



## Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another academic year. Looking back on the year I am so proud of what we have accomplished.

We have made great strides in improving our communication with parents and have streamlined this to make it easier for everyone. The introduction of Class Dojo has contributed to this success. Next year we will continue to work on ensuring our communication is effective.

We have worked well with external partners this year including Roade English and the Behaviour Hub. We have benefited from the advice and support from both partners. Our phonics teaching is consistent across the whole school and we have improved the overall reading culture across school. Behaviour in school has always been positive however the recent changes we have made have enhanced our approach to behaviour in school including the reintroduction of Happy Lunchtimes and the use of calm corners.

Our Challenge Partners review was successful and we are proud to be viewed as an effective school. It was a great opportunity to take a moment to celebrate how far we have come as a school. It has also been wonderful to have enrichment opportunities return this year. Our school council have made a positive contribution

to the school and have supported changes to school dinners, lunchtime and supported the active travel pledge event. The children have also enjoyed a range of trips and activities this year.

Thank you for all of your support this year, we have really appreciated your feedback and cooperation.

I hope that you have an enjoyable summer break and I look forward to seeing you at the start of next academic year.

Mrs Holmes

## Our amazing allotment!

Thank you to our team of fabulous volunteers who have transformed our allotment. They have been busy clearing, rebuilding and planting and the allotment now looks amazing. The children have had so much fun in Gardening Club run by Mrs Webb and it has been great to be able to use the allotment this term. We are looking forward to being able to use this space even more next year!



## Summer fete

The Summer fete was such a success. Our PA fete committee did an amazing job organising all of the stalls, donations and volunteers. Thank you to all those who supported the fete by donating items, attending the fete, running a stall or clearing away. We raised a massive £7200 and will use this money next year to support the children.



Marvellous Makers is this year's summer reading challenge with Leicester libraries.

The challenge encourages children to use their local library and maintain their reading habit through the long summer break.

**Starting Saturday 29 June until the 15 September, children aged 0 to 15 years can sign up to take part and complete the six-book challenge.** A prize of £100 of books will be awarded to the Leicester school with the highest percentage of children finishing the challenge (numbers recorded by Leicester libraries staff).

There is also a reading challenge for adults.

Leicester libraries' offer is enhanced with a range of free activities for the whole family, all designed to promote reading for pleasure and the joy of sharing books and stories.

[Summer Reading Challenge \(leicester.gov.uk\)](https://leicester.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge)

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	School Starts for Year 1 and Year 2 children
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August – Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Reception Home Visits
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September and Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Half days
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception full days

## Staffing Update

The end of the summer term is when we say goodbye to some members of our team as well as welcoming new people to the team.

We have a number of staff members moving on for a range of reasons this year.

These include:

Mrs Smith

Mrs Wulbern

Miss Elliott

Miss Brooks

Mrs Monohan

Mrs Keeling

Mrs Clayton

Mr Veja

Miss Archer

I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to our school during their time at Overdale.

We are delighted to share that many of the roles have been secured by staff already working in school. It is great to be able to offer the opportunity for staff to grow and develop.

We will also be welcoming Miss Shilton to the team who will be working in our Pre-school.