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Multi Academy Trust

Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'
'Porth dhe lyenn'



Mr A Terry
Head of School

Tuesday 23rd July 2019



Hello and welcome to our final newsletter of the year. Firstly, may I apologise for the distinct lack of regular newsletters over the last few months. We have had a number of internet and printing glitches that haven't helped but that shouldn't prevent me from getting the newsletter out to you all so please accept my apologies for this. Going forward, the newsletters will be sent via dojo next year (paper copies will still be available from the reception) and I am sure they will be sent out on a regular basis.

I hope you all enjoyed our two sports days. Both the KS1 and KS2 went off very well and I do hope you all found them an enjoyable experience. If I may say, my team, Northgate, won both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 events so they were even better moments for me.

The Y6 residential to London was again, a huge success last week and we all had a wonderful time. It was a particularly poignant one for me as it was my last ever trip so it was lovely to go out on a high. May I say thank you to the staff who went and to the pupils who all did the school very proud with the way they behaved. This was exactly the same with our Year 5 residential earlier in the year and it really is a pleasure to take our pupils on these kind of trips. Thank you to all staff and pupils.

We are now in the last week of the school year and once again, it has been a pleasure to work with your children each and every day. They have all worked so hard and they can now look forward to a very well earned summer break. I will not be returning on the 5th September but I can definitely say that I will be thinking of them...and almost certainly, missing them as well.

Finally, the newsletter also has a lot of information regarding summer events in and around Launceston so please go along if you wish to take part. They all look fantastic events.

Parking Permits

Your parking permits expire on the last day of term (25th July). If you would like a new one please call into the office for a form.



Please subscribe for newsletter on the front page of the school website to get newsletters automatically e-mailed to you. Black and white copies are also available in the foyer and on the website under 'News'

My Party: A wonderful surprise.

I have just finished a surprise party that the school has put on for me this morning. Can I just say what a wonderful surprise it was and a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to it. It was both beautiful and emotional moment to think that anyone would do this just for me. I am extremely humbled by it and once again, I thank you all very much.

An even further update, I honestly had no idea about the afternoon event that was held for me. It was so wonderful to see so many people who came to see me. It was also so special to have my family with me as well. A massive thank you to everyone who helped to organise this.

Thank you very much Mrs Blake and Mrs Fletcher.

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Blake.

Mrs Fletcher has worked extremely hard in Year 4 and she has been a very positive addition to our school during her time with us. We wish her the very best of luck for the future.

Mrs Blake is also saying goodbye to us as she is going to pastures new. She has been a very committed member of our team and she has worked extremely well the pupils in Years 6, 4 and 1.

We would all like to say a huge 'thank you' to them both and we wish them the very best of luck for the future.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25th July Last day of school

5th September Return to school

Windmill Hill, Year F building.

During my time at the school, we very sadly, lost two members of our school community, both of them at a very early age. Both pupils were such lovely children who had the ability to brighten up anyone's day, either with a bright and happy smile or through the fantastic learning that they produced. I have always wanted to do something so that we would always remember them here at the school and to know they will always be remembered fondly in our community.

Rhys Stevenson and Nicole Lever were pupils in my class and I have very fond memories of them both. Rhys was always a bright and colourful young boy who had a wonderful smile and Nicole was a lovely young girl who was so intelligent and conscientious.

Both are still sadly missed, especially by the older members of staff here at the school.

Therefore, I have asked both families for permission to name our new Year F building after Nicole and Rhys and I am so pleased that they have agreed. The building will have a sign erected on the outside wall facing the playground and it will be called: The Nicole Lever & Rhys Stevenson Foundation Building.

I am hopeful that the sign will go up in time for the last day of the term: Thursday 25th July.

WHA news.

Summer Fayre.

May I say a huge thank you to everyone who came to the summer fayre on Friday. It was such a shame about the weather and I sincerely apologise that we had to 'squeeze' it inside. I know it was not ideal and there was very little room in the corridors but I do hope it did not dampen your afternoon. Overall, you helped us to raise over £500 so it is another huge thank you for that. Thank you once again.



