

Matilda



This week, Year Six Swans and Moorhens performed to the whole school as well as their families in two show stopping productions of "Matilda." The shows were the children's final performances before moving on to secondary school.



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GOLD AWARD



Matilda



“Matilda” is based on the novel of the same name by Roald Dahl. It tells the story in words and music of a little girl called Matilda who lives with cruel and stupid parents. To cope, Matilda teaches herself to read and retreats into the world of books. At school, Matilda comes face to face with her headmistress—the dreaded Miss Truchbull, who loves nothing better than torturing children! Matilda realises that she must confront this bully and stick up for what is fair and right. Through bravery, Matilda manages to re-write her life story and she even inspires her teacher, Miss Honey, to be courageous too.



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Both Swans and Moorhens brought the house down with their performances and there wasn't a dry eye in the audience as they sang the song "One More Step" which has been a Sydenham tradition for the last twenty four years.

We are so incredibly proud of all the children in Year Six. It has been an honour and a privilege to be involved in their education and we thank all our wonderful parents and carers for doing such a fantastic job of raising these amazing individuals.



Matilda



And after the show...

Pupils took a well earned rest and had time to chill in the playground This was also an opportunity for all of the adults involved in the productions—Miss Ellershaw, Miss Ball, Mr Westwood, Mrs Jethwa and Mrs Murphy - to take a breather!

Changeover Day



On Wednesday it was Changeover Day
for pupils in YR—Y5.



Changeover Day

This was an opportunity for pupils to get to know their new teachers and vice-versa. Every child had the chance to share their interests, express their personality and have fun completing a range of creative activities in their new classes.





Pupils also participated in growth mindset challenges which meant using their Learning Characters to be successful. Well done to all of the children for making such a good first impression.

