



Germander Park, Southwood and Downs Barn Schools' Newsletter July 2025

Lovely Events to Share

It has been a lovely Summer Term so far and the children across the three schools have taken part in some very memorable experiences. We have had some children visit the Blue Light Hub to see ambulances and fire engines, the Science Museum in London, the Ashmolean Museum in Cambridge and Whipsnade Zoo to name a few. It was also wonderful to watch the children's faces as they watched the string quartet—particularly as the musicians played some very familiar tunes like the Harry Potter theme tune and a few familiar pop songs! Many staff have found it very moving to have over 250 children from the three school schools talking about their swimming lessons when we had the pop-up pool at Southwood for five weeks (we're delighted to announce that we'll be having the pool back again next year too).

I have been lucky enough to read all the children's comments, which they've written for their Annual reports, about what they've enjoyed this year over the last couple of weeks too!



Summer Reading Challenge

We'll be having visits in all three schools from Milton Keynes Library before the end of term to promote this year's Summer Reading Challenge: Story Garden. If children read (or share with an adult) three library books over the summer holidays, they will receive a bookmark and if they read six library books, they will receive a lovely certificate. It will also give you an opportunity to visit the brand new children's library in Central Milton Keynes which is being moved downstairs in the library and they're hoping it will be open by the end of July.



World Day of Culture and Diversity

Thank you to everyone who brought in food and helped children wear clothes representing their home countries on our special day of celebration. We all had some amazing food and the children really enjoyed sharing their different outfits.



Upcoming Dates

Southwood Sports Day:	Wednesday 9th July (9.30am for Year 3 and 4 and 1.30pm for Year 5 and 6)
Downs Barn and Germander Park Sports Day:	Friday 11th July (10am at Southwood for parents and carers)
Annual Reports to Parents and Carers:	Friday 11th July
Southwood Year 6 Performance:	Tuesday 15th July (6pm)
Germander Park Leaver's Assembly:	Tuesday 22nd July (9.15am)
Southwood Year 6 Leaver's Assembly:	Tuesday 22nd July (2.15pm)
Downs Barn Leaver's Assembly:	Wednesday 23rd July (9.15am)

Staffing in BPP Schools

Children will be having transition on Monday 21st July in the morning.

Germander Park	Southwood	Downs Barn
Ducklings—Mrs Horton	Mallards—Miss Mason	
Cygnets—Mrs Carlse and Mrs Branston	Swans—Mrs Randall	
Nursery (Acorns) - Miss Allsop	Year 3 (Owls and Robins)— Miss Amarn and Miss Clifford	Nursery (Caterpillars) - Mrs Mooney
Reception (Lime) - Miss Razaque	Year 4 (Dragonflies and Frogs) - Miss Howe and Mrs Ronad	Reception (Ladybirds) - Mrs Smith
Year 1 (Maple) - Miss Howard	Year 5 (Hedgehogs and Rabbits) - Ms Milton and Miss Young	Year 1 (Bees) -Mrs Scott
Year 2 (Oak) - Miss Jeffreys	Year 6 (Badgers and Foxes—Mrs Wyeth and Mrs Harlow	Year 2 (Butterflies) - Mrs Davis

Attendance to the end of June 2025

Germander Park:	90.5%
Southwood:	95.8%
Downs Barn:	94.3%

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