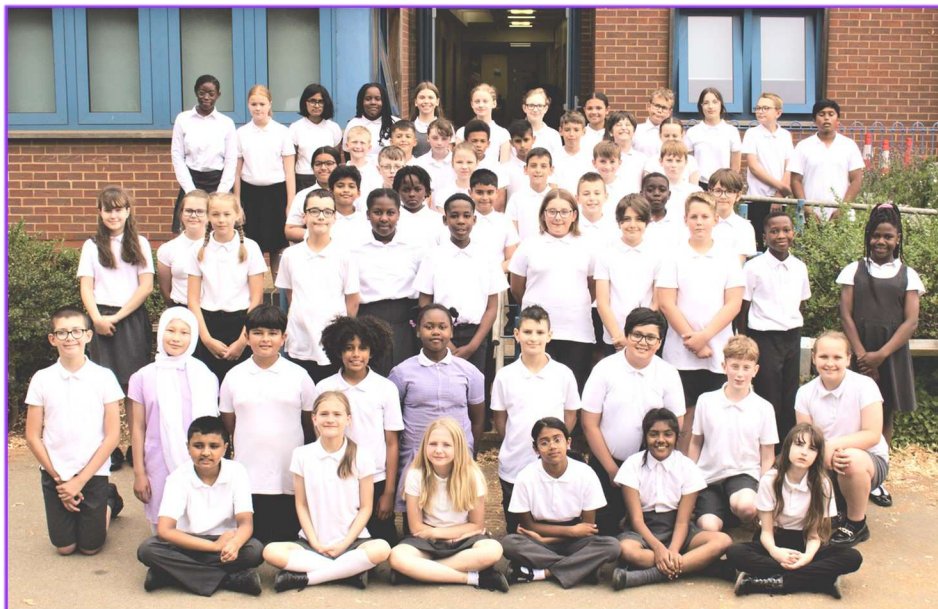




# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Victoria Primary Academy



**We are at the end of another academic year, full of exciting experiences and learning for the children.**

We say farewell to our Year 6 today with a mixture of sadness and excitement as they move on to the next stage of their education.

Best wishes to you all – you have an amazing future ahead of you!

We also say goodbye to some of our team, who are moving on to pastures new, ( see page 10) and 'hello' to new members of staff, who we will introduce to you in September. We look forward to giving them a warm Victoria welcome!

***We are very pleased to let you know that Miss Preston***



***will be temporarily leaving us today to await the arrival of her first baby.***

***We wish her and her partner all the very best with their new baby and their new house.***



Congratulations to **Osborne House** who have won the prize for the most house points this term, with a grand total of **50,618 points**. *See page 10*

As their reward, members of Osborne House chose to have an ice cream van visit them in the playground—and it came today amid much excitement!

***Thank you to all our families for your continued support. I wish you a relaxing and safe family break and look forward to another exciting year at Victoria Primary Academy.***

H. Scargill

Principal



## Diary Dates

**1st and 2nd September**  
**Teacher Training days**

**Monday, 5th September**  
**Return to school**

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



## Why Regular Attendance is so important:

It is widely known that the link between a pupil's attendance and attainment is irrefutable. Early poor attendance habits follow through into secondary school and employment. Any pupil's absence disrupts teaching routines so may affect the learning of others in the same class. Ensuring your child's regular attendance at school (above 96% attendance) is your legal responsibility and permitting absence from school without a good reason creates an offence in law and may result in prosecution.

## Promoting Regular Attendance:

Helping to create a pattern of regular attendance is everybody's responsibility - parents, pupils and all members of school staff.

Whilst any child may be off school because they are ill, sometimes they can be reluctant to attend school. Any problems with regular attendance are best sorted out between the school, the parents and the child.

***If your child is reluctant to attend, please speak to us rather than report your child as unwell and we will work with you to resolve any issues that may be affecting attendance.***

## If your child is absent you must:

- Contact us as soon as possible on the first day of absence to notify us of the reason for your child's absence before 9:30am.
- Contact the school every day of your child's absence. The Attendance Officer may make a call home during the period of absence to seek additional information or clarity if this is required.

### **Understanding Types of Absence:**

Every half-day absence from school has to be classified by the school as either AUTHORISED or UNAUTHORISED. This is why information about the cause of any absence is always required, preferably in writing. Authorised absences are mornings or afternoons away from school for a good reason like illness, medical/dental appointments which unavoidably fall in school time, emergencies or other unavoidable cause.

