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Ten reasons why we will miss Mr Bryant!

After many happy years at our school, our headteacher Mr Bryant will be leaving at the end of the summer term.

Although we are excited for his new adventure, we are also very sad to say goodbye.

He has helped, encouraged and inspired so many children and staff, making our school a fun, safe and welcoming place to learn.

In this special article, all of Pupil Press have come together to create our **10 top reasons** why we will miss him and the difference he has made to our school.

1.He believed in us and encouraged us to do our best.

2. He is kind to everyone and never made anyone mad!

3. He has changed and positively contributed to thousands of kids lives.

4. He celebrated our achievements. From certificates to sporting successes, he always made us feel proud of what we had accomplished

5. He makes us laugh.

6. He supports the best football team ever!

7. He makes the school somewhere I want to learn.

8. He makes the school a fun place to be.

9. His assemblies are interesting as well as educational.

10.He always knew everyone's name. It made us feel special and important whenever he smiled and said hello.

Thank you for everything you have done - from Pupil Press!

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Letter from the editor

by Mrs Burdett

As we reach the end of another school year, it's hard to believe just how much has happened during the summer term!

It has certainly been one of our busiest terms yet. Our Year 6 pupils worked incredibly hard during their SATs, showing determination, resilience and a positive attitude throughout. We also enjoyed an exciting and hot Sports Day, where everyone gave their best effort and showed fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship.

The Year 6 play was another highlight of the term. The cast and crew put on a brilliant performance and entertained us all with their confidence, talent and hard work. We have also had Transition Day, giving everyone the opportunity to meet their new teachers and prepare for the next stage of their school journey.

As this school year comes to a close, we will also be saying goodbye to our headteacher, Mr Bryant. We would like to thank him for everything he has done for our school community and wish him all the very best for the future.

On behalf of everyone at *Pupil Press*, thank you for reading our newspaper this year. We hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing summer holiday and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

We are already looking forward to September, when *Pupil Press* will return with a new team of enthusiastic journalists, ready to bring you all the latest school news and stories. Have a fantastic summer, and see you next term!

Sun Safety

by Marnie

As the weather gets warmer, it is important we are all staying safe in the sun.

You can stay safe in the sun at school by following the **SunSmart** rules:

- Wear loose comfortable clothes such as summer dresses or shorts and school t-shirt.
- Apply SPF 30+ sunscreen before school and reapply at lunch.
- Wear a hat and sunglasses at playtime and lunchtime.
- Drink plenty of water and have a good sized bottle for school (big drink but not too big).
- Stay in the shade when its too hot.

Bikeability

by Freya

In March, some of the Year 5 children took part in a Bikeability workshop. Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. It helps you learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's road.

It gives everyone the confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life. It especially important for Year 5s to learn before they go to secondary school.

In order to take part, each child needed the following items:

- A correct sized bike that you are able to ride one handed
- Helmet
- Suitable clothes
- Coat
- Gloves
- Bike Lock

Each workshop included 12 children and lasted a day and a half. On the first day we learnt about road safety and how to stay safe on the road. Then, we went out on to the playground and showed the instructors that we could ride safely. The following day, we took our bikes out on to the road to show off our new skills. It was lots of fun.

Summer Craft

By Lottie & Lily

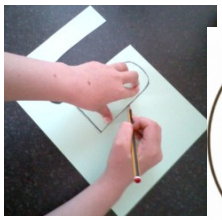
<u>You will need:</u>

- Card (colour of your choice)
- Art straws or lolly sticks
- Felt tips or pencils
- Scissors

<u>How to make:</u>

1. Choose a card colour and cut an ice lolly shape like this:

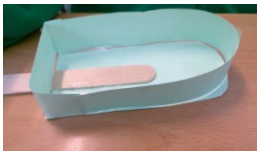
2. Now cut out the shape and use it as a stencil to create another cut out the same:



3. Next cut out the other shape:

4. Use a ruler to measure a straight line about 26.5 cm and then stick it to the side like this:

5. Now add a lolly stick to the bottom before you cover up the bottom like this:



6. Now add your other shape to the other side of your lolly like this:

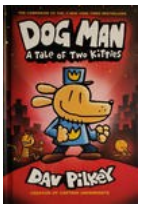
7. If you want to add decoration you can add a funny face and draw on some sauce of sprinkles like this:

Sienna's Top Five Books

by Sienna

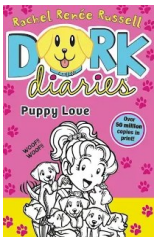
If you're not sure what to read. Here are my five favourite books. I have enjoyed reading them and I hope you do too!