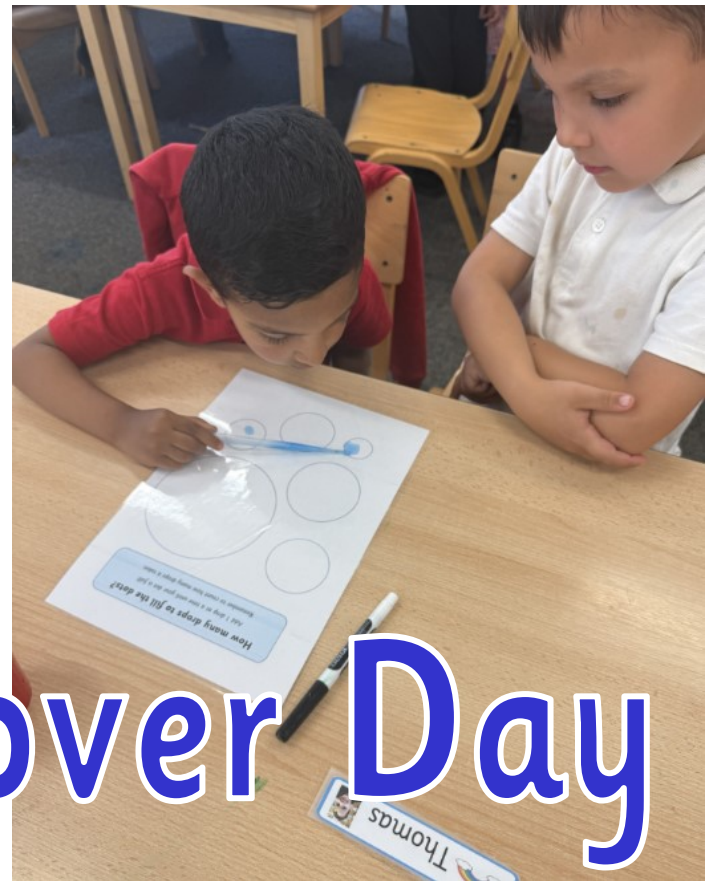


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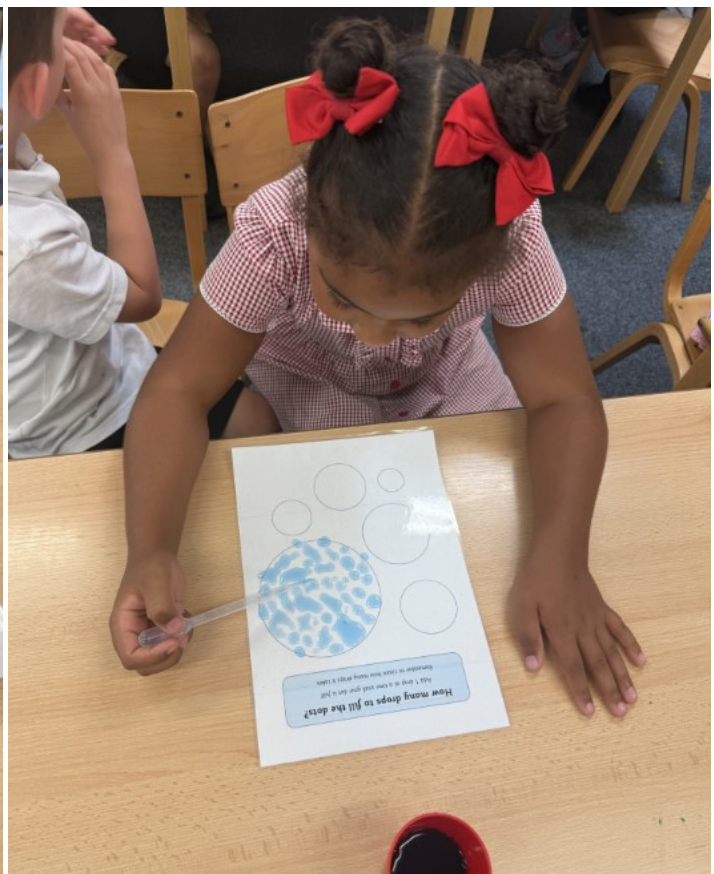
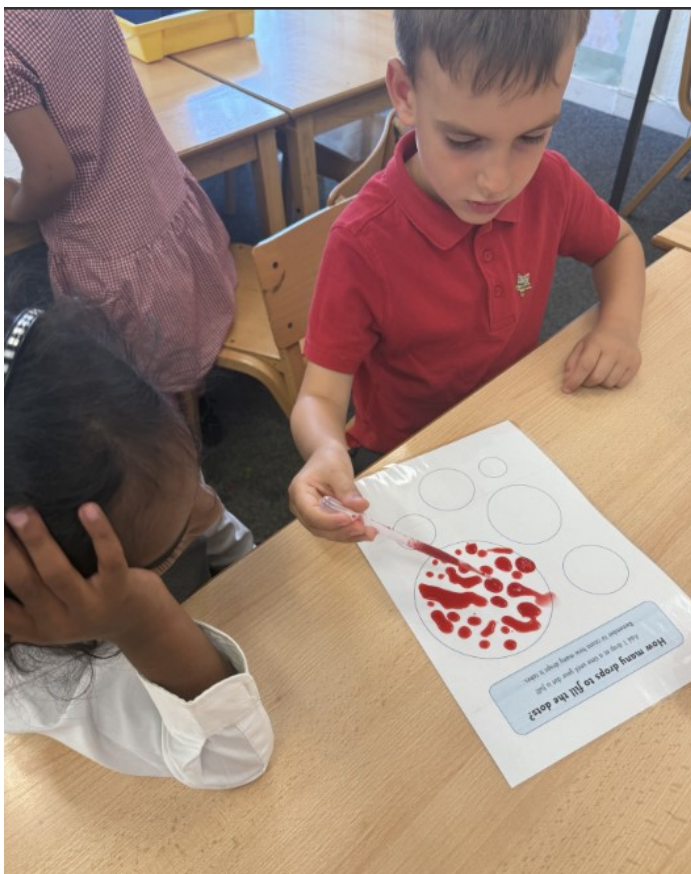
Watercolours

Children in Puffins class produced these lovely portraits on Changeover Day. Pupils were given a photograph showing half of their face and they filled in what was missing using watercolours. Well done!



Changeover Day

In Year 1, children read the book, "The Dot." Afterwards, they investigated how many drops it would take to fill each dot by carefully using a pipette. The children made predictions and then worked together to count carefully to see how close they were.

