

# Platinum Jubilee



# Let's Celebrate!



GOLD AWARD







# Platinum Jubilee



Sydenham celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Wednesday by wearing the colours of The Union Jack and coming together for a right-royal tea party in the school hall. Pupils proudly sang The National Anthem and then enjoyed a special Jubilee cup cake. Every pupil was presented with a souvenir coin and mug as a memento of the occasion.



# Sydenham Celebrates 70 years



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# Reception Live Draw



Lots of children in school took part in an online drawing event led Steve Anthony, the author of “The Queen’s Hat,” as part of their Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Reception shared their art work with Year Six who were very impressed by their efforts.



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Article 29: Goals of Education





# YR At The Farm

Reception have been learning all about life on the farm both in school and in real life.



On Tuesday, pupils visited The Cotswold Farm Park and had great fun meeting lots of different animals.

The goat licked me when I fed it , it was tickly. (Hasan)



The rabbit can turn its ears a long way so that it can hear the fox. (Ophelia)



The goats were a favourite as were the rabbits—so cute!





# Y4 Tortoise Visit



Brooke and her mum visited Year Four on Thursday with her tortoises Speedy and Sparkle who are seven years old. They recently discovered that they are male and female and showed us eggs that had been laid! Brooke told us lots about their markings, behaviour, health and how to take care of them. They need lots of attention and can be expensive! They also live a very long time. Thank you Brooke for sharing your knowledge with the rest of Year Four.





# RE Quality Mark



We are very proud to announce that school has been awarded the Silver Quality Mark from the RE Council of England and Wales for its excellent provision of religious education.

## Sydenham Primary School

Has been awarded...

## RE QUALITY MARK SILVER

For developing and implementing strategies that generate excellent RE and contribute to whole school improvement

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Sarah Lane Cawte.

Sarah Lane Cawte  
Chair of the Religious Education Council of England and Wales

The assessor met with Mrs Lee (our RE Subject Leader) last Thursday. She said it was unusual for a non-faith school to receive this award and praised us for giving pupils the opportunity to learn about such a broad range of beliefs.



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Article 14: Freedom of Thought, Belief and Religion

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of England and Wales

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# Take One Picture



As you know, our Arts Ambassadors have worked in partnership with staff from Leamington Art Gallery to select a painting for younger children to study during their “Take One Picture” project. This week, Reception and Year One pupils had the chance to see the painting for the very first time.

We can now reveal that the chosen picture is by the artist Abraham Bloemaert and is called “The Prodigal Son.” It is a wonderful oil painting created in 1615.



Pupils explored the gallery collection through drawing, movement and the use of their senses. They spent a long time looking closely at the chosen painting, discussing what they could see and hear before exploring how the characters in the picture might be feeling.



Entry to Leamington Art Gallery and Museum is free of charge. Why not go and see the painting for yourself? It's well worth a trip.



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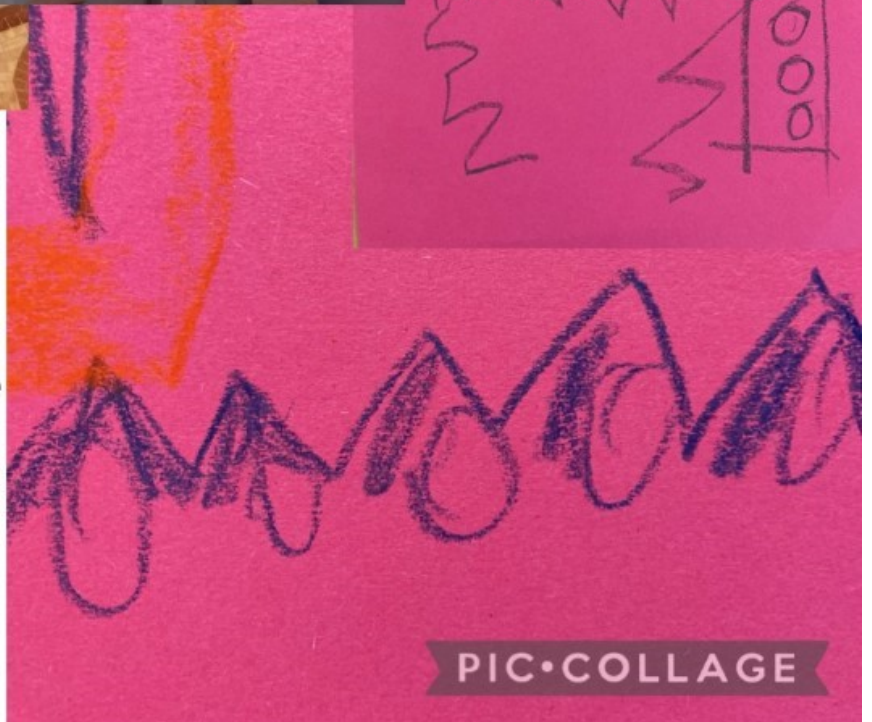
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# At the Gallery



