WATERGATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

Summer 2026

Headteacher's Message

What a long, hot summer term it has been! I would like to thank you for all your support especially during the heatwaves and, of course Ofsted! We will share the outcome of the inspection with you next term.

It has been a joy to see our pupils blossom and flourish – they have experienced so much. We've had trips to the Horniman Museum, Dulwich Play Pavilion, Godstone Farm, Deptford Market and even Pizza Express!

There have been lots of sporting adventures too with many children taking part in Taekwondo, tennis and BMX bike riding.

Creatively we've worked with Bow Arts to create some bespoke bunting for the new building and we've experienced the power of live music with musicians from Live Music Now!

The new building is very close to completion and we can't wait to welcome you all to look around in September. It promises to be another exciting year!

I wish you all a peaceful summer.

Harp and Harmony!

Our pupils had a wonderful opportunity to experience live music performed by professional musicians from Live Music Now! Through a series of sessions, they enjoyed listening to a harpist, an opera singer, and a pianist.



They enjoyed sharing the experience with their friends, taking turns to explore, play, and create together. It was a truly memorable and unforgettable experience for everyone involved!



Pupils formed meaningful connections with the musicians, explored the instruments, and had individual opportunities to express themselves through music.

Lewisham SEND Inclusive Sports Summer Activity







Multiple dates in July and August 2026!

Alex Yee Ladywell Arena,
Silvermere Rd, London SE6 4QX

Free activity, accessible for all abilities, for disabled young people aged 5 - 25, and their families.

Register below using the link or scan the QR code:

bit.ly/LewishamSummer26

Delivered by the Lewisham Disability Sport Network.

in partnership with Lewisham

Disibility.Inclusion@AccessSport.org.uk 020 7993 9883

DATES

Weds 22nd July
Friday 24th July
Monday 27th July
Monday 3rd Aug
Thurs 6th Aug
Monday 10th Aug
Weds 12th Aug
Mon 17th Aug
Thurs 20th Aug
Mon 24th Aug
Weds 26th Aug

You can use the QR code to register, or just turn up on the day. You do not need to stay for the whole two hours and are welcome to arrive late or leave early if your child needs to do so. Siblings are welcome to join the sessions.

Each session offers a variety of sports, including many organisations that have delivered sessions at Watergate and are familiar with the needs of our pupils. Including: Enigma Taekwondo; South East London Tennis; Wheels for Wellbeing; Trinity Laban and Dandelion Dance; Sensory Football and others!

We hope to see you there!

❤ variety golf
improving young lives every day

We would like to say a massive thank you to Variety Golf who have raised an incredible £30,000 towards new playground equipment for the school. A large part of this was raised by Matthew Horder's brilliant London Marathon effort in memory of his father. We can't wait to open the David Horder Memorial Playground next year!

Amber Class News

It's been a fun term in Amber Class. The children have made lots of progress and it has been wonderful to see them enjoying each others' company, sharing special moments and growing in confidence. We have had lots of fun in the sunshine with water play and outdoor learning. We are all looking forward to the big move to Bellingham, and I'm sure the children will take it in their stride. Have a wonderful summer and see you in September!

















Sky Class News

What a colourful and exciting summer term we've had! We have enjoyed listening to our Rainbow Serpent and Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? sensory stories, creating rainbow bags, making fluffy rainbow clouds during our arts and crafts sessions, designing rainbow art, and producing vibrant artwork using balloon, ball and marble painting.



We made the most of the sunny weather by enjoying lots of water play in our mini splash pool, where we had great fun splashing, pouring and filling containers. Our cooking sessions were just as exciting! We had lots of fun making and tasting rainbow bread, rainbow ice cream, and delicious rainbow fruit kebabs, while developing our independence, using different kitchen tools and trying new foods.









One of the highlights of our term was celebrating International Picnic Day. We were proud to represent Portugal, learning about its culture and traditions by making the Portuguese flag, enjoying music, sharing food and celebrating with our friends and the rest of the school. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate diversity, learn about different countries and enjoy spending time together as a school community.



We are incredibly proud of everything the we have accomplished this term and wish all our friends, families and adults a happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday!

Chestnut Class News

What a wonderful term it has been in Chestnut class! The children have taken part in many fun and meaningful learning experiences, developing new skills while playing, exploring, and enjoying special moments. They have built beautiful friendships, grown in their understanding of each other's likes, needs, and emotions, and shared so much happiness along the way.













Through play, laughter, and shared experiences, the children have continued to learn, communicate, and grow together.

It has been amazing to see their personalities shine, their friendships grow, and their curiosity and joy for learning continue to blossom. We are so proud of all our Chestnuts and the progress they have made. Thank you for a wonderful term — we wish all our Chestnuts a fantastic, fun-filled summer!

Olive Class News

This term Olive class have been going Over the Rainbow. We have been exploring colours in a variety of ways, through foods, painting, water play and stories.