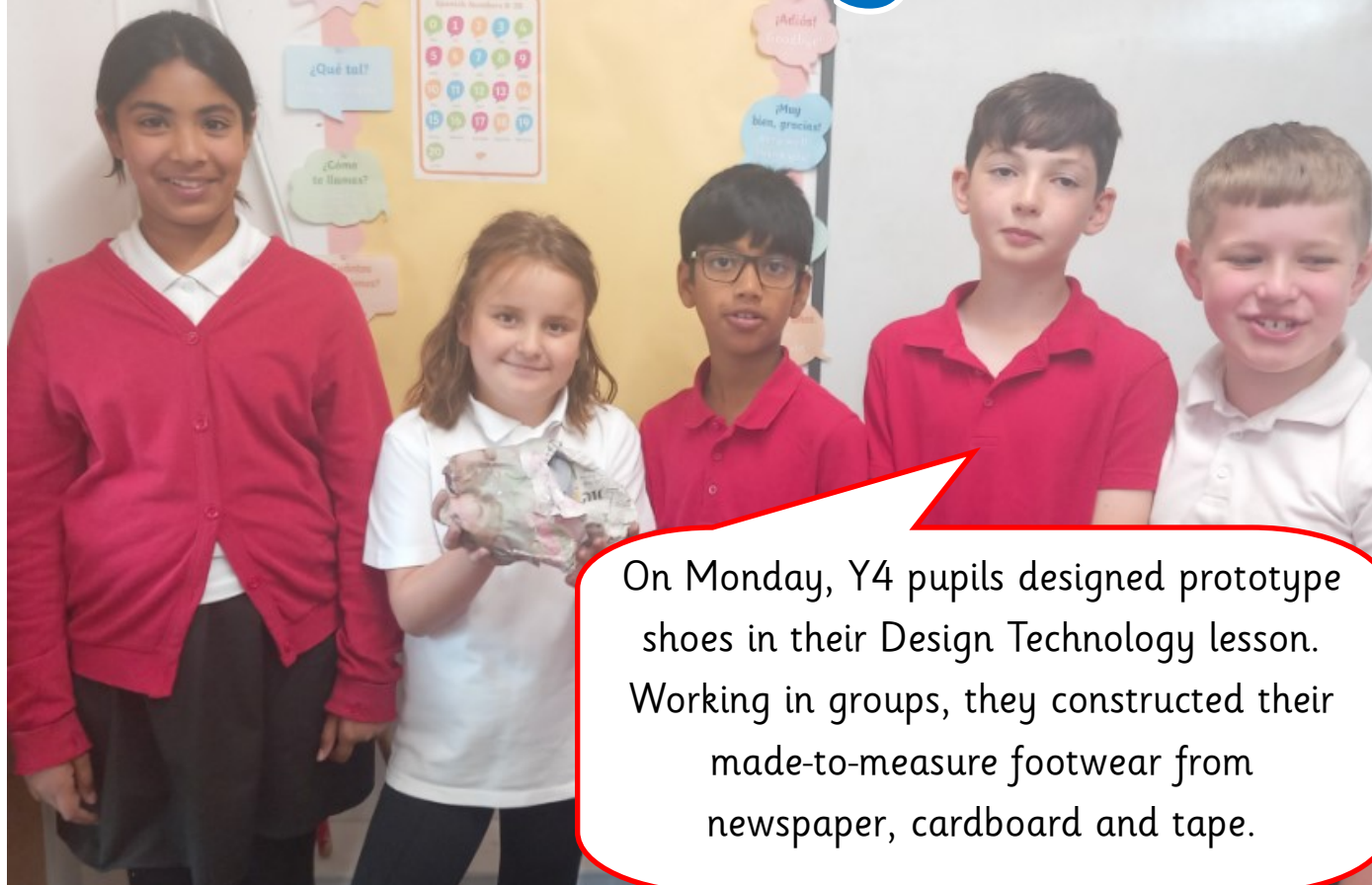




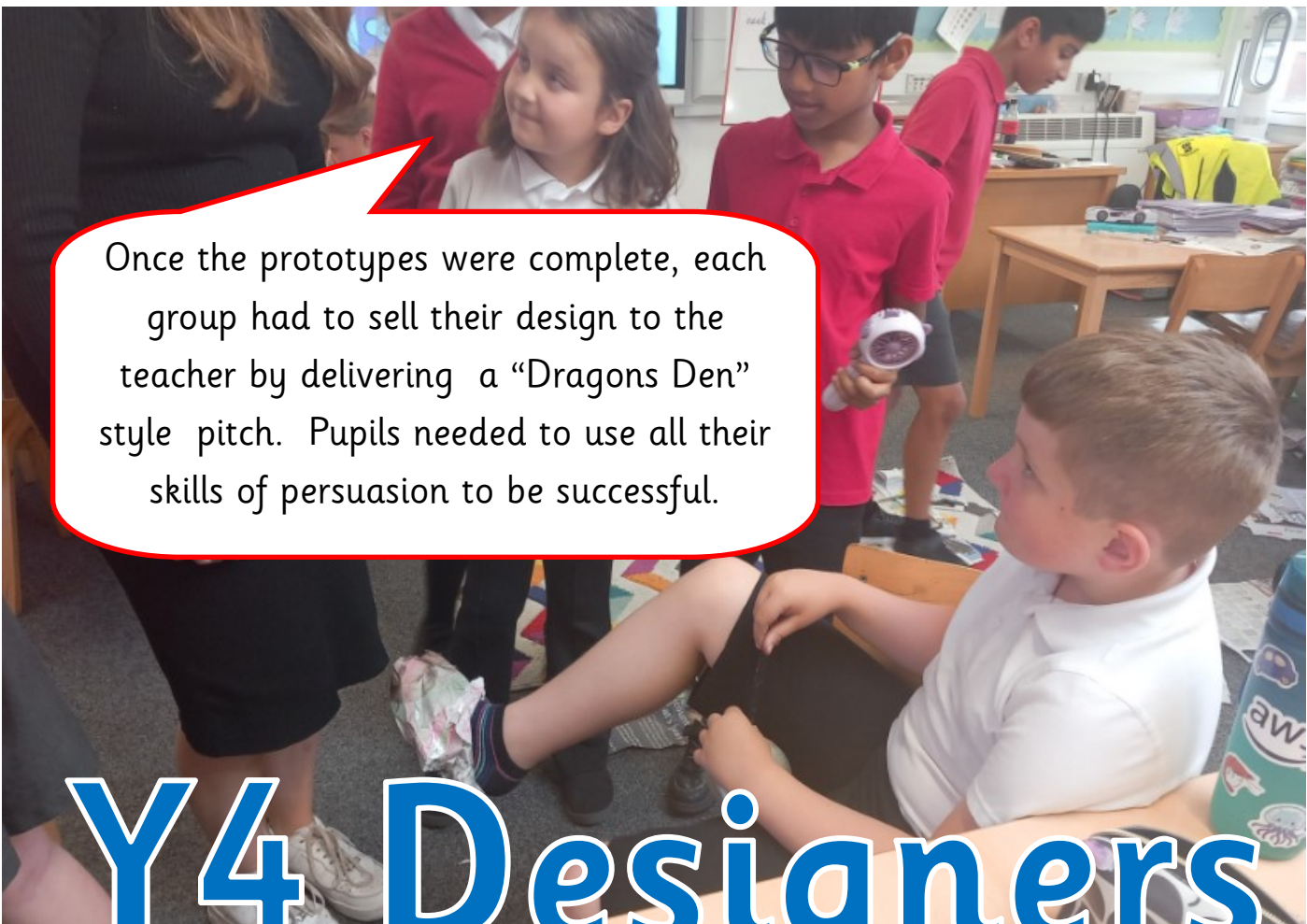
Year Three pupils have been learning about magnetism in their Science lessons this week. Pupils have discovered that magnets attract some materials (like iron, and steel) and not others (like plastic and wood.) They also learnt about magnetic poles, how they attract or repel each other, and how magnets can be used to separate materials.



Y4 Designers



On Monday, Y4 pupils designed prototype shoes in their Design Technology lesson. Working in groups, they constructed their made-to-measure footwear from newspaper, cardboard and tape.



Once the prototypes were complete, each group had to sell their design to the teacher by delivering a “Dragons Den” style pitch. Pupils needed to use all their skills of persuasion to be successful.

Y4 Designers





As part of their Art topic 'Cloth, Paint and Thread', Year 3 have created artwork inspired by Canaletto's "Regatta on the Grand Canal " (Take one Picture). The children explored the work of two textile artists, Hanna Rae and Alice Kettle before designing their own scenes of Venice. They painted their chosen design onto fabric before adding stitches for extra detail and texture. It took an excellent growth mindset to persevere as sewing was quite a challenge but it was amazing to see the children keep having a go until they mastered this new skill



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Take One Picture




Last Friday, we enjoyed a Summer Fayre organised by the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) in aid of school funds. It was a lovely, community event.

Summer Fayre



There were lots of things to see and do including face painting.





Families enjoyed a
tombola, cake sale and
food stalls—the samosas
were very popular.

Summer Fayre





Summer Fayre

Well done to Mr Sidgwick for volunteering on the "Splat a Teacher" stall. Congratulations children! You gave Mr Sidgwick a good soaking!



Summer Fayre

Pupils in Y6 organised and ran their own games and stalls and there were plenty of prizes to be won.

Thank you to everybody involved in our fantastic Summer Fayre!





On Tuesday, our new Reception cohort came to a Stay and Play session with their parents and carers. We really enjoyed meeting Sydenham's newest families and watching them have fun in the Reception learning environment.



