



NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd July 2026

WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS

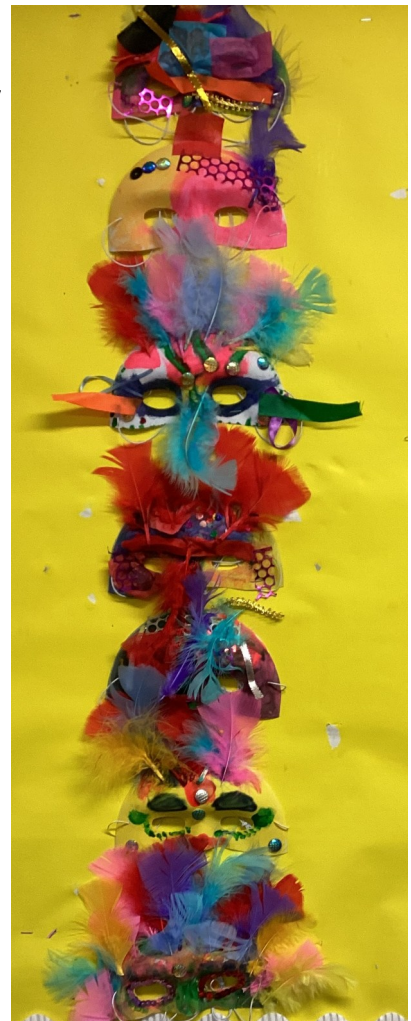


Harp Class have been having an amazing time exploring their exciting topic, 'Carnival Time'!

In The World, they've been travelling the globe to discover some of the world's most famous carnivals. So far, they've explored Rio de Janeiro Carnival, Notting Hill Carnival, and Venice Carnival. Their next stop is Andover Carnival, and they're excited to learn all about the celebrations in our local community.

Harp's cooking sessions have been full of adventure as they've tasted foods inspired by the countries they've been learning about. Everyone has been brilliant at trying new things, and they've discovered some delicious favourites along the way.

In literacy, the pupils have become postcard experts, creating fantastic carnival-themed postcards, showing off their growing confidence in sentence writing and improved handwriting. They have also wowed us by confidently identifying all the key features of a postcard.



During art, where they've been designing colourful collages, pupils have loved exploring different materials, experimenting with textures and colours, and creating unique pieces of artwork full of personality.



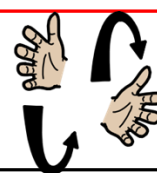
In numeracy, Harp class have been busy becoming money masters! They've been recognising coins and notes, making different amounts, and practising money skills. Next, they'll be putting their learning into action by setting up their very own in-class shop. Pupils will participate in role-playing as customers and cashiers while working out what they can afford and finding the correct coins to pay.



They can't wait to see what the next part of our Carnival Time adventure brings!



SIGNS OF THE WEEK



 Finger spell 'J', 'L' then 'Y'			 Whole hand moves
July	question	who	what
	 Flat hands make two outward circling movements		
when	where	why	how

QE2 ACTIVITY CENTRE

What an amazing four days! Following on from success in previous years, we expanded our QE2 Outdoor and Adventurous Days to four day trips.

Across these days, the pupils got the opportunity to ride and drive a motorboat down the River Hamble, carefully dodging the very expensive yachts and sailboats anchored there. They loved feeling the breeze in their faces, watching the waves splash the boat and (for some pupils) throwing items overboard – shoes, bottles, offsite bags! Our staff perfected their fishing skills.

Zachary loved lying on the floor of the boat and listening to the engine. Whilst Pheobe and Akosua sat on the seats, sun hats on and relaxing as they sailed on down the river. Matthew was mesmerized by the bubbles being produced in the water by the engine.

After a quick stop for lunch, each group completed one or more of the following activities: climbing, archery and zipwire.

