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# Cuckney C of E Primary School Newsletter



Issue 6

## Coming up next month:

2nd June - Website  
Photography

2nd June-6th June -  
Year 4 Multiplication  
Check

9th June-13th June -  
Year 1 Phonics Check

13th June - Summer  
Fair

17th June - Class  
Photo Day

19th June - New  
Starter Parent Meeting

25th June - New  
Starter Come and Play  
Session

30th June - Meden  
Year 6 Transitions

## UGLY BUG BALL

Our youngest learners in **Holbeck Reception and Year 1** had a truly magical day today as they celebrated all things creepy-crawly at their very own **Ugly Bug Ball!**

Today, our **Reception and Year 1** children in Holbeck have been buzzing with excitement at their fantastic **Ugly Bug Ball!**

The day kicked off with a visit from the amazing **Jungle Jo**, who brought along some incredible **minibeasts** for the children to meet – including **snails, spiders, and even snakes!** The children were fascinated and so brave as they learned about these creatures up close.

Everyone came dressed as their favourite **minibeasts**, with colourful wings, antennae, and lots of wiggly legs on display. The fun didn't stop there – the children also got creative in the kitchen, making their own **pastry snails**, which were as delicious as they were adorable!

In the afternoon, the party really got going with our very own **Ugly Bug Ball**

**disco**, complete with **snacks, dancing, games, crafts**, and even some **honey tasting**. It was a day full of laughter, learning, and lovely memories.

*"I liked the snail the best because it felt slimy!" –  
Matilda, Reception*

*"The disco was so much fun – I danced like a butterfly!" – Myra, Year 1*

*"It was a brilliant day. The children were so engaged and full of joy from start to finish." –  
Miss Worboys*

Well done to all our special and unique children – we're already looking forward to next year's ball!

## Summer Fair

Get ready for an afternoon of fun at our **Summer Fair**, taking place on **Thursday 13th June from 3pm!** Bring along your friends and family – everyone is welcome to join in the excitement!

There will be **plenty of outdoor and school stalls**, a **bouncy castle**, and the ever-popular **duck race**, with

**lots of great prizes** up for grabs. Don't forget to **bring cash**, as many stalls will be cash-only.

If you're having a clear-out, we'd love your **donations for the tombola** – please drop off any unwanted items at the school office.

And for any budding young entrepreneurs – **children can book a stall for just £5**. If your child would like to run one, please contact the school office to reserve a spot.





## Reminders

- ◆ Please remember to label all items of your children's uniform to ensure we are able to return it.
- ◆ Money sent for snack must be in a named purse or wallet.
- ◆ Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform.
- ◆ The school day is 8:45-3:15, make sure your child is in school for 8:45 and ready to learn.
- ◆ Try and book appointments outside of school time to avoid missing learning time.
- ◆ School diaries and reading books must be in school every day.

## KS2 Adventure at Gulliver's

**O**ur KS2 children have had an amazing week at **Gulliver's**, packed full of fun, learning, and adventure! From **mini golf** and **theme park rides** to **first aid training**, **fire lighting**, and **den building**, there's been something for everyone to enjoy.

We're incredibly proud of how well the children represented our school. They were **brilliantly behaved** throughout the trip and showed true **Cuckney values**, especially **respect** – both towards each other and the Gulliver's staff, who were full of praise for their attitude and manners.

*"It was the best school trip ever! I loved the rides and building dens with my friends."* – **Isla, Year 5**

*"I learned how to light a fire safely and even got to help in a first aid activity. It was really fun!"* – **Oscar, Year 6**

*"The children were a credit to the school – enthusiastic, polite, and fully engaged in every activity."* – **Mrs McNally**

*"It was such a joy to see the pupils learning through hands-on experiences. Their teamwork and curiosity were fantastic!"* – **Mr Crossland**

Want to see more? Check out the full gallery of our Gulliver's trip here:

[View the gallery](#)

Well done, KS2 – what a week to remember!



# Online safety tips for parents & carers to KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE OVER SUMMER

School's out... for summer! Yes, it's that time of the year again: around six weeks at home for ecstatic youngsters. For many young people, a bumper stint off school means a welcome chance to spend even more time with their games console, phone, tablet or smart TV. So whether your children are likely to be scrolling on Snapchat, nestling in front of Netflix or trying foes on Fortnite, we've put together some top tips to help you keep them safe online this holiday.

## THERE'S NO NETWORK LIKE HOME

Teenagers, especially, tend to be delighted to find that a coffee shop, restaurant or shopping centre offers free WiFi. These public networks are much less secure than home WiFi, though, so discourage your child from making online purchases or entering personal details when out and about.

## LIGHTS OUT, SCREENS OFF

This is a golden rule: try to limit how much screen time your child has towards end of the day. Staring at the screen of a phone or tablet for too long before bed severely impacts a child's quality of sleep – which can play havoc with their concentration, mood and energy levels the next day.

## FOCUS ON FACTS

The internet is phenomenal at spreading gossip. When children of certain ages aren't in daily contact at school, the digital rumour mill can go into overdrive. Remind your child not to believe everything they're told online – especially if the person involved isn't around to provide their side of the story.

## KEEP TALKING

It sounds blindingly obvious, but having regular chats with your child about who they're talking to online, what games and apps they're using and what shows they're streaming is a huge benefit. It doesn't have to be every day or even every week, but it can signal potential issues well in advance.

## PRIVATE INFO STAYS PRIVATE

It's worth checking your child's social media or gaming profiles occasionally to make sure they aren't inadvertently giving away too much information. Details such as their full name, address or where they go to school could all be used to track them down by individuals with sinister intentions.

## LIMIT SOCIAL AUDIENCES

When they're old enough, young people love to broadcast their summer holiday highlights all over social media. The unfortunate truth, however, is that we don't always know who might be viewing this content. Check the settings to ensure that only friends and family can see your child's posts.

## DEMONSTRATE GOOD HABITS

Children often learn their digital behaviour from watching the grown-ups around them. So make sure your child observes you being positive and supportive on social media, for example – and, especially, sees that you know when it's time to switch the screen off, even though you're having fun.

## WATCH FOR EXCESSIVE GAMING

With no school, children often take every opportunity to fit in 'just one more go' on their favourite game – sometimes at the cost of their daily routine, or having family time. A little extra gaming is to be expected in the holidays, but it could become problematic if it evolves into a recurring habit.

## IT'S THE GREAT OUTDOORS FOR A REASON

For most northern hemisphere dwellers, this time of year is a rare opportunity to enjoy the outside world in pleasant weather. Remind your child how amazing it is to feel the sun on their back and fresh air in their lungs. Disney+ and Minecraft will still be there on drizzly Sundays in October.



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