Stay and Play



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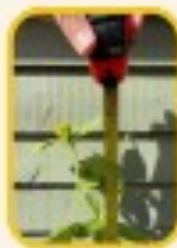


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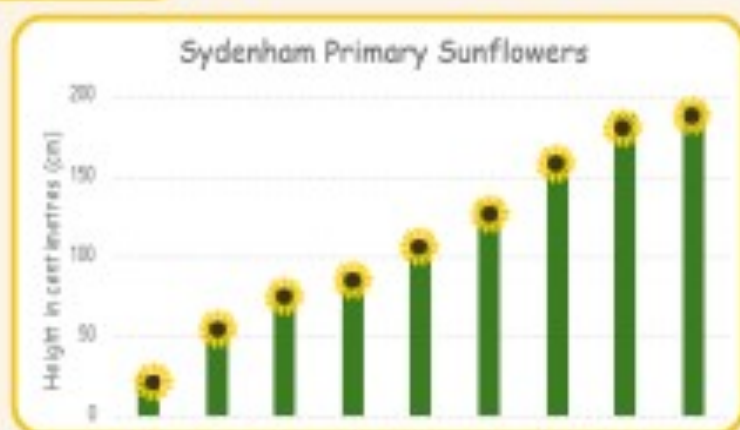
Thank you to all the children who came to play at Sydenham. We look forward to seeing you again in September.

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION



Well done to everyone who took part,
we loved seeing the photos of your
beautiful flowers.

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION



The sunflowers ranged in height from 25cm up to 195cm tall. Can you spot yours?

AND THE WINNER IS....

Green-fingered Alfie-Gray's sunflower grew to a whopping **195cm** tall. Well done Alfie, you look rightfully very proud of yourself!



Thank you to everyone who entered.
We raised £125.63 which will be fed back into the school through the purchase of resources and equipment.

TAKE PART IN THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Story Garden

Starts on Saturday 5th July

Read books, share what you have been reading and collect your medal & certificate at the end at your local Warwickshire Library.



Find events



How it works

Find
fantastic reads
in the
library

Download
eBooks or listen
to audio books
with
BorrowBox

Discuss your
reading with
your new
classmates
in Sept



Dear Parents,

Summer Book Writing Festival

We're delighted to share that Sydenham Primary School has been selected to take part in the Summer Book Writing Festival 2025 —the world's largest free summer writing programme for children aged 8–16, organised by BriBooks.

What's in store for your child?

- The chance to write and publish their very own book.
- A Certificate of Participation for every published author.
- Free access to an expert-led masterclass on the A to Z of book writing (available after registration).

Top entries will receive:

- A book launch opportunity at the Global Literary Festivals.
- Features on the BriBooks YouTube Channel.
- Representation at major global literary festivals in London, New York, and Singapore.
- An invitation to be featured on the Authors of BriBooks podcast.

