



***Our children leave Snitterfield curious, inspired, with a sense of their own self-worth and contribute positively to society.***

Dear Parents and Carers,

**May 2026**

We have got to the end of another half term – and what a busy one it was (especially for year 6 with their SATS and Year 2 with the optional SATS and Years 1 and 4 practising for their phonics and multiplication tests in June).

Below is a small sample of what each class has been learning about and, if you read to the end, you can hear what we have done as special enrichment opportunities for the whole school this week!

### **Beans Class**

Beans class have been learning the first steps of division. The children have learned about sharing and whether groups are equal or not and whether, when grouping, we have to have leftovers to make it fair.

In PSHE we have been playing turn taking games and learning about how to be a good friend. We have also talked about how to keep healthy and the effect of exercise on our bodies. We have sorted a variety of foods into whether we should eat them regularly, sometimes or occasionally.



## Oat Class

May has flown past and the children have been very busy! They have created information leaflets about The Great Fire of London all based on their knowledge from the Spring term and a non-fiction book we have been reading. We have now moved on to a new book called 'The Dragon Machine' and the children came in after playtime one to find lots of dragons all spread out around the classroom! In maths Year 1 have completed their place value topic up to 100 which we have been building on all year and Year 2 have finished learning about Fractions. We are now learning to read and tell the time to the hour, half past and for the Year 2 every 5 minutes. We have been exploring with paint in Art by identifying primary and secondary colours and mixing our own. We have begun thinking about our class assembly which we are excited to share with you all next month!



## Wheat Class



We have had a busy time in Class Three and we are very proud of how the children are approaching their work with such enthusiasm.

In Maths, the children have been learning about fractions. This has involved adding and subtracting them, finding equivalents and finding fractions of amounts.

In Science, we have been using classification keys for both plants and animals. This week we have been focusing on sorting plants into flowering and non-flowering. We have also been thinking about other ways of sorting them according to their differences and similarities.



In English, we have been reading Odd and the Frost Giant. The children have been writing letters to Odd's mother about why he has to leave home. We are particularly delighted with how conscientious our English focus group have been each morning.

## Young Artists' Summer Show 2026.

The children were invited to enter artwork from home for the Royal Academy Young Artist exhibition. 19 children from Class Three entered their work and we were really impressed with the standard of their work. Frederick Diaper-Harer's picture was accepted to be displayed online! The Young Artists' Summer Show 2026 will launch online on Wednesday 8 July. All of the selected artworks will be available to view online from this date and will remain on the RA website indefinitely.



## Barley Class

SATs has been the main focus over the last two weeks with exams and writing being our main priority. We have been continuing our writing using the folk tale of Beowulf as the main focus, thinking up monsters and heroes to tell tales about. In science we have finished our look at the circulatory system, how it works and what is its purpose. We have also been considering the human geography of Stratford which will lead into the history of Shakespeare next half term. Finally, we have continued to develop our French speaking and writing by taking a tour of the world explaining what other countries are like to visit.



## KS2 Art Club.

You have probably noticed the beautiful artwork that is being displayed on the school playground wall. This was done with Miss Barnett in Art Club. The children used acrylic paint on large wooden boards. We would like to say a big thank you to Ed Tyler for photographing the work and to Ole Schmidt-Hansen and Mark Holt for putting the boards up on display for us. I am sure you will agree that the final results are stunning.



## A little nudge if I may...

Back in June last year we made the decision that ALL KS2 children should have their own pencil case in school and I gave a list of necessary equipment. We have found that when the children run out of their own pens/ pencils they have been borrowing from school and we have lost a lot! Please could you make sure that the pencil cases remain stocked throughout the year. We will endeavour to send them home every half term but the children need to keep an eye on their own ink levels; lengths of pencils and glue sticks in between times. AS a reminder, here is the list of equipment we shared: a standard HB pencil, a blue ink/ handwriting pen (**no gel or biros please**), coloured pencils, a 30cm ruler, a rubber, sharpener, scissors and a glue stick.

**Please no biros or gel pens**, the handwriting and presentation deteriorates and we want the children to take full pride in their books in school.

*Finally, as promised (thank you for reading to the end!)*

This week was walk to school week and many of you participated – thank you. Daisy and Eira walked all the way from their homes which are about 3 miles away and it took them around an hour – well done girls; what great ambassadors you are!





This week we have had three whole school special events – we had the Be my best day on Monday where all the Year 5 children took on leadership roles running different PE activities for every class. The children were encouraged to beat their own score at each activity competing against themselves rather than others. The children all enjoyed it and I am hopeful that the Y5 will be able to take on some leadership with playing games at break and lunch times over the next half term and into next year.



On Wednesday, the whole school came together for a live concert by an ensemble called Kosmos. The instruments they introduced the children to were a violin, a viola and an accordion. Their music is inspired from all around the world and we were treated to some Greek inspired music along with Swedish and Scottish. The children got involved too singing along to a lullaby that was taught to them in the concert. I think if you ask the children what they thought you will get mixed reviews, but it is good to stretch their experiences when we can.



Finally, on Friday we welcomed the author, Juliet Clare Bell who delivered writing sessions to every class (including nursery who joined in with Reception) and gave us highly interactive assemblies for KS1 and KS2. **A huge thank you to FOSS for funding this wonderful day of literature.**



I wish you all a wonderful half-term holiday; if the weather forecast is to be believed we should see some lovely weather!

With best wishes,

*Mrs Silk*