

CONIFERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Well we appear to have made it, relatively unscathed!

It's been a very busy few weeks leading up to the end of term, crammed with trips to the beach, to beaches farther afield to hunt for fossils, visits to the Portland Sailing Academy, to Weymouth College and of course the Year 6 Transition Days to their various schools. Please read on for details of these and the wonderful experiences that our children have had. We've also had our Careers Day, which, once again was a huge success and featured the Emergency Services (Police, Ambulance, and Fire Service) alongside representatives from various trades and professions - all of whom graciously surrender their own time and work together with like-minded people from our community, to spark our children's imaginations. Admittedly, the landing of a fairly substantial military aircraft on the school field also sparked the children's imagination and I'd like to personally thank all of our visitors on that day, many of whom are parents of children in the school, for their continued support at events such as these and making Conifers Primary a place where every child has the opportunity to flourish.

Continuing, we've had one Sports Days (one more to go) and a few End of Year parties have snuck their way into the timetable. And yet, it still isn't over – as Year 6 have their Colour Run on the final day of term which, going by last year's event, will be a rain-bowed extravaganza of paint dust and laughter. We hope to see some of you there.

A very special mention has to be made for our PTA – 'The Friends of Conifers' – for organising and running the Summer Fayre, ably assisted by Miss Hutchinson and Mrs Thirlwall and many members of staff. It was a tremendous success and managed to raise over four thousand pounds for the school – which is a staggering amount! I remember writing last year wondering how they would top this – but they already have, and the Fayre is going from strength to strength! Thank you again 'The Friends of Conifers'.



I obviously have to say something about the Year 6 show – The Wizard of Oz – as it was, quite simply, magical! I had the opportunity of watching it three times, and as I've said before, in all honesty, sometimes my concentration span tends to wonder after the first instalment of anything, but this show had me captured, all the way, every time. The sheer enthusiasm of all the children is such a joy to watch and you couldn't help yourself but sing along and smile throughout the entire performance. I raise my hat to them all – it was a tremendous spectacle and they were truly amazing. What a wonderful way, to round up all their years at Conifers Primary – it's been an honour to be a part of their journey, and the school and I wish them nothing but the very best of luck, in wherever their futures take them!

Staffing wise – we say farewell to Mrs Humphries, who continues her career in a school far more local to her immediate residence, allowing the opportunity to spend more precious time with her young children. Mrs Humphries came to Conifers as Miss Blake back in 2017 and has nurtured, supported and taught the children in her classes, to become the assured and independent children that they are today. She was also instrumental in establishing our much celebrated and extremely successful Careers Day, which will always remain her legacy. We wish her well in her new role.

We don't say farewell but, 'Good Luck' to Mrs Garden as she leaves us to start her Maternity Leave. Life, as she currently knows it, will never be the same – full of joy and wonder, obviously, but for those of you who are already parents, know what it is I'm saying....

Finally, we also say 'Goodbye' to Ms Roper, our dedicated Assistant Headteacher and SENCO, who will be retiring at the end of this term. Ms Roper has been an absolute cornerstone of our school for many years – since 2003 in fact – and her impact on Conifers Primary has been immeasurable. During her time with us, she has supported hundreds of children, ensuring that every child receives the care and attention they deserve. Her expertise in Special Educational Needs has been invaluable, helping children overcome challenges and reach their maximum potential.

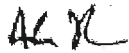
But Ms Roper's influence extends far beyond her direct work with children. She has been instrumental in supporting our staff; providing them with the tools and knowledge they need to better support every child in their care, and with a willingness to share her knowledge and insights, her input has helped elevate the school to where it is today. While we will miss her tremendously, we celebrate her incredible contribution to our school and wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.



I'd like to end by thanking all of you who have been able to give up your time to assist the school and accompany staff and children on the numerous trips, walks to the swimming pool and of course our Careers Day. As always, I thank you all for your continued support for the school and I hope you all have a wonderful summer!

Don't forget we still have a few days left to go, school finishes at normal time on Tuesday, 22nd July 2025.

Yours sincerely



Mr Andrew Johnson
Headteacher



Year 2 News.

Beach Trip

On Thursday 26th June, Year 2 visited Weymouth beach as part of our 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside' topic. After walking to the beach, each class got a ride on the Land Train which was really fun. We saw lots of different boats in the harbour as well as the RNLI Lifeboat. When we got back to the beach, we played in the sand. Some of us built sandcastles, others were burying each other in the sand and some were drawing in the sand. It was a very warm day so the sand was quite dry, we explored digging down to find sand that was perfect for sandcastle building. At lunch time, we tucked into some delicious sausage and chips from the Marlboro who kindly deliver them to us on the beach. We did have to watch out for the pesky seagulls who realised we had tasty food. After lunch, we had a little longer to play before walking back to school. We had lots of discussions on our walk about the buildings we spotted, birds we could see and different plants growing.

We all had a really lovely day!

Thank you to the parent helpers who volunteered and the staff who made the trip possible.



Cedar Class Butterflies

Miss Anthony brought in a tub with 5 caterpillars inside. They started off quite small and we watched them grow bigger and bigger! One day, we arrived at school and they were hanging from the lid in their cocoons - it was very exciting! The cocoons got carefully moved into the butterfly net and then we had to wait. We were very patient and every day, we would check on them.

One morning, we arrived at school to find a beautiful butterfly and by the following day, we had 5! We fed them sugared water and the following day, we released them. It was so lovely seeing them fly off into the sky.



Year Six recently attended Primary College, completing a range of activities, such as brickwork, childcare and origami. They have had lots of fun doing this and their behaviour was exemplary.

We would like to congratulate the whole of Year Six for their hard work, dedication and resilience during their last year of learning with us here at Conifers Primary School. They have made us all very proud and we wish them every success in the future. Onwards and upwards Year Six - you will be missed.

Below are a few photos from our Water sports Trip on Thursday.

