



Year 6 Swans and Moorhens made us all incredibly proud this week with two outstanding performances of *The Jungle Book* as their leavers' production. The children sang, danced and acted with confidence and enthusiasm, delighting an audience of proud parents and carers.

After the show, families watched moving photo montages celebrating each child's primary school journey, followed by a special awards ceremony. The morning ended with the Sydenham tradition of singing *One More Step*. Pupils then received their leavers' hoodies and spent time with their families reflecting on their time at school.

A huge thank you to all the staff who helped make the performances such a success, and especially to Mrs Doust, who handmade the leavers' hoodies and autograph books.

We will miss all of our Year 6 pupils and wish them every success as they move on to secondary school. We would also like to thank our parents and carers for their support over the years and wish them all the very best for the future.





Monkey Business



Our Year 6 pupils have been working hard on their end-of-year production since the beginning of June. The journey began with auditions, followed by weeks of dedicated rehearsals with Mrs Harcourt, our music teacher. Pupils learned their songs by heart before bringing the production to life through stage blocking, character development and line learning.

Many children also took on important backstage roles, providing invaluable support with technical elements, costumes and props. Throughout the process, the pupils demonstrated excellent teamwork, encouraging one another and stepping up to help whenever support was needed. After weeks of commitment, creativity and collaboration, the excitement built towards the dress rehearsal before the final performance for parents and carers. The production was a fantastic celebration of the pupils' hard work and talent, and a wonderful way to mark the end of their primary school journey.



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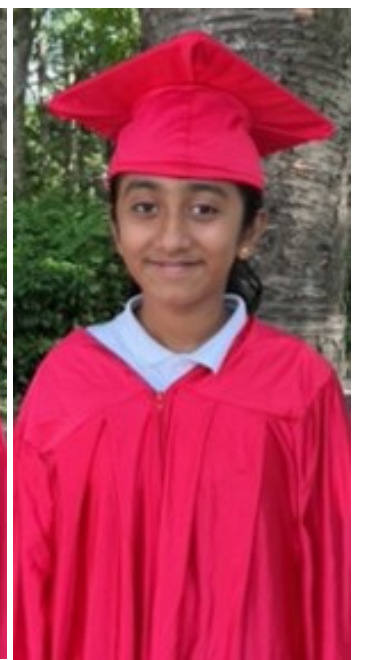
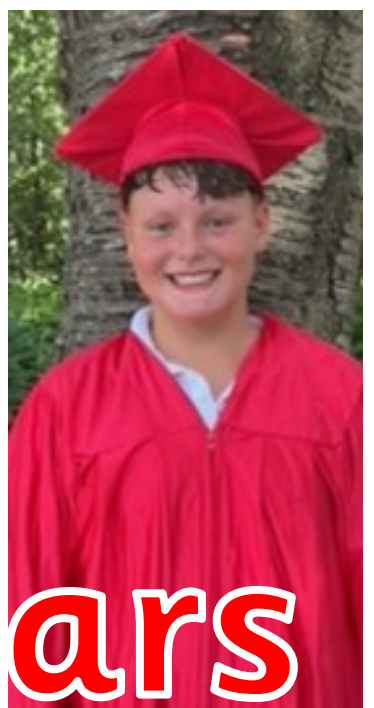






Y6 Superstars





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Well done to all of our very special Year Six Leavers.

**We wish you all the best and will miss you in September.
Good luck for Year Seven and remember the Sydenham values
of kindness, respect, good manners and hard work.**

**Please keep in touch and let us know all about your
achievements and remember that you are all Sydenham
Superstars!**





Last Wednesday, Mrs Keys accompanied our fantastic RSC Ambassadors to Stratford to take part in the Royal Shakespeare Company's annual Playmaking Festival. This exciting event gave the children the opportunity to perform on stage alongside pupils from other schools involved in the RSC Associate Schools Programme.

The children delivered a confident and engaging performance of a scene from *King Lear*, showcasing the performance skills they have developed throughout the year by attending Drama Club and working with an RSC Director-Mentor.

