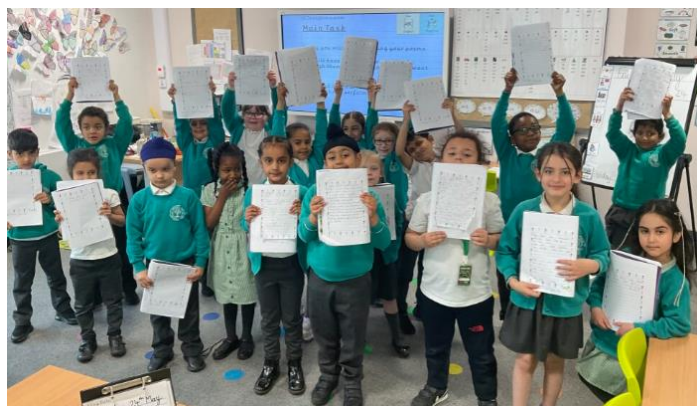
Science has been a highlight for us this term; we have explored different habitats and matched animals to their homes. In the forest we found lots of mini beasts including centipedes, woodlice and spiders!

Reception have been preparing themselves for the transition to Year 1 – it has been very emotional for the staff to see how far they've come! We are so proud of the progress that the children have made, and it's been a privilege to work with each and every one of them. We wish you all a lovely summer!



Year 1

It has been a wonderful term in Year 1. In English we enjoyed our story *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson and learned lots of new things about snails and whales. We conducted some research on the animals and collated them together to create our own fact files which was our final piece of writing this year. It was really fun learning lots of new things about animals we didn't know much about! The class showed how mature and sensible they were when collating their own facts and taking ownership of their learning. We all did so incredibly well, Miss Read is really proud of our efforts. We have had a busy term with tests and the children have all done so well with the phonics screening test, our results are amazing and everyone should be so proud!



In Geography we developed our understanding of the weather in the UK, and learned to understand that weather is different in different areas. We can confidently say which country and county we live in, as well as naming the capital cities of the UK. We conducted lots of fieldwork this term and loved being out and about around the school grounds. We observed the weather changes in summer and created our own weather diary to show our observations. This worked very well with our Science topic, where we were investigating the weather in seasons and what materials would be best for preparing us for these different weathers. We conducted some scientific experiments and made predictions which materials would protect us from all-weather types.



It has been a fabulous term preparing the class for Year 2 and we have had so many extra-curricular activities to get involved with. Well done to the Primley's Got Talent competitors, our new Class Ambassadors and our new pupil leaders who will be leading a subject area going into Year 2. All of the adults in Year 1 are very proud of the class and can see them being fantastic Year 2 children, Miss Read will miss them very much.

Year 2

It has been a very exciting half term in Year 2. We began with a science trip to the children's museum called 'Eureka,' where the children learnt about earth in space and the human body. They also drove cars, a bus and ran the local bank! In Science we've been learning about life cycles (animals and humans) and this has fitted nicely into understanding the transition to Key Stage 2.

Year 2 worked really hard practising for sports day and had an amazing time— they loved the cycle of skills and enjoyed all the races. We have some very talented athletes! I can't wait to see what they'll be doing by Year 6!

We've enjoyed learning about the coast in Geography, programming in computing and writing and understanding jokes for the Primley Wood Talent Show. Maths has been challenging, as the children prepare for Year 3 learning and in English lessons the children wrote instructions for (and made) musical instruments. They have been really hard working this half term, and we wish them a happy summer break.



Year 3 Falcons

What a busy half term it has been in Falcons! We've enjoyed a wonderful sports day and talent show, and loved seeing all of the parents who could attend.

Pretty sure we'll be so ready for Year 4: In Maths we've been recapping our addition, multiplication and division strategies and thinking about which methods are appropriate for which type of questions. Conducting our own research for our statistics work was also a highlight. In Science, we have been exploring working scientifically: developing testable questions, making predictions, recording results, writing methods and drawing conclusions. One of our favourites was conducting a fair test by changing one variable in baking a cake - and trying our cakes afterwards!