Key Stage 1 News

KS1 Sports Day

On Thursday 4th July, the children in KS1 took part in their annual sports day. The children competed in a range of different events across their year groups. They all tried really hard and we are very proud of all of them for taking part. A huge thank you to the Friends of Windmill Hill for providing the coloured bands for children to wear.



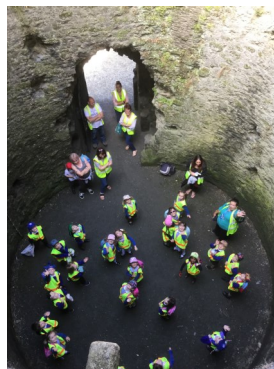
Teddy Bears Picnic

As part of their outdoor learning, Year F visited Lanhydrock for a teddy bears picnic. The children learnt all about how to survive in the outside and the secret of SWAF. They went on a bear hunt to find their teddy bears who had gone on an adventure in the woods. They then had a picnic and were presented with certificates to mark them becoming teddy bear guardians. A huge thank you to all of the parents for supporting the trip and to those who helped on the day. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



Launceston Castle

As part of their topic on castles, Year F visited Launceston Castle. They were able to see first hand the parts of a castle that they had been learning about in class. The children were very brave and climbed to the very top where they could look out for miles! Again a huge thank you to the parents who accompanied the children on the trip, your support is invaluable.



Year 2 parents please note - Universal Infant Free School Meals will end for your child at the end of this term and in September meals for when they are in year 3 will have to be paid for. If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, which will trigger pupil premium funding, please see the separate article in the newsletter and please apply as soon as possible as until the application is approved, we will be unable to provide any free meals in September.

Pupil premium funding

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 automatically get universal free school meals. However, parents and guardians of all children in the school who may qualify (including those in Year R, 1 and 2) are also encouraged to apply for free school meals as this attracts additional 'pupil premium' funding to the school to support learning. Please ensure that you register as this attracts additional money to our school which can have a great impact on the children's learning. If you do not register we do not get the extra funding in school.

If you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an Annual income of less than £16,190.
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- Universal Credit

Please note that anyone claiming Working Tax Credit, Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance is NOT eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed. However, you will be temporarily eligible to claim free school meals if you receive a Working Tax Credit run-on, which is the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

All Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative, regardless of what benefits are being claimed.

If you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed above which would entitle your child to free school meals anyway, your school may be entitled to claim Pupil Premium funding to support your child's education, just by you completing an application form.

When you apply Cornwall Council will check your eligibility for free school meals (or Pupil Premium for KS1 pupils) by checking against those held by HM Revenue and Customs, The Home Office and the Department of Work and Pensions.

Apply for Free School Meals

You can apply for free school meals (or Pupil Premium for KS1 pupils) online:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

Applying online is the quickest way for us to deal with your application. Alternatively you can download an [Application form for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium](#) to apply by post or speak to Mrs Zoffman in the office.

Applications will be processed within three working days of receipt. We will notify you of the outcome in writing of the date your Free School Meals will start. Please note that that we are unable to backdate any claim.

If your application is successful, your child's/children's entitlement will continue until the end of their school life or until you cease to be eligible – whichever is first. There is no longer a need for claims to be renewed annually.

Cornwall Council

2019/20 school term dates for community and voluntary-controlled schools



September 2019						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

October 2019						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue		1	8	15	22	29
Wed		2	9	16	23	30
Thurs		3	10	17	24	31
Fri		4	11	18	25	
Sat		5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27		

November 2019						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		7	14	21	28	
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Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24		

December 2019						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
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Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

January 2020						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

February 2020						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri	7	14	21	28		
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23		

March 2020						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
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April 2020						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
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Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
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Sun	5	12	19	26		

May 2020						
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Thurs		7	14	21	28	
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June 2020						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
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Thurs	4	11	18	25		
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July 2020						
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Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
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Sun	5	12	19	26		

August 2020						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
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Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

School holidays

Bank holidays

- Christmas Day 25 December 2019
- Boxing Day 26 December 2019
- New Year's Day 01 January 2020
- Good Friday 10 April 2020
- Easter Monday 13 April 2020
- Early May Holiday 04 May 2020
- Spring Bank Holiday 25 May 2020
- Summer Bank Holiday 31 August 2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019 (73 days)
 04 September - 20 December
 (Half term 21 - 25 October)