Some of the wonderful stories we have shared this term include, Rainbow Snail, Rainbow Fish, Brown Brown Bear and Pete the Cat. The class has really enjoyed watching as these stories come to life and all the different colours flash before their eyes.





We have been doing a lot of food exploration and tasting the rainbow, by creating and tasting lots of colourful foods. The children loved making milkshakes and smoothies, these went down a treat and were enjoyed on those particularly warmer Summer days.



This term we had a lovely rainbow picnic outside with our neighbouring class. We also had the wonderful Bow Arts Company come in to do an animal printing and painting workshop with us which all of the children thoroughly enjoyed and got involved in.





Ruby Class News

This term, Ruby class have immersed themselves in our 'Over the Rainbow' topic through sensory experiences stories, science experiments, collaborative art work and cooking sessions. The children have been learning about all the different colours of the rainbow. They have followed a range of instructions to create colour explosions and use their fine motor skills to create some wonderful pieces of art. They have also used their communication skills to make choices between different colours that they would like to use for their work.













Lavender Class News

This term, we explored our topic "Over the Rainbow." The children learned about different colours through a range of fun art activities, science experiments, messy play, and sensory experiences. They enjoyed exploring different textures using sensory bags and a variety of materials.

The children had lots of fun discovering each colour and taking part in hands-on activities. They enjoyed exploring, making choices, and solving simple problems during their play. It has been lovely to see their confidence, curiosity, and enjoyment grow throughout the term.















Primrose Class News









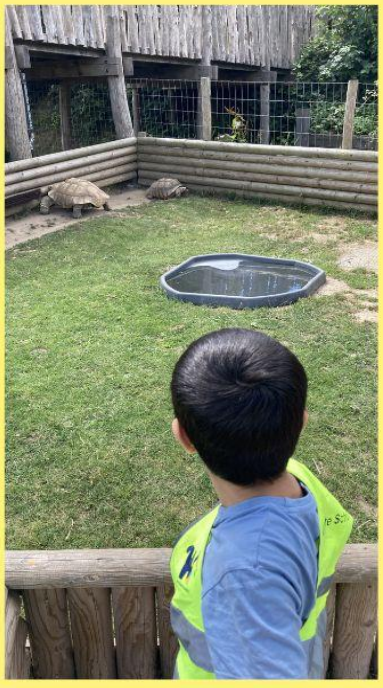


To celebrate a fantastic year together in Primrose Class, we enjoyed a wonderful end of year trip to Godstone Farm. The children had a brilliant time exploring the farm and meeting lots of different animals. We saw pigs and their adorable new baby piglets and everyone loved watching the exciting hog race! We also met a giant tortoise, where we had the opportunity to gently touch its shell and a bearded dragon which interesting.

Our adventure continued with a walk along the dinosaur trail before we finished the day exploring the scarecrow maze. It was a fun-filled day full of new experiences, smiles and laughter.

The perfect way to celebrate a fantastic year of learning, friendship and achievements in Primrose Class.







Red Class News

Red Class have had a fantastic summer term exploring our topic Over the Rainbow. We have enjoyed lots of fun, hands-on sensory stories and activities, exploring colours through songs, scents, tastes and different textures. Our learners have loved discovering new ways to experience colour and have had many opportunities to communicate, make choices and share these experiences with their friends.



We also enjoyed a brilliant trip to the Dulwich Gallery Art Play Pavilion, where learners explored art in a new and exciting setting. Alongside our creative activities, we have continued to develop physical skills through a range of movement opportunities, while creating lots of lovely moments for communication, interaction and play. It has been a wonderful term full of exploration, creativity and shared experiences, setting our learners up for the next chapter of their school journey.













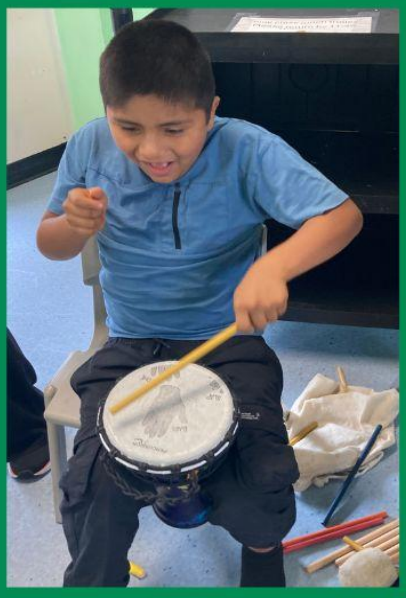
Green Class News







Green Class have had a busy, creative, and successful term.



They have enjoyed taking part in a wide range of activities together while working hard towards their individual targets.

We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and of their learning journey this year. We wish everyone the very best as they begin their exciting new learning adventure!









Yellow Class News







Yellow Class have had an amazing year!! The children have made so much progress and it has been wonderfult to see them becoming more confident and independent.

We rounded off our year with a pizza making experience at Pizza Express in Bromley. It was fantastic! The children learnt how to make tasty pizzas, rolling out the dough and adding delicious toppings. What a treat!