1. Dog Man
A tale of two kitties



Rating: 10/10

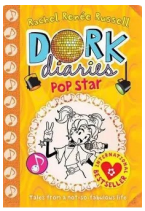
Reason: It's very funny and it's a fast book to read because it's more like a comic.



2. Dork Diaries
Puppy Love

Rating: 9.8/10

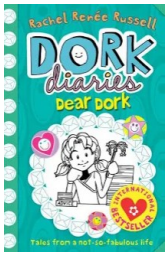
Reason: It's a very fun and thrilling.



3. Dork Diaries
Pop Star

Rating: 9.5/10

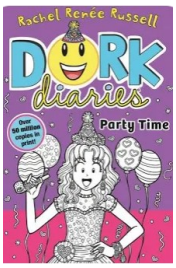
Reason: It's a very good book and shows you the good and bad things that goes on in her life (Nikki).



4. Dork Diaries
Dear Dork

Rating: 8.5/10

Reason: Nikki's life goes up and down and it's very cool to see the ways that her life strides and falls but gets back up.



5. Dork Diaries
Party Time

Rate:6.5/10

Reason: It's nice and entertaining.

Fun things to do this summer

by Giulia

Summer is the perfect time to get outside, soak up the sunshine, and make the most of longer, warmer days. Whether you enjoy relaxing or staying active, there are plenty of ways to turn the season into something memorable.

Here's a list of fun summer activities you could try this year:

Outdoor & Adventure Activities

- Go on a scenic hike, explore a nature reserve, or try a new walking trail.
- Plan a camping trip.
- Take a road trip to discover nearby towns or countryside spots.

Active Fun

- Ride your bike through local paths or countryside routes.
- Organise a family sports day with games like football, cricket, or frisbee.
- Try outdoor yoga or fitness sessions in a park.

Water Activities

- Visit the beach for swimming, sunbathing, or beach games.
- Try kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding, or even wild swimming if it's safe.

Nature Exploration

- Visit gardens or nature parks to see seasonal blooms.
- Go birdwatching or take a guided nature walk.
- Spend an evening watching the sunset or a morning catching the sunrise.

Unique Experiences

- Go fruit picking at a local farm.
- Visit a petting zoo or wildlife park.
- Try horseback riding or even a countryside carriage ride.

Cricket

By Lottie & Lily

Cricket is a great game! Read below to find out some more interesting information about cricket!

Batting
Equipment: pads, gloves, bat, helmet, thigh guard (optional), cricket studs (trainers are okay).
Advise: If you have hair that dangles in your face, have a head band in your bag so you can put it on so you can see the ball.

Bowling
Equipment: Cricket studs (trainers are okay).

Wicket keeping
Equipment: Wicket keeping pads (batting pads are okay), wicket keeping gloves, (thin gloves underneath and larger gloves on the top), a helmet.

Fielding
Equipment: Cricket studs (trainers are okay), hat, sunglasses and sun cream.

The running of cricket
At the start of the game - this is called the first innings- one team will bat, they will decide this by doing a toss, this will happen by the opposition team flipping a coin, the opposing team will call heads or tails whatever the coin lands on that team will choose whether they bat or bowl first.

The first innings will start when the umpire yells PLAY! Normally, in adult cricket 11 players will be on each team. In youth cricket the number decreases.

After the last pair has batted, the umpire will yell innings. The teams will go off for a drink break and a team talk. After the teams have had a talk and a drink, the teams will come back on, with the batters who batted first are now the fielding team, and the fielding team who were fielding first are now batting.

The innings will start when the umpire shouts innings. After all the batters have batted the umpire yells innings. The teams will shake hands and the captain from each team will do the three cheers. This will be done by the captain shouting three cheers for……. whoever you are playing. The other team will do the same and then there are normally teas and refreshments from the home team.

