

Nursted Community Primary School



Newsletter 36 – Friday, 17th July 2026

Message from the Head:

As we approach the end of another school year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly memorable year. When I joined the school last September, I was immediately struck by the warmth, kindness and strong sense of community that makes our school so special. I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our children, families, staff, governors and wider community for the support, encouragement and welcome you have shown me throughout the year.

There have been many highlights to celebrate. Our pupils have enjoyed a fantastic range of trips, visits and enrichment opportunities, and we have seen excellent outcomes across the school. One of my personal highlights has been my weekly Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher sessions, which have given me the opportunity to get to know so many of our children and hear first-hand about their achievements, interests and ideas.

Of course, the year has not been without its challenges! Together, we have navigated an Ofsted inspection, coped with heatwaves and even faced flooding, yet throughout it all our school community has shown remarkable resilience, teamwork and positivity.

Although we are nearly at the end of term, the excitement is not over yet. We still have a wonderful final week ahead, including the Year 6 treat afternoon and water fight, the Key Stage One trip to Longleat and our Leavers' Assembly as we celebrate and say farewell to our Year 6 pupils.

We will also be saying goodbye to four valued members of staff: Mrs Ayles, Mrs Rew, Mrs McMullen and Mrs Waite. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank them for their hard work, dedication and the positive difference they have made to the lives of our children. We wish them every success and happiness for the future.

Finally, I would like to thank you once again for welcoming me so warmly during my first year of headship. It has been a privilege to lead such a wonderful school community, and I am excited about the opportunities ahead. I look forward to building on all that has been achieved this year and working together to make next year even more successful.

I hope you all enjoy a happy, restful and well-deserved summer break.

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Key Stage 2 Production – Matilda

I was blown away this week by the show! I have sat through many end-of-year plays but this was by far the best I have seen. The acting, singing, dancing and comic timing was spot on and we have some future stars in Year 6. We have received nothing but positive feedback from parents and children so it seems like you all enjoyed it too.



Year 5 Taster Day at Devizes School:

Our Year 5 children enjoyed a day at Devizes School this week. They experienced a science lesson and different sports, giving them a taster of secondary school. Staff report that the children's behaviour was excellent which is always lovely to hear.

Celebration Assembly:

This week, we celebrated Ben, Liam, Lily, Harper T and David. Year 5 had a special mention due to their exceptional behaviour on their taster day at Devizes School. Year 6 also celebrated their wonderful performances in Matilda this week. A special shout out to Lucy, who completed a swimathon, and Theodore who won 'Most Improved' on his football team too.

Hannah Duffy
Headteacher

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Dates to remember

Term 6

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.

Links

1. Family First Magazine: <https://familyfirst.co.uk/magazines/family-first-issue-3-2026/>
2. Hillworth Park Events: www.ticketsource.com/hillworth-park-events

Attachments

1. Summer Holiday Cricket Camps
2. PH Active Ed Wraparound Care
3. Multi Sports Holiday Camp

Information from Wiltshire Council

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