



What a fantastic start to the term it has been here at Summerhill Academy.

It was a pleasure to welcome back children into Years 4, 5 and 6, as well as say hello to the new children in Year 3. They have made a great start and already feel like an important part of our community.

There have been a few special events marked this term, one of the most important being our activities centred around Black History Month, including special assemblies and lessons, talks from visiting members of our community, cultural picnics and the Show Racism the Red Card day on Wednesday.

We're really proud of the learning the children have undertaken, and will continue these themes throughout our curriculum as the year progresses.

The building work behind the office at the rear of the building has nearly been completed, and inside the building is starting to open up. It's looking great! The rear entrance to school still needs to be completed, and we will keep you updated with progress as it is made.

Have a lovely break, and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 30 October!

Chris Barratt, Principal

SCHOOL DAY REMINDER!

Year Group	Start	Finish
3 & 6	08:30	15:00
4 & 5	08:40	15:10

YOUNG CARERS AWARD

This term, Summerhill Academy received our Silver Young Carers in Schools Award! The Young Carers in Schools programme aims to provide schools with the tools and resources to support young carers.



Congratulations and thanks to those on the safeguarding team who helped make this happen!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS IN ON TIME, EVERY DAY

It's the time of year when coughs, colds and sore throats thrive. Please find below some tips for supporting your child's health this autumn.

- ◆ Stress the importance of hand washing, particularly before eating and after using the Bathroom!
- ◆ Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or cough/sneeze into an elbow.
- ◆ Avoid close contact with individuals who are poorly.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB BOOKING REMINDER

Please remember that requests for After School Club bookings **should be emailed to the office by 12pm to allow us to complete this process in time. If a request is received after 12pm a late charge will be applied.** To assist with these on the day bookings please ensure credit is available prior to sending your request. Thank you for your continued support.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The school celebrated Black History Month this October with lots of activities taking place around the academy to engage the children and highlight the importance of inclusion within the school, including a Culture Picnic and Show Racism the Red Card day. The Picnic was a triumph, with families generously providing a range of foods and flavours from across the world to celebrate the diversity of cultural backgrounds we represent. Thank you to everyone for sharing your cuisine with the Summerhill community!

We also held storytelling sessions to as part of our activities. Year 3 were lucky enough to have a story from Mr Morris, who shared Ada Twist Scientist with us which was about a young black girl who finds her passion for science. This supported this year's theme, Celebrating our Sisters, which looks at the role black women have played in shaping history, building communities and inspiring change. Black History Month will also be holding a national poetry competition. The contest invites young people to express themselves creatively whilst discovering the diverse experiences, challenges, and victories of black women. Visit <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/black-history-month-poetry-competition-2023/> to enter before 15 November 2023.



FAMILY FOREST SCHOOL

This term, Year 3 parents and carers joined their children for an afternoon of fun at Family Forest School! They went on a mini-beast hunt around the field and then celebrated with a well-earned hot chocolate.

Both children and adults really enjoyed themselves, thanks to Lily Lowther for organising this and everyone who helped make it a success!



MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

We would like to politely remind all families that all medical, dental or optician appointments should be arranged for outside of school hours. Should school hours be completely unavoidable, we ask that we are given as much notice as possible and that, for our records, a form of written confirmation of the appointment is provided. We accept that hospital issued appointments are not negotiable.

There has recently been an increase in the number of children that are being collected from school early for a sibling's or parent/carer's appointment. On these occasions, we would like to encourage families to use our wrap around care provisions (breakfast and afterschool clubs) to ensure that children are present for all key learning.

TERM DATES

Term 2	
First day of term for students	Monday 30th October 2023
Last day of term for students	Friday 15th December 2023
Term 3	
First day of term for students	Wednesday 3rd January 2024
Last day of term for students	Friday 9th February 2024
Non-Attendance Dates	Monday 1st January 2024 (Bank Holiday) Tuesday 2nd January 2024 (INSET)
Term 4	
First day of term for students	Monday 19th February 2024
Last day of term for students	Thursday 28th March 2024
Non-Attendance Dates	Friday 29th March 2024 (Bank Holiday)