**Unauthorised absences** are those which the school does not consider reasonable and for which no "leave" has been given. This type of absence can lead to the Local Authority using sanctions and/or legal proceedings. This includes:

- parents/carers keeping children off school unnecessarily
- absences which have never been properly explained
- absences at the start and end of the school term around school holidays
- absences which present a pattern e.g. absences around weekends
- children who arrive at school too late to get a mark
- shopping, looking after other children or birthdays
- social, economic and cultural considerations within the family and community
- day trips and holidays in term time which have not been agreed
- excessive illness without medical evidence

**Exceptional leave** is only granted in extenuating circumstance at the discretion of the Head teacher. Where a leave request is not authorised the absence will be recorded as unauthorised in the register; each day will record two sessions of absence. Schools keep strict records of requests for exceptional leave in term time across all year groups and log the dates and reasons for each request.

### **You can support your child by:**

- Ensuring regular and early bed times
- Helping with homework
- Having uniform and equipment prepared the night before
- Providing a healthy breakfast
- Reporting any academic or social concerns promptly
- Retaining open & honest communication with your child's school
- Being positive about school

**"If any child of compulsory school age who is a registered pupil at a school fails to attend regularly at the school, his/her parent is guilty of an offence."**

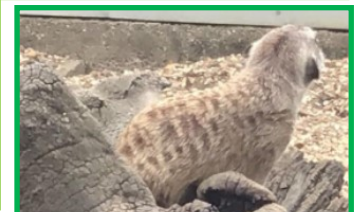
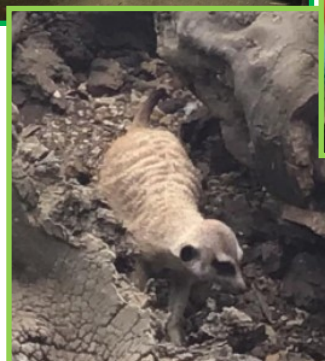
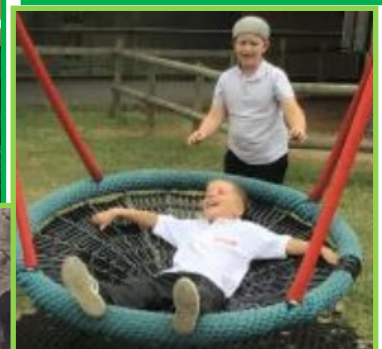
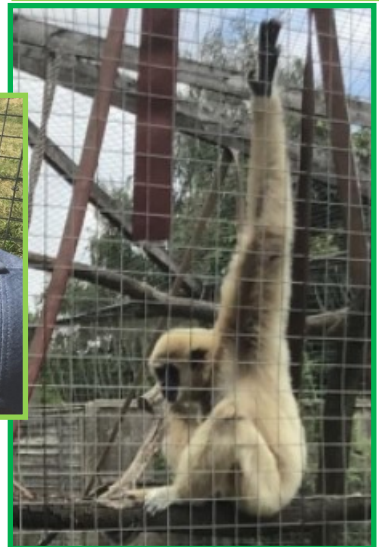
## VICTASTIC CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO. . . . .

<b>Miss Holmes</b>	<b>All of RA</b> for having a fantastic first year at school! Everyone in RA has worked really hard this year, shown the Victoria values and have been a pleasure to teach! All of the children have learnt so much this year from writing their name to writing sentences, recognising numbers to now automatically recalling number facts to 10! I am so proud of all of them and will definitely miss them next year!!
<b>Miss Addison-Bruce</b>	<b>Sophia Dumitru</b> for writing an amazing story independently this week using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. <b>Catalleya Poputa</b> for trying really hard with her writing and phonics. She can independently write sentences now using Fred talk to spell the words.
<b>Mrs Hensman</b>	<b>Jacob Dickins</b> for great work during the time unit in maths. <b>All of 1A</b> for being amazing this year
<b>Miss Gent</b>	<b>Joel Maxwell</b> for his contributions to this week's virtual trip to London, Joel was able to recall to many facts about many landmarks of London in particular Tower Bridge! Well Done Joel. <b>Harry Griggs</b> for his engagement with this week's virtual trip to London, Harry was fully engaged with all the different activities at each London location especially building an impressive Buckingham Palace out of Lego! Well Done Harry!
<b>Mrs Walmsley Mrs Brindle</b>	<b>All of 2A</b> for an amazing year, for always working hard, following our school values and being the best you could be! Thankyou from all the Year 2 adults.
<b>Miss Seabridge</b>	<b>All of 2B</b> for their hard work throughout Year 2. They have persevered through challenges and changes and have shown our Victoria values throughout the year.
<b>Mr Tyson</b>	<b>All of 3A</b> for being a fantastic class and working hard all year.
<b>Mr Mephram</b>	<b>All of 3B</b> for their perseverance, effort and excellence throughout Year 3.
<b>Mrs Embling</b>	<b>To everyone in 4A</b> for being such a fantastic class.
<b>Mrs Slow</b>	<b>All of 4B</b> for trying their best and working really hard all year.
<b>Mrs Bellamy</b>	<b>SA</b> -congratulations on making some excellent progress this year. You are now ready to take on the 5ew, exciting challenges that await you in year 6. I know you will continue to work hard and you all have the potential to be very successful next year.
<b>Miss Smith</b>	<b>The whole of 5B</b> for a fantastic year.
<b>Miss Costanzo</b>	<b>Jeevessh Subburam and Ellie Reynolds</b> for being awesome for the whole of Year 6
<b>Mrs Stevenson</b>	<b>Can Ucer and Julia Plewa</b> for consistently displaying Victoria values throughout Year 6 both at school and home learning. Working hard and always trying their best.