We were also surprised to see how well tomato ketchup cleans coins and came to the conclusion that this is to do with how acidic it is. We loved making solar ovens too and making predictions about which would be the

most efficient. It was a bit of a surprise that the chocolate inside the packet melted faster than the chocolate in any of our ovens! We finished our English with a flourish: writing diary entries and dialogues based on the story Gorilla by Anthony Browne. We hope you enjoy reading them as much as we enjoyed writing them.

It's been a pleasure teaching your fantastic Falcons this year. They have really done you - and themselves - proud. Each and every one has been amazing, and will be sorely missed. All the best for Year 4!

Year 3 Sparrowhawks

Year 3 Sparrowhawks have had a fantastic final half term, filled with exciting activities and learning experiences. A highlight of the half-term was Sports Day, where they all showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship towards one another and the other classes. This term's after-school clubs were a big hit, with cooking club and football club being particular favourites with both the girls and boys. In Maths, for their statistics topic, they have collected data from their classmates (their favourite colour) and represented this in a bar chart and pictogram, making sure to include a key. In Geography, they compared the physical and human features of our local area with those in New Delhi by exploring maps on a computer.

Sparrowhawks have also showcased their creativity by writing diary entries from the main character's perspective. In Science, Sparrowhawks have enjoyed their scientific enquiry topics conducting a range of investigations. They have cleaned coins using different substances, finding out if it was acidic or alkaline by using litmus paper. In addition, they explored the effects of changing variables by baking cakes and testing this out.

Overall, Year 3 have had such a fantastic year and we are all so proud of the progress they have made and their increasingly independent, mature attitude. They truly are ready for Year 4 and we will miss them immensely. Well done, Year 3!



Year 4 Kestrels

This term, Kestrels have been soaring high with their incredible achievements and exciting projects. In English, our creative students brought the story of 'Krindlekrax' to life by writing their own play-scripts. Their imaginative interpretations were truly impressive. Meanwhile in Maths, they mastered the challenging concept of coordinates, plotting points with precision and enthusiasm.

Our budding geographers also delved deep into the fascinating world of volcanoes, exploring their formation and impact on the environment. Their enthusiasm was contagious as they created vibrant models and detailed reports, showcasing their understanding of these powerful natural wonders.

In our commitment to fostering environmental awareness, Kestrels tackled the important topic of animal conservation. Through research, debate and creative presentations, they learned about endangered species and ways to protect our planet's biodiversity. Their passion for making a difference shone through every project.



Assessment week was another triumph for Kestrels, where their hard work and dedication truly paid off. They approached their tests with confidence and determination, achieving outstanding results across the board. Well done, Kestrels!

Sports Day was a blast, filled with laughter, teamwork, and plenty of friendly competition. Kestrels demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and had a wonderful time participating in various events. We also re-capped our water safety at our swimming lessons, making sure we stay aware around bodies of water this summer.

What a wonderful year Kestrels. Your passion for learning is going to continue to shine through and I know you are going to go on to thrive in Year 5!



Year 4 Merlins

Year 4 Merlins have had a wonderful end to the school year and Miss H-P has been incredibly impressed with their positive attitude and wonderful behaviour, they really are a lovely class.

In English, the class have been reading the thrilling story 'Krinklekrax' and this has informed their writing enabling them to showcase their talents for writing with wonderful character descriptions. We have enjoyed a drama lesson to begin our play script writing topic and the children enthusiastically took part in a number of activities including role play. Maths has been focussed on shape, position and direction in which we have looked at 2D shapes and using mathematical language to describe position and movement on a grid. The children are also working hard thinking about maths that they can see every day. In science, Year 4 have been thinking about the effects pollution has on the earth, the air and water; we have been thinking about ways that we can help the planet and how we can have a positive impact on the world around us. In P.E. we have been developing our cricket skills and have enjoyed playing cricket in teams. We have also had lots of fun taking part in school events such as Sports Day, Primley's Got Talent and having the opportunity to be leaders in school.

Overall, the class have had a great term with lots of learning and fun. The children have shown incredible resilience and are ready to start the new and exciting learning in Year 5.



