

Russell Street School



Newsletter

Summer Term 1 2025



Message from our Headteacher

Welcome to the Summer Term. It's hard to believe we're already in the final stretch of the academic year. The children have made such wonderful progress, and we are excited to see all the growth and development that will continue over the next few months.

This half-term we have a wonderful range of exciting activities planned to inspire our pupils, enrich their learning experiences, and ensure plenty of fun along the way. Nursery and Reception children will be enjoying a visit from Little City and all children will be learning how to care for our school pets. We will be counting our skips, gardening, and learning a traditional Maypole dance. We will also be practising our sign language, and all children will have the opportunity to take part in a Forest School campfire where they can toast marshmallows.

Forest School Campfire Sessions (after school). There will be a charge for these sessions.

Nursery – Thursday 1st May

Reception – Thursday 8th May

Year 1 – Tuesday 13th May

Year 2 – Tuesday 20th May

A huge thank you to the MK Music Co-operative who are sending string players into school on the 24th April to perform to the children.

As always, we are incredibly grateful for your continued support, and we look forward to working together to make this half term a memorable one for all children.

Wishing everyone a fantastic summer term ahead.

Mrs Dawn Robinson



23rd April - St George's Day

Children will learn about the history of Saint George, the patron saint of England. They will discover the role of a knight and what this brave Roman soldier was really famous for!

24th April – Skipping Day

National Skipping Day is on April 24th, and its purpose is to raise physical health awareness for children with a day of healthy exercise through skipping. Children will be skipping throughout the day and using their maths skills to count and compare their number of skips with their friends.



Also on the 24th April – MK Music Co-operative Strings performance

All children will experience live music performed by an ensemble of teachers from the MK Music Co-operative during their 'roadshow' week.



29th April – International Day of Dance

International Dance Day is held yearly on 29th April. It is a day dedicated to all things moving, grooving and shaking! Dancing has lots of benefits; it can keep us healthy, improves our mood and allows us to express ourselves. All P.E. lessons this week will focus on dance.

29th April – Phonics Screening Event

Parents/Carers are invited to attend a presentation where teachers will explain what the Phonics Screening Check is, how it is carried out in school and how you can practise with materials at home in a fun and engaging way. More information to follow.



Happy May Day!

1st May – May Day

As part of our May Day celebrations, children will be learning a simple, traditional Maypole routine on the playground.



5th May – Pet Week

This week children will be learning all about our in-school tortoises and how we look after them. They will also learn about other household pets and how they are living animals with needs and feelings. They'll learn that pets should be handled carefully and only when it is appropriate to do so. They'll also investigate the responsibility of pet owners to meet the needs of their pets and to keep them happy and healthy.



Assessment dates to note for this term

End of KS1 assessments are now **non-statutory**. The reception baseline assessment (RBA) is used as the baseline for primary progress measures. We use optional end of KS1 tests in school. These materials will be used to give you an indication of the attainment of your child in preparation for KS2. Year 2 optional SATs assessments take place in school between 1st and the 31st May. Year 1 Phonics screening will take place week commencing 9th June. Please refrain from speaking to the children about these at home; these assessments are carried out by class teachers who are familiar to the children and we do not want the children to feel any pressure or nerves whatsoever.



Deaf Awareness Week – Week commencing 5th May

12 million adults in the UK are deaf or have hearing loss. We can all play our part to be more deaf aware, both at work and in daily life. There are over 50,000 deaf children and young people in the UK. We will continue to learn sign language as well as improve our deaf awareness. [Deaf Awareness Tips from colleagues at the National Deaf Children's Society \(youtube.com\)](#) [Deaf Awareness Week | National Deaf Children's Society \(ndcs.org.uk\)](#)



Little City – 21st May for Nursery and Reception children

Little City is a wonderful, interactive and inclusive learning activity through play experience. The sessions marry with the Early Years Framework and promote wonderful links to careers, 'people who help us' as well as promoting many aspects of the EYFS and Early Learning goals.