Blue Class News

This term we have been focusing on our topic, Over the Rainbow, and it has been lovely getting to explore lots of stories, make colourful artwork, make rainbow coloured food and learn the different colours in the rainbow.
Blue class really enjoyed the story The Green Giant and had fun exploring different plants and seeds and they also enjoyed the story Flyaway Katie and looked at lots of different coloured clothing.

We have had a wonderful term and a wonderful year in Blue Class and everyone has done amazingly and we cannot wait to carry on learning and having fun in September!















Violet Class News

This term in Violet Class we have enjoyed lots of exciting activities. We started the term with a super creative trip to Tate Modern to experience the I AM FESTIVAL. We have also done lots of cooking and making juices using fruit recipes and linking them to our rainbow theme.



Our dancing sessions in Violet have been very groovy with cool moves. In the playground we sang using karaoke mics and we love to use Makaton to bring our nursery rhymes to life. We we planted and also tasted cress and we made egg and cress sandwiches. I think most of all we enjoy our wheelchair swing and roundabout and just celebrating each other through all our fun activities.













Pink Class News

Pink Class have had a wonderful Summer Term enjoying the Over the Rainbow topic! We have been focusing on developing our eye-hand coordination skills to become more independent in our learning and daily activities. We are exploring ways to communicate our needs using our preferred communication methods.

We have also been learning how to take responsibility for our belongings, keep our resources organised, and growing in our independence and life skills. Additionally, access learning independently, building confidence and confidence in managing tasks along the way.















Orange Class News

Orange Class has had a fantastic time learning and working together with one another this term. We have particularly enjoyed our cooking sessions, where we worked together to prepare a variety of tasty dishes from around the world.
We have also had lots of fun exploring colours through creative activities, bringing stories to life with puppets, and joining in with songs!

One of the biggest highlights has been our exciting science experiments, which sparked curiosity and enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to see everyone's confidence, creativity, and enjoyment grow throughout the term.













Silver Class News







For our Over the Rainbow topic, we have been sharing our sensory stories 'The Green Giant' and 'The Kindest Red'. We created our own giant out fresh herbs, grew plants, explored scale by creating chalk giants and made our own Greenhouse designs.





We explored colour, designing a red dress for Faizah (from The Kindest Red story) and carrying out exciting science experiments making our own bubble mixture, using corn flour to make 'rainbow rain' and bath bombs for World Ocean day.





We made many tasty treats, including squeezing fresh orange juice, concocting cloudy lemonade, mixing rainbow rice crispie cakes. We celebrated all things colour, with the Pride in Ourselves picnic!

Peach Class News

Peach Class have continued to develop their communication, social, and emotional skills through a range of fun and engaging activities. They have enjoyed exploring their creativity through art and imaginative role play, including running shoe shops and pretending to be doctors.





The children have also loved attending and running their own clubs, building confidence, teamwork, and independence. Using their imaginations to create games and voting on different choices has encouraged collaboration, problem-solving, and respect for one another's ideas.











Lime Class News

This term, our learning has centred around the theme 'Over the Rainbow'. We have explored colour mixing to create new colours and linked this theme across many areas of our learning.









The class has enjoyed simple science experiments using food colouring, reading stories about colours, engaging in sensory storytelling, counting activities, rainbow-themed writing, and creating colourful artwork.





Throughout the term, the children have been challenged to complete their work with increasing independence and resilience. It has been wonderful to see everyone having fun, working hard, and taking pride in their achievements.



Aqua Class News

Aqua Class have had a busy and brilliant summer term! We have been becoming more independent and more able to share, take turns and enjoy things with our friends. We are an active bunch and love to get outside in the sunshine and get moving! Some of us have even been lucky enough to try out BMX bike riding!

We are saying good luck to several of our friends as they head off to secondary school. We know you will have an amazing time!

















Gold Class News





Gold class had a wonderful day exploring all the bright colours at Deptford market as part of our 'Over the Rainbow' topic, as well as many different smells, textures and sounds! The children took a shopping list and bought some exotic items to taste and fabric to try on back at school. We have done lots of colourful food preparation including making rainbow wraps, fruit kebabs and squeezing our own orange juice!



Sensory stories have included 'Flyaway Katy' when the children used pipettes and water sprays to create beautiful rainbow rain art and 'Pete the Cat' when the children used their painted feet to create Pete's footprints. We loved decorating and then eating cakes and dancing under colourful streamers at the school's rainbow picnic!









Purple Class News







Purple room has been thrilled to work with the Lewisham Disability Sports Network to provide lots of different sports opportunities for our pupils. We continue to have weekly sessions with Enigma Taekwondo and a number of our pupils have had sessions with South East London Tennis.

Our thrill seekers have been to Beckenham Park to learn to ride BMX bikes!

We held our space themed MOVE week and annual awards to celebrate the incredible achievements of our MOVE pupils throughout the year!





