

# THE WREN



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**Our final newspaper of the year—what a busy half term it has been! All the latest events reported to you by our young journalists of Wren Park Primary!**

## WHAT A PERFORMANCE!

On Tuesday 22nd July, Year 6 performed an amazing play called 'Peter Pan'. The school play *Peter Pan* tells the magical story of a boy who never grows up and his adventures in Neverland. Peter Pan and the Lost Boys have fun flying and playing, but they must stay alert to the evil Captain Hook and his calamitous sidekick, Mr. Smee, who are always trying to capture them. The fearsome tic-toc croc, is always lurking nearby, ready to snap at Hook. Together, they create an exciting tale of friendship, bravery, and the fight between good and evil.

What a performance, and what a brilliant way to end our final week at Wren Park!



A fantastic performance Year 6! You learnt your lines well and showed amazing confidence on stage. We are both so proud of you all!"

Mrs Harvey and Mrs Holloway.

## FINAL FAREWELLS

This week, we said goodbye to our Year 6 students. We are very sad to see them leave because they have been such a wonderful year group! To celebrate their last week at primary school, they enjoyed lots of fun activities including a school play, a party, Domino's pizza, a special assembly where they received certificates, a parade, and a coffee morning with teachers and parents to celebrate their final day.



We also said a final farewell to Mrs Glynn and Mrs Ralph. Mrs Ralph has an exciting new job combining her two loves of working with children and orienteering! Mrs Glynn is retiring after 20 years of teaching and she is looking forward to lots of rest and more holidays!

It is always sad to say goodbye, but we know they will have many special memories of their time at Wren Park. Thank you to all our lovely staff and Year 6! We wish you all the best of luck in your future.

## SUN, SEA & SOUND

This half term, the Reception children have had so much fun exploring their exciting topic: Sun, Sea and Sand! They have loved learning all about the amazing creatures that live in our oceans and have enjoyed reading lots of wonderful stories to spark their imaginations. They have also been super creative, making seaside-themed art and crafts. One of the highlights of the term was their visit to Repton School for a teddy bears' picnic. The children went on a bear hunt in the woods, discovered famous bears hiding in the trees,



explored the beautiful gardens, and enjoyed some lovely, delicious sandwiches.

What a fantastic half term it has been!

## CREATURES GREAT & SMALL

Year 1 have had a fantastic summer term exploring the great outdoors!

During Outdoor Week, the children foraged for natural materials and used them to create wild and wonderful masks, which they wore on a special sensory walk.

A highlight of the term was a trip to Matlock Farm Park, where the children met, fed, and petted a variety of native and non-native animals—including feeding live mealworms to the meerkats! After the animal encounters, they enjoyed time in the play areas, digging, climbing and sliding. It's been a term full of adventure, nature and hands-on learning!



## BESIDE THE SEASIDE

Year 2 have had an exciting and busy half term, filled with learning, adventure and plenty of fun. One of the highlights was their trip to Conkers, where the children built dens for minibeasts, walked barefoot through mud, stones, sand, straw and water, and took a train ride to the adventure park, where the zip wire proved especially popular.

During Outdoor Week, they took their learning outside and explored Maths, English and Science in creative ways – measuring natural objects and making dream catchers were particular favourites. They were also lucky to have perfect weather for Sports Day. To finish the term, the children made their own healthy sandwiches in Design and Technology – a tasty treat, perfect for a seaside picnic!



## AMAZING AMAZON

Year 3 have had a busy and exciting term, getting stuck into lots of interesting topics!

They learned all about deforestation and showed a real passion for protecting our rainforests. As part of Anti-Racism Week, they found out who Nelson Mandela was and why he's such an important figure in South African history. The class read *Journey to Jo'burg* together and had some brilliant conversations about fairness and why everyone should be treated equally. In Science, they've been learning about plants and even though their experiment on water transportation didn't quite work, they understood that the food colouring should have changed the petals – and they're keen to try again! PE has been lots of fun too, with the children enjoying fitness circuits and working hard to improve their strength and energy.



