



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

July 2026

I say it every year, but... I cannot believe the end of term and this academic year is upon us!

Reception children have completed their first full year of school and have progressed from very few tears (at the very early stages, from very few children) to skipping and running into school each day and thoroughly enjoying their days and all the learning they have encountered.

Year 6 children have matured into the children we saw they could be and have performed all their responsibilities around school admirably. From getting the computers ready for each class – Thomas O, Thomas S, Forbes and Ashleyne, to librarians – Lottie and Rosa, to house captains - Freddie, Isabelle and Mathew, Lottie and Elih and also Forbes for his weekly sports' stars announcements and helping me not to put a sticker on him each week! We wish all of Year 6 the best of luck at their secondary schools; they are ready and I know they will give it their best!

As I did last year, I thought I'd take this opportunity to recap some of the highlights from the year:

Autumn

We welcomed the children back and Nursery into the school community. We enjoyed Harvest Festival all together in church, there was choir, STEM club, Reception and Nursery performed their nativity play, Whoops a Daisy Angel (first one together) and Oat Class performed theirs A Midwife Crisis. We enjoyed the FOSS Christmas Bonanza, the whole school went to Leamington Spa to watch Peter Pan and we had the Nine Lessons Carol Service.

Spring

Some children represented school at indoor athletics, we had a FOSS Valentine's Disco, Wheat Class went on their residential to the PGL in Liddington – and had a lot of fun! We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as a character from their favourite book or in comfy reading clothes, we celebrated Science Week through curiosity and held a Sciences Showcase in school where children shared what they had been curious about and we managed to fit in Red Nose Day too! FOSS also supported school through a group of volunteers who helped around the grounds and in the building to fix, repair and build and garden – thank you!

Summer

Children from Wheat Class and Oat Class took part in a STEM project in relation to locomotives; we had ALL the statutory tests – phonics, multiplication and the Y6 SATS – the children demonstrated resilience and showed off what they knew and we are very proud of them. We welcomed the author Clare Bell (thank you to FOSS for funding) and all the children enjoyed her assemblies and workshops. Nearly at the end... the whole school went to Compton Verney to celebrate art and sculpture and more details are below. Thank you again to FOSS who donated money towards every child's costs. Finally, we all enjoyed Wheat Class's adaptation of A Midsummer Night's Dream, some wonderful acting and singing, not to mention the costumes and scenery. Thank you to all the staff involved, and to think it was all done in two weeks! Just the Leavers' Assembly and Snitterfield's Got Talent to go!

Beans Class

Beans spent an enjoyable day at Compton Verney creating large scale sculptures using various materials. We looked at several sculptures on the land around the house, thinking about what materials they were made of and why that was a suitable choice. We then sketched some of the sculptures, looking carefully at the details, before creating our own masterpieces.

We used wooden bricks to create animal sculptures and large foam pieces to create structures. We used hoses, large octagons, pipes and also clay to create whatever we fancied.



Oat Class

It's been a very busy few weeks in Oat class but even with the heat and the end of term looming, we have kept our learning going and enjoying the end of all of our topics. We have enjoyed learning about Neil Armstrong in our explorers topic and a showcase of knowledge in our fieldwork skills in Geography.

We thoroughly enjoyed our whole school Art trip to Compton Verney where the children studied different sculptures around the venue and lots of drawing opportunities. They very much enjoyed being creative with different materials and working as a team!



Wheat Class

One of the highlights of this term was our visit to Compton Verney. The trip provided a wonderful opportunity to make links between our learning in History, Art and DT as well as learning about our local area. During the visit, the children explored a wide range of sculptures, learning about the artists who created them and the different materials, styles and ideas behind each piece. Class 3 thoroughly enjoyed following sculpture trails, discovering artworks in unexpected places and discussing their favourite pieces. The children also had great fun using their own bodies to create human sculptures before working collaboratively in teams to design and make their own gold trophy sculptures. These incorporated many of the artistic techniques and ideas they had learnt through the day. The children really demonstrated excellent teamwork, creativity and imagination.



Barley Class

Our trip to Compton Verney was a huge success, allowing class 4 to experience different aspects of art. We walked around the grounds sketching the larger than life sculptures, and really looking deeply at the hidden details in those pieces.

We then researched and sketched parts of the museum exhibit of the life of Enid Marx which included printing, painting and sculpting.

Finally, after lunch in the grounds, we went into the art studio to create a piece of art of our own inspired by one of the exhibits in the grounds - golden urns.

Finally, a short wait for the coach and the end of a great day out for all.



As is the tradition on the last day of term, we celebrated one of the character strengths. This half term is Respect and, in assembly today, the orange badges were awarded to:

- Milly in Reception
- Gabriella in Year 1
- Floki in Year 2
- Iyla in Year 3
- Daisy in Year 4
- Dexter in Year 5
- Lottie in Year 6

Congratulations to all of you for respectful attitudes and behaviours across the term and year.

I think you'll agree it has been another busy year here at Snitterfield!

We would like to congratulate Miss Phillips who has worked incredibly hard across school this year and has successfully passed her teacher training apprenticeship and has obtained qualified teacher status.

I'd like to say a huge thank you, on behalf of all the staff, for the gifts you have generously given in your appreciation of their hard work and thank you, as ever, for your support of the school and the children's learning.

Thank you too to all the volunteer helpers we have had come into school this year, from hearing readers regularly, to supporting writing at greater depth to gardening club, school council and to various walks around the village and supporting school trips – your support of the school is so appreciated.

All that is left is to wish you all a wonderful summer, whatever you and the children are doing and we look forward to welcoming new starters and current children and families in September.

With best wishes,

Mrs Silk