Year 5 Tawny Owls

Year 5 have had a transitional summer term, getting to know their new teacher and preparing for the start of Year 6. Many of the children have risen to the occasion and shown that they are ready to take their place as the eldest students at Primley Wood. In English, they have been writing narratives while exploring characterisation and within Maths they have covered a wide array of topics ranging from negative numbers to the conversion of measurements.

In science, the children have been learning about the life changes of mammals. In Geography they have learnt about the Alps and have begun to compare different locations within their own local area; using a local walk to gather data. We have showcased our athletic skills and had a great time on our Sports day, well done to everyone who took part.

Of course, the highlight of this summer term has been our residential to Nell Bank, Ilkley. The children played games and took part in team building activities, all of which the children entered with a positive and respectful attitude, showing how they are developing their communication skills in order to succeed. Our second day rained non-stop, and yet the children still ventured out on a 5.5-mile walk. It was wet and it was tough and the children wanted to give up at many points, but they found their resolve and kept going. All of the children should be incredibly proud of themselves. The whole trip was filled with fun, laughter, late nights and memories to last a lifetime.



Year 6 Redkites

As the school year draws to a close, we reflect on the incredible journey our Year 6 students have had. From their first day of primary school to their final days here, they have grown, learned, and created lasting memories. We've seen them excel in academics, sports, and the arts, and watched them develop into confident and capable young individuals. As they prepare to embark on their new adventure in high school, we wish them the best of luck and are confident they will continue to shine brightly.

Congratulations, Year 6!

Lastly, a huge thank you from myself for all your continued support. I know it was a difficult transition from January but everyone persevered which resulted in great SATs results – well done Year 6!

Year 6 memories:

Arya: "I will miss Year 6 as you get to be the oldest in school! It is also the last year of primary and you get to spend lots of time making memories with your friends."

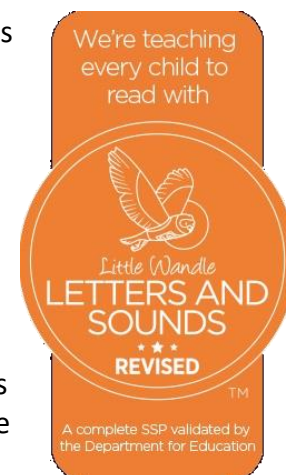
Gracie, Taylor & Aubree: "This school has created so many memories and friends. We are so sad to be leaving. Thank you to all the teachers for your support!"

Gurbani: "My favourite part of Year 6 was the residential. I especially enjoyed caving, zip wire and the piranha pool!"



Phonics Success!

The implementation of our new phonics scheme, Little Wandle for Letters and Sounds, has continued to go from strength to strength this half term. Children in Reception have completed their first full year of the programme and have grown into confident readers who are able to talk about the texts they are reading. The Year 1 class have absolutely knocked our socks off with their amazing scores in the Phonics Screening Check. With 80% of the class having reached the pass mark, this is our highest result for several years. Well done Year One! Children in Year 2 have been taught using the Little Wandle Spelling Programme and Mrs Kennedy reports that it has had a wonderful impact on children's confidence when spelling challenging words. We will be holding a Phase 2 Phonics Workshop in the school hall on Monday 9th September at 9.00am. This is aimed at parents of Reception children or those learning phonics for the first time – however all parents are welcome to learn about how we teach Phonics! A huge well done and thank you to Mrs Rai for implementing this programme across school.



Our Summer Fayre

The Summer Fair was a huge success with families and staff enjoying a sunny afternoon full of games, treats and competitions. Thanks to Mr Phillips, Mr Scott-Johnson and Mr Rhodes-Hey for allowing the children to throw wet sponges at them (some children paid to throw a whole bucket of water over them!) and to all the staff for making games, activities and raffles. Highlights included henna, face painting and making friendship bracelets alongside more traditional games such as the tombola and penalty shootout. The local police were kept busy by children wanting to wear police uniforms and the ice-cream van served loads of colourful ice-creams to the everlasting queue of people. Thank you to everyone involved in the day and to everyone who supported the event – we couldn't do it without you! It was so lovely to see so many families enjoying themselves. It was also wonderful to hear so many positive comments from parents and carers about the school and staff; many parents declaring that the worries that they had about the school and any changes had been quashed. We look forward to putting on more whole school events next year!

