

d'Auvergne Weekly Update 10.7.26



Dear Parents and Carers,

Head Teacher's Comments

Mrs Emma Cook, Assistant Head Teacher – SENDCO

I am delighted to inform you that, from September, Mrs Emma Cook has been appointed to the role of SENDCO / Assistant Head Teacher.

Mrs Cook was the stand-out applicant from a very strong field for this important role. She leaves her post as Head of Junior School at the British School in Colombo, Sri Lanka, to join us. I am sure you will join me in warmly welcoming her to our community and Island.

As Emma joins us, we say 'farewell' to Sally Lacy-Kerr as our SENDCO. Sally has been pivotal in further developing SEND systems in the school, in particular in assisting in the establishment of Futures. Sally leaves us with every best wish and hope that she enjoys her new role at VCP. Thank you, Sally.

Parents / carers of children on our SEND Register will be contacted in the new term to meet with Mrs Cook, so you get to know one another as soon as possible.

Sports Days

Well done to all involved in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage One events this week – they went very smoothly, with the children doing so well.

Thank you for your understanding of our decision to move Key Stage 2 Sports Day to next Wednesday at 9.00am. The forecast is looking much more favourable for sport than today!

Year 6 Leavers

A reminder that the Year 6 Leavers' Disco is next Thursday at 6pm, followed by the family BBQ and Leavers' Books Presentation at 7pm. I look forward to seeing the children and their carers at this special gathering.

On Friday at 9.00am, we shall be hosting the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly. Later in the day, at 2.30pm, the school will gather on the playground for the traditional 'Year 6 Guard of Honour Clap-Off'.

No After School Club on Friday

A reminder that **we do not have ASC next Friday 17th**. This means that the traffic is usually much worse – please consider walking to collect your child. Of course, the parking challenge will be magnified as it is the Year 6 'Clap Off'. Please be patient, if you are driving to school next Friday afternoon.

Netball Offer

Jersey Netball's after school programmes are now open for registrations:

<https://race-nation.co.uk/register/jersey-netball-association/rathbones-after-school-netball-autumn-term-2026>

Enjoy the sunshine.

Mr Cooper

Year Group Updates

Futures

This week we have had another enjoyable week in Futures. We have continued our learning about minibeasts, exploring different insects and creatures through a range of fun, hands-on activities. The children have also enjoyed lots of creative activities this week, including painting and colouring, and have produced some lovely artwork.

In literacy, we have been learning the sound 'z', exploring words that begin with this sound through a variety of engaging activities. In maths, our numbers of the week were **9 and 10**, and we have been practising recognising, counting and using these numbers in our learning.

Next week, we will begin sending home any named clothing and other personal items that belong to your child. To help with this, we would be grateful if each child could bring a carrier bag into school at the start of the week so that any belongings can be sent home safely. Any unnamed items will be placed on a table outside the classroom for parents to check at drop-off or collection if they are missing any belongings.

Nursery

Last week plan!

Monday

Trip out west:

- Loads of suncream, food, water and fun!

Wednesday

Graduation Ceremony:

- 1pm start at the woods, adults welcome!

Thursday

Party Day:

- Poster in lunch boxes

Friday

Last day 😊

Reception

This week we have continued our learning based on *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the story, making their own fantastic lighthouses, and having thoughtful discussions about whether they would rather be a lighthouse keeper or a seagull. It has been wonderful to hear their imaginative ideas and reasons!

On Tuesday, the whole school gathered on the field for our final poetry performance of the year. Reception were quite simply brilliant! They performed a summer poem speaking clearly and with confidence.

We also had a fantastic time taking part in Sports Day. The children showed great enthusiasm, determination, and excellent teamwork throughout all of the activities. It was lovely to see everyone cheering each other on and celebrating each other's achievements.

To end our busy week, we enjoyed a wonderful trip to Green Island Beach. The children had a fantastic time exploring, playing, and making special memories with their friends. A huge thank you to everyone who was able to come along and help on our beach trip. Your support made the visit possible, and we really appreciate you giving up your time to help make it such a successful and enjoyable experience.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to our final week of Reception! Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Rachel Lutkin-Clarke and Mrs Susie Wilkinson (The Reception Dream Team)

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Year 1

We have had another busy and exciting week in Year 1!

The children have now completed their independent writing task: a non-fiction report about their own superhero. They worked hard to create imaginative superheroes and wrote fantastic reports describing their powers, appearance and special abilities. We are so proud of how independently they completed their writing. Their effort, creativity and progress have been wonderful to see, and they have all done incredibly well!

In Maths, we have finished our learning on numbers to 100. The children have worked hard to develop their understanding of counting, ordering, comparing and representing numbers. They have shown great confidence and should be very proud of their achievements.

