

Nursteed Community Primary School



Newsletter 35 – Friday, 10th July 2026

Message from the Head:

It has been another warm week but that hasn't stopped us fitting lots of fun things in including our transition day, a trip to the Roman Baths and Key Stage One enjoyed a preview of 'Matilda'.

This week in assembly, we read another great book; the children had a challenge to see how many nursery rhyme characters they could spot and they got them all!



Invacuation:

This week, the whole school practised an invacuation – a drill where the children come off the playground and inside the school building. We shared some scenarios where we might need to do this, such as the air ambulance landing on our field or a dog off its lead on school grounds. I am pleased to share that the children did brilliantly – all walked sensibly to their classroom and I am confident that all will go to plan should we need a real-life invacuation.

Year 4 Roman Baths Trip:

Year 4 visited the Roman Baths on Thursday and had a wonderful time. All of the children behaved fantastically and made Miss Swift very proud. They enjoyed dressing up as Romans, exploring Roman artefacts, creating mosaics, looking around the Baths, being archaeologists uncovering artefacts and building like a Roman. We even had time to cool off in the shade in Parade Gardens afterwards.

We are ever so grateful for all of the support with the trip. From fundraising efforts and donations, the trip ended up being fully funded and children could go for free, made possible by a generous donation from the FONS team and Market Town Memorials. We also want to thank the parent volunteers who gave up their time to come along with us; it meant that every child could enjoy the experience.

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Roman Baths 2026

FONS Soccer Star Challenge:

FONS organised a very fun fundraiser this week with a huge inflatable dartboard on the school field! Every child enjoyed taking part and there were lots of prizes handed out for top scorers and top fundraisers including theme park tickets, football shirts and even a tour of Wembley! We raised a huge £1444 which will go straight back into supporting the school.



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Transition:

Our Year 6 children have been spending time at their new secondary schools this term and this week the children found out their new year group name and teacher! You will see we have 3 new teachers starting in September, alongside a new Family Support Advisor and Office Manager – lots of change!

The children enjoyed meeting their new teacher and there is a good buzz in the air for September.

Year Group	Year Group Teacher	Year Group Support Staff
Reception: Ash	Miss Pottinger	Mrs Young Miss Williams
Year 1: Birch	Miss Mason (new to the school)	Mrs Talbot
Year 2: Cherry	Mrs McKenzie Mrs Scott (new to the school)	Mrs Rose Mrs Doxford
Year 3: Damson	Mrs Gaule	Miss Preen Miss Forrester Mrs Kitching - mornings
Year 4: Elm	Mrs Webb Mrs McEvoy (new to the school)	Mrs Smith (4 days)
Year 5: Fir	Mrs Hugo	Mrs Bogart
Year 6: Ginkgo	Miss Swift	Lynda Poole Mrs Kitching - afternoons

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Summer Reading Challenge:

In our class assemblies this week, we shared this summer's exciting reading challenge which Devizes Library will be supporting.

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Any reading you are able to do with your child this summer will be invaluable and keep those key skills ticking over...there's nothing better than a good book!

Great British Summer Savings:

[Find your family's summer offer — Summer Savings](#)

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

Hot Chocolate with the Head:

Due to the heat, we had an outside hot chocolate session! I met with George, Liam, Kieran, Arabella, David, Elijah and Daisy. We reflected on our highlights of this academic year. The children named some great things: the KS1 Nativity, residential trips, getting 'Star of the Week', exploring time in Pluto, the new basketballs, getting better at maths, Year 4's trip to the Roman Baths – even SATs was mentioned!



Celebration Assembly:

Our school hall has been extremely hot in the afternoons this week so we elected to skip the celebration assembly and award the trophies and certificates in the classrooms. This week, a big well done to Loki, Melisa, Nathan, Jacob, Dorian and the whole of Venus class who were celebrated for their excellent behaviour on their school trip. Pluto also had a whole-class celebration for how well they have behaved this week.

Hannah Duffy
Headteacher

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FoNS

WOW! What an incredible fundraising event we have had this week! Soccer Star Coaching came to us on Tuesday 7th July. All children took part in the event, they had fun and enjoyed being outside, kicking/ throwing their footballs at the giant inflatable dart board. We had one high score winner from each class that took home a shiny trophy. Zach A was our highest scorer of the day with a score of 114!

We also had three lucky competition winners, Emily won a mystery football shirt, Logan B winning a ticket to a theme park and Charlie winning a tour of Wembley stadium and theme park tickets!!

Thank you to everyone who help their child with sponsorship helping FoNS raise an outstanding £1,444 to go towards a new section of the trim trail.

A reminder that Friday 17th July is non-uniform day in exchange for donations for the tombola stall at the summer fayre.

Dates to remember

Term 6

14 July 2026	KS2 performances at 14.00
15 July 2026	KS2 performances at 18.00
17 July 2026	FoNS Non-uniform day
18 July 2026	FoNS Summer Fayre
21 July 2026	Y6 Leaver Party during school time
22 July 2026	Y6 Leaver Assembly at 14.00
22 July 2026	Last Day of term (back on 3 September 2026)

Important Information

1. You can contact Lisa Foster, our Parent Support Advisor, on lisa.foster@nursteed.wilts.sch.uk or call her on 07803 406 827. She works on Mondays and Tuesdays and if you leave a message, she will get back to you as soon as she can.
2. You can book Before School Care (7.45am-8.45am) by following this link [here](#).
3. If you would like to contact Matt Clements regarding drumming information, please email him on mattcdrumtuition@gmail.com.
4. If you think there is something that would help to improve our school we would love to hear from you. Feel free to email us on admin@nursteed.wilts.sch.uk so we can consider your ideas.

Attachments

1. Braeside Summer Holiday Club
2. Urchfont Squirrels

Information from Wiltshire Council

Please see the following information from [Wiltshire News](#) which you may find useful.