

Ranelagh Newsletter



Summer 2026

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for your continued support, encouragement and partnership.

This year has been filled with so many achievements, memorable experiences and moments of growth for our children. From exciting learning opportunities in the classroom to performances, trips, sporting events and celebrations, our pupils have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and determination. Their success would not be possible without the support they receive both at school and at home.

I would like to thank you for the trust you place in us, for working with us to support your children's learning and wellbeing, and for the many ways you contribute to our school community. Your kindness, encouragement and involvement make a real difference and help make Ranelagh such a special place to learn and grow.

To our Year 6 pupils and families, we wish you every success and happiness as you move on to the next stage of your journey. You will always be part of the Ranelagh family, and we are incredibly proud of all that you have achieved.

Finally, I would like to thank our dedicated staff team, who work tirelessly every day to provide the very best opportunities for our children. Together, we have much to celebrate and be proud of.

I hope you all enjoy a happy, safe and relaxing summer break, filled with special memories with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year ahead.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs Hopper

Headteacher

EYFS

In the summer term, lots of our learning links to Understanding the World and we incorporate all the other areas of learning into this too.

The children were all so excited when Herman the tortoise came to visit. Herman is Mrs Bullen's Tortoise. We were able to hold Herman and to watch how it moves. The children asked some interesting questions such as "Does Herman have any babies?"

Mrs Bullen shared lots of information with us. We learnt about what Herman likes to eat and that her favourite foods are sweetcorn and blueberries.

Real-life experiences are so important for children, they provide an opportunity for them to develop their language and communication skills. There was also lots of turn-taking happening and needing to be patient as they waited for their turn. For Reception, we then extended the learning and used this as a writing opportunity.



We have been making the most of the weather and spending lots of time outside and also in the woodland where it is shaded. The woodland is the perfect place to hunt for mini-beasts and we have used texts to find out more about them.



The children have planted sunflowers seeds, beans and raspberries. They have learnt how to take care of them and have watched them grow. This linked to maths learning as we measured them.



Whilst learning about people who help us, Reception visited the local fire station. The firefighters showed us what sort of equipment they used for different emergencies and we got to use the hoses. Whilst we were there another fire crew came. This fire engine had the tallest ladder we have ever seen!



KS1

Key Stage 1 have really enjoyed learning how to make our own trailers to transport small world animals during our Design and Technology lessons this term! We researched, planned, designed and then created our products. We had to develop an understanding of wheels and axles and independently use these so that our trailers could move. See examples of our fabulous masterpieces below!



LKS2

Children from our Year 3/ 4 classes have continued to work hard this summer term and have produced some excellent work across the subjects.

In maths, classes have been extending their knowledge of fractions and geometry. The Year 4s once again achieved some excellent results in the national Multiplication tables check this year. Classes have based their writing in English lessons on various texts this term. The Penguins' class have written letters from Paddington to Aunt Lucy, while the Polar Bears have been writing fact files and diary entries based on "Egyptian Cinderella". Our Dolphins' class wrote newspaper reports about an unusual event and more recently have been reading, writing and performing poetry.

During Science lessons this half-term, we have been beginning to learn about our solar system. We have learned about Earth, the planets and their movement around the Sun and also the moons within our solar system.

Our art lessons have been using collage to make some imaginative and colourful art pieces, with the children studying the work of Matisse for inspiration.

During our school Culture Day, we enjoyed learning about many of the national costumes and customs within our classes and the children enjoyed sharing their knowledge about these.

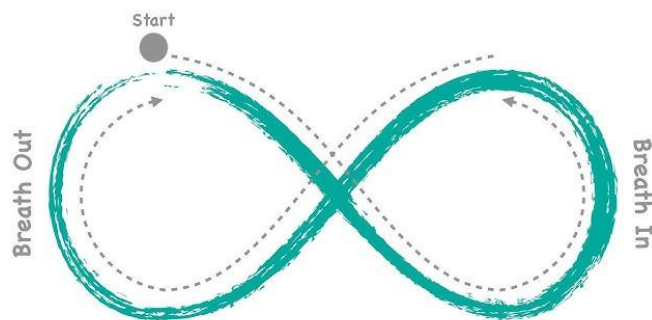
A highlight of our summer term has been our recent trip to Felixstowe. We wanted to reward the children for their sustained hard work and progress throughout the year and so the teachers planned an enjoyable day trip to the beach. All three classes enjoyed a carousel of beach activities, including pebble painting, team games, building sandcastles and a scavenger hunt! Miss Cason also kindly arranged for ice lollies to be delivered to us on the beach, which was greatly appreciated by both the children and staff!



UKS2

In UKS2, Year 6 have been busy preparing for their transitions to high school. On Wednesday 17th, they attended a workshop with the Mental Health in Schools Team to discuss any questions they had about moving into Year 7. They also learnt some strategies they can use to manage their anxiety around the move, like the 'infinite eight' exercise in the picture.