5 fun facts you need to know to play cricket:

1. 'How's that!' is a term to convince the umpire it is a wicket.

2. A six is where the batter hits the ball over the boundary line without the ball bouncing, a four is where the ball bounces before the boundary line, but it bounces.

3. When you bowl you can not put your foot over the crease line, otherwise it will count as a no bowl.

4. A wide bowl is where it is too wide for the batter to hit.

5. There are multiple different ways to bowl in cricket!

We love playing cricket and we think you will too. Why don't you give it a go and see what you think?

The Secret Forest
by Paddy

<u>Part Three</u>
Billy couldn't sleep that night. He kept thinking about what had happened. How he nearly got **killed**…how he gained **superpowers**. At school, he was more tired than ever.

At breaktime, he told his friends…oh yeah, he was scared of **FRIENDS**. At lunchtime, he told his… didn't I say he was scared of friends? At home time, he a- OK, I need to read this through.

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At 6.00pm, he told his fr- ***"OK THAT'S ENOUGH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I'M DONE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I'M LEAVING, I'M DONE!!*** *OK, I'll keep reading. Billy was crying. "Baby-"* ***"SHUSH!!!!!*** *Anywa-" "WAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" "Baby," I muttered over the crying. Anyhoo, his parents started crying too. "Wow, it's a house full of ba-"* ***"SHUSH, WILL YOU!!?!?!?!??!?!?!??!?!?!??!?!?!"*** *"WAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" Am I reading to a bunch of babies?*

Anyhoo, ***AGAIN****, "That was my brother!" cried Dad. "That was my brother-in-law!" cried Mum. "Wait, did I just* ***KILL MY UNCLE?****" He could imagine a fourth headline:* ***TURNS OUT 10 YEAR OLD BOY JUST KILLED HIS UNCLE!*** *He was in danger! He had to hide.*

<u>Part Four</u>
It was Hide 'n' Seek, but with Billy running breathlessly from his home. Around Billy's front door, were seventeen police cars, with thirty-six policemen, fifteen policewomen (Is that even a word?), one police guard in each car and three journalists (in each car) In short: one hundred and nineteen people are at his front door. Billy had somehow managed to escape, using the power of **FEAR!**

Actually, he went through the back door like 99.9% of people can do. "Ya mean a 100 perce-" I looked at them with a stern face. "Oops. Sorry." I looked back. Billy hid behind a shrub. Then he hid behind a tree. And then, he hid behind a log. A random singer popped up. "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, even though the sound of it is something quite atrocious, if you say it loud enough you'll always sound precocious, supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!" Billy ignored them. He was scared of singers (Ed Sheeran in particular).

So now, **120 people are at his front door**. But then, his mum, his dad, his 39 brothers and sisters, his 10 aunties and uncles and his 8 grandmothers and grandfathers came. So now, **ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE PEOPLE ARE AT HIS FRONT DOOR!!!** Billy had enough. So he hid under a shrub.

FIVE HOURS LATER…….
It's 2.00am, and Billy is safe. But Hide 'n' Seek isn't over. So he kept waiting……
ANOTHER FIVE HOURS LATER……………….
It's 7.00am, and Billy should get ready for school, but how can he if **179 people** are at his front door (they're even sleeping!)? He tiptoed across the front garden. But it was a **PAIN** because he was **scared of *sound***. *But then, he remembered something. That was also a* ***PAIN*** *because he's scared of memory, remember?*
BUT HE FORGOT HE HAD A 40th SIBLING………………

World Book Day
by Freya

On Thursday 5th March we celebrated World Book Day. This year we did a lot of fun activities!

This year we did:

- There was a cool castle in the library full of books.
- We went into other classes and read with them (we went to Year 2).
- A Book cover competition. (We loved your wonderful book cover designs!)
- In our class, we designed a dragon as we had been reading how to train your dragon.

Year 5 Rugby Festival
by Marnie

On Monday 9th March, I had a chance to go to the Year 5 rugby festival at Robert Blake School.

It was fun!

After Christmas, Year 5 had some rugby sessions from an England coach. So the rugby festival was a good opportunity to show off what we had learnt.