As part of our topic work, we went on a walk around the school using maps to help us navigate. The children practised using the compass directions north, south, east and west and did a brilliant job applying their new knowledge in a real-life context.

We also enjoyed performing the poem "I Met My Teacher on a Saturday." The children learnt the poem enthusiastically and performed it with lots of expression and confidence. They did an amazing job, and it was wonderful to see them enjoy performing together.

A huge thank you to everyone who came to support us at Sports Day. It was a fantastic event and the children showed excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout. We are so proud of every child, they all did a fabulous job!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us:

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Year 2

What a wonderful and hot week we have had in Year 2 this week.

In Literacy, the children completed their final independent writes of the year where they wrote about their story with their own characters and landmark using their storyboards from last week. They all did such a great job and reading these stories was so enjoyable!

In Maths, we have continued with comparing volumes using units. The children are gaining the understanding of seeing which containers have the greatest and least volumes as well as being able to compare them to one another.

In Art, we finished off our class island mosaics. The children worked really well and hard together to make the painting of the islands come to life, they truly look amazing so well done to every single one of them!

In Science, the children wrote about how their bulb had changed since the day we planted them, to now. The children were able to identify that the bulb had grown roots, the stems were starting to form as well as seeing leaves and the start of the flower.

Sports day was a huge success, thank you to all parents that came along to cheer on the children, they all had such a fun time competing against each other and joining in on some fun sporting events.

We can't believe that next week is their last week with us in Year 2 but are looking forward to one last sunny week with them before the summer holidays.

Please remember to send children in with hats, suncream and water bottles as it is looking to be a warm week again!

Thank you for your continued support as always,
Miss Aubert and Miss Crocker.

Year 3

Our penultimate week in Year 3 has been a good one.

Last week the children visited the Harbour Gallery where they made the coins for our Coin Hoard. The children did an excellent job and this week we have been adding the finishing touches of painting them and combining the two faces to make them look like 'real' coins. Thank you to Mrs Willis, PJ and Pat Robson for their support with this.

In Writing, the children have been using the Talk For Writing skills to help them to plan and write an information text independently. Their writing has either been linked to our Stone Age topic in 3B or tigers in 3D. The children have worked hard to understand the features of this text type and have used their imaginations to think about the characteristics, behaviours and habitats for their animals.

Earlier in the week the children performed a poem to the rest of the school based on ideas from a book called Stone Age Boy which the children have read in class. We have been really impressed with the way the children have learned the words and collaborated to make actions for their poem. Our oracy focus has been on the way we use our voice to add interest for the audience and we think the children achieved this brilliantly.

In science, we have been working on light and shadow, thinking about how we can protect our eyes from light sources and also how shadows are created and can be altered by moving closer or further away from the light. We worked in small groups to create a shadow scene and had a go at making shadow puppets. There were some very impressive links made to our topics on volcanoes and Stonehenge.

The children have continued to enjoy listening to the books in the Wolsong series being read to them. They have enjoyed the adventure aspect of the story but there are still a couple of books left in the series should the children want to find out what finally happens to Wolf and his friends on their journey to the island at the Centre of the Earth and beyond. The children have really immersed themselves in the texts we have shared this year and have used their fantastic inference skills to make links with what they have already read and what might happen next in the story. We really hope that they will continue their reading journey throughout the summer and perhaps take part in the Library's Summer Reading Challenge.

In maths, we have been finishing off our exploration of fractions and also shape, including angles and perimeter. Please, please, please practise your 3,4 and 8 times tables regularly and the division facts too as this will give you a head start for the times tables you have still got to learn in Year 4! (if you know these times tables then you already know some of the 6,7,9, 11 and 12 times tables too!)

And finally, well done to all of the children, who put in their best efforts at Sports Day on Friday!

With warmest regards,

Mrs Davies and Miss Bolton.

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Year 4

This week in Writing, the children have continued to develop their understanding of newspaper articles. They have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the key features of journalistic writing and have worked hard to create engaging headlines and compelling opening paragraphs. We have focused on how to capture a reader's attention, present important information clearly, and include the essential elements that make a newspaper article successful.

In Maths, we have been learning how to write and represent money using two decimal places. The children have shown great enthusiasm during these lessons and have been developing their confidence when reading, writing and comparing amounts of money. They have particularly enjoyed applying their learning to a range of practical and problem-solving activities.

In DT, we continued working on our travel vlog projects. The children developed their scripts further and spent time filming their presentations using green screen technology. This allowed them to create the illusion that they were presenting from the destinations they were describing. The class thoroughly enjoyed the filming process and were fascinated to see how technology can be used to enhance presentations and bring creative ideas to life.