SPRING TERM 2020 (55 days)
 06 January - 27 March
 (Half term 17 - 21 February)

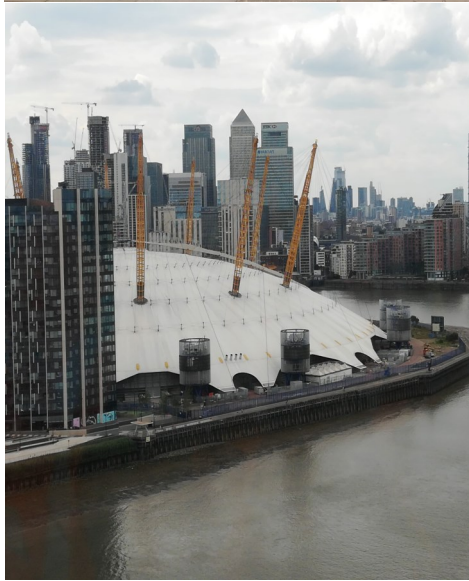
SUMMER TERM 2020 (67 days)
 14 April - 23 July
 (Half term 25 May - 29 May)

Inset days

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The 5 additional days are allotted for In-Service Training.

Key Stage 2 news

Year 6 had a great residential trip to London. Everyone was very well behaved and we all had a fantastic time. Highlights of the week included: The London Eye, Parliament, The Lion King and of course, Legoland



Key Stage 2 News

BEACH TRIP TO WIDEMOUTH

On Friday 28th June, another really glorious hot day, all of Key Stage 2 children enjoyed a trip to the beach. Activities were arranged for part of the day, including sand sculptures, rock pooling, cricket, Frisbee and toe dipping. The RNLI also took time out of their busy schedule to talk to the children about beach safety and show off the vehicles they use in the event of an emergency on the beach.



Key Stage 2 News

KEY STAGE 2 SPORTS DAY

It was a glorious day for the Key Stage 2 Sports day this year. Every class took part in numerous events throughout the morning. The children were supported by a good crowd of onlookers who cheered them on. Successes were achieved in all year groups. Mr Terry and Mr Horn organised the event and co-ordinated races.



This was Mr Terry's last ever sports day at Windmill Hill Academy so it was fitting that the RED team won (Mr T is an avid red supporter and is a member of the red team).

Well Done, KS2!





Friends of Windmill Hill Academy.



This is a Plea For Your Support

A big hello to **ALL** parents and carers of Windmill Hill Academy pupils. Each year as our Year 6 children move on to college we always lose some of our very valued and staunch supporters. As a result of this, and also work commitments, many of our 'team' have moved on, so, in order for the Friends to continue to support the children of our school, we desperately need new people to join us. We are grateful to the new ladies who have already stepped forward to help us but we need **more 'Friends,'** please. You can join the Friends of WHA without having to be a committee member but the more of us that there are the more fundraising events we can hold and the more money we can raise to help provide lovely things for our children. 'Friends' in the past have raised thousands of pounds and provided so many things for school and we are very grateful to them. We hope that we can continue in the same way....so **PLEASE,** come along to our next meeting which will be early in September and let's discuss what we are able to do . Thank you from 'The Friends'.



BOWLING CLUB

Children in KS2 have enjoyed going down to Kensey Vale Bowling Green each week this year to be given expert tuition by Nicky and Jean — two highly talented members of the club — and we hope that **our** bowls club can continue to run next year too as we have several very promising young bowlers. There will be a quick meeting after school on Tuesday 10th September for any parents of children who are interested in keeping the bowls club running, and indeed any parents of new children in KS2 who would like to join.



Mega Mondays:

If you would like any more information on this, please call Rev Folland or pop into the school office.

