



**Civitas Academy**

## *Summer Bulletin – Friday 21st July 2023 – Message from Salima Ducker Executive Headteacher*

Dear parents/carers,

How can it be that we are at our final bulletin of this academic year!

Firstly, may I say a heartfelt thank you to each and everyone of our families for all your support throughout this year. 'Hand in Hand' is our motto, and we truly have to work together for our children, our families and our whole community to be the very best they can.

Thank you to our Civitas staffing team who work tirelessly to ensure our children can do their very best, have a great summer, rest, recharge and enjoy your time with your special ones.

This time of year, means we always have goodbyes to say...this year we are saying goodbye to Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Fuchs and Mr. Williams, thank you for all your contributions to our children and teams, we wish you all the very best in your next adventures.

We wish all of our families that will be leaving us this year the very best too, thank you for the time you have spent with us here at Civitas.

Finally, to our Year 6 children and families, it has been an absolute pleasure, thank you, as I said in assembly to you all this morning,

'You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so...Get on your way.'



# Celebrations and Achievements

- House Points – Well done **AQUA** house for gaining the most house points this week.

**AQUA** are our **HOUSE Champions**

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Aqua		12324
Ignis		12148
Terra		12028
Atmos		12215

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Vanesa
Paddington	Yaw
Gruffalo	Ismatullah
Pinocchio	George
BFG	Nehemiah
Matilda	Ritwika
Kinney	Amelia
Rosen	Sukaina
Murphy	Farhan
Richards	Dhruv
Avery	Vova
Zephaniah	Julius
Draper	Azmaan
Lewis	Aridunu

**Attendance – Our overall school target for the year is 97% - let's work together to be in school every day.**

**Each week we will share attendance for each Year group for that week, this is not accumulative from the beginning of the year.**

Year Group	09/06	16/06	23/06	30/06	07/07	14/07	21/07
Reception	90.8%	92.3%	93.6%	91.8%	92.7%	<b>93.0%</b>	88.5%
Year 1	93.5%	<b>95.3%</b>	<b>97.1%</b>	89.2%	93.9%	<b>93.3%</b>	87.8%
Year 2	96.6%	<b>96.3%</b>	<b>95.8%</b>	<b>93.4%</b>	94.9%	<b>95.4%</b>	<b>93.2%</b>
Year 3	92.4%	92.4%	89.0%	85.4%	88.9%	<b>89.7%</b>	81.8%
Year 4	95.3%	<b>97.8%</b>	94.7%	91.0%	<b>95.0%</b>	96.8%	90.5%
Year 5	92.0%	91.7%	93.9%	<b>94.3%</b>	<b>96.6%</b>	92.1%	<b>91.4%</b>
Year 6	97.5%	<b>95.4%</b>	94.9%	87.5%	93.5%	92.6%	91.3%

## What have we been learning this week?

### Reception:

We had such a lovely last week in Reception. On Monday the children had their move-up day and were so excited to be in their new classes! In maths this week, we have been playing different number games and have been looking at maps. In literacy we continued to read the book 'A Planet in a Pickle Jar'. The children have done some fantastic writing about this story! We have looked at different pages in the book in more detail and have been drawing our own pickle jars. In our art area, the children have been making all kinds of creations using junk modelling. On our last day we had a leavers' assembly, and I would like to thank all the children for the lovely book they have made for me. Our EY team wishes you all a lovely and well-deserved summer break, and I would like to thank all the children, parents and my colleagues for two amazing and unforgettable years here at Civitas! I wish you all the best in the future. From Mrs Peters.

### Key Stage 1

#### Year 1:

What a superb final week to end our fabulous year in Year 1! Move up Monday was great fun as we spent time exploring our new classrooms and completing transition activities. In English this week, pupils spent time writing letters to their new teachers in Year 2 and writing about their favourite memories of Year 1. In Maths, Year 1 completed the end of block assessment linked to time. Using their previous knowledge, they played maths games and created their very own! On Wednesday morning, we were invited to watch Year 6 perform their end of year performance called Shakespeare Rocks – it was fantastic! We ended our week with discussions about our upcoming move to Year 2 including

the challenges, hopes and dreams. It has been an incredible year and the pupils have demonstrated that they are ready for Year 2 with their hard work ethic and attitude. Towards the end of the week, we shared our plans for the summer break and explored how to stay safe when not in school. It was a lovely end of year assembly on Friday, although we had to say a few goodbyes to some special teachers. Thank you for your support - we hope you have a lovely summer break. Remember to stay safe and have fun! We look forward to seeing you on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

From Mrs Alim and Mrs Inwood.