It is wonderful to see so many pupils now riding to school with their bike ability scheme bikes and the Year 6s are looking forward to their bike ability training in July.



Year 6 Leavers

It has been a wonderful year with our fantastic Year 6 children, and we are so proud of everything they have achieved. Although we are sad to see them leave, we know they are ready for the exciting journey ahead as they move on to high school.

We would like to thank each and every one of them for the happy memories, hard work, and enthusiasm they have brought to our school. We wish them every success and happiness in the future and know they will continue to achieve great things.

Good luck, Year 6 – we will miss you, and we hope you always remember your time with us fondly!

SPORTS

Ranelagh had another successful sports day. It was a brilliant morning where children did a variety of activities such as races, throwing for accuracy and distance, jumping, penalty shoot out and assault courses. The children showed brilliant sportsmanship throughout and thank you to all the parents/carers for coming.



Exciting news! Ranelagh has achieved the **Platinum School Games Mark** for 2026 for the very first time, recognising the school's outstanding commitment to and engagement with the School Games programme.

This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm of our pupils, staff, and wider school community. We are incredibly proud of this milestone and delighted to celebrate this well-deserved recognition.



Road Safety

Earlier in the year, the Junior Road Safety Officers raised concerns about pedestrian safety outside the staff car park at pick up and drop off times. They ran a poster competition, won by Miraya in Year 6, and sent the design off to Suffolk County Council's Road Safety team, who have now printed the sign and placed it just outside the car park.



Thank you!!

We would like to express our sincere thanks to one of our parents for their generous donation of books to our school. Their contribution will help enrich our library and provide our students with more opportunities to discover the joy of reading, learning, and exploring new ideas.

We greatly appreciate their kindness and support of our school community. Donations like these make a meaningful difference and help foster a love of books among our students.

Thank you, for your generosity and for helping our students grow through reading.



We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Kim at Tesco for her generous donation of apples for our children.

The children were delighted to receive this healthy and tasty treat, and we greatly appreciate the support shown to our school community. Acts of kindness like this help promote healthy eating and create positive experiences for our pupils.



Our Leavers

We are saying goodbye to several valued members of our school team. While we are always sad to see colleagues leave, we are also excited for them as they begin new chapters in their careers and personal lives. Throughout their time with us, they have made a significant contribution to the life of the school and have positively impacted the learning and wellbeing of many children.

- Mrs F Turner (Assistant Headteacher and Early Years lead)
- Miss H Sibley (Teacher)
- Miss R Palmer (Teacher)
- Miss M Cason (Teacher)
- Miss R Motion (Teacher)
- Mr J Stratton (Teacher)
- Mrs F Cusca (HLTA and EAL coordinator)
- Mr J Bolton (PE coach)
- Mrs A Bullen (HLTA)

On behalf of everyone at the school, I would like to thank all departing staff members for their hard work, professionalism and contribution to our school. We wish them every success and happiness in their future endeavours.

We are excited to share that we have new staff joining us in September and here are the teachers leading the classes in September:

- Mrs N Wilkinson (Nursery Teacher)
- Mrs S Robinson (Reception Teacher)
- Mrs A Hyam and Mrs J Felgate (Year 1)
- Miss N Laffin (Year 2 Robins)
- Miss M Polley (Year 2 Ravens)
- Miss C Lambert (Year 3)
- Mrs Stewart and Mrs Wright (Year 4)
- Miss H Smith-Gratton (Year 5)
- Mrs D Padbury (Year 5⁶)
- Mrs E Hadgraft (Year 6)

Welcome!

A Huge Welcome to Miss G Pearl

We are delighted to welcome Miss G Pearl to our school community as our new Family Support Practitioner with a focus on supporting safeguarding and attendance.

Miss Pearl has been working closely with children, families, and staff to provide support, guidance, and encouragement, helping to ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive both in school and at home.

We are excited to have Miss Pearl join our team and look forward to the positive impact she will continue to make within our school community.

Please join us in giving Miss Pearl a very warm welcome!

News & Updates

We are excited to share some fantastic news about the improvements happening at our school!

Our brand-new school website will be launching in September, making it easier for families to access important information, news, events, and resources.

Over the summer holidays, we will also be **installing new playground equipment**, giving our children even more opportunities to play, explore, and enjoy their outdoor environment.

In addition, we are incredibly grateful to a wonderful group of volunteers who will be spending time at the school over the summer to **repaint and refresh** parts of our building. Their generosity and hard work will help create an even brighter and more welcoming learning environment for everyone.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 3rd September to enjoy these exciting new additions and improvements!

Key Dates

- 1st & 2nd September PD Day's
- 3rd September First day back at school for pupils
- 23rd October PD Day

Have a wonderful summer break and we will see you all in September!

Want to be the first to know what's happening? To keep up to date with school news and events, please Make sure you have signed up for emails and do visit the school website <http://www.ranelaghprimary.co.uk/>

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