Stage Stars





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Pupils also had the opportunity to visit a Playmaking exhibition featuring work produced by schools in response to the play, *King Lear*. Our ambassadors were thrilled to see that lots of work submitted by Sydenham pupils was on display and some pieces had received special commendations.

You can see photographs of this work on the next page.



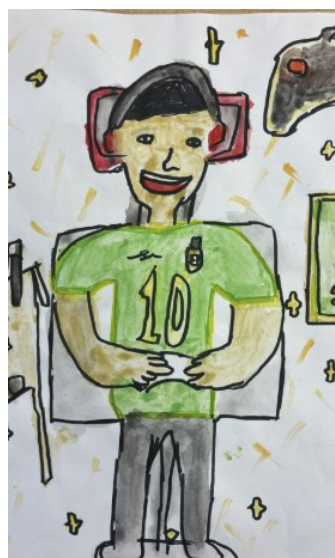
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Last week, Year Four completed their submission for the **Take One Picture** project. Inspired by the National Gallery's focus painting, *A Muse* by **Cosimo Tura**, pupils explored their own interests, hobbies and talents, reflecting on how they can inspire others as a modern-day muse.

Each pupil created a self-portrait depicting themselves as a muse. These individual artworks were then brought together to form a striking collaborative collage, centred around a Sydenham-inspired throne. The finished piece celebrates the unique qualities of every child and highlights the many ways they can positively influence those around them

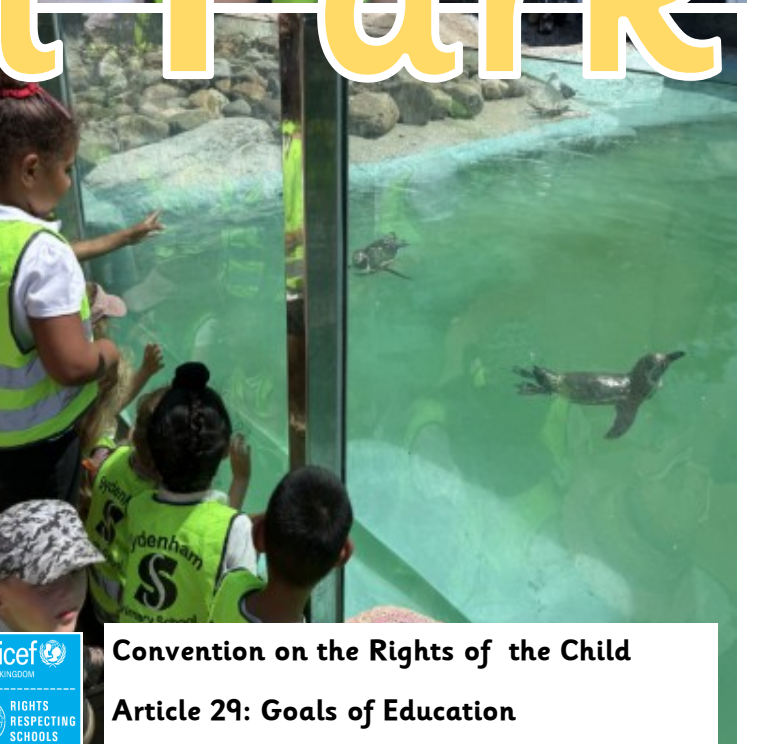


Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture



Last week, Year One pupils visited the Cotswold Wildlife Park where they encountered a range of animals ranging from penguins to parrots and even lions! The children had a fantastic time touring the park on coach and by foot and learnt lots of interesting animal facts.



Safari Park



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Changeover Day

Last Wednesday all the children moved up to spend the day with their new teachers. This was a great opportunity for the children to get to know their teachers and to share their special interests and talents. The children enjoyed a range of growth mindset challenges as well as activities such as art and yoga. All of the grown-ups were very impressed by the children's enthusiasm, good behaviour and lovely manners and can't wait for September.



