

# Russell Street School

## Newsletter



Summer Term 2 - 2023



## Message from our Headteacher

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year.


This final half term is full of welcomes and farewells. We welcome our new Nursery and Reception children and say goodbye to our wonderful Year 2 children and their families. Current Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 SMSG children will be spending two days in their new classes on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July. Class teacher information for next year can be found in this newsletter. Year 2 children transferring to other schools will receive transfer information directly from their new schools.

As part of their farewell, Year 2 children will be singing some of their favourite songs from this year to their families on the Key Stage One playground at 2:15pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Our Year 2 children will then leave us on their final day (Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July) by walking through an arch of children and staff hands. Year 2 families are invited to watch this at 2:30pm and will be able to take final class photos of their children.

In September 2023 we will have completely moved from a three-form entry school to having two classes in each year group. This makes the sharing of specialist staff across the school much easier. From September all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will receive maths teaching from our specialist maths teachers Mrs Krater or Mrs Thurgood. Mrs Palmiero (our specialist writing teacher) and Mrs Odds (our Read, Write Inc Reading Lead) will also teach across the school providing specialist support. We are incredibly lucky to be able to have 8 members of staff available to teach phonics groups in Reception each morning followed by phonics in Year 1 meaning that all children will be taught early reading in very small groups. All children will once again be able to take part in weekly Forest School sessions.

Kind regards  
Mrs Robinson

## Classes for September 2023

	<b>Nursery</b> Ducklings – Mrs Francis Puffins – Mrs Clack Dormice – Mrs Sarjoo Nursery Lead – Mrs Jeffery	<b>Year 1</b> Moles – Mrs Camp (Previous teacher – Mrs Van Rooyen) Badgers – Mrs Green (Previous teacher – Mrs J Robinson)
	<b>Reception</b> Otters – Mrs Van Rooyen and Mrs Titley Bees – Mrs J Robinson	<b>Year 2</b> Newts – Mr Thompson (Previous teacher – Mrs Camp) Owls – Miss Cottam (Previous teacher – Mrs Green)
<b>Across School Support</b>	Lydia Read – Social Worker Mrs Krater and Mrs Thurgood – Specialist Maths Teachers Mrs Palmiero – Specialist Writing Teacher Mrs Campbell – Forest School Mrs Odds – Read, Write Inc Phonics Lead Mrs Moone – Speech and Language Support	

### Transition Days



All children will be spending two days in their new classes on **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 2 children going to SMSG in Year 3 will be spending these two days at SMSG. Mr Palmer will be sending details of this event to all SMSG parents. Year 2 children not going to SMSG should meet on the KS1 playground at 8:40am and be collected at 2:50pm.

#### Entrance and exits into school on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July:

**Current Reception** children should enter school using the Key Stage One gate at **8:50am** where they will be greeted by their new teachers on the Key Stage One playground.

Please collect these children from the Key Stage One playground at **2:55pm**.

**Current Year 1** children should enter school using the Key Stage One gate at **8:40am** where they will be greeted by their new teachers on the Key Stage One playground.

Please collect these children from the Key Stage One playground at **2:50pm**.

**Nursery** times, entrance and exits remain unaltered for these days.

**Current Nursery** children will be spending the day in Reception on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.



#### **PA Ice Cream Fridays**

This half term the PA will be selling a variety of ice-creams on the Key Stage One playground after school every Friday.

#### **Arts Week – w/c 5<sup>th</sup> June (This is the same week as Stony Live)**

A variety of Arts events will be taking place in school across the week.

Over the period of Stony Live 5<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> June, Gallery Live will turn the High Street of Stony Stratford into a walking outdoor gallery. Shop and business owners along the High Street will be supporting artists by having their work in their windows.

**Stony Live list of events can be found here: [#What's On | stonylive](https://www.stonylive.com)**



#### **World Oceans Day – Our ocean is our future – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

The theme for the United Nations World Oceans Day 2023 is "Planet Ocean: Tides are Changing". It aims to uncover the hidden facets of planet Earth and create a fresh surge of enthusiasm for preserving and safeguarding the ocean and our entire blue planet. To help our oceans we are going to learn about **reducing plastic use**. Plastic pollution is a major problem for our oceans. We are going to learn how to reduce plastic use.

