



16th July 2021

**Farewell  
and  
Good Luck**

As we come to end of our last week of the school year we are reflecting on another strange year where at least we have managed to make things as normal as possible for the children in school. It is with great sadness we say goodbye to our lovely year 4s and we wish them all the very best in middle school and beyond. We know that they are ready for anything and will be brilliant.



### Sports Updates

We had a very energetic beginning to this week with our sports day on Holy Island. The children were fantastic and we had great fun with all our races – especially the silly ones such as dressing up and the sack race. We hope you enjoy the photos and the video of the races which we have put on our website (In both the news pages and the video gallery – you can access it with this link: [https://www.lowickholyislandschools.org.uk/website/sports\\_day\\_2021/566497](https://www.lowickholyislandschools.org.uk/website/sports_day_2021/566497) ).

We were lucky with the weather and we had a great day – it only started to rain a little bit at the end. The children all had a go and we had a lot of fun!

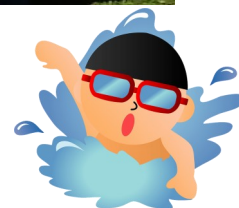


## More Sports...

Our sports coaches came in on Thursday to run a cricket festival for us, including a cricket tea by Margaret. The children all came together to have a lovely afternoon in the sunshine. We will be continuing with Commando Joe's next year as well and we will also be having sports coaches working with us throughout the year.



We are hoping that we will be able to go back to taking the children swimming on Wednesdays next year as we used to do. Our practice was to go swimming and then do PE in the sports hall at the Swan Centre. This may change depending on Covid cases and guidance for schools in September, but we think this will be of great benefit to our children. If this goes ahead it will be from the second week of term going forwards as we think it might be a bit much for the first day that the children are back. Please remember that Monday and Tuesday (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> September) are teacher training days and the children are due back in school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.



## Summer holiday options

The children have been amazing all year and have dealt with all the difficulties and confusion around lockdowns, and being in and out of school, incredibly well. We are noticing now that they are tired and ready for a proper rest.

Some parents have asked us about ideas for the summer holiday to help their child stay on track after missing out during this year and the year before. We have put some ideas onto our website (in the news pages) for those families who might find this helpful. We have also included Thrive well-being ideas for the summer as well as links to the summer reading challenge, spelling games and Sumdog.



These ideas are entirely optional and we will not be checking up on you about what you have done when we start the new academic year. Most importantly we hope you get to spend some time with your children and enjoy each other's company.

[https://www.lowickholylslandschools.org.uk/website/summer\\_learning\\_ideas/566808](https://www.lowickholylslandschools.org.uk/website/summer_learning_ideas/566808)

Thrive's  
**6 weeks  
of summer**



## Eco-School News

This week for Plastic free July, we decided to make some playdough. This means that instead of buying playdough with chemicals in, which come in plastic pots, our playdough is safe and plastic free (it can even be composted!). I have attached the recipe to the newsletter in case you want to try it over the holidays, you can use any scent or colour you like. We have also spent some time designing our own School360 Avatar for the competition. However, we decided to base our Avatars on three special people who have done great things for the environment; Sir David Attenborough, Greta Thunberg and Malala Yousafzai. The children were hoping to finish these at home using their tablet/ computer to look up facts about these people so that they can design their page. I have sent home the start of their designs which they can finish and bring back in September (or you can just take a photo). Eco-Schools Club also enjoyed watching Ferngully: The Last Rainforest, and asked lots of questions. The children wanted to carry on their plastic eliminating missions at home so I have given them each an A5 sheet with some ideas (also attached to newsletter). Have a lovely holiday everyone and well done for being Eco-Warriors! Miss Easten



## Thank You!

Thank you very much to everyone for all your tremendous support over these past few months. I am also very grateful to all the staff for their continuing hard work and positive attitudes.

We also say good luck and all our best wishes to Miss Adams who is going on maternity leave from September (Mrs Waddington will be looking after our nursery in the meantime).