MEGA MONDAYS

Meet

Eat

Games

Art



Meet at St Mary's Hall, Launceston from 9am until 11.30am

Eat breakfast & make a delicious packed lunch

Followed by **Games & Art** – creative & active play

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th August & 2nd September

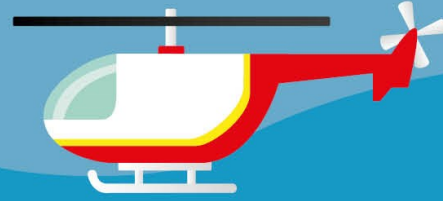
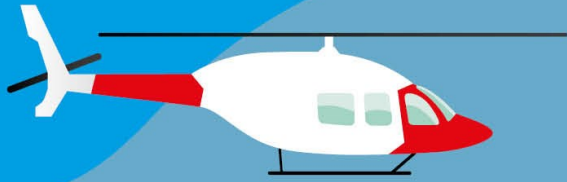
FOR FREE – HOW Mega IS THAT ?



Open to all children (who must be accompanied by an adult)

For more info & to register contact Revd Teresa Folland on 07932 385 995 or email teresa.folland@gmail.com

**FAMILY
FUN DAY**

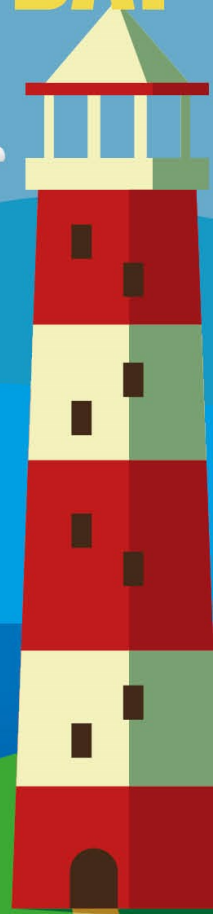


**NCPHEM
PRESENTS**

EMERGENCY SERVICES SHOW

**3 AUGUST
2019
10.00-16.00**

**Bude Rugby Club,
Bencoolen Meadow,
Bude, Cornwall
EX23 8QG**



LIVE DEMO THROUGHOUT
THE DAY WITH DIFFERENT
EMERGENCY SERVICES

**ENTRY IS
FREE**



LIVE MUSIC FROM 8PM TO LATE - £5PP

WE HAVE STALLS, FOOD AND DRINKS, BAR OPEN THROUGH DAY, BOUNCY CASTLE
DOG FRIENDLY

NHS
South Western
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Devon & Cornwall Police
Building safer communities together



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FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE
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In June
your donations helped
Launceston Foodbank
provide
1224 meals
to local people

Thank you for your kindness



STOCK APPEAL

TINNED MEAT

TINNED POTATOES

RICE

PASTA SAUCE

SUGAR

FRUIT JUICE

**We are also appealing for toilet rolls,
toothpaste, deodorant and baby wipes**

Thank you for your donation

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

SPACE CHASE

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

LAUNCESTON LIBRARY LEGO CLUB

at Launceston Show

Thursday 25th July 2019

BLAST OFF INTO DEEPEST SPACE!

Take one small step into our stand (095) and we will explain how you can take a giant leap into the Library to find out more about this years Summer Reading Challenge



20 YEARS **SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE**



 **LAUNCESTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

Join Launceston Library for a trip on the Steam Railway

FRIDAY 2nd August

SUNDAY 1st September

11.00 am



- Meet at Launceston Steam Railway at 10.30 am
- Valid only for the train that leaves at 11am
- You will need to show your library card when paying at the railway

Special Fare with Library card:

£4.50 for adults and children

Under 3's FREE.

SPACE THEMED

Creative clay workshops

With Barbi from Barefoot at Launceston Library

CLAY ALIENS

10am - 12noon

Wednesday

21st August

SPACE SHIPS

10am - 12noon

Wednesday

28th August

Come and create 'Clayliens', Spaceships and more...

Two FREE fun sessions using clay to create something out of this world!

