



Newsletter July 2026

Throughout the summer term we have followed the children's interest in all things nature and minibeast! This has been supported by their interest in the new 'Wild garden' and in particular the pond. We were very excited to welcome 3 visitors to the pond, Freckle, Thingamebob and Sharon, our 3 resident frogs! The children have developed their understanding of the life cycle of a frog and butterfly. They have explored our garden to find ladybirds, spiders, crickets, grasshoppers, snails and beetles. They have learned about habitats and used their values of care and respect. They have greatly extended their vocabulary and developed their motor skills. They have enjoyed drawing, painting and sculpting flowers from our meadow garden and learning about the different parts of a plant. Our school leavers enjoyed several sessions at Madley Environmental Studies Centre where they experienced pond dipping, minibeast hunting, clay sculptures and lots more!

Work Experience This week we have been joined by Florence from Kingstone High School. She has been observing how an early year setting operates and getting some first-hand experience of working with young children.

SPORTS DAY is on TUESDAY 14th JULY at 9.30am (weather permitting!)

Please arrive at Pre-School for 9.30 and a member of staff will escort all parents/ carers onto the school field. (If your child doesn't usually attend Pre-School on a Tuesday we still hope they will join us, please bring them at 9.25) Please be aware that the Primary School will be 'business as usual' during our sports so for safeguarding reasons we kindly ask that all visitors remain seated throughout and do not enter the school building or walk around the school grounds.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS WEARING STURDY FOOTWEAR OR TRAINERS FOR SPORTS DAY. NO CROCS OR OPEN-TOED SANDALS PLEASE.

School Leaver's Party If your child is due to leave Pre-School at the end of this term please come and celebrate their achievements with us on Thursday 16th July, 4pm – 5pm.

To make the party a success we ask for donations of food and drink etc. Please see a member of staff, on Thursday or Friday, to sign up for an item you would like to donate.

Madley Primary School Summer fete is on SUNDAY 12TH JULY, 12-2pm. All welcome!

Pre-School will be holding a Teddy Tombola, if you have any unwanted soft toys, please bring them in by the end of this week, many thanks!

This year has flown incredibly quickly, and we can't believe another cohort of children are on their way to Primary School! We have had a fabulous year watching them grow and develop into the fabulous, self-motivated, eager to learn little people that they are. They have been a pleasure to teach and we wish them all the best of luck in the next stage of their learning journey.

We look forward to welcoming back our younger children in September and seeing what fabulous role-models they will be to our new starters. Term begins again on Wednesday 2nd September.

Thank you, parents, for all your kind words and support over the year. It is really appreciated by us. We wish all our children and their families a fabulous summer holiday.

Term Dates for School Year 2026/ 2027

	Autumn Term 2026	Spring Term 2027	Summer Term 2027
Term Starts	Wednesday 2 September	Monday 4 January	Monday 12 April
Half Term	Mon 26 Oct–Fri 30 Oct (plus INSET day on MON 2 NOV)	Mon 15–Fri 19 February	Mon 31 May–Fri 4 June (plus INSET days on MON 7 and TUES 8 June)
Term Ends	Friday 18 December	Thursday 25 March	Tuesday 20 July