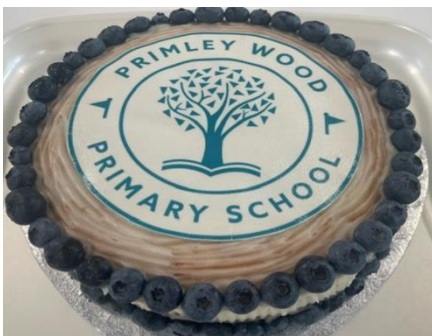


Great Primley Wood Bake Off!



A huge thank you and well done to all of the parents/carers and children who entered their creations into our first ever Primley Wood Bake Off competition. There truly were some magnificent entries! The entries were all sold at our Summer Fayre, with all proceeds going into the children's Primley Wood bank account. Thank you so much for all of your ongoing support with our school events.

With having so many fabulous entries for the Primley Wood Bake off, it made it very difficult to choose the top 3! After much deliberation, the following delicious treats were selected.



Primely Wood Bank Account

We are pleased to announce that we have £1,300 in our Primely Wood Bank Account. Thank you to all of the parents who have supported us in raising funds for our school.



Sports Day

What an amazing time we had at the 2023-24 Primley Wood Sports Day! It was incredible to see the support from our community and how many of you took time out of your day to celebrate our children. The weather was kind and allowed us to compete in speedy sprints, egg and spoon extravaganzas and even support parents and teachers alike in enjoying their own races showing children that exercise and competition is for life not simply at school.

Starting with Early Years, our two and three years olds were brilliant at such a young age, trying their best in a variety of races supported by close to a hundred parents cheering them on! It was lovely to see parents who are almost as competitive as the children when they joined us and demonstrated that spirit while taking part in the parent races!



Key Stage 1 and 2 competed in potato races, sprints and egg and spoon races, as well as accessing our field event stations where they practiced their accuracy, agility and precision! The children were full of excitement afterwards as they recalled their days talking about champions, medals and future Olympians!

Plans are already underway to make next year bigger and better. It is so reassuring to receive such positive feedback from parents and know how invested you are in our school events.



Year 4 Football Tournament



A football team from Year 4 did Primley proud when they went to compete against lots of other schools in a 7-a-side tournament at Shakespeare Primary. Mrs. Dennis led the team, and the children had an incredible time, it was so great to see them participating so competitively and working well as a team to win some of their games. It was too tricky for Mrs Dennis and Mr Phillips to pick out individual players of the tournament, but we noticed so many wonderful things while supporting from the side lines. Gurveer's strong goalkeeping and outfield jaunts, Parker's tough tackling, Marcus's control and long-range passing, Noah's close control and technical skill, Hirun's midfield energy, Derek's enthusiasm and strong assisting, Avirup's calmness and passing Martin's inspired interventions and Manraj's determination. We were so proud and the smiles on their faces during the games were clear for all to see! The tournament was the first of many organised by 2Touch who support with our PE teaching at Primley so we hope that many more children will get the opportunity to take part in similar events next year. Let's Go Primley Wood!



European Championships Launch Day

The European championships have been going on throughout most of Summer 2. At Primley we launched them in style, children came to school dressed as their favourite players and teams and they spent a whole afternoon being visited by different teachers to celebrate many of the key national teams competing in the European Championships. From Switzerland to Spain, Germany to France children loved profiling players, learning national anthems and produced some awesome artwork in support of the tournament.