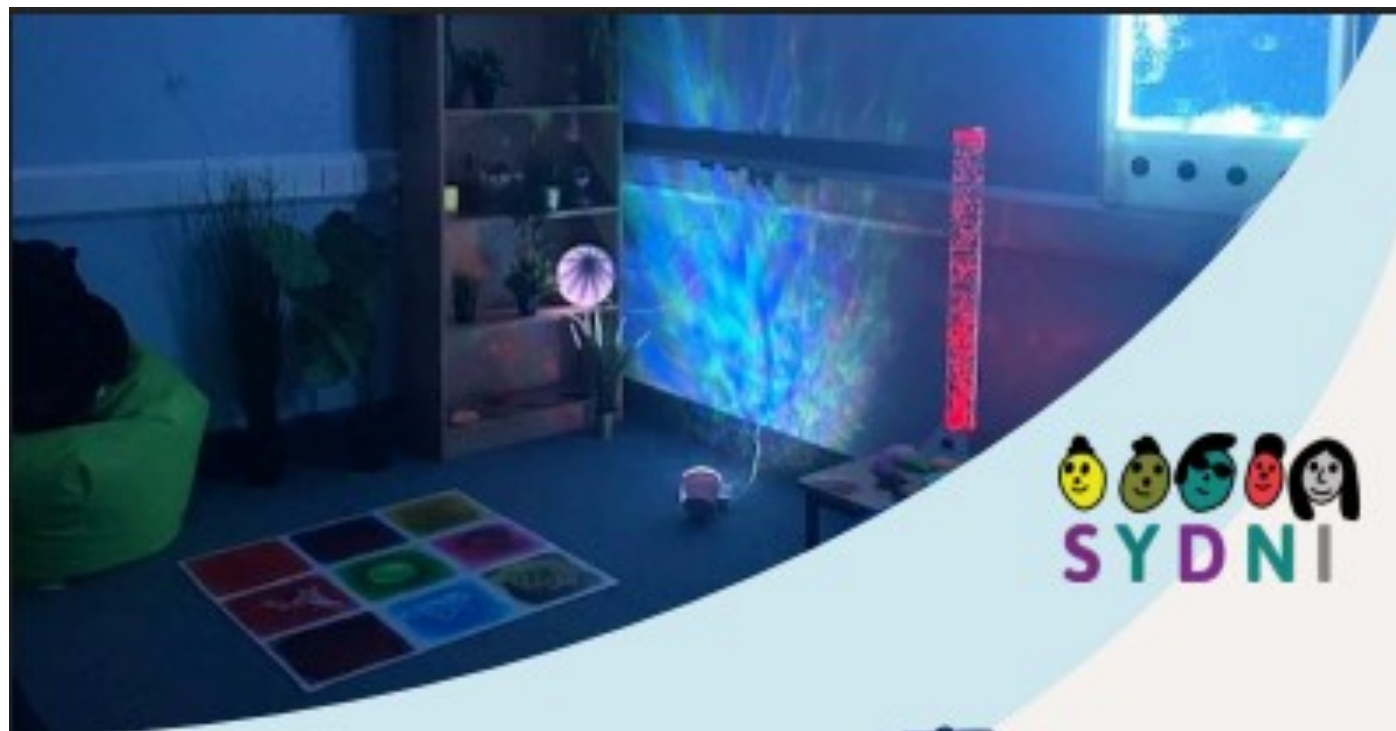
There is no cost at all—participation is entirely free for all students. Register today: <https://www.camp.bribooks.com//events/student/signup/sc-uk-2025?sid=190285> to receive full details and access to the masterclass. Scan QR:



For any questions, email: support@bribooks.com.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Lee

English Lead
Sydenham Primary School



Sensory Time

At SYDNI we have developed a unique sensory room to support members of our community. It is available for hire to individuals, families or groups.

If you'd like to know more, or to register your interest in booking the Sensory Room, then phone the Centre on 01926 422071 or e-mail bookings@sydni.org

The room has been designed with sensory stimulation and engagement in mind. It has;

An interactive, sensory bubble machine with colours and lights

A sensory designed rocking chair to relax and sit back

Sensory touch set for different textures and experiences

Hug Ball – Great to put your hands inside and cuddle

Coloured gel sensory mats

A sensory mirror

A sensory light – projects colours and has relaxing sounds

Sequined sensory emotions cushions

Mood enhancing fairy lights for relaxation

An interactive fish bubble machine

Lots of soft toys

Plants and wall plants to touch



Cottage Square Sydenham Leamington Spa CV31 1PT sydni.org

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 9.00-5.00

We would like to thank ASDA Foundation and Warwick District Council Grant for sponsorship of the project.



SUMMER HOLIDAY VIRTUAL WORKSHOP OFFER

Workshop	Date and Time
Understanding Children's Behaviour	Monday 21st July 13:00-15:00
Sleep	Thursday 24th July 10:00- 12:00
Sleep and Routines	Tuesday 29th July 10:00- 12:00
Boundaries and Rules	Wednesday 30th July 17:30- 19:30
Understanding Your Teenager	Monday 4th August 13:00- 15:00
Parenting Together	Saturday 9th August 09:30- 11:30
Understanding Children's Behaviour	Tuesday 12th August 13:00- 15:00
Sleep	Wednesday 13th August 10:00- 12:00
Routines	Monday 18th August 17:30-19:30
Boundaries and Rules	Wednesday 20th August 10:00-12:00
Parenting Together	Tuesday 26th August 17:30- 19:30
Understanding Your Teenager	Thursday 28th August 13:00- 15:00
Routines	Wednesday 3rd September 10:30- 12:30



**Book your
free place**

For Warwickshire
parents only.

For further information about this
programme please email
ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BEEFEATER

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July - 29th Sept

BREWERS FAYRE

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BREWDOG

2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

BURGER KING

From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)

CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids Eat Free from 14th July - 31st August 2025

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER

Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)



5 Ways to Wellbeing Together

Would you like to support your
child's wellbeing?

Join us for a fun, interactive workshop where you'll
discover the **5 ways of wellbeing** to stay mentally healthy
together.

