

Queen Victoria Primary School Newsletter



Key Dates

- 12th June**—Mufti Day
- 18th June**—Year 2 Trip
- 26th June**—Careers Day
- 26th June**—Summer Fayre
- 30th June**—Year 2 and 4 Music Performance
- 6th July**—Y3 Art Exhibition
- 6th July**—Class Photographs/Individuals catch ups
- 7th July**—Year 6 Production at Dormston
- 14th July**—Y6 Leavers' Party
- 15th July**—Y6 Leavers' Trip
- 17th July**—Y6 Graduation
- 20th July**—INSET Day

Sports Day

Friday 19th June

- Year 1 and 2—9.15am–10.30am
- Year 3 and 4—10.40am–12pm
- Year 5 and 6—1.30pm–3.10pm

Wednesday 24th June

Reception—9.30am

Tuesday 30th June

Nursery AM—9.30am

Nursery PM—2.00pm

Term Dates

- 22nd May**—End of Summer Term 1
- 1st June**—Children return to school.
- 17th July**—End of Summer Term 2
- Tuesday 1st September**—INSET Day (school closed)
- Wednesday 2nd September**—Start of Autumn Term 1 2026

This week's News

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful half-term break and that the children have returned refreshed and ready for the final half-term of the school year. It has been fantastic to welcome everyone back this week and to see the school buzzing with enthusiasm once again.

As always, the final half-term is one of our busiest and most exciting. Alongside continuing our learning, we have many events, visits and transition activities planned as we prepare children for the next stage of their journey.

On Tuesday, the children in 2J enjoyed a well-earned pyjama day as a reward for their excellent attendance during the final week before half-term. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it was wonderful to see them celebrating the importance of coming to school every day. Well done, 2J!

During the half-term holiday, Nursery's caterpillars completed their incredible transformation into butterflies and were released into the wild. Although the children were unable to witness the final stage of the process, they were excited to learn all about the transformation when they returned to school, seeing a video of their release. Fortunately, Mr Priest had also been caring for some caterpillars at home and was able to bring the butterflies into school on Wednesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed observing them up close, discussing the different stages of the lifecycle and asking lots of thoughtful questions. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring their learning to life and further develop their curiosity about the natural world.

Learning Spotlight

This week, Year 6 have been completing some fascinating science work linked to evolution and natural selection. The children have explored how living things adapt to their environments over time and have engaged thoughtfully with some complex scientific concepts.

Meanwhile, Year 2 have launched an exciting Design and Technology project focused on hand puppets. The children have begun investigating different puppet designs and are looking forward to developing their sewing and construction skills as the project progresses.

Summer Fair – Friday 26th June

Preparations are now underway for our Summer Fair, which will take place on Friday 26th June.

Our Summer Fair is always a fantastic community event and an important fundraiser for the school. To make it a success, we would greatly appreciate support from parents, carers and members of our wider community.

If you are able to volunteer some time to help before, during or after the event, please contact the school office. Even a small amount of help can make a huge difference.

We are also looking for local businesses, organisations or community groups who may be interested in running a stall at the event. If you own a business, know someone who does, or have any useful contacts, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing another busy and successful half-term with you. Have a wonderful weekend.

Queen Victoria Primary School Attendance



Attendance Matters!

Well done to the classes who achieved strong attendance of **95% or above** this week: **RF, 1S, 2J, 3M, 4CB, 4P and 5S**. A special congratulations goes to the classes who achieved **96% or above** and earned a spin of the attendance prize wheel: **RF, 1S, 4CB and 5S**. What a fantastic effort!

This week's attendance trophy winners are:

Reception to Year 3: RF with an amazing **100% attendance**
Year 4 to Year 6: 4CB with an excellent **98.9% attendance**

Good attendance makes such a difference. Every day in school helps children keep up with their learning, friendships and routines. Thank you to all families for your continued support with attendance.



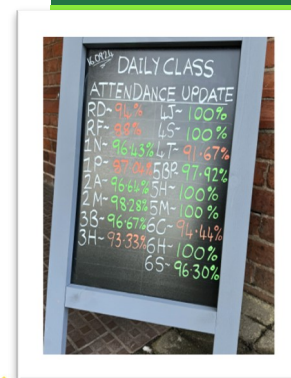
Children in 2J wore their pyjamas to school on Tuesday as an attendance prize. Well Done 2J and keep it up!

