



# Summerhill Academy Term 1 Newsletter



October 2024

Welcome to the end of Term 1. These eight weeks have flown by! Children across the school have settled well into the new academic year and have completed some exciting learning opportunities – both inside and outside of the school building as you will see below.

Thanks again to the Summerhill Academy Friends group for their support in our setting up of the 'Summerhill Studio' creative arts space. Children will be in there being artists, musicians and performers from the start of Term 2 – look out for updates on ClassDojo. We have more SAF events coming up this year, including the Winter Fayre at the end of the Term 2, so please get in touch if you would like to get involved.

A huge well done to our new Year 3 pupils – it has been a pleasure to welcome them into our Summerhill Community and they have made a great start. Mrs McNamara, Miss Pomeroy, Mrs Temple and the rest of the team have been very impressed!

We hope you have a lovely break, and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 4th November.

Chris Barratt, Principal

## Family Forest School!

This term, as part of their outdoor learning, Year 6 have developed a range of new skills linking to their history topic: Prehistoric Britain. They also invited family and friends to join their Forest School as an opportunity for them to showcase all of their learning.



They did a fantastic job teaching their families new skills as well as showing them how much fun they have had in Forest School this term. It was a lovely community event, enjoyed by all!

## Summerhill Academy Friends



CAN  
YOU  
HELP ?

Be a part of SAF, the team that invents fun and creative ways to help raise funds for the school. This is a project where everyone can join in and every offer of help will be valued.

Email them at  
[summerhillacademyfriends@gmail.com](mailto:summerhillacademyfriends@gmail.com)  
to support them and get involved.

## Year 6 go to Lifeskills!

This term, Year 6 pupils visited the Create Centre in Bristol to undertake the Y6 programme 'Lifeskills'. This programme aimed to show pupils that they should be taking personal responsibility for their own safety. Children learnt how to assess risk and cope with difficult situations by taking part in realistic, interactive activities.



The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all and Year 6 pupils displayed great conduct whilst representing our school community. A big thank you to all those parents who volunteered their time to support with this trip!

## Let's Get Talking!

Oracy is a key skill for all children in the Summerhill community. Please encourage your child to use their oracy skills at home by discussing this talking point:

**What I am most proud of this term**



Here are some possible sentence starts you may find useful:

*This term, I am most proud of...*  
*I worked really hard at...*  
*My biggest achievement was...*

## Summerhill Studio Opens!

SAF visited our new 'Summerhill Studio' creative arts space on Friday, and had a great time as you can see! The group provide hugely valuable support through running fundraising events, making spaces like this possible. We look forward to making use of this throughout the new academic year!





## Drop-In Sessions with our School Health Nurse

This year we are running a series of drop-in Coffee Mornings and afternoon sessions. These are hosted by our School Health Nurse team, and are designed for general discussion about any health or well-being concerns you may have about your child.



**NEXT SESSION DATE:**

**Thursday 21 November**

**9:00 - 9:45am** Coffee Morning  
**2:30 - 3pm** Focused Session 'Your Child and Sleep'

## Eco Tip

This Halloween  
don't waste  
your pumpkin



## Year 3 visit St George's Park



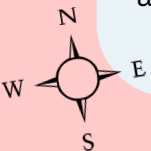
Year 3 had a great time visiting St George's Park, where they walked around and learnt the history of the park as well as identifying human and physical features. Did you know the lake is a human feature and it is built in the shape of a banjo? Additionally, they used compass points to identify where things in the park were in relation one another. It was a great experience and really helped with our learning about the South West!

## Donations!



This term, the school has seen lots of generous donations come in from the community! Our new **clothing bank** has already been filled up and emptied this term. This scheme supports re-use of the clothes for good causes, and the school gets a small donation for every kilogram of clothing collected.

What's more, we've also received plenty of food donated for our **harvest collection** donations, in aid of the East Bristol Foodbank. A big **thank you** to everyone who has donated - together your contributions make a real difference to Summerhill and our community!



# Term Dates

2024 - 2025



Term 1	
First day of term for students	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Last day of term for students	Wednesday 23rd October 2024
INSET Dates	Monday 2nd September 2024 Tuesday 3rd September 2024 Thursday 24th October 2024 Friday 25th October 2024
Term 2	
First day of term for students	Monday 4th November 2024
Last day of term for students	Friday 20th December 2024
Term 3	
First day of term for students	Tuesday 7th January 2025
Last day of term for students	Friday 14th February 2025
INSET Dates	Monday 6th January 2025
Term 4	
First day of term for students	Tuesday 25th February 2025
Last day of term for students	Friday 4th April 2025
INSET Dates	Monday 24th February 2025
Term 5	
First day of term for students	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Last day of term for students	Friday 23rd May 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday 21st April Monday 5th May
Term 6	
First day of term for students	Monday 2nd June 2025
Last day of term for students	Tuesday 22nd July 2025
INSET Dates	Friday 4th July 2025 Monday 7th July 2025

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