For children 4 years and older accompanied by their
parents/carers

You can also speak to an Education Mental Health
Practitioner to see if a referral directly into our service
would be helpful for you and your child.

To book please email:

risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Or call:07917504682

**Please check that your child attends
an MHST school**

<https://cwrise.com/mhst/>





Calm: A Worry Workshop for Families

Does your child have worries?

Explore how to manage anxiety and help cope with worries about returning to school, new starts and changes. This interactive and fun workshop is for parents/carers and children to learn and practice ways to manage anxious feelings together.

For children 4 years and older accompanied by their parents/carers

You can also speak to an Education Mental Health Practitioner to see if a referral directly into our service would be helpful for you and your child.

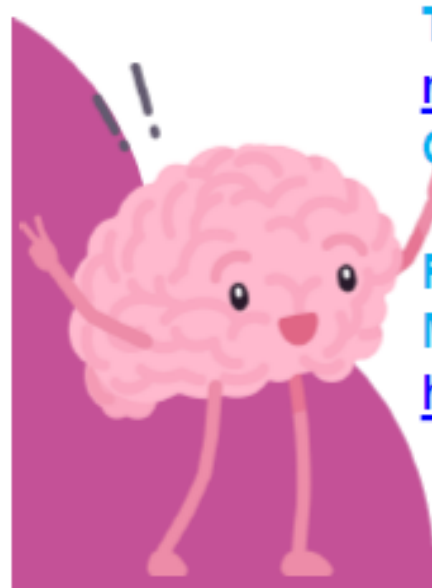
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Eligibility criteria

Families who receive the following are eligible for free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children in households with no recourse to public funds

Free School Meals

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be entitled to universal infant free school meals, and you do not need to apply for these. However, if you do meet the benefits-related free school meals eligibility criteria, then it is advised you apply to receive additional benefits.

So much more than a lunch...

If you do meet the benefits-related free school meals eligibility criteria, then not only will your child gain a free meal, but they will also gain the following additional benefits:

- [Holiday and food \(HAF\) programme](#) is for children aged 4 to 16 in reception to year 11 in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. HAF offers eligible pupils access to activities and at least one healthy meal is provided during each session. The activities take place during the Easter, Summer, and Christmas school holidays.
- [Pupil premium](#) is extra funding paid directly to schools for each pupil who is eligible for free school meals. It can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support to improve pupil's education.

Need help with your application?

If you have any questions or need support with applying for free school meals, please contact the Family Information Service by calling 0800 408 1558 (freephone) or emailing freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk.



COME AND JOIN US AT

SYDNI COMMUNITY BBQ

Cost of Living FREE Community Event.

BBQ

Burger, chicken drumstick or hotdog & veggie hotdogs

NO ALCOHOL EVENT

Children must be supervised at all times

Games for all the family

Cost of living information stalls

Active Travel Smoothie Bike

Table Tennis

Crafting Time

**FREE
ENTRY**

27 JULY 2025

11AM - 2PM

FOOD FROM 12 NOON - 1.15PM

REGISTER & COLLECT FOOD TICKET AT RECEPTION

Limited Tickets - First Come, First Served



KIDS Summer at SYDNI

Crafting with Trish

Starts Wednesday 23 July 10am - 12noon

Ages 5-9 years

Cookery with Adam

Starts Thursday 24 July 11am - 1pm

Ages 10-16 years

**REGISTER
NOW!**

Both activities last for 6 weeks and you can book on as few
or as many as you like.

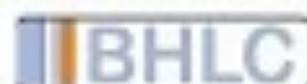
Includes a FREE sandwich lunch for each child.

Parental supervision required.

HAF Voucher recipients have priority

The SYDNI Centre, Cottage Square, Sydenham, Leamington Spa CV31 1PT
01926 422071 bookings@sydni.org sydni.org





Improving physical, mental
and economic health
in the community

SEND SUMMER MEET UPS!

Come and join us for an informal 'stay and play' with other SEND families and our SEND officers Georgia and Laura!

WHEN?

Wednesdays between 10am and 12pm
23/07, 06/08, 20/08, 03/09

WHERE?

Victoria Park, Leamington Spa, CV31 3PH
On/near the grass opposite the play park

Bring a picnic and a blanket if you fancy, we are looking forward to meeting you there!

For more information:
01926 422123

georgia.nance@brunswickhlo.org.uk
lauranoy@brunswickhlo.org.uk

Lillington

Community Centre and
Children and Family Centre

Fun Day!

