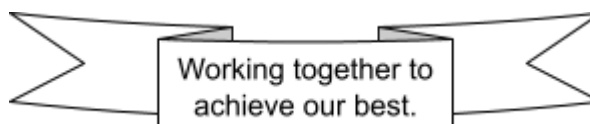




## Newsletter

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**Chair of Governors:** John Ashley

**Governors:** Annette Anderson, Franco Cameli, Adam Campbell, Kerry Mercer, Stuart Hobbs, Grant Chaney, Amaritpal Uppal, Sarah Walker and Claudia Wallis.

Dear parents/carers,

### Kwik Cricket Festival

Last week a group of our year 3 & 4 pupils attended a Kwik Cricket tournament at Ampthill Park.

It was fantastic to see the children cheering each other on as well as congratulating other teams showing great sportsmanship. For many this was their first time playing Kwik Cricket and it was impressive to see them helping each other and showing pride in their achievements.

The children should be incredibly proud of themselves.



### End Polio Now! - Fundraising Cake Sale in support of Ampthill Rotary



On Friday 16th June, we are asking for donations of cakes in support of Ampthill Rotary to fundraise to eradicate Polio. The cakes will be on sale at the end of the school day on the KS2 playground.



If you buy a cake you will have the chance to 'guess the name of the bear' and will have a chance of winning this.

### Kids' Club Registrations, 2023-2024

An email has been sent to all parents, Saplings - Year 3, with details and a booking form for Kids Club Registration, 2023-2024.

Please note, all current bookings that follow a regular weekly pattern will be rolled over to the new school year, unless we are notified in advance to make any amendments. Therefore, if there are no changes to a current booking then you do not need to complete this form.

For all new bookings and amendments to a current booking, please complete the form for all sessions required.

[Kids' Club Registrations, 2023-2024](#)

## Kids' Club



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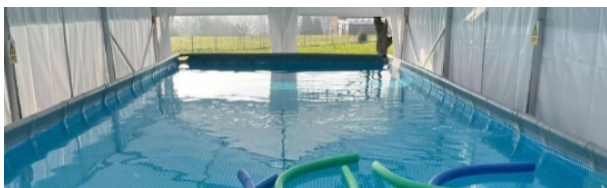
## Year 1 Afternoon of Science

Our year 1 children have recently had a wonderful afternoon of science in the sunshine. First, they all planted their own sunflower seeds in pots so that we can watch them develop and grow over the next few weeks.

Then, they went around the school grounds taking part in a tree identification hunt, which the children absolutely loved.



## Firs Summer Swimming Update



We are very excited about the swimming sessions that will be starting on the school site after half term.

With this newsletter there is a 'Swimming At The Firs' letter, giving you more information about the sessions.

We had a special assembly about the swimming sessions in assembly on Wednesday where Ms Gamble, who is our SEND-Co and a member of the Senior Leadership Team, talked to the children about how the sessions will work, what children will need and the standard of behaviour we will expect, in order to ensure that everyone can enjoy the sessions safely.

The children in each class have been divided up into two groups and in addition to the swimming letter, there is also a 'Programme Overview Sheet' that your child will be bringing home today by hand, that will let you know when your child's swimming sessions are, so you can ensure they have their swimming costume and other items they need. (This information is all in the 'Swimming At The Firs' letter.)

## Chicks in Pine Class

Last week our children in Pine had a very exciting time with the arrival of chick eggs! We are pleased to say that all ten eggs hatched successfully into super cute fluffy chicks and the children are thoroughly enjoying watching them.

Over this week, the children had the opportunity to handle the chicks as well. We are very pleased to be able to say that all the chicks have been offered homes, and are now living with their 'Forever Families'.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for funding this valuable experience. The children have gained so much learning from it.



## Summer Term Dates Sheet Reminder

The summer term date sheet was emailed to you last week. This sheet is also available to download in the [Letters Home](#) section of our website.



## Our Library

We would like to thank our PTFA for funding the running of library sessions which are taking place in our school.

Mrs Lacey has been working very hard sorting out the 'Reading Cloud' ensuring that all the books are indexed, ready for the children to visit the library and take books home.

Some of the Y3 children have already taken books home and now that we are up and running, the other year groups will also be invited to do so.

Years 1 - 4 have all visited the library and Mrs Lacey has spent time talking to the children about how the library works and what is expected of them while they are there. After half term Pine children will have the opportunity to visit the library too.



## Year 4 Garden

The Year 4 staff and children have been working hard getting all the planting done so that the year 4 garden blooms again and looks gorgeous.

Please, please, please remind your children to stick to the path and not to walk on the grassed area.

Thank you for your support.



## Year 2 End of SATS

To mark the end of our SATS period the Year 2 children took part in lots of creative outdoor learning.

The children loved using chalk to make our playground colourful, creating their own nature inspired art.

Then the children enjoyed using natural materials from our school field to create 3D art.

Yesterday, at the end of the school day, our Year 2 pupils also released butterflies that they had been nurturing in class, which proved to be another very exciting experience.



Well done  
Year 2, what a  
busy few  
weeks you  
have had!

### **Class and Y4 Leavers Photographs**

Please order your photographs online by **Wednesday 31st May 2023 for Free Delivery.**

Any orders placed after the deadline will be subject to postage & packaging costs with delivery direct to them at their home address.

Thank you for your support.

### **Caterlink Menu**

There has been a change to the menu on week 3 on a Monday. The noodles have not been popular, so macaroni cheese will now be served on a Monday on week 3. An updated menu is attached to this newsletter.

It seems that this 1st half of the term has gone by so quickly and next term will be even more busy and exciting for the children, with many school trips, the swimming sessions, sports days, The Saplings graduation and lots of special events for our Y4 children.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term and we look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday 5th June.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Adam J G Campbell", written over a light blue rectangular background.

Adam J G Campbell