

# PVPA NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM KIMBERLY

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my wonderful pupils and staff for all we have achieved this year and the progress that the school continues to make.

**Kimberly Morton**  
Principal

## GENERAL NOTICES

### Staffing update

Nikki

As some of you may be aware, Nikki is officially on maternity leave and will be having her baby any day now! She will be on leave for most of next year and we wish her well.

Amelia

Amelia will be leaving Piper's Vale next week. We wish her well in all future endeavours.

### Parking on Raeburn Road

We have had reports from local residents that parking on Raeburn Road at the beginning and end of the school day is causing issues. We have also had reports of people driving too quickly along the road at these times. This is a polite reminder to consider local residents and safety when driving along and parking on Raeburn Road.

### Lost Property

We still have a gigantic heap of lost property! Most of which is **NOT** named, please ensure **all** of your child's clothing (including footwear, hats, gloves and scarves) are named to avoid losing them! *If they are named they can make their way back to their owner if lost!* Lost property can be found at the Year 1/2 dismissal doors. Any lost property left here at the end of term will go to Charity.

**Nut Free School**

Please remember that we are a nut free school. We do have children that have nut allergies and would ask that you be extra vigilant in not sending any nut products in either snacks or pack lunches. This includes peanut butter sandwiches, Nutella and Kinder Buenos.

**Drinks at School**

Please may we remind you that any bottles in class must be named and can only contain water. Squash can be drunk at lunchtime as part of a packed lunch. No glass/metal bottles are permitted and neither are energy or fizzy drinks.

## YEAR GROUP UPDATES / NOTICES

**RECEPTION**

Reception children have had an amazing end to the year. The children had a fantastic time visiting Pipers Vale Gymnastics center and showed off all the skills they have been learning in PE this year. Reception pupils were very excited for their water day and had a great time.

**YEAR 1**

Year 1 has worked incredibly hard this year. We are very proud of their phonics results and pupils have shown excellent improvement within their lessons. Year 1 children have really enjoyed their science unit this term looking at different habitats and even got to go on a minibeast hunt this week on our field! Have a wonderful summer and remember to keep practising your reading over the holidays.

**YEAR 2**

Year 2 has had an amazing year. They have worked so hard in all their subjects alongside working extra hard for their sports day event and their summer concert. We were all so proud of the children and the progress they made.

They have been learning about living things and their habitats exploring different life cycles and exciting things that can be found in owl pellets! In addition, they have developed strong knowledge on the topic of the UK and are able to name all four countries and their capital cities.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

**YEAR 3**

I'm thrilled to share some of the exciting and engaging activities your children have been involved in this term in Year 3! They've been incredibly busy, showcasing their talents and curiosity across various subjects. Our Year 3 pupils worked incredibly hard preparing for the summer concert! They had been learning and rehearsing a fantastic selection of **90s songs**, and let me tell you, their enthusiasm was infectious. It was wonderful to see them embrace different musical styles and work together to create something truly special. We hope you enjoyed some nostalgic tunes and impressive performances!

In Design and Technology, Year 3 embarked on a delicious project: **making bread!** The children learned about the different ingredients used in bread making and their functions. They followed recipes, carefully measured ingredients, and got hands-on with kneading the dough. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to understand a process from raw ingredients to a finished product, developing their measuring, mixing, and baking skills. And of course, the best part was tasting their freshly baked creations!

It's been a truly productive and enjoyable term. We're so proud of all the hard work and enthusiasm your children have shown.

**YEAR 4**

It has been a really busy half term. The children thoroughly enjoyed making sandwiches for their DT project. There were some excellent performances from Year 4 in both the Summer concert and Sports day. The children have enjoyed our Shared reading book *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant* and learning all about Sri Lanka, which is where the book is set. In Science we have been focusing on non-renewable and renewable energy sources. The children have learnt lots about how we need to protect the planet for the future.

**YEAR 5**

This term, our Year 5 students have been exploring the art of textiles and stitching as part of their Art and DT lesson. They've been learning how to create and explore animal shapes, using a variety of fabrics and stitching techniques. From cutting out intricate patterns to hand-stitching unique designs, each student has crafted their own animal figure. The project has allowed them to develop new skills while expressing their creativity, and the results have been truly impressive!

**YEAR 6**

As our Year 6 pupils reach the end of their primary school journey here at Piper's Vale, we want to take a moment to celebrate all they have achieved. A massive well done to everyone for their incredible performance of *Matilda* – your hard work, dedication, and talent truly shone through and made it a show to remember! We are so proud of each and every one of you. As you move on to secondary school, we wish you all the very best for the exciting adventures ahead. Keep believing in yourselves – the future is bright!

**SEU1**

The children in our class have had a wonderful term. In Shared Reading we have read many books, including The Everywhere Bear. The children have really enjoyed being able to take the bear home, taking him on new adventures. We have had lots of fun splashing about in the paddling pool and are looking forward to joining Reception for their water day on Monday.

**SEU2**

Children have thoroughly enjoyed our beach theme, particularly their Friday sessions in the paddling pool and sandpit. They've also engaged in creative edible art projects representing the seaside, in line with our summer theme. Children have also explored various messy play activities and developing fine motor skills through arts and crafts.

**SEU3**

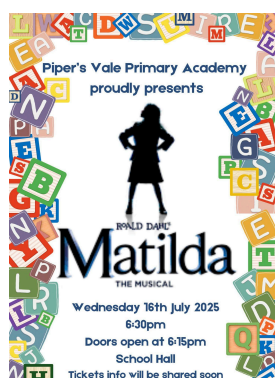
This week the children have been learning about coastlines and different beaches. They have created some beautiful art with all the things they like to do at the beach. We have been building sand castles, creating waves in water play and Friday mornings they get a chance to play in a paddling pool.

We are currently working on a new display outside our class and the children have been creating colourful hand and foot prints to decorate the border with. Next week the children will be creating "all about me" posters for the display.

**MUSIC**

Thank you to those who came to support the students in the summer concert. The children put on some fantastic performances with their classes and our soloists showed amazing confidence. Thank you also to Sofie and Ram who were our presenters for the afternoon and to the staff for their support.

Year 6 performed their end of year show 'Matilda' to the school on Tuesday 15th and to their families on Wednesday 16th July. Bringing the show to life was no small feat, but the outcome made all the hard work worthwhile!



## UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

Please find all of the upcoming dates or events which are happening at Piper's Vale;

Date/Time	Event	Year Group(s)
Tuesday 22nd July	Leavers Assembly 9:30 - 10:30 am	Year 6
Tuesday 22nd July	Family Picnic - weather dependant, message to follow by 10am	Whole School
Wednesday 23rd July - 31st August	Summer Holidays	Whole School
Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September	P D Days - No pupils	Whole School
Wednesday 3rd September	Start of Autumn Term 1	Whole School

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