The zipwire felt a bit unusual at first, as pupils were hoisted into the air and their feet left dangling, but with reassurance and repetition every pupil who used the zipwire was laughing their head off by the end and, once finished, tried to get more turns. This had to be Archie's favourite bit of the day after remembering it from last year, he led the staff round smiling and giggling all the way. He showed Pheobe and Akosua how it was done.





When staff were deciding who was going first, Jacob M took the choice from them by immediately sitting down in the harness and putting on his helmet. He also wanted more turns after everyone else had had their turn!

The archery was fully inclusive, and pupils were able to use the table bow to carefully place their arrows and, with the pull of a lever, launch the arrow forward to the target. Freddie soon got the hang of this.



The pupils' skills at climbing blew everyone away. They carefully placed their feet on different hand and foot holds to reach the top of the wall. Chloe W, the ninja, was very adept at this, managing to climb to the top several times. Abel also enjoyed scaling the wall high up in a hoist and



pushing himself away using his feet when in the suspended swing. Jojo was a great fan of the swing and was giggling all the time.

The staff at QE2 were incredible, as always, and as a school we want to say a big thank you for enabling this visit to happen. QE2 are running summer activity sessions and we'd thoroughly recommend having a look and taking your child for a visit. See the leaflet below for more information.



SUMMER '26

Activities for SEN children...

**School holidays
Tuesdays,
Wednesdays &
Thursdays
10am-12pm**

**£25 per child with free
accompanying adult**

**qe2
activity
centre**

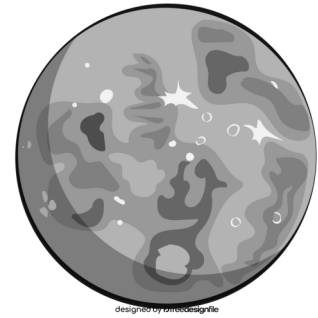
**contact
activities@qe2activitycentre.co.uk
or
02380 404844**

SUMMER FETE

We wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone for the donations made towards our Summer Fete today, whether they be cakes, tombola prizes, raffle prizes or even your time for volunteering to help out. We will let you know how much was raised in next week's newsletter and give a list of the raffle prize winners.

MIGHTY MERCURY HOUSE TRIP

Mighty Mercury House took the short journey to Charlton to enjoy the adventure play park and crazy golf.



The students were an absolute credit to the school, walking beautifully together from the buses to their activities and they then shared those spaces with members of public beautifully too.

It was an absolute delight to see pupils having so much fun on the equipment, in the sand and with the water play. We have some wonderfully creative pupils and some real daredevils too!!



Our golfers worked hard to master their putting and showed excellent skills in sharing equipment, time and space with each other. The weather was just right for ice creams which went down a treat!!



ANOTHER HEATWAVE?!

With the hot weather due to come this way again next week, may we remind parents and carers of the importance of covering your child with **sun cream**. Even when cloudy, the UV index can still remain high, causing sore/burnt skin. Please also send in sun cream with your child if you would like us to top up the coverage—we are happy to do so, even if they're not so keen! Just let us know it is in their bag.



Please ensure sunhats are named. Lighter clothing, if possible, is also recommended, especially for those children who find it difficult to regulate their body temperature due to age or medication.

We will continue to try to keep them as comfortable as possible whilst in school with plenty of fluids.



wetwheels Foundation

Chimes class took to the water with Wetwheels on Wednesday. They had a fantastic time speeding around the Solent on a purpose-built vessel for taking wheelchairs out on the water.

Jack and Phoebe loved it when they opened up the throttle for full speed. It's the second time Phoebe has been out on a boat trip this half term and it looked as though she is becoming used to the lifestyle! Olly smiled and laughed as he felt the movement of the boat.

Delilah, Missy and Abel enjoyed the wind in their face as the boat slowly sped up.

They also had a lovely picnic in the harbour overlooking the boats in the marina.



It was a very exciting but tiring day—the children and staff were completely zonked by the end of it!

HELLO!