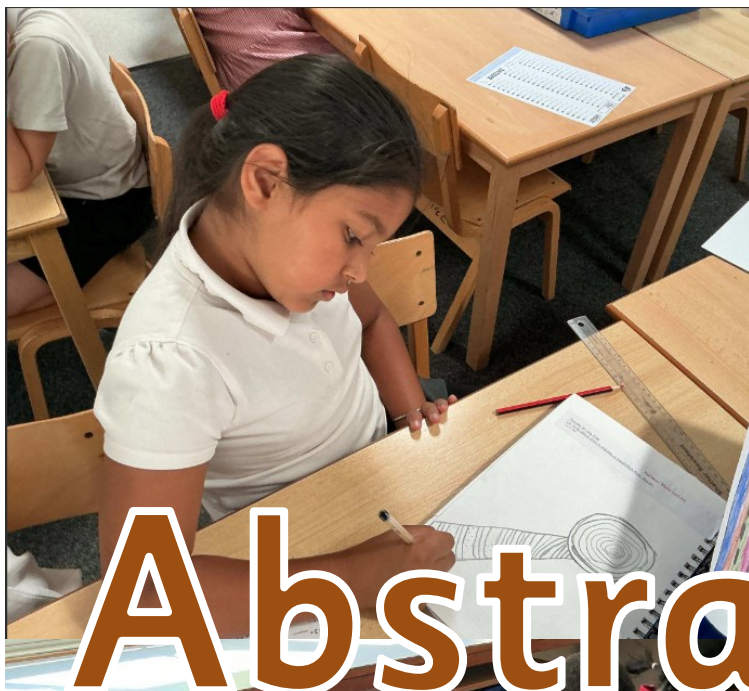
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Despite quite a few teething problems with our pop-up pool, lots of children have enjoyed catch-up swimming lessons over the last two weeks enabling them to meet the National Curriculum standards for swimming. Pupils participated in lessons led by a qualified swimming teacher and lifeguard and made super progress.