#### **Class Photographs**

Class photographs will be taken by Happy Days photography on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June.





### Phonics Screening Check – w/c 12<sup>th</sup> June

The Phonics Screening Check will be taken by children in Year 1 on a one-to-one basis with a teacher. During the Phonics Screening Check, children are asked to read (decode) 40 words. These words are a mixture of real words and pseudo-words. Pseudo-words (alien/nonsense) are included to ensure that children are using their decoding skills and not just relying on their memory of words they've read before.

### Healthy Eating Week – 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June

The cost-of-living crisis continues to have an impact on the affordability of healthier diets for so many. With this in mind, for Healthy Eating Week 2023 <https://nutrition.org.uk> is focussing on providing free, evidence-based advice and support for everyone who wants to find their way to eat a healthier diet regardless of these barriers. <https://www.nutrition.org.uk/healthy-eating-week/>



### Father's Day & to thank everyone who looks after us doughnuts – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

The PA will be selling doughnuts on the Key Stage One playground afterschool on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June to thank father's and everyone who takes care of us.

### World Music Day – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June

We will be celebrating World Music Day in school by watching and listening to music as well as learning songs associated with our summer units of work.

Year 2 children will be taking part in the Milton Keynes Key Stage One Music Festival on the morning of Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Further details will be sent to Year 2 families.



### Sports Day- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will take place on the SMSG field/MUGA. Further details will follow.

### Class Concerts - 5<sup>th</sup> July (Nursery) and 12<sup>th</sup> July (Year 1)

Nursery and Year 1 concerts will both be taking place on the dates above. Singing (weather permitting) will take place on the Key Stage One playground.

If because of rain the concerts move into the school hall, places will then be limited to 2 per family – younger siblings may sit on parents' laps.



### End of Year Reports – 7<sup>th</sup> July

End of years reports will be sent out as close to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July as possible. If you have any specific concerns about your child's report, you will be given the opportunity to discuss these with their class teacher after this date.

### Year 2 Leavers – 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> July

Year 2 will be singing some of their favourite songs from this year to their families on the Key Stage One playground (weather permitting) at 2:15pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. The singing will otherwise take place in the school hall.

Our wonderful Year 2 children will leave us on their final day (Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July) by walking through an arch of children and staff hands. Year 2 families are invited to watch this at 2:30pm and will be able to take final class photos of their children.



### Term Dates 2023-2024

Sep-23							Oct-23							Nov-23							Dec-23						
Mon		4	11	18	25		Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon		4	11	18	25		
Tue		5	12	19	26		Tue		3	10	17	24	31	Tue		7	14	21	28	Tue		5	12	19	26		
Wed		6	13	20	27		Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed		1	8	15	22	29	Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thu		7	14	21	28		Thu		5	12	19	26		Thu		2	9	16	23	30	Thu		7	14	21	28	
Fri		1	8	15	22	29	Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri		3	10	17	24		Fri		1	8	15	22	29
Sat		2	9	16	23	30	Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat		4	11	18	25		Sat		2	9	16	23	30
Sun		3	10	17	24		Sun		1	8	15	22	29	Sun		5	12	19	26		Sun		3	10	17	24	31

Jan-24							Feb-24							Mar-24							Apr-24						
Mon		1	8	15	22	29	Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon		1	8	15	22	29		
Tue		2	9	16	23	30	Tue		6	13	20	27	Tue		5	12	19	26	Tue		2	9	16	23	30		
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Sun		7	14	21	28		Sun		4	11	18	25		Sun		3	10	17	24	31	Sun		7	14	21	28	

May-24							Jun-24							Jul-24							Aug-24									
Mon			6	13	20	27	Mon			3	10	17	24	Mon		1	8	15	22	29	Mon			5	12	19	26			
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Sun			5	12	19	26		Sun			2	9	16	23	30	Sun		7	14	21	28		Sun			4	11	18	25	

School Opening & Closing Dates	
School Holidays	

Bank Holidays	
INSET Days (Children not in school)	

**School Closes for the Summer – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**