## ROTTEN ROMANS

It's been an exciting time for Year 4 as they've been diving into the world of Ancient Rome! The children have been learning all about Roman life, including how the Roman army trained and fought. They even made their own Roman shields and practised marching in formation, just like real Roman soldiers preparing for battle. The playground became a Roman battlefield!



## ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE

This half term, Year 5 have been learning about how people meet their needs while looking after the planet in their Geography topic, "Enough for Everyone." They explored where things like food and electricity come from, the difference between renewable and non-renewable energy, and how power is made and shared in the UK. Through maps, fun activities, and talking about food shortages in different countries, they started to see how their own choices can affect others around the world.

## ANTI-RACISM WEEK

During Anti-Racism Week, the school focused on important themes like equality, fairness, cultural identity, and what it means to be British. Year 6 were lucky to meet Vanessa Roach Paris, a child of the Windrush generation, who shared stories about growing up in Nevis and Britain, along with her own poetry. Another special visitor, Emeka Ejiofor, spoke about the importance of standing up to racism and treating everyone with respect. The week helped everyone understand heritage and why it's important to celebrate and



respect all cultures.

## WREN PARK'S GOT TALENT!

On Thursday 16th July we held 'Wren Park's Got Talent'. We were treated to a fantastic display of talents, including dancing, singing, and piano playing. Every act was impressive, making it a tough job for the judges, as it was clear that everyone had put in so much effort. The overall winner in KS1 was Henna and Inaaya with their tap dancing talents, and in KS2 was Lexi with magical Matilda performance. A very entertaining afternoon - we're already looking forward to next year!

## SUMMER FAIR

Our annual Summer Fair on Friday 5th July was a fantastic evening full of fun and community spirit. The field and playground were buzzing with excitement as families enjoyed games like Welly-Wanging, Hook-a-Duck, Tin Can Alley, and the ever-popular Rabbit Race.



The tombola was a big hit, and the colourful raffle hampers, packed with your generous donations, looked amazing. Sweet treats from the cake stall and a visit to the ice cream van added to the fun.



Thanks to the amazing support from our PTA and families, we raised an incredible £2,346.51 for the school! A big thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a success.

We can't wait for next year!



## SUPER SPORTS!

On Tuesday 24th June, Year 4 took part in the amazing Brownlee Triathlon. The children swam, cycled, and ran their hearts out, showing brilliant determination and team spirit. Everyone was cheered on as they crossed the finish line and proudly received their medals.

What an achievement!



On Friday 5th July, all children enjoyed another Sports Day at Wren Park! It was a fantastic event filled with energy, sunshine, and plenty of fun! Pupils gave it their all in classic races such as the sprint, hurdles, obstacle course, and the ever-exciting relay. It was great to see everyone showing ambition and resilience as they raced towards the finish line, cheering each other on and enjoying the friendly competition.

The fun didn't stop with the children – the highlight of the afternoon was the adult races, where parents and staff joined in the action. Mr Finan claimed another impressive victory in the staff egg and spoon race. A brilliant day was had by all!



## NATURE WALKS

What can you spot whilst walking in the wilderness?  
Cross these out as you see them.



Butterfly



Bumble Bee



An Insect with legs



Wildflowers



A tree taller than you



Prints or marks



Pheasant



An animal with four legs



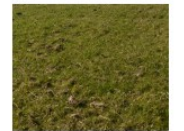
A bird flying



Newly planted trees



Streams and Rivers



Grass

## What's FREE this Summer holiday...

- Chesterfield Children's Festival (26–27 July):**  
A two-day celebration at Queen's Park with storytelling, theatre, face painting, music workshops, and more.
- Derby QUAD Summer Festival & Kaiju Puppet (18–23 August):**  
Experience giant puppets and free clay workshops in Derby's Market Place.
- Derby Park Family Fun Days (29–31 July):**  
Enjoy bouncy castles, crafts, sports, and entertainment across local parks.
- Medieval Times Interactive Exhibition (29 July–9 August):**  
Engage in crafts, dress-up, and immersive medieval fun at Mary Swanwick Primary School, Chesterfield.

For more events, see the *Derbyshire Summer Holiday Event Guide*:

<https://ey-up.co.uk/derbyshire/kids/>

We hope you have a fabulous Summer holiday and enjoy the time with your families!