KEEP UP TO DATE AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT LAUNCESTON
LIBRARY BY FOLLOWING THE FACEBOOK PAGE



SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE





The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

SPACE CHASE

Summer Reading Challenge 2019



SPACE THEMED

Junk Modelling
Craft Session

Launceston Library

Saturday 27 July 2019

10am to 12noon

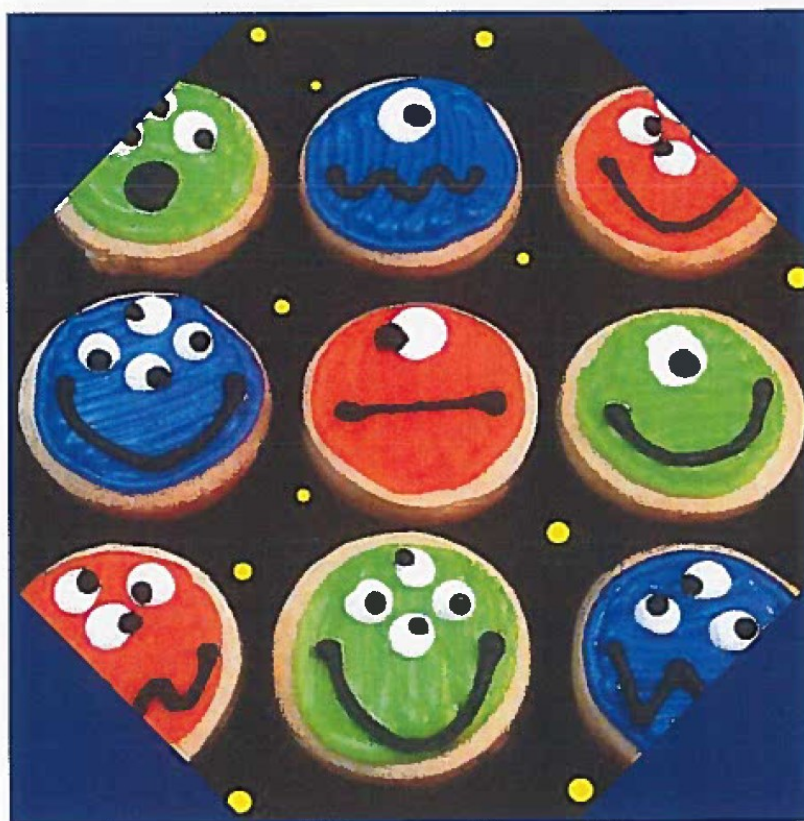
FREE craft session, no need to book,
Make your very own space alien, rocket and more
Keep your mission folder up to date as part of the Summer Reading Challenge!



The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

SPACE CHASE

Summer Reading Challenge 2019



Visit Launceston Library for a fun free session
decorating alien biscuits with Shelly from Tesco

LAUNCESTON LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY 31 JULY
10AM TO 12NOON

TESCO | Launceston

 **LAUNCESTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

Friday 16th August

Roseland
Observatory
visits
Launceston
Library

★ HANDLE REAL
METEORITES

★ LEARN ABOUT
THE NIGHT SKY,
PLANETS AND
STARS!

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

SPACE CHASE

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

FREE FAMILY EVENTS AT LAUNCESTON LIBRARY THIS SUMMER

- Sat 20th July – Space CRAFT DAY, 10.30am – 12.30 pm
- Thurs 25th July – LEGO @ LAUNCESTION SHOW, All Day
- Sat 27th July – JUNK MODELLING – Create aliens and rockets 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
- Wed 31st July – BISCUIT DECORATING supported by Tesco, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
- Fri 2nd Aug – STEAM RAILWAY TRIP* (*discount for library members*) –NB: valid for 11.00 am departure only
- Sat 3rd Aug – LEGO CLUB, 'Space Chase' vehicles, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
- Tues 6th Aug – SPACE ART, create a Star Wars space scene for your Lego models, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
- Fri 16th Aug – ROSELAND OBSERVATORY VISITS THE LIBRARY, 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm (*recommended age 7+*)
- Sat 17h Aug – LEGO CLUB, the Aliens are coming!
- Wed 21st Aug – CREATIVE CLAY WORKSHOP – Clay Aliens, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
- Wed 28th Aug - CREATIVE CLAY WORKSHOP – Space Ships, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
- Sun 1st Sept – STEAM RAILWAY TRIP* (*discount for library members*) –NB: valid for 11.00 am departure only!
- Sat 7th Sept – LEGO CLUB, Star Wars, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
- Sat 14th Sept – SUMMER READING CHALLENGE ENDS - Last chance to claim your medal & certificate!

*NB: There will be a £4.50 charge for this event (under 3's free)

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