We spent time in the Turkish Bath room looking at the patterns. We had a go at drawing the patterns.



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# Home reading



Olivia has been enjoying reading her library books at home this week. Olivia's mum says that Olivia has been doing really well with her reading and that this has been helping her to develop her writing skills too.

## Well done Olivia!

A huge THANK YOU to Bethany in 1LE for donating some lovely story books last week. They have been shared between the Reception, Year One and Year Two classroom book corners for lots of children to enjoy!



Well done to all of our children for working so hard on their Jubilee reading challenges over the past three weeks!

**Just one week to go!**

Remember to return your reading log by Friday 10th June in exchange for a special certificate, and possibly a new reading book too!



Platinum Royal Reading Challenge



Week commencing 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
Week commencing 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
Week commencing 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
Week commencing 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun



**Happy reading, everyone! Miss Challand**



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Article 29: Goals of Education



# Play Leaders

Reliable

Helpful



Fair

Fun



I felt very proud of the Year Three Play Leaders this week! With the Year One Play Leaders out on their school trip, these children lead the Infant's Monday morning assembly with just ten minutes notice! They confidently shared the rules of how to play with the new equipment, and then supported the children's play at lunch time.

**Well done, children!**



The parachute was a real hit, with children learning how to play the games 'Mushroom', 'Pairs' and 'Fruit Salad'. Let's hope for continued good weather after half term so we can make really good use of the new resources.



**UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**

**Article 12: Respect the Views of the Child**

**Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture**



# Sport's Days

We're very pleased to announce that our annual Sport's Days return this year - for the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic began! We warmly invite you to attend your child's event which will be held on the school field. The dates and times are as follows :

**Tuesday 7th June, 10.00 - 11.30am, Years 1/2**

**Wednesday 8th June, 10.00 - 11.30am, Years 3/4**

**Friday 10th June, 10.00 - 11.30am, Reception**

**Friday 10th June, 1.30 - 3.00pm, Years 5/6**

Working in partnership with Onside Coaches, we aim to make all of our Sport's Days inclusive by programming a range of collaborative and fun activities as well as some competitive children's races. By participating, pupils will earn points for their "house" with the winning house being awarded a special trophy .

**Please note that your child may come to school wearing their PE kit and trainers on their Sport's Day.**





# Looking At Learning

Year Five have been writing suspense stories and the results are impressive. In the opening paragraph of their story, the children were challenged to set the scene for the mysterious events which were about to unfold. They used the weather to create an atmosphere of mystery and foreboding terror

## **Kritikhesh chose to describe a dark and stormy night:**

Thunder lit a white flare in the sky. Rain splattered a thousand deaths on the ground and the wind howled like a ferocious wolf, shaking the dead trees and flailing their branches. Leaves flew around as if they were in a tornado. The front gates of the castle clattered with the loud sound of scraping metal whilst two grand turrets towered above, their shadows covering a dark past.

## **Scarlet used fog to make the reader feel disorientated and unsettled:**

A billowing, grey mist appeared from nowhere, floating above the grass outside the window. It rose and spread, filling the air with its slinky arms. A strange light filled the room. Was there a storm coming? The trees began to rock and dance as the scent of lavender drifted through the air and the mist, like an icy breath, descended the stairs.

## **Lily also opened her story with wild and tempestuous weather:**

The wind howled like a wolf and the trees clashed together viciously as the grass swirled angrily. The sky was a black hole, filled with ear-splitting clashes of thunder and lightening that covered the dim lit moon. There was nothing around the one, old, towering building, shadowed by gargantuan trees which hid a most unpleasant sight...