Saturday 5th July

1pm-4pm

Lillington Community Centre and
Children and Family Centre
Horton Ave, Lillington, Leamington Spa, CV32 7QE
01926 337506

GogoMakers! Garden Fun

**Comic Art
Draw-A-long**

Everyone Active

colouring competition, win prizes,
rowing machine

Magic

Stalls

Find out more about volunteering
and being an LCC trustee

Tell us about what you want from your Centre

Fun for all ages!

BARNARD'S
Dancing with the Stars

LCC
Lillington Community Centre LTD

**GOGO
MAKERS**

**everyone
active**

WESTBURY HOLIDAY CLUB 2025

Tue. 22nd - Thurs. 24th July

FREE

9AM - 3PM
RECEPTION - YEAR 6

Westbury Community Centre
CV31 3JE

MYTON CHURCH



ACTIVE TRAVEL ROADSHOW

Come on your
bike/scooter and
get a **FREE** active
travel goodie!



Sunday, 27th July

12:00 - 15:30

The SYDNI Centre,
Cottage Square, Sydenham
Leamington Spa
CV31 1PT



Warwickshire County Council's Active
Travel team will be providing **FREE** 'Dr Bike'
safety checks & **FREE** BikeRegister security
marking.

Plus, you can pedal
yourself a **FREE** fruit
smoothie on our
smoothie bike!





The SYDNI Centre

SYDNI
Cafe
OPEN

CAR BOOT SALE

FREE
ENTRY
to the
Public

1st Saturday of every month (April - October)

Open to the public 11.00am - 2.00pm

Our SYDNI Car Boot sales are up and running again this year - 1st Saturday of the month. The sun is forecast so why not come over to our SYDNI Garden and grab yourself a bargain. Our café will be open too!! If you're having a Spring clear out then you could come along as a seller and make some money from your unwanted stuff! Sellers can arrive from 10am and pitches cost £6 when booked in advance or £10 on the day.

SYDNI Car Boot is free to the public and is open from 11am - 2pm.

Car Boot Sale Dates

5th July 2nd August 6th September 4th October



The Leamington Spa repair Café is also on the same Saturday as the Car Boot, so there is double the reason to pop in to SYDNI. Look out those items that don't work and for a small donation you can have them as good as new!



KIDS MENU

1 KID EATS FREE PER PAYING ADULT.
HOLIDAY TIME ONLY. MINIMUM SPEND APPLIES.

Special of the Day - what's on the board, just a smaller portion: **\$3.50**

Jacket Potato - half a jacket with one choice of beans, cheese, tuna, coleslaw from **\$2.75**

Sandwiches - (brown or white bread)
Ham, cheese, tuna, egg mayo, jam from **\$2.00**

Toasties - Ham, cheese, tuna from **\$2.50**

On Toast - Egg, beans, cheese from **\$2.50**

Pasta with homemade tomato sauce **\$3.50**

Soup served with a slice of bread & butter **\$2.25**



**Kids
eat
FREE at
SYDNI**

**1 free meal for
every paying
adult during the
holidays**

Here are some tips from Public Health Warwickshire to keep well in the sun and heat:

Try to keep out of the sun between 11am to 3pm;

Wear UV sunglasses, if possible wraparound, to lessen UV exposure to the eyes;

Walk in the shade;

Put on sunscreen of at least SPF15 or preferably SPF50 with UVA protection;

Wear a hat and light scarf;

Wear light, loose-fitting cotton clothes;

Drink lots of cool drinks;



Look out for others particularly susceptible groups such as older people, young children and babies and individuals with serious illnesses;

At no time leave anybody in a shut, parked vehicle, particularly infants, young children or animals



Music, motors, & memories 2025

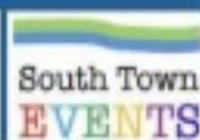


* Cars * Bikes * Street food * Live rock & roll * Dancing *
Children's activities * Stalls *

31st Aug 2025 11-4

SYDNI Centre, Leamington Spa, CV31 1PT

Admission FREE



**Come along to this great family day
at SYDNI!**



Diary Dates

Monday 14th July	Rocksteady concert at 2.30pm.
Monday 14th July	Y6 Motionhouse session.
Wednesday 16th July	Y6 silent disco.
Thursday 17th July	New date—instrumental concert at 2.30pm. Parents of pupils participating are invited to attend.
Friday 18th July	Break up for the Summer holiday.

INSET (teacher training) dates for the academic year 2025/26:

- **Monday 1st September 2025**
- **Friday 10th October 2025**
- **Monday 1st December 2025**
- **Monday 1st June 2026**
- **Monday 20th July 2026**