We would like to extend a very happy and warm welcome to Ceazer who has joined our Maracas class this week. Ceazer has come from Vigo Primary School and, having spent a while exploring his new surroundings, has settled in well—you'd have thought he'd been here for much longer! Welcome Ceazer, we hope you enjoy your time at Icknield.



We also wish to say “Hello” to Jade Fogarty who joined us recently as an LSA. Jade brings her experience of working at John Hanson Community School assisting students with dyslexia and dyspraxia. Jade has been busying herself getting to know the routine of the main school and the FE Centre and the students enthusiastically welcomed her.



....AND GOODBYE!

We say a sad farewell to one of our students earlier than we wanted to. It was Haoran's last day at Icknield FE Centre today. He was due to leave us at the end of this term, however he will now be spending his the last few days as a Yr14 student in China visiting his relatives. Haoran has been a great joy to have at Icknield and it has been wonderful to watch his confidence grow as he learnt a completely new language and made new friends. We wish him well when he starts his new adventure



SUMMER TERM

JULY

6th	Y14's/leavers—not at FE to aid with transition day
6th	Transition afternoon—whole school
8th	Venus House Trip, Eastleigh Splash Pad & Play
9th	INSET DAY (WHOLE SCHOOL)
13th	Y14's/leavers— not at FE to aid with transition day
13th	Transition afternoon—whole school
14th	Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)
15th	Commonwealth Experience Day
16th	Dream Night at the Hawk Conservancy (6-8.30pm)
17th	INSET DAY (FE ONLY)
17th	Special Celebration Assembly—2.30pm
17th	FE Prom Night
19th	Andover Carnival
22nd	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR



AUTUMN TERM 2026-27

SEPTEMBER

1st	INSET DAY (WHOLE SCHOOL)
2nd	INSET DAY (WHOLE SCHOOL)
3rd	RETURN (WHOLE SCHOOL)



FOOD VOUCHERS

If anyone requires help over the summer holidays regarding food vouchers, please contact **Sharon Portsmouth by Monday, 20th July**. Any requests made after this date will not give Sharon enough time to process your request. Sharon is available Mondays to Thursdays.



MESSAGE FROM ANDOVER FOODBANK

If your family needs extra support during the summer holidays, your school can refer you to Andover Foodbank via Sharon Portsmouth. Visit your local Foodbank Community Hub session with your referral (or simply tell us your name) and we'll provide food, essential items and access to support from Citizens Advice



Andover Foodbank is here to help this summer

If you're finding it difficult to afford food and essential items, Andover Foodbank is here to support you and your family.

Andover Foodbank can help with:

- Food support
- Essential household items
- A friendly welcome
- Advice and support from Citizens Advice



Speak to your school

If you need extra support, your school can create a referral for you.



Come along to your closest Foodbank session

Bring your referral with you, or just tell us your name when you arrive



We'll support you

We'll provide food, essential items and a warm welcome.



Access additional help if needed

Our Citizens Advice team can offer support and advice to help you move forward.



Please check our website before attending, as locations and session times may change as we continue to roll out the hubs. If you are unable to get to our session locations please call the office.



Questions? Call us on 01264 362111

andover.foodbank.org.uk

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SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

The following students have been awarded the Class Star of the Week Award

Chimes	- Jack
Drum	- Sam
Maracas	- Chloe
Tambourine	- Jacob
Triangle	- Akosua
Trumpet	- Arthur
Banjo	- Tiger
Harp	- Finlay
Cello	- Jaycob



The School Superstar of the Week is **AKOSUA!!!**

Akosua is a very kind and considerate child with a lovely mothering instinct—she is quite partial to a quick cuddle with other children. She loves water and immersing herself in bubbles. Akosua likes to cause a bit of fun which brings out the mischievous side of her—her laugh is highly infectious when she is doing this. Akosua is also very inquisitive and has started to make lots of verbal comments concerning pictures on the whiteboard, people's nails and the nature outside.

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CHAMPIONS



Haoran

&

Oscar