# Suspense Stories



# PTA SUMMER FAIR

## STALLS AVAILABLE



**Friday 1st July**  
**3-5pm**



Are you interested in running a stall  
at the Summer Fair?

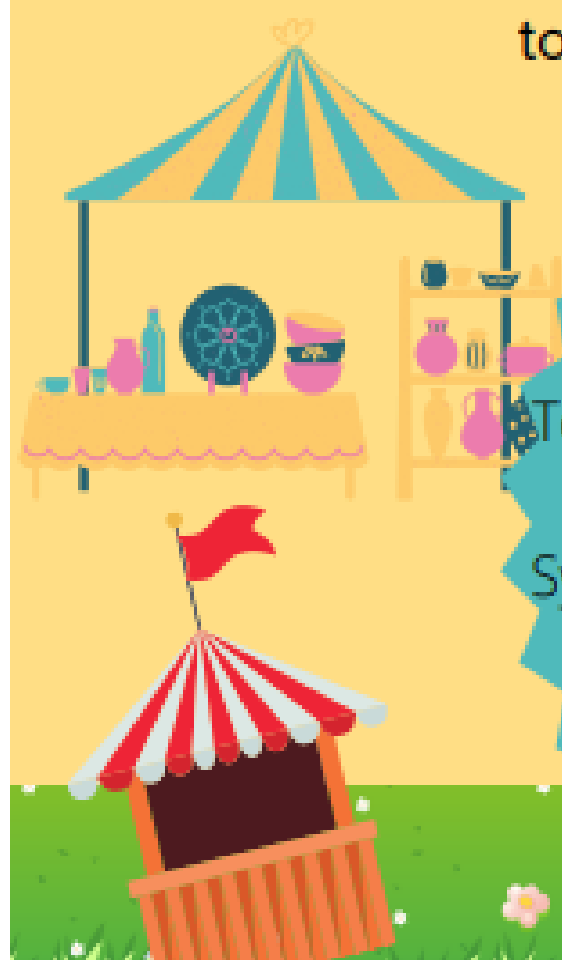
Do you know a small business that would like  
to run a stall?

£15 per stall

To book, or for more information,  
email:

[SydenhamPTA@welearn365.com](mailto:SydenhamPTA@welearn365.com)

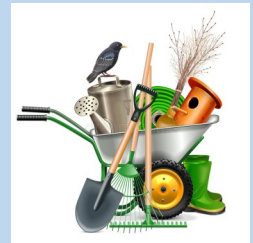
Or pop in to the office





# Wanted! Gardening Tools

We are working with Will Roberts (our local Green Party Councillor) to rejuvenate the school allotment. Will is planning to work on the allotment with groups of children every Monday afternoon from June onwards and we would be most grateful for **donations of pre-loved, good quality gardening equipment:**



We would particularly like:

- A wheelbarrow, a water butt, canes, watering cans, rakes, peat-free compost.
- Seeds: carrots, sweetcorn, broccoli, brussel sprouts, courgettes, lettuce, leeks.

## **Class Portraits**

Unfortunately, the school photographer accidentally used a corrupted card in his camera when he visited to take class portraits this Monday. Sadly, this means that none of the pictures were able to be printed at the photographic laboratory.

**The photographer will return to re-take the shots on Friday 24th June**

## **You're Invited to a free, Jubilee Celebration**

We received the following wonderful email this week:

*Peace and blessings be upon you!*

*I am writing on behalf of the Leamington Spa chapter of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. I would like to warmly invite you, your colleagues, students, and families to celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will be hosting a free BBQ, bouncy castle for the children, and much more to commemorate this historic milestone. This event is open to all and we would welcome you to share this invite to your friends, family, and colleagues.*

*The details are as follows:*

*Date: Saturday 4th June*

*- Time: 11am to 3pm*

*- Address: Riverside, Adelaide Rd, Leamington Spa CV32 5AH*

*- Link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jubilee-celebrations-free-bbq-bouncy-castle-all-welcome-tickets-346390462197> ; signing up is not compulsory but it does help us with catering*

*- What to bring: sunshine!*

*We hope to see you there!*

A great big  
**Thank You**

to everyone who supported the PTA  
uniform sale



lots of uniform was given a new lease of life, with over  
£50 raised towards new facilities for the playground

If you were unable to attend but would  
like to receive some second hand  
uniform, please email

[sydenhamPTA@welearn365.com](mailto:sydenhamPTA@welearn365.com)

Watch this space for  
future sales!





