

Paternoster School News

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A year packed with new ideas Paternoster classes celebrate

It seems that the past six months since I started at Paternoster have flown by. It has been my absolute pleasure to get to know all the children and staff and I am so looking forward to the new term in September and exploring our whole school topic *The Greatest Show on Earth*. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the staff who are moving on for all their hard work. I would particularly like to mention four members of staff who have worked at Paternoster for many years. Their dedication and commitment to our children has been truly wonderful. Jennie Walsh, our Deputy Head who has been at the school for 22 years is retiring, Liz Outhwaite has been leading on communication and teaching here for 23 years is also retiring, Lyn Herbert a senior teaching assistant is leaving us after 31 years and Marilyn Stanley, our midday supervisor is retiring after 30 years. I wish them and all the other staff who are leaving the very best of luck over the coming years and again to say thank you to them on behalf of all the children and staff. I hope everyone has a lovely relaxing holiday.

Annette Fidderman Head Teacher

Moving on up Oak Class say goodbye to four students

This year, four students from Oak Class are sixteen and so are moving on to new post-16 placements. Connor, Michael, Ben and Matthew have been valued members of our school for many years and the place won't seem the same without them. We know they'll shine in their new settings and we wish them lots of luck in the future. They have all been really busy with their class this year, especially exploring the world of work and have been running a café, taking care of the school and cleaning vehicles in the car park..

Connor (right) has done a really good job cleaning staff cars, he's an expert polisher and there are a lot of shiny cars in the car park now. Ben (far right) loved exploring the Cotswold Wildlife Park on our Kids' Day out trip in June of this year.



Matthew (far left) has shown real skill in his baking this year. Michael (left) shows off the leavers' bible he was given by the Open the Book team.

Ash Class gaining independence showing us what they like to do



Sarah-Jane loves music class

It has been a terrific year for the pupils in Ash Class and we wanted to end the year by sharing some of the many achievements of our pupils.

Sarah-Jane often shows us how happy she is by dancing in music and singing lessons and always likes to share a huge smile. She's been developing her mobility skills and she walked for the whole day on our trip to Cotswold Wildlife park!

Will is progressing really well in hydrotherapy and has mastered floating on his front and back in the pool using only arm floats. He's also getting good at walking up and down long flights of stairs.

Eva has learned to whizz around the sports hall on a walking bike and can manage over ten lengths independently. She can recognise photographs of her favourite objects and choose which one she wants by looking and pointing at the correct photo.

Imogen is now really speedy on her walker and she's also beginning to support her weight in a standing position at the wall bars and

when holding an adult's hand. Imogen continues to be a beautiful singer but now often impresses us by saying her friends' names.

Xena's really good at choosing using photographs of her favourite items. She has wonderful social skills and she has been enjoying Brownies and Allsorts clubs.

Corby is getting quite good at PECs now and he recently showed that he can travel to make an exchange to let us know what he wants. He also shows understanding of which areas of the classroom are most suitable for him to explore.

Rebecca is our new girl, and she has settled in extremely well and seems to be really happy with her new friends in Ash Class.



Rebecca has settled in well

Elm Class are learning to communicate with play and PECS

We have progressed so much on our journey in Elm Class! We are getting really skilled at exchanging PECS symbols for snack and some of us are even making choices between pictures to show what we would like to eat. We have loved our trips to Butts Farm and Cotswold Wildlife Park – looking at the animals and of course playing on the swings and slides!

We have enjoyed exploring and getting messy with sand, water, mud and messy play – learning about transferring materials, emptying and filling containers and how these feel! We have been interacting a lot and some of us can now name our friends. Josh and Jacob have enjoyed joining in with many of these activities, but have also grown so much in their reading, writing and maths.

Elm Class are learning to make choices at snack time using the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS). They are also interacting with each other well in play sessions and they particularly love the sandpit outside their classroom.



Maple Class out and about trips out have been a highlight

This year Maple Class have had a new classroom as well as a new name. We have settled in and made it our own. We've had changes to pupils with Dillon leaving and Claire coming to join us.



Rhyce makes a friend

We've continued to enjoy a range of experiences outside of the classroom, including art classes at Deer Park for Oscar, horse riding, swimming, Forest School, tennis and, of course, our residential trip! Kids Day Out at Cotswold Wildlife Park was full of fun and we will not forget Miti dropping his hat into the meerkat enclosure (it had to be rescued by a keeper!).

Maple Class have begun to think about their independence skills by making their own lunches, which involved making soup, toasted sandwiches and learning how to use kitchen equipment safely – especially when we needed to cook chicken nuggets and onion rings!



Kyle at Macaroni Wood

Willow Class love the outdoors with visits to farm and forest



Carrying the hay to the field

Willow Class have had another productive year, with our visits to Scrubditch Farm and Forest School every week. Myles particularly enjoyed walking through the bluebells at the forest and Samiya has explored most of the network of forest paths. Nic and Kieran now know what farm animals need to eat to keep them healthy and Toby and Dylan know how to measure out the animals' food.

Willow Class have also enjoyed visits to Dobbies, Tesco and they loved their days out at Bourton on the water, where they paddled in the river.



Dylan knows how to feed the chickens

Beech Class show sporting skills and culinary talent too



Cooking is a favourite class

It has been an amazing year in Beech Class! In food technology lessons we enjoyed making lots of different foods like soups and flapjacks. Top of the list was our pizza party day. The winner was peperoni with extra sweetcorn. We have had some fantastic sports events; Panathalon, tennis coaching in the park, golf trips, taekwondo, Sports Week athletics and boccia. We have had some wonderful trips out including the singing festival, Cotswold Wildlife Park and Lydiard Park. Forest School has been a big hit this year. Best of all was cooking, making marshmallows on the fire! No year is complete without dressing up! George's King Arthur was a winner this year.



Serious about the putting