Class Attendance

	Attendance (%)
RD	91
RF	100
1S	98.1
1P	90.7
2J	95.9
2O	93.4
3B	92.9
3M	95.7
4CB	98.9
4P	95.2
5H	93.6
5S	98.3
5M	88.3
6C	90
6H	89.7

School Attendance this week: 93.8%

Keep checking the attendance boards each week!



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Let's Celebrate!

Children at the Heart. Aspiration. Responsible. Excellence



Positive Notes & Behaviour Recognition

We love letting our families know when their children have been caught doing something great in school! All staff give out **Positive Notes** regularly for children who are going out of their way in role modelling our school

CARE values. We also love recognising children who follow our school rules: Ready, Respectful & Safe, and conduct themselves well in school by adding them to class recognition boards. Children who demonstrate exemplary behaviour are awarded a **Behaviour Recognition Note** to bring home to let their grown-ups know they have been golden.

CARE Awards

Each week, teachers award one child in their class who has had a remarkable week in demonstrating our school values or going above and beyond to follow our school Golden Rules: Ready, Respectful and Safe.

Children are awarded these certificates during our Friday Celebration Assemblies and are invited to have squash and biscuits with a senior leader as a special treat.

A huge well done to this week's super stars!



CARE Award Winners

Nursery:

Andonea

Reception:

Amara and Aanayaa

Year One:

Poppi-Eva and Lily

Year Two:

Antonia and George

Year Three:

Ayyan and Lincoln

Year Four:

Jaytan and Jasmine

Year Five:

Amelia, Jaxon and Heidi

Year Six:

Isaac and Heath





Notices



QUEEN VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER FAIR

**STALL
HOLDERS
WANTED!**

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

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3:30PM-5:00PM

Contact the school office for details and
to book your stall.

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Notices

JOIN AN iROCK BAND THIS SEPTEMBER

New spaces now open!
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As our iRocker school leavers move on to their next adventure, new places are opening for children to start band lessons from September.

About iRock Lessons

- 30-minute band-based music lessons taught by a professional Band Coach
- Lessons take place during school hours
- Easy subscription: cancel at any time, with a first lesson money-back guarantee.
- Open to children aged 4 to 11, regardless of ability or experience
- Children learn popular music while building confidence, teamwork and listening skills
- Pupils can work towards an exam-free RSL Awards music qualification as part of their iRock journey.

Friday 12th June: Mufti Day!

On Friday 12th June, we will be holding a whole-school Mufti Day where children are invited to wear their own clothes (non-uniform) for the day in return for donations for the summer fair.



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Reading at the Heart



Reading is not just a good way to fill the time. It has important and far-reaching benefits which go beyond a love of a good book. When children and young people enjoy reading, they are more likely to create a habit and read more often which in turn will help to build vital reading skills and bring with it a wider range of benefits...

Reading for pleasure can help grow empathy

Enjoying books and discovering new perspectives within the pages of a story can be a great way to introduce children to a range of experiences and viewpoints. The more a child reads, the more likely they are to be exposed to new narratives which can help them develop empathy.

A love of reading can build a child's confidence

In fact, National Literacy Trust's research showed that 26.0% of children and young people who read in their free time at least once a month said it helps them to be confident.

Reading for enjoyment can spark imagination...

...and provide escape as well as inspire creativity. Even fantasy can still speak truth to a child about their place in this world.

Reading can expand horizons

A book can provide children with a way to discover new worlds, meet new people and learn about the past. Whether that's through non-fiction books and autobiographies, or books and magazines exploring historical events or figures.

Reading for pleasure can support your child's learning

Recent National Literacy Trust research also revealed that twice as many children and young people who enjoy reading in their free time have above average reading skills than children who don't enjoy it (34.2% vs 15.7%) – reading skills which will support them in their school journeys and beyond.

How much should my child read a day?