### **Year 2:**

In English this week year 2 have written their letters to our MP Matt Roda. The children have written to Matt Roda asking him to support our local green spaces and asking to improve them. The children have spoken about how we keep our environment safe and clear up rubbish. In maths, the children have looked at statistics and have looked at understanding data through tally charts and pictograms. The children have been creating their own tally charts. In Science, children have been looking at herbivores, omnivores and carnivores. They have looked at the different animals and discussed what foods animals eat. In PSHE we have looked at changes and how change is a good thing. We have discussed what changes are happening after summer and how we might be feeling.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our summer fair, thank you for coming! As part of our wellbeing day on Friday, we drew coloured flags to represent the diversity at Civitas Academy and learnt to say hello/good morning in a different language.

We are looking forward to our final week in year 2!

### **Key Stage 2**

### **Year 3:**

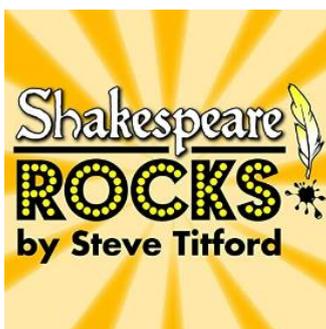
This has been a busy last week. Everyone is feeling much more at ease and confident about next year after again spending time with our new year 4 teacher on Monday. In Maths this week we have finished the unit of work: Statistics. Children have learnt have looked and similarities between pictograms and bar charts. They then collected data and represented that data in bar charts and pictograms. They identified two-way tables and interpreted the data found. In English we revised how to do a recount and the features of a recount. Identifying the features in a pace of work and creating a key is so much easier second time around. We have completed an open book revision of all science topics covered this year. In PSHE we spoke about what was important to us in Year 3 and what we remember learning this year and what we are looking forward to learning about in year 4. We revised our vocabulary in Spanish and practiced what we have learnt this year. We have practiced completing comprehensions relating to the ancient Egyptians as we have finished our class reader 'Secrets of the Sun King'. We would like to thank you all for your support this year. We have had the chance to choose activities like maths games, word searches and beach safety. We hope you have a restful summer holiday and continue to excel in Year 4. Regards Mrs. Fuchs and Miss Fitchett

**Year 4:** What an extremely busy and fun final week before the summer! We started off the week with 'move-up Monday' where we spent the morning with our new teachers - this got us all excited for year 5! Across Tuesday and Wednesday, we finished our final maths topic of the year, position and direction, by completing some problem-solving questions and applying our knowledge to an end of unit quiz! In English, we completed our persuasive advert that we published onto paper for display. In the afternoons, we have completed some mindfulness and some work on how to be safe over the summer holidays. We have all had a fantastic year in year 4 and look forward to seeing the children continue to grow as they move into year 5. We wish you all a safe and restful summer and look forward to seeing you all in September!

**Year 5:** Year 5 have had a fantastic final week of the year. Throughout the week we finished our model Victorian torture devices and used these as inspiration for our instructional writing in English. On Tuesday we spent the afternoon practicing positivity through positive affirmations and writing kind things about each other. It has been fantastic to see Year 5 grow together throughout the year. We look forward to seeing what more they can achieve in year 6.

**Year 6:** What a fantastic final week of year 6!

Firstly, we would like to congratulate every single member of year 6 on their outstanding performances in our play Shakespeare Rocks! We have had excellent feedback from children's staff and parents. The children worked tirelessly rehearsing lines and songs and we couldn't be prouder. We want to say again a huge well done on the children's SATS results. Every child worked incredibly hard preparing for their exams and they should be so proud of what they have achieved. Finally, we want to take the opportunity again to say goodbye. Year 6 you will be greatly missed. Always continue to believe in yourselves and we wish you the best of luck on your next journey.



# News items from this week

## Summer holiday activities in Reading:



### Your Local Hydrotherapy Swimming Pool Park House Swimming

- Parent and Baby Groups
- Pre-schoolers Groups
- School Age Groups
- SEND Swimming Lessons
- Individual & Siblings Lessons
- Adult & Elderly Lessons
- Private Hire Family Swim



Water temp  
+34°C  
air +25°C



Pool size 7.5m x 4m, depth 1m35cm, individual changing cubicles, changing mats, play pen

Park House Spa, 57 Honey End Lane, Reading, RG30 4EL. Indoor swimming pool with +33-34°C water, decorated as tropical paradise.

**Free trials** for parent and child **group** lessons for babies, toddlers and SEND children group. Crash swimming lessons course for pre-schoolers and school age kids with Swim England awards.

SEND swimming lessons 1 : 1

To book visit [www.parkhousespa.co.uk](http://www.parkhousespa.co.uk), email [lessons@parkhousespa.co.uk](mailto:lessons@parkhousespa.co.uk), call 07788444400

## SUMMER AT READING MUSEUM

**THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAYS**  
**Activity Cart**  
Create nature themed crafts, Free, drop in.