## Year 2—Hamerton Zoo

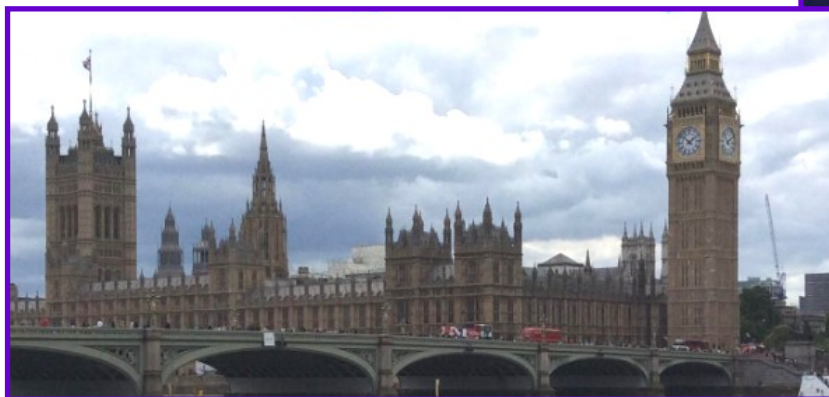
What a great day we all had! The children behaved sensibly and represented our school with so much positivity.





## Year 6—London trip

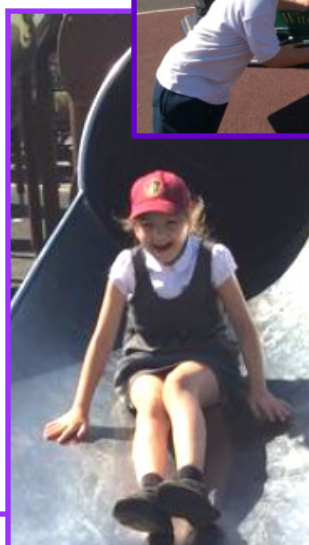
### Natural History Museum and The Aquarium





## Year 5—Wicksteed Park

What a fantastic day we had at Wicksteed Park!! The sun was shining, the children loved the playground, we had a walk around the lake, saw the Meerkats, rode the carousel, went on the train ride and enjoyed an ice cream!



**Handling Anger in the Family Course is available via this link;**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/handling-anger-in-the-family-registration-381021855627>

**Wednesdays 28th September - 19th October 2022**

**Each session runs from 7-9pm**

Places are limited - we have a maximum number of 12 participants per course so we can get to know each other well - so please do book ASAP to secure your place.

\* We do not want anyone to be excluded from attending our events due to cost and bursary places are available with a 50% discount. Please enter the promo code 'bursaryscheme22' when you select your ticket to receive this discount (look for 'Enter promo code' in blue when you add your ticket).

To be eligible for a bursary place, you would need to be in receipt of one or more of these government allowances and you would need to be willing to provide evidence of your receipt of this benefit should this be requested;

- Universal Credit
- Income support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit only (with a family income of less than £16,190)
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance - income related only.

**Otherwise the programme is £12.50**

Handling Anger is a 4 session course produced by the national charity Care for the Family. This course will be run by Hope for Families, a registered charity working to support parents and carers living in Northamptonshire and the surrounding area.