On Tuesday, the whole school took part in our termly Poetry Performance. Year 4 performed wonderfully and should be very proud of themselves. They spoke clearly, confidently and with great expression. It was also a pleasure to listen to the performances from the other year groups and celebrate the wonderful poetry that has been learnt across the school.

Please note that Sports Day has been postponed due to the hot weather and will now take place on Wednesday, 15th July. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to cheering the children on next week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Reminders

- PE days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays for 4AB, and Wednesdays and Fridays for 4H.
- Please ensure that laptops are brought into school every day and are fully charged at home.
- Your child should be signed up to the Year 4 Google Classroom, which we will be increasingly using to support learning. Login details can be found in planners.
- Please encourage your child to read as often as possible and ensure planners are signed regularly. Bug Club, TT Rock Stars and Spelling Shed are also available as optional resources to support learning at home.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Many thanks,

Mrs AB and Mrs Hyde

Year 5

Year 5 have done us proud once again with their performance poetry on Tuesday morning. They showed a real commitment to learning both the words and actions, and their strong oracy skills shone through as they confidently projected their voices to the whole school. We were incredibly proud of them all!

A huge well done also goes to those children who completed their Level 2 Bikeability this week. They worked extremely hard, especially in the hot weather, and demonstrated excellent cycling skills and road awareness throughout.

On Wednesday afternoon, we spent a busy and exciting time at Highlands taking part in Safety in Action. The children learned how to keep themselves and others safe in a variety of situations, including at home, on the road, at the beach and in the sea. They also took part in some first aid activities and even had to crawl through smoke to escape from a mock fire! The children listened exceptionally well, engaged brilliantly with all the activities and represented d'Auvergne amazingly.

Thursday was our much-anticipated Egyptian Day, and what a fantastic day it was! We began with a pyramid-building competition using only pasta, paper and masking tape, whilst groups headed off with PJ to complete a hieroglyphics hunt around the school to crack a secret code. We then experienced an exciting virtual reality adventure through *Now Press Play*, exploring an ancient Egyptian tomb. Later, we designed our own pharaoh headdresses and outfits before showing off our Egyptian dance moves with a lively *Walk Like an Egyptian* dance session. We finished the day with more creative activities, including writing our names in hieroglyphics.

In Writing, we have been planning our very own Egyptian gods. The children have been thinking carefully about what their gods will look like, the powers they will possess, the myths surrounding them and why they are important.

In Reading, the mystery continues! Poppy, Kip and Ingrid have been put in detention for their antics and have been helping to sort out the library. Whilst there, they discovered some old documents and a photograph showing Gertrude standing next to the Van Bothings. How does she know them? We are looking forward to finding out more as the story unfolds!

Reminders for Our Final Week in Year 5

- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: Bikeability for some children
- Wednesday Morning: Sports Day

We can't believe we are approaching the end of Year 5 and are looking forward to a fantastic final week together!

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Morris, Mrs French and Mr Blake

Year 6

This week has been jammed packed with our Leavers' Service practice sessions. We have really been focusing hard on making this assembly the best it possibly can be and the children have shown fantastic improvements to their speeches / performances. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all in next Friday (17th July) at 8:45am ready for a 9am start to the assembly. We are anticipating that the assembly will finish around 10:30am. If your child has anything specific related to their performance (i.e. costumes / props), please ensure these are in school every day for our final rehearsals next week.

Aside from our busy preparations, we have continued our topic of WW2, with the children creating their own occupation identity cards using the real-life examples they received at Jersey War Tunnels. These shall be coming home with the children next week.

Throughout next week, your child shall be bringing home their old / current books ahead of the end of term. As you can imagine, there are a lot of these and they are quite heavy, so please send your child in with a couple of strong plastic bags to take home a few books each day.

A few gentle reminders:

- As we are approaching the end of the year, **Year 6 laptops need to be brought back into school (and be kept here) with their case and charger.**

Key Date / Times for the end of term:

Year 6 Leavers' BBQ

Thursday 16th July 2026 5pm-6:30pm

This event is run by and set up by the class teachers, current and previous.

Year 6 Leavers' Disco

Thursday 16th July 2026 – 6:30pm-8pm

This event is not organised by the PTA or class teachers (although they will be present) and needs parent involvement / setup, however, there are multiple resources that have been purchased by the PTA. Please contact Charlie Walker if you would like to help with the organisation of this!
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Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 17th July 2026 9am-10:30am (please arrive in plenty of time from 8:45am)

Home Learning

- Daily reading x20 minutes.
 - Spelling Practice.
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Achievers

As the end of year achievement assembly is fast approaching on the last day of term, we shall be saving all our Year 6 celebrations for that date. A huge well done to all our Year 6 pupils this week in their efforts in the Leavers' Assembly practices. You all should be very proud!