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Message from Mrs Jenkins

What a scorcher!

I have been really impressed with how brilliantly the children have coped with the high temperatures this week. They have shown resilience, kindness, and a real sense of community.

At playtime, it was lovely to see children supporting friends who were feeling hot and uncomfortable, offering ideas for cooling down and checking in on one another. Their patience, adaptability and willingness to follow staff guidance about managing the heat has been outstanding.

Every single child has been a star, and we are incredibly proud of them.

I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to our wonderful staff team. Keeping children happy, safe and learning in such challenging conditions—while managing the heat themselves—is no small task.

Their commitment to keeping school open and maintaining as much normality as possible has been exceptional, and I cannot thank them enough.

Thank you as well for your calm support and trust in our processes. We know how difficult these temperatures can be for young children, especially when sleep is disrupted and everyone feels a little more hot and bothered than usual.

Your messages of thanks and appreciation from those who emailed about school remaining open have meant a great deal to us.

We're all hoping for cooler weather next week as we get ready for **Sports Day on Wednesday 1st at the Cricket Club**, and we look forward to enjoying it together. We have an extra race lined up this year for the children to see which we think they will enjoy!

Colour Run Fundraising Event

From Supporters: Great Tew School Colour Run what a fantastic success and a wonderful way to see out the school year. Blessed with glorious weather, the day was filled with happy faces, laughter and fun from start to finish. Bright neon colours flew through the air as children and adults alike tackled the amazing obstacle course, generously provided and supported by the wonderful Moreton family. The delicious BBQ proved extremely popular, while the stocked bar remained busy throughout the day as families and friends came together to enjoy the occasion. It was heartwarming to see our community spending time outdoors in the fresh air, having fun, making memories and enjoying each other's company. With colour everywhere from head to toe, smiling faces all around and a fantastic atmosphere throughout, it was truly a day to remember and one that we hope will stay in our minds for a long time to come.

As always, our parent volunteers did an incredible job. We are so grateful for the time, energy and skill they dedicated to making the event such a resounding success.

The total raised will be announced soon, but we cannot thank everyone enough for coming together to support the school. As mentioned previously, the funds will allow children in all year groups to continue enjoying their music sessions with Jennie Grierson. These sessions are already proving hugely popular, and thanks to your generosity, we will be able to continue them next year.

Stars of the week:

Reception: **Rupert**

Year 1&2: **Margot**

Year 3&4: **Alfred Alder**

Year 5&6: **Willow T**

Values Champion: Jasper

Golden Cutlery Award Winner:

KS1 — **Freya B**

KS2 — **Helena**



Reception

We successfully released our beautiful Painted Lady butterflies this week. We all watched in wonder as they soared away to find their friends! In other news this week, we have begun exploring our new topic, The Big Wide World. The children have been interested to listen to many stories set in different places around the world, we have found out about the globe,



equator and continents, we have also been learning about the different UK flags. Several children have reflected on family members that are from, or have lived in different countries, definitely a great discussion idea for the weekend, get those photo albums out and do share with us next week! The photo shows the children engaged in role play, they created a plane and made tickets for all the different destinations, packed their bags and off they went. There was even an engineer for when things went wrong! A big thank you to the whole Reception team this week for all that they have done to keep the children cool, calm and safe.

Yrs 3 & 4

What a hot week! We tried to avoid getting too hot by filling the week up with calm activities. We looked at mosaics and have now made our own designs to make into coasters next week. We also measured shadows throughout the day on Wednesday and used the data to make graphs. A bit of fun with the hose was a welcome relief for the children on Thursday afternoon after their djembe drumming session.



Yrs 1 & 2

Year 1 and 2 wowed adults with their innate creativity and ability to become master puppeteers! Using some of my old puppets (Sooty, Sweep and some much loved homemade puppets) the children paired up and put on puppet performances to an attentive and engaged audience. We are excited to finish



making our own puppets next week. I'd like to make a special mention to all children who showed a grown up attitude in the particularly hot weather - we pulled together and found comfort in our routine. We discussed how it can be helpful to make changes to routines but we must try to meet each challenge with an open mind and listen carefully to safety advice. A special mention goes to Mrs Woodward, Mrs Sam and Mrs Logsdon who always step up and do so much to support our children. Thanks, thanks a million. Thanks without end (10 points if you recognise the book reference). Mr Grant

Yrs 5 & 6

Despite experiencing the hottest day of the week, we have had another fantastic week in class. The children have enjoyed working collaboratively on a range of maths investigations, developing their reasoning and problem-solving skills together. Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils have continued refining their writing pieces as part of the moderation process, showing great focus and determination. It has been a fabulous week of learning, despite the high temperatures!



Diary Dates

July

1st	Sports Day
8th	9am ID YOU Smartphone Education sessions, Tew Centre
9th	Acrylic workshop
9th	Drum performance Yrs 3&4 2.45pm —parents welcome
14th	KS2 Performance 6pm
15th	KS2 Performance 2pm & 6pm
17th	End of Year Leavers' Service for all parents

Parking & Safety Update

Parking safety continues to be a significant concern, and many parents have shared their worries with me about the risks to children during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Our school neighbours have also raised concerns on behalf of the wider Great Tew community about parking and driving near the school.

Most schools face similar challenges, but our location brings additional pressures with traffic from the café and pub, as well as limited parking spaces.

Our designated school police officer, PCSO James Keyworth, has also expressed concern about the current situation and is keen to offer his support. As he does with other schools, he will be dropping in occasionally at peak times to help ensure that children are kept safe. As part of his duties, he is required to alert parents if he identifies anything that may pose a risk to the school community.

As staff, our responsibility is to the children inside school, which limits what we can manage outside the gates. We therefore ask all parents to do everything they can to keep our community safe by following the guidance from PCSO Keyworth:

- **Park on New Road or in designated spaces** within the car park, avoiding non-designated areas in the car park that cause congestion and increase risk as children get in and out of cars.
- **Avoid parking on the 'V' by the green** — this has been identified as the highest-risk area.
- **Do not park on white lines or 'keep clear' markings** — these are essential for driver visibility and safety.
- **Keep children close to you** rather than letting them run ahead until you are nearer to the school entrance.

We are extremely grateful for your commitment and continued support in following this guidance. By working together, we can ensure the safety of all children and help prevent a serious accident.

Update on Mrs Munson

On Tuesday we were delighted to welcome Mrs Munson back for a visit. It was so lovely to see her as we have all been missing her over these last few months, and the children were absolutely thrilled to share their news with her. She has missed being at school with the children, staff and parents so much, and she is very much looking forward to being back with us when she is able. We continue to stay in close contact with her and will support her, along with her family and friends, as she undergoes what we hope will be her final round of treatment at the end of July and into early August. We will keep you updated on her progress, and we know she holds the whole school community very close to her heart.