It can feel daunting to factor in more time for activities such as reading with your child each day or encourage your child to find time to read on their own in their free time. We know that life is busy for many reasons, with competing priorities on your time. As children get older, they are also more likely to have higher demands on their own time from homework and sports to other activities including simply spending time with friends. We want to encourage you that it is not about the specific length of time a child reads that is significant, although we love the idea of even finding time to take 10 minutes a day to read. Finding ways to make reading fun, fit it into your day-to-day routine and not becoming stressed or overly caught up with the length of time your child spends reading will help build a manageable habit and grow a love of reading, rather than it feeling like a chore.

Grow a love of reading

What you are doing as parents and carers at home has a significant impact on your child. Finding time to read with your children or encouraging your less-than-enthusiastic readers at home to pick up a book can feel like a challenge. However, there are lots of simple, everyday ways you can encourage your children to grow a love of reading.

[See the National Literacy Trust Website for more ideas!](#)



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE IN HOT WEATHER

As temperatures rise, it's essential to take proactive steps to ensure children and young people stay safe and healthy. Hot weather can pose serious risks such as dehydration, heatstroke and sunburn. This guide provides practical tips for parents and teachers to protect children during sunnier spells, helping them enjoy the summer safely.

1 STAY HYDRATED



Ensure children drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if they don't feel thirsty. Encourage them to carry water bottles and take regular sips. It's better to drink small amounts to counteract the effects of sweating. Even if children replenish lost fluids with equal amounts of water, they may still be dehydrated due to salt lost from the body. Avoid sugary drinks and caffeine, which can contribute to dehydration.

2 APPLY SUNSCREEN



Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 30 on all exposed skin and reapply every two hours or after swimming. Don't forget often-missed spots like the ears, back of the neck and tops of feet. Sunscreen needs around 20 to 30 minutes to be absorbed by the skin, so make sure you leave plenty of time to apply it.

3 WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING



Dress children in light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing made from breathable fabrics like cotton. Ideally clothing should cover as much skin as possible. Shoulders should always be covered as they can easily burn. Wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses with UV protection are also essential to shield them from the sun. Be sure to check your school's dress policy, as uniform rules may be relaxed during amber or red Heat Health Alerts (HHAs).

4 SEEK SHADE



Covering up and seeking shade are the most important sun protection measures. Encourage children to play in shaded areas, especially during peak sun intensity between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Use umbrellas or canopies if natural shade is unavailable.

5 AVOID STRENUOUS ACTIVITIES

Children shouldn't take part in vigorous physical activities in very hot weather. Limit these during the warmest parts of the day. Schedule any outdoor games or sports for early morning or late afternoon when it's slightly cooler.

6 KEEP COOL Indoors



If it's safe and appropriate, open windows early in the morning to allow stored heat to escape from the building. Use fans or air conditioning to maintain a cool indoor environment. Close curtains or blinds to block direct sunlight. Switch off electrical equipment like computers, monitors and printers when not in use: don't leave them in 'standby mode' as this still generates heat.

7 TAKE COOL BATHS OR SHOWERS



Encourage children to take cool baths or showers to lower their body temperature. Alternatively, use damp cloths on their skin to provide relief from the heat. When heading out of the house, consider filling up a spray bottle to cool everyone down on the go.

8 MONITOR FOR SIGNS OF ILLNESS



If sensible precautions are taken, children are unlikely to be seriously affected by hot conditions – but teachers, assistants, school nurses and all child carers should watch for symptoms of heat exhaustion, such as heavy sweating, weakness, dizziness, nausea or fainting. If any signs are present, move the child to a cool place, make sure they drink some water, and seek medical advice if needed.

9 MAINTAIN A COOL SLEEPING ENVIRONMENT



Ensure children's bedrooms stay cool by using fans or air conditioning. Use lightweight bedding and consider letting them sleep in the coolest part of the house. Older children can have more choice over what they wear to bed. Some children may prefer to sleep without pyjamas, while some may prefer to opt for a light cotton t-shirt and shorts.

10 EDUCATE CHILDREN ON SUN SAFETY



Teach children the importance of sun safety and encourage them to take responsibility for their health. Explain the risks of sunburn and heatstroke and the value of following these safety tips.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings (and other industries) to help them maintain a safe working environment.



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