Each session is 2 hours long and we will be running this course online. Throughout the course, our aim is to help you to build strong family relationships and to increase your confidence as a parent or carer. We will talk about you and your child can understand and manage anger in a safe and healthy way.



# Mrs Scargill's GOLDEN BOOK

Extracts of work about the  
Emperor Penguin.

**Tegan McLune, Class 5A**

"What fabulous work,  
Tegan.

Great detail and use of  
language features."

**Mrs Nandi**



6th July 2022.  
Non-Chronological Report

## The Emperor Penguin - Fearless Fighter

Antarctica, which is the loneliest place on earth, has one of the cruellest climates on earth. Most species would perish within a matter of minutes on this continent's icy frozen land, but this frosty wilderness is home to many of the strongest species on earth - the Emperor Penguin.

## The Generation Game

In colonies loafs of penguins waddle deeper into the cold to go to their breeding ground. Here, the penguins will partner up, taking part in a unique courting ritual to bind their bonds for the ruthless months to follow. Moving together in unison, they perform an elegant dance swaying, mirroring, in sync.

## Egg-hausting

This is an important bond therefore once the egg is laid, the mother will leave the father with the egg and wait for the mother to come back with food for the family. After not eating for more than a month, many female penguins must make the tiring journey across the deserted icy land back to the sea to replenish. She won't return until her egg has hatched - two long, concerning months later.

## Mans mission

With no sun in sight, the male Emperor Penguin now faces his greatest task yet. He must make sure the egg doesn't touch the ice, and incubate it, because it's dangerous to drop it.

## Danger

If the egg comes into contact with ice it could die within milliseconds. Exposed, attacked and hounded, the males now collaborate to perform one of the most breath-taking demonstrations of teamwork in nature. They lock themselves into a huddle, to keep warm from the Antarctica's cold harsh storms. Here they will remain until the chicks hatch and the female returns with food some 2 months later.

## Conservation Starvation

Tragically, experts are pondering how long this remarkable life cycle can continue as the risks of global warming makes the

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Wednesday 6th July 2022

## Non-Chronological report

## The Emperor penguin - skilled survivor

Antarctica, which is where the Ice Queen rules, has one of the cruellest climates on Earth. Most species would perish within a matter of minutes on this continent's white blanket but this frosty wilderness is home to one of the most powerful species on Earth - the Emperor Penguin.

## Hard as ice?

You may think of penguins as chubby, comical and cute with their shuffling walk and their slide across the ice. Although, unlike other species, the Emperor Penguin has advanced to become one of the only creatures capable of spending its winter on this white world with no horizon.

## Fascinating fact -

Vitality, this penguin has adapted to survive the harshest conditions: the cold plains, 5 months without food and travelling through harsh snow storms. Critical to its survival is its sharp beak and blubber. With its astounding features - 15 feathers per square cm - the penguins outer layer awesomely traps in body heat and stunningly repels the Arctic's lashing storms (like a toasty puffer jacket).

## Blubberous!

More over, penguins have a thick layer of excess fat, which is called blubber, to help safeguard them from bitter exposure in this perilous world. When the sun shines on the Arctic, the penguins feast on fish, krill and squid to double their body weight, creating a thick layer of blubber beneath their feathers. While playing a crucial part in keeping them warm, this blubber protects them when swimming.

## The Generation game

In groups, 1,000s of penguins migrate south and find shelter below ice cliffs and ice bergs. Here, the penguins will partner up, taking part in a unique courting ritual to fasten their bond for the barbaric months to follow. Moving together in unison, they perform an elegant dance: flapping, arching, mirroring.

## Egg-hausting

This is an important bond because once the egg is laid, the mother will need to leave the father in charge of the precious egg. After losing more than half of her body weight, every female penguin must make the incredible journey back to the sea to replenish. She won't return until the egg has hatched - two long, worrying months later.

**Imogen Pollard,  
Class 5A**

"Excellent detail  
and presentation,  
Imogen.

Lovely use of  
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**Mrs Nandi**



## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK



**Mrs Stevenson,  
Class Teacher, 6A**



**Mrs Bellamy,  
Class Teacher, 5A**



**Miss Smith,  
Class Teacher, 5B**



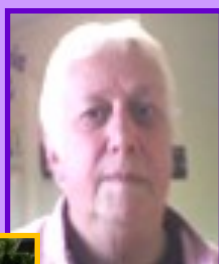
**Mr Tyson,  
Class Teacher, 3A**



**Miss Addison-Bruce,  
Class Teacher, RB**

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to a number of staff this term, but we are very pleased and excited for them as they move on to new challenges.