**Bertie's Tree Trail and Craft Pack**  
Hunt for Bertie in the Forbury Gardens & Abbey Ruins and learn about the trees that grow there. Includes nature themed craft pack. £2.50 per trail/pack.

**EVERY SATURDAY OF THE HOLIDAYS**  
**Museums, My Way**  
Breakout room for neurodivergent visitors and their families. Free, drop in.

**WEDNESDAY 26 JULY**  
**Teddy Bears Picnic: Green Teds are Go!**  
Make bear-themed planting craft with your favourite teddy! 10am - 12pm & 1pm - 3pm. £2.

**TUESDAY 1 AUGUST**  
**Victorian Fossil Hunters**  
Explore fossils in our Loans Boxes and create your own with clay and plaster of paris! 1 hr sessions at 10am, 11.15am, 1pm & 2.15pm. £4.

**Victorian Schoolroom Experience in the Gateway**  
Meet a Victorian teacher in our Abbey Gateway classroom. No step free access. 11am and 2pm (meeting at the Abbey Gateway). £1 per person.

**TUESDAY 8 AUGUST**  
**Out in the Forbury: Bug Club**  
Search for creepy-crawlies in the Forbury Gardens & Abbey Ruins. Draw and record your finds, and see specimens from our loans collection boxes. 1 hr sessions at 10am, 11.15am, 1pm & 2.15pm. £4.

**WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST**  
**Arty Party Bags**  
Paper bags become eco-canvas for little hands to decorate. Inspired by our Abstract Art show. Half-hour sessions 10am - 12pm & 1pm - 3pm. £1.

**TUESDAY 22 AUGUST**  
**Out in the Forbury: Bug Club 2**  
The content will slightly vary from Bug Club 1 so bug hunters can happily attend both sessions. 1 hr sessions at 10am, 11.15am, 1pm & 2.15pm. £4.

**WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST**  
**Sludge River Activity**  
Learn about dangers to our wildlife caused by rubbish in rivers. Then create cornflower sludge complete with mini fish. 1 hr sessions at 10am, 11.15am, 1pm & 2.15pm. £4.

**readingmuseum.org.uk**

Have some serious fun on bikes

Summer holidays 2023

Sign up for a Bikeability course

Reading

Highdown school RG4 8LR  
31 July, 1 August - Level 1 & 2  
9 August - Level 1  
9, 10 August - Level 1 & 2  
15 August - Level 1  
15, 16 August - Level 1 & 2  
23, 24 August - Level 1 & 2

avanticycling  
avanticycling.co.uk/holiday-courses



uSports

# SUMMER 2023 HOLIDAY CAMPS

Multi-Sports

**Geoffrey Field Junior School**

Whitley | RG2 8RH



150 5 STAR GOOGLE REVIEWS

**9AM - 1PM**  
DROP OFF FROM 8:30

**4 TO 12 YEARS**  
CHILDREN IN FOUNDATION TO YEAR 7



Scan Here For The Direct Booking Page

**BOOK ONLINE**

[u-sports.co.uk/berkshire-holiday-camps](https://u-sports.co.uk/berkshire-holiday-camps)



**Monday to Friday**  
From 31st July - 24th of August

**FREE HAF Spaces**  
For Children Who Receive Pupil Premium Free School Meals

**£19.50 Per Day £70 Per Week**

**Discounts Available**

MULTI-DAY BOOKING DISCOUNT  
10% SIBLING DISCOUNT



uSports

# SUMMER 2023 HOLIDAY CAMPS

Multi-Sports

Football

**Thameside Primary School**

Caversham | RG4 8DB



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\*4 YEAR OLDS UNTIL 1PM ONLY

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**Monday to Friday**  
24th July to 1st September

**Childcare Vouchers**

**FREE HAF Spaces**  
Awaiting Confirmation From Reading Borough Council

**£25 Per Day\* £110 Per Week**

**Discounts Available**

10% COMMUNITY SUBSCRIBER DISCOUNT  
MULTI-DAY BOOKING DISCOUNT  
10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

\*£19.50 DAY & £89 FULL WEEK FOR 4 YEAR OLDS (1PM FINISH)



## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

### TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### M&S

Free Kid's Munch Meal when you spend £5+ on non-kids food or drink at M&S Cafés

### TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

### PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day. FREE Crumpets also available

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### BILLS

2 kids eat FREE Monday - Friday from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

**Communication to the school:**

Absence reporting still needs to be done via [office@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@civitasacademy.co.uk)

If you have a query and would like to contact your child's class teacher, please see the relevant emails below.

Reception: [earlyyears@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:earlyyears@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 1: [year1@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year1@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 2: [year2@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year2@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 3: [year3@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year3@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 4: [year4@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year4@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 5: [year5@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year5@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 6: [year6@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year6@civitasacademy.co.uk)