It was a wonderful way to get the children excited and ensure their competitive spirit was alive and well. We are sure the children have enjoyed following their teams through the tournament and were really proud of our England team for reaching the final



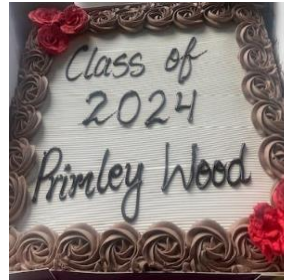
The Primley Wood Talent Show

The Primley Wood Talent Show was a huge success. It was a way for the whole school to show off their talents. Every child got the opportunity to perform to an audience and then each class chose two representatives which were put forward for the final show. This talent show didn't have judges, it was all about the children sharing their talent and having an opportunity to perform to a large audience. We had everything: singing, dancing, acting, comedians, football skills, magicians, musicians, animated story-telling, gymnastics and much more! We even had standing on one leg with the other leg wrapped around a neck! It was amazing! A huge well done to every child that took part! We are so proud of you! A huge thank you to Miss Raymont for helping to put the show together and our fabulous Year 6 hosts for presenting so well.



A huge goodbye and good luck to Year 6

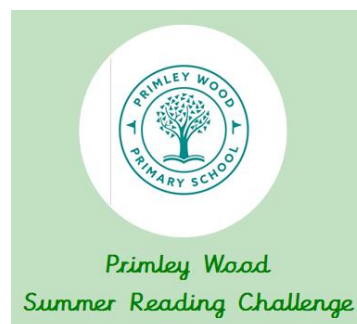
We are really proud of our Year 6 pupils and wish them lots of success for the future. Not only did they perform exceptionally well in their SATs: (86% achieved ARE in Grammar, 80% in Maths, 70% in Writing and 70% in Reading), they will be leaving Primley Wood as kind, caring, well-rounded pupils. They had a wonderful send-off with a bowling treat and a leaving party. They performed two wonderful productions to parents and finally had a special graduation service. Good luck Year 6 on your next big step. We will miss you!



Summer Reading Challenge

We are almost there for the summer term at Primley Wood and the children can be so proud of how they have applied themselves to their learning this year. We have seen so many incredible achievements from writing competition winners to our Primley's Got Talent showcase!

We are keen for children to keep this up across the summer, to keep practising to give themselves the best possible start in September. To help them with doing this we are introducing a Summer Reading Challenge! Many of our teachers love relaxing with a good book in the summer and enjoying the extra time to do so, we'd love our children to do the same. On each Summer Reading Challenge chart there are lots of ideas for amazing texts that will inspire and engage your children in fantasy, mystery and even suspense! There will be Dojo rewards for children who successfully complete the challenge and commit to reading every week in the Summer Holidays!



Magpie Words

(Write down any words that you have read that you liked and could use in your work in September!)

In addition, to this any children who complete their local library challenge will be rewarded with 100 dojos when they return to school. Please bring in your Summer reading certificate.

Preparing for Next Year

We took part in a thorough transition so that all children are ready for their new class in September. Teachers had discussions about academic achievements and relevant information was communicated. Here is a reminder of classes for next year. Please note the second column is the name of the class.

Year Group	Class	Teacher
Nursery	Wrens	Miss Jade Herbert
Reception	Robins	Mrs Charlotte Breakwell/Mrs Sarah Rai
Year 1	Nightingales	Miss Clare Eames
Year 2	Kingfishers	Miss Ellie Rowe
Year 3	Falcons	Miss Rose Ahmet/Mr Shaun Scott-Johnson
Year 4	Kestrels	Miss Katie Wlodarczyk
Year 4	Merlins	Mrs Elizabeth Kennedy
Year 5	Tawny Owls	Miss Louise Humphreys-Proverbs
Year 5	Sparrowhawks	Miss Sarah Keighley
Year 6	Red Kites	Mr Zack Rhodes-Hey

Please remember Key Stage 2 children (Years 3 to 6) can be collected from the Key Stage 2 playground at 3:15. There will be important 'meet the teacher' meeting during the first week back.

Spreading the magic called kindness...

Thank you to all of the staff for all of their hard work this year. New leadership brings about changes and each member of staff has embraced these changes. We are growing into a wonderful team. To those members of staff leaving to go to university, have a change in career or another opportunity – we wish you lots of happiness and success!

Thank you to all of the parents who have continued to believe in the future of Primley Wood. Next year, we look forward to building on these successes.

Thank you to all of our pupils who make it a delight for staff to work at Primley Wood.

Have a wonderful holiday everyone!