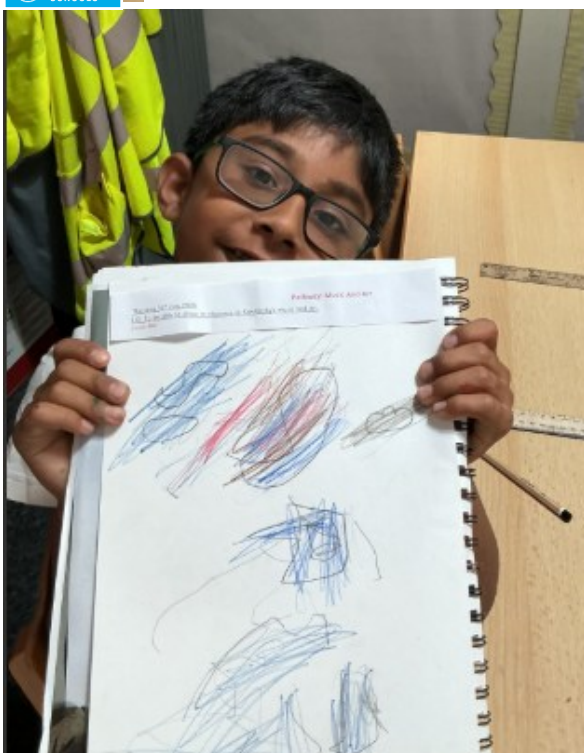


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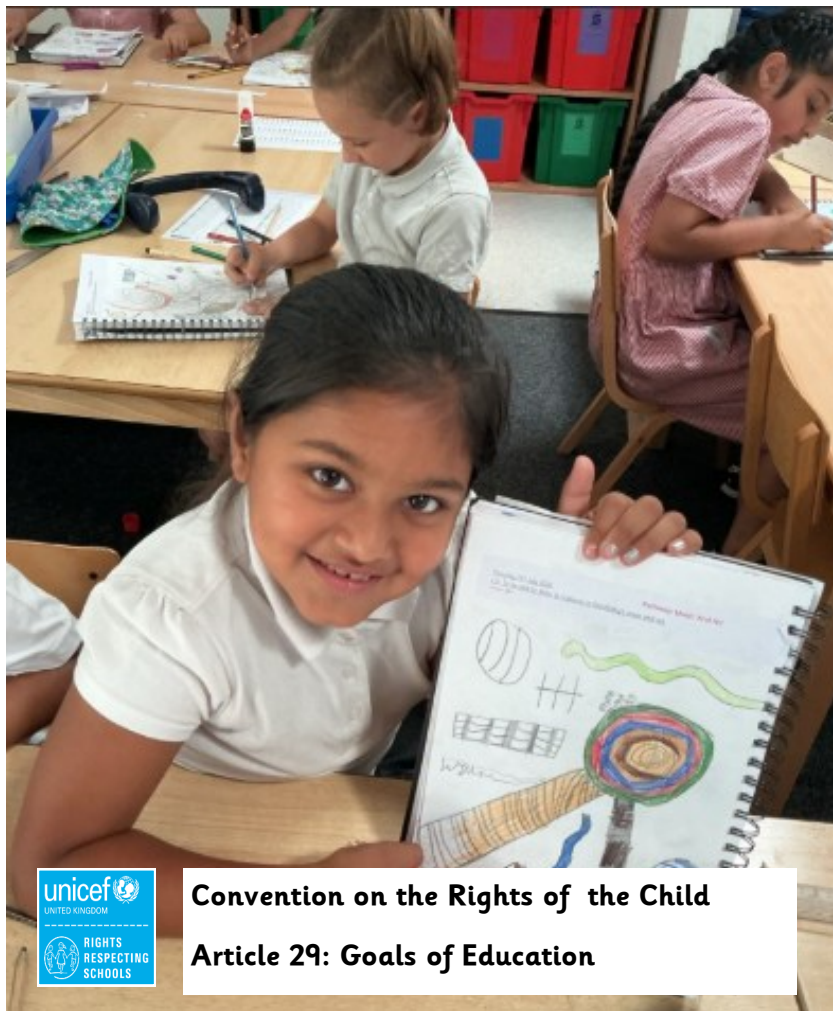
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This week, Year 2 explored how music can inspire art! Pupils began by drawing to the steady beat of a metronome, experimenting with different types of lines and marks to match the rhythm. They then looked at the work of the artist **Wassily Kandinsky**, who believed that colours, shapes and lines could express the feelings and sounds of music. Inspired by his abstract artwork, the children listened to a range of musical pieces and created their own expressive drawings, using colour, shape and pattern to show how the music made them feel. It was wonderful to see their creativity and imagination shine through!



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This summer, Warwickshire Libraries is offering a range of free activities to help children and families stay engaged with reading throughout the holidays.

The **Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat** launches on **Saturday 4 July**, inviting children to enjoy a music-themed reading journey, earn rewards and celebrate their reading achievements. You can find out more at: summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Alongside the challenge, libraries across Warwickshire will be running free activities, including music workshops, digital sound sessions, dance events and Summer Reading Challenge clubs.

For families looking for an additional reading activity, our [Family Book Bingo](#) encourages shared reading and can be completed alongside the Summer Reading Challenge.

There are also opportunities for teens, including [Teen Book Bingo](#), the [Young Poet Laureate Competition](#) and our Young Volunteers Programme.

The full programme of summer events can be found on [Eventbrite](#) and in the [Warwickshire Libraries What's On guide](#).