We send our best wishes for your future as they move on to positions and pastures new.



*We bid a sad farewell to Mrs Danials, who is retiring today. Mrs Danials has been a much loved member of our lunch time team for 6 years and the staff and children will miss her very much. Take care and enjoy your well deserved retirement.*

**WELL DONE  
Osborne House!**







# Market Square

**1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>  
August '22**  
**11am – 4pm**

Visit our website or  
Facebook page for the  
calendar or activities

 @WellingboroughTC



The Beach is coming to Wellingborough! Join us every day throughout August on the Market Square for a fun day at the beach. Follow us to keep up to date with what's happening and dates for entertainment. The event is FREE and is open 11am - 4pm daily. There will be stalls and attractions throughout the month which will cost a small fee if you wish to partake. Please note that The Beach is an unsupervised attraction and is used at your own risk. Wellingborough Town Council will not be responsible for any accident or injury caused.

## KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022

### MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

### ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

### DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

**YO!** Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

### HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

### IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

### BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

### DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

### CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

### MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.





**NORTHAMPTON TOWN F.C. COMMUNITY**

**Day 1-3 Euro's Themed Holiday Course:**  
Skill Based Activities, Specialist Training & Afternoon Matches

**Day 4 Euro's Tournament Day:**  
All players attending the week will be given a team to compete for the cup!

## Girls Euro's Holiday Course

Monday 25th to Thursday 28th July  
For girls aged 7-13 years old



@ Harpole FC (Larkhall Lane)  
NN7 4DP

9.30am-3.30pm each day  
£22 a day or £77 for 4 days (Full Week)

Book Now  
<https://www.ntfccommunity.co.uk/bookings>

**NORTHAMPTON TOWN F.C. COMMUNITY**

## GIRLS HOLIDAY COURSE

This Summer we are running a  
Girls Only Holiday Courses

For Ages 7-13

WED 10th/17th/24th AUGUST

FRI 12th/19th/26th AUGUST

Abbeyfield School (GOALS) Mereway,  
N'pton, NN4 8BT

9:00am until 3:30pm

**For Just £22**

To Sign Up Visit -> [www.ntfccommunity.co.uk/bookings](http://www.ntfccommunity.co.uk/bookings)



## BIKEABILITY



*Some of our year 5 children out on their bikes, learning to ride safely on the road.*

**Bikeability** is the government's national cycle training programme. It helps you learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads. It gives everyone the confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life.

## THIS WEEK'S SPORTING CHAMPIONS

<b>RA</b>	<b>All of RA</b> for always being amazing in our PE lessons by working together showing teamwork and cooperation.
<b>RB</b>	<b>Frieda Watson</b> for being confident and persevering on the trim trail.
<b>1A</b>	<b>Charlie Stovold</b> for showing great perseverance and determination during the daily mile.
<b>1B</b>	<p><b>James Telford</b> for his perseverance in PE sessions especially the during the daily mile, James tries his best to his score each time! Well Done James.</p> <p><b>Dylan Clark</b> for demonstrating many Victoria Values in PE this week improving his accuracy when throwing a ball into a still and moving target. Well Done Dylan ☺</p>
<b>2A</b>	<b>To all of 2A</b> for dedication to sports over the year. You have progressed so much in coordination and agility. Your effort in the Hatton Fun run shone through. Keep it up in Year 3!
<b>2B</b>	<b>All of 2B</b> for their excellent determination at the Hatton Fun Run!
<b>3A</b>	<b>All of 3A</b> for their perseverance, determination and sportsmanship when completing the Hatton Fun Run.
<b>3B</b>	<b>All of 3B</b> for their team work, resilience and achievements during PE.
<b>4A</b>	<b>Tristan Mierins</b> for trying his best and showing perseverance
<b>4B</b>	<b>All of 4B</b> for their perseverance during the fun run.
<b>5A</b>	<b>All of 5A</b> — I love taking 5A out for PE as you have a great attitude and enthusiasm for all sports. You are all skilful but some of you are very talented and could go far with dedication and determination.
<b>5B</b>	<b>Adam Peach</b> for great effort in our races.
<b>6A</b>	<b>Sarah Khan</b> – for always being fantastic in PE lessons
<b>6B</b>	<b>William Timpson</b> for another successful fun run.