# Welcome

***If you are a parent/carer of a child in Year 5 who is a looked after child or has ever been in receipt of Free School Meals or the Service Premium, Lawrence Sheriff School, Rugby High School and Ashlawn School welcome you to an 11+ familiarisation event. Come and have a cup of tea, a slice of cake and find out how we can support you and your child.***

**Saturday 18th June at Lawrence Sheriff School  
Arriving for an 11am start and finishing by 12.30pm**

*Dear Parents/Carers/Pupils*

*We would like to raise awareness of the upcoming 11+ test registration, which opens on **May 9<sup>th</sup> 2022** and closes **30th June 2022**.*

*Here at Lawrence Sheriff, Rugby High School and Ashlawn School we are proud to offer an inclusive education that is accessible to all students, regardless of economic circumstances.*

*To help with understanding of the 11+, we would like to invite you and your child to an event at Lawrence Sheriff School where we will answer any questions you may have about the process. In particular, we will outline the support available for Pupil Premium students. This includes the reduced entry requirements at Lawrence Sheriff School and Rugby High School as well as additional support materials.*

*To find out more information about each school please visit each school website:*

*Ashlawn School: [Ashlawn School](#) and look for the Admissions tab*

*Lawrence Sheriff School: [www.lawrencesheriffschool.net](http://www.lawrencesheriffschool.net) and look for the Admissions and then 11+ tab, where you will find videos and familiarisation materials as well as the Frequently Asked Questions. This includes a video which will take you through the application process.*

*Rugby High School: [Rugby High School - Home](#) and look for the Admissions tab where you will find our 11+ brochure.*

*We look forward to meeting you.*

Siobhan Evans

Mark Grady

Teresa Mpofu

# Warwickshire Youth Boys' and Girls' Choirs

Boys' Choir

Girls' Choir

No Audition  
Termly Concerts  
National Competitions  
International Tours

FREE

Male Voices

## Boys' and Girls' Singing Workshops

June 11th  
sign-up now at **choristers.org**



# Diary Dates

**Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June, school closed for Whitsun half-term holiday.**

**School closed on Monday 6th June—INSET Day (report writing.)**

Tuesday 7th June	Y1/2 Sport's Day, 10.00—11.30am
Friday 10th June	Soccer Aid
Wednesday 8th June	Y3/4 Sport's Day, 10.00—11.30am.
Friday 10th June	YR Sport's Day, 10.00—11.30am
Friday 10th June	Y5/6 Sport's Day, 1.30—3.00pm
Wednesday 15th June	RSC director mentor working with Y6
Thursday 16th June	Art in the Park/SPLAT! artist workshop.
Tuesday 21st June	Artist working with Reception—Take One Picture project.
Thursday 23rd June	Tour of the school for Reception parents 2022/3
Monday 27th June	Extra induction day for Y6 pupils moving to Campion
Wednesday 29th June	Artist working with Year One—Take One Picture project.
Wednesday 29th June	Y6 "Much Ado About Nothing" performance to parents. Time TBC.
Thursday 30th June	Art in the Park/SPLAT! artist workshop.
Friday 1st July	PTA Summer Fayre, 3.00—5.00pm
Thursday 7th July	Art in the Park/SPLAT! artist workshop.
Tuesday 12th July	Stay and Play sessions for Reception children 2022/3
Thursday 14th July	Y6 JvS Leaver's Assembly
Friday 15th July	Y6 KG Leaver's Assembly

**Break up for the Summer Holiday Thursday 21st July.**

# Sydenham Superstars



Unfortunately, we can't show the photographs taken of our lovely KS2 superstars because we can't work out how to get the pictures off the iPad!! We're trying to find a suitable cable—if anybody has a spare, please let us know!



**Well done** to Julian and Robert for some fabulous homelearning this week—wonderful research, beautifully presented.

**Happy holidays Everyone! Best wishes, Miss Glenny.**