A message from the PTA Summer Fayre

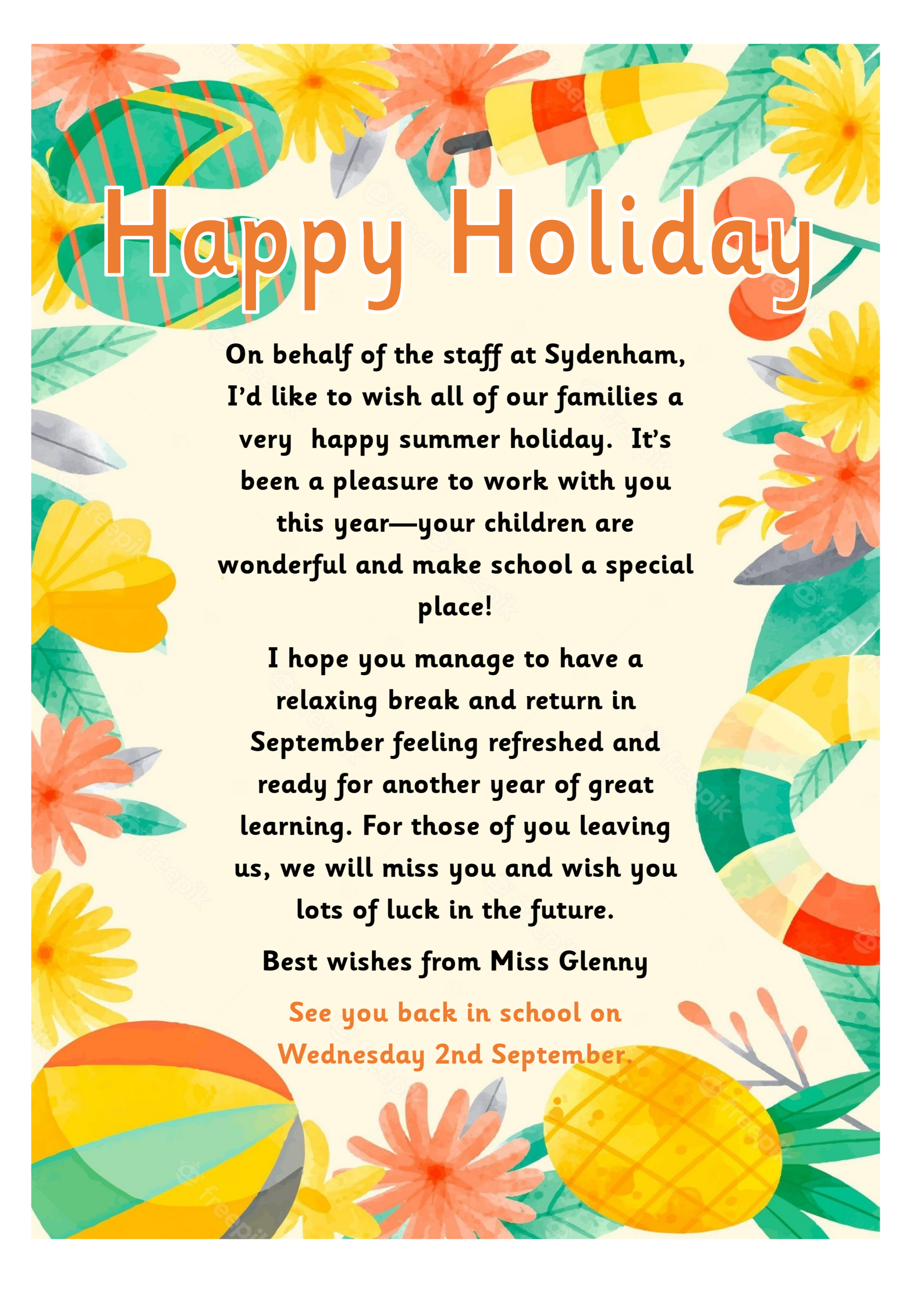
Thank you to everybody who supported the PTA Summer Fayre last Friday. We appreciate you visiting despite the very hot weather and hope you had fun!

A huge thank you from the PTA committee to our wonderful volunteers Vicki, Jenny, Sonia, Emel, Veena, Janeen, Liz, Otis, Maria, Sabina, Claire, Snez, Ellie, Anna, Mr Westwood, Mrs Lee, Mrs Wood, Miss Atkins and Ms Gough. Thank you to Year 6 for their stalls, and Year 5 for helping sell cakes

And finally a huge thanks to YOU for the donations of bottles, toys and cakes, and for turning up to make the event so wonderful .

We raised a profit of £1718.32 to support our school!

Thank you all, we'll see you in September!



Happy Holiday

**On behalf of the staff at Sydenham,
I'd like to wish all of our families a
very happy summer holiday. It's
been a pleasure to work with you
this year—your children are
wonderful and make school a special
place!**

**I hope you manage to have a
relaxing break and return in
September feeling refreshed and
ready for another year of great
learning. For those of you leaving
us, we will miss you and wish you
lots of luck in the future.**

Best wishes from Miss Glenney

**See you back in school on
Wednesday 2nd September.**