



Bumblebee Class Newsletter

Monday 15th – Friday 19th June 2026



Dear Parents,

Maths

This week we have explored addition and subtraction using the counting bears and our fingers to help us. We are learning how to read number sentences and apply our number knowledge when solving the answers.

I have completed some practical number assessments this week during our 'Discovery Time' and I have noticed that the numbers, 12, 13, 15 and 20 are still challenging for most Bumblebee children to recognise. Teen numbers are some of the hardest to learn. We will keep practising these in school up until the summer break. Most children can now recite the number bonds to five, so we will be working on the number bonds to ten in more detail over the next few weeks too. I am so proud of them all, they have worked so hard on their number skills this summer term.

English and Phonics

We have learned the following set three 'special friend' sounds this week in phonics.

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Sports Day

Thank you so much for attending our Sports Day and for cheering on Bumblebees. I am so proud of them, they all gave it a go, listened brilliantly and cheered each other on (and their Beekeeper buddies) respectfully!! A BIG well done to them all. I think they were amazing! I hope you enjoyed your morning with us too.

Colour Run

Thank you to those of you who could attend our annual 'Colour Fun Run' fundraiser after school today. It was great to see so many Bumblebees showing one of our school values; courage. They gave it a go, tried something new and it was wonderful to see them enjoying a colourful run around the school field. Well done Team Bumblebees!!

Newhouse Farm School Trip – Friday 26th June 2026

Next Friday we will be going on our second school trip to Newhouse Farm. I am really looking forward to taking our Bumblebees there again as it was such a successful day last year. Natalie from Newhouse Farm, who leads the school trip has passed on some useful information about ticks. I will put a copy of the leaflet she sent me in your child's book bag on Monday for you to read.

Due to the risk of ticks on the working farm, it is important that all children wear:

- **a long-sleeved top**
- **trousers**
- **suitable footwear for the farm** (As it will be dry, trainers will be fine or they can wear wellies if you would prefer).
- **A sunhat**
- Please apply **suncream before the trip**.

They do not need to wear their school uniform on this day as we will be exploring a couple of areas on the farm and their clothes might get a little bit dirty.

I am aware it is supposed to be another hot day on Friday when we visit the farm, which was the same as last year but to reassure you, there are lots of shaded areas on the farm and we will have regular drink breaks too. Also, when we return to school all the children will have an ice lolly to cool down as well.

During our visit, we will meet some friendly sheep and maybe a few goats, enjoy a tractor trailer ride around the farm where we learn about local wildlife and dig for worms! Then we will return to Natalie's Forest School on site and make our own sheep tags and other arts and crafts before returning to school. There will also be time to explore in Natalie's Forest School.

We will be at the farm between 10am and 2:15pm. Please make sure your child arrives to school on time, so we can toilet them, prep them for the day ahead and make sure we are all ready for when the coach arrives to collect us.

Hot Weather

Please make sure you send in your child with a sun hat and sun cream which they can reapply independently at lunch time. Please make sure your child has a full water bottle as well. I keep an eye on their drinking and fill up their bottles with fresh water when required. Today, most children were drinking their second water bottle by the end of the day, a few children were on their third.

To support the children with this hot weather, I provide them with lots of water play learning opportunities in our outside area, regular shade and drink breaks and as a treat, on the hot days, we have a small fruit ice lolly to cool us down as well. In addition, I set up a little foot spa where they can cool off their feet when needed during the day. I wash the towels every night to make sure they are clean and ready for the children each day.

Key dates for next week

Monday 22nd June

- Library Day – please make sure your child's library book is in their book bag.
- Outdoor Learning
- Change reading books

Tuesday 23rd June

- PE – Bumblebee Class **swimming** lessons with Grace and Chris
(Please make sure your child brings in their swimming kits – swimming costume, goggles, swimming hat and a towel. Please make sure it is **all clearly named**.)

Wednesday 24th June

- PE with Miss Fisher-Smith

Thursday 25th June

- **Teddy Word Check**

Friday 26th June

- **School Trip to Newhouse Farm**

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the wonderful weather. I look forward to seeing Bumblebees on Monday.

Kind regards,

Miss Fisher-Smith
Bumblebee Class Teacher