



## Term 6 Newsletter

Well here we are at the end of another amazing year at Summerhill Academy!

There have been some fantastic achievements across the school, with great SATs results, national awards and brilliant visits taking place. As always, the greatest pleasure has been seeing all of the children grow and learn, supported by the amazing team I get to work with every day. We can't do any of this without the support of our wonderful Summerhill Community, so thank you for everything that you do to make this school the brilliant place that it is.

We do have some goodbyes and good lucks to say, particularly to the children leaving Year 6 to start their new adventures at secondary school. Anyone that has seen their end of year play will know that they are more than ready to move on, armed with skills and a positive mindset that will ensure success into their futures.

We wish you all a very peaceful and restful summer break, and to those returning in September, we look forward to continuing our journey with you. Take care of yourselves, and we'll see you soon.

Chris Barratt, Principal

### SUMMERHILL ACADEMY FRIENDS

Be a part of 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, no matter how large or small. Email [summerhillacademyfriends@gmail.com](mailto:summerhillacademyfriends@gmail.com) to express your interest in joining.



# CAN YOU HELP?

Join Summerhill Academy Friends to help raise funds for the school, organise fun events for the kids and support the community

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### ECO TIP



Reuse paddling pool water on your plants

### SPORTS & MINI MARATHON AWARD!

This year has seen loads of sports activity! During April and May, all Summerhill pupils took part in the London Mini Marathon for Schools by running 2.6 miles each. Due to the large number of children who took part, TCS London Marathon have presented Summerhill Academy with a wooden trophy to commemorate this event. Well done, everyone!

What's more, we also celebrated National Sports Day this term too! A big thank you to year 6 for helping run everything so smoothly.

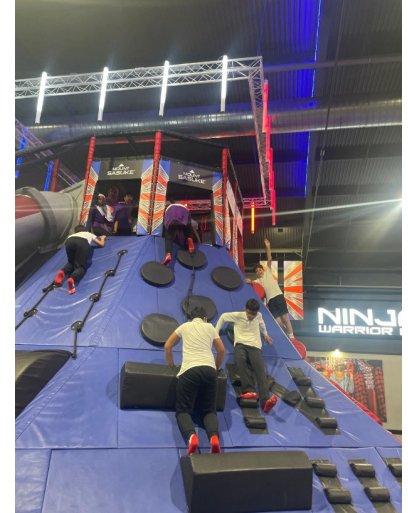
## YEAR 6 GO TO CAMP! PLUS NINJA WARRIOR!

This term Year 6 had a fantastic week, whether at camp or at school, developing themselves as individuals and learning key skills to prepare them for success later on in life. Those at Deanfield took part in a range of outdoor challenges and activities that built skills in resilience, teamwork and



exploration, and made some fantastic memories. Meanwhile those at Summerhill had a busy schedule of sports, art, disco, forest school and much more, and of course an amazing trip to Ninja Warrior UK!

The year 6 team said it has been a pleasure to watch them grow so much in one week, and that they're extremely proud of the whole cohort, and wish them continued success at secondary school.



### SUMMER FAYRE!

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Summer Fayre through raffle prize donations and baked cakes. **Summerhill Academy Friends raised £967.23** in total, which will be invested in back into the school and therefore the community. Thank you!

### SCHOOL GAMES GOLD MARK AWARD

We are delighted to announce that Summerhill Academy has achieved the **School Games GOLD Mark Award** for the 2023/24 academic year!



The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Low-stakes competitive sport, led by skilled professionals, can develop children's resilience and problem solving skills, as well as support engagement in an active lifestyle. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. Next year, we have plans to involve all Summerhill pupils in even more competitive sport and extra-curricular activities!

### SUMMERHILL ACHIEVES ORACY CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE!



We are very proud to announce that we have been awarded Oracy Centre Of Excellence status by Voice 21, the UK's oracy education charity.

Summerhill Academy has been recognised as leading the way in providing a high-quality oracy education for our pupils, acting as beacons of good practice for oracy across the South West. In the new academic year, we are looking forward to sharing our oracy practice from across the school with you.

## YEAR 4 TRIP TO NOAH'S ARK ZOO FARM

This term Year 4 had the wonderful opportunity of visiting Noah's Ark Zoo!

They took part in a workshop in which they were able to hold different types of animals, including a hissing cockroach, a Giant African snail, and even a snake! Some thoughtful discussion then took place about whether they were vertebrate or invertebrates.

They also went exploring around the zoo to see what animals they could find. They were then set a challenge to find out the name of an animal, where in the world it can be found, and which classification group it is in.



Their behaviour was excellent throughout and they all had a fascinating and fun time! Thank you to all those who volunteered for this trip and supported a day of learning outside the classroom for the children.



## 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:

**The long summer break is a good time to reflect on the successes of the school year...**

Here are some possible sentence starts you may find useful:

- I have really enjoyed ...
- I am proud that I ...
- I'm looking forward to ...



## BRISTOL SPORT FOUNDATION

**ACTIVE. HEALTHY. HAPPY.**

We deliver fun and inclusive sport and physical activity sessions in Greater Bristol to provide children with opportunities to enjoy being active and fall in love with sport.

Find out what Clubs, Hubs & Camps we have available at your school and in the local area at [www.bristolsportfoundation.org](http://www.bristolsportfoundation.org).

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## YEAR 3 VISIT SLIMBRIDGE WETLANDS



Year 3 also had the opportunity for some fun, outdoor learning this term — they visited Slimbridge Wetland Centre where they had a fantastic time learning about the wildlife! They took part in Generation Wild: Ava's Destiny, where they met Ava and had a storytelling session and then completed activities to become Guardians of the Wild. They had a brilliant time playing in Welly Boot land, feeding geese, and saw a range of amazing wetland animals such as otters and even flamingos!



## CLF ACADEMY COUNCILLOR VACANCIES



My name is Tricia Brabham and I am the Deputy Head of Governance for CLF. Along with my colleagues Liz Tincknell (Head of Governance), Will Lamb (Information Governance Coordinator), and Jackie Friday (Governance Administrator), we work closely with the Trust Board and Academy Councils (the name we give to our Local Governing Boards), on all areas of governance.

We have vacancies across our Trust for Academy Councillors - you don't need a background in education, but be willing and able to commit time to the role, to ask questions, and to analyse data. We provide training for our councillors, and they have the support of a clerk and the wider governance team to help them in their role.

Our Academy Councils are made up of volunteers from the local community, as well as parents and staff and they have an important role in providing appropriate challenge and support to the Principal to provide the best educational experience for all students. The Academy Council meets 6 times a year, with the Principal and members of the Senior Leadership Team, in addition individual councillors may link to a particular area of school to be able to provide strategic oversight to the Academy Council on the work taking place in this area. On occasion they may also sit on panels to consider exclusions or complaints.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role of Academy Councillor, please [complete this form](#) and we will be in touch.

# Term Dates

## New Academic Year 2024 - 2025

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

Have a wonderful summer!