We played lots of fun warm up games and then tag rugby which included touch tackling and tackle triangles.

Aspire
by Giulia

What does aspire mean ?
To **aspire** means to have a strong desire, hope, or ambition to achieve something great or reach a specific goal.

In school, aspire means:

- We challenge ourselves, even when things feel hard, and we don't give up.
- We take pride in our work and try to improve it.
- We listen to feedback and use it to get better.
- We share our ideas, ask questions, and help others.
- We believe we can achieve our goals and be successful in the future.

Science Fair
By Esme & Iyla

On the 21st April 2026, we all went to the science fair.

There were lots of fun exciting projects, such as bubbles made from a sock and washing up liquid, erupting volcanoes, slime, elephant toothpaste and much more. Thank you to everyone who took part!

Well done to the following winners:

Best scientific knowledge and explanation: Evelyn for her refraction of light experiment.

Best presented materials and resources: Marley, Lottie and Stephen for their elephant poo experiment.

Most unique idea: Marnie for her vortex experiment.

Most innovative: Teddy , Freddy and Louie for their burglar alarm design.

Well done all of you! We are very impressed, you should be proud of yourself.

SATs Week
by Emma

This year's SATs week was a bit stressful for Year 6's but it wasn't as much as a lot of people imagined. Some of the children Year 6, felt really special during this week.

There are a few tests which include the subjects: Maths, spellings, SPAG and reading comprehension. The breakfast was good too.

I wish next years Year 6's lots of luck with their SATs next year!

Playground equipment
by Emily

This term, Mr Birch has given us some brand new equipment to play with. But it is breaking because people aren't looking after it properly. It is really important that we look after the new equipment and scrap store properly as it costs a lot of money and needs to last so we can all enjoy it.

Here are 5 top tips on how to make sure you are playing with the equipment and scrap properly so it lasts.

- Don't kick the basketballs they're for killer only.
- Put the stuff you play with away in the right place when you have finished playing with it.
- Use the scrap properly and appropriately.
- Tell an adult if you accidentally break something.
- Scrap on scrap not scrap on people.

Fact of the issue
by Sienna

Every issue we will be blowing your mind with interesting facts. This issues fact of the issue is:

One million Earths could fit inside the Sun!!!!!

Lunchtime Sport
by Vinny

<u>Football</u>

Monday: Year 6 12:30-12:55
Tuesday: Year 3 13:00-13:25
Wednesday: No football
Thursday: Year 4 13:00-13:25
Friday: Year 5 12:30-12:55

Trainers MUST be worn for lunchtime football.

<u>4 square timetable</u>

Monday: Year 4
Tuesday: Year 6
Wednesday: No 4 square
Thursday: Year 5
Friday: Year

Puzzles
by Esme

HEBCA

SNU

DANS

TUEBKC

DEPAS

MSNIMIWG

IEACCMER

Solve the anagrams to reveal the letters for the final message. Each word is to do with summer holidays.

Solve the anagrams in the top part of the puzzle.

Use the circled letters from the words in the top part to complete the final word or phrase at the bottom.

Each circled letter is used just once.

Jokes
by Robert

What did the nose say to the finger?

Stop picking on me!

Why did the car take a nap?

It was tired!

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Boo!

Boo who?

Don't cry it's just a joke

Why are elevator jokes so good?

Because they work on different levels

A Day in a Life of Mr Buckley

by Lottie & Esme

We have lots of different adults in school, with lots of different roles. In this interview, we will find out just what Mr Buckley does around school everyday. So, buckle your seatbelts and come with us on his journey as a caretaker at Somerset Bridge Primary School!

Interview

Q: How hard do you find your job?
A: Every day is a different day and brings different challenges and issues. When I started this job I knew a little but now being 18 months into the job I know a little bit more. My job is very unpredictable and keeps me on my toes. My job can be very difficult sometimes but I love it.

Q: What jobs do you do on a daily basis?
A: I have a daily weekly, monthly and yearly checklist. But mainly I have to open the school and gate, take deliveries, inspect the school and fix broken things.

Q: How do you handle your emotions when you get a job wrong or it breaks?
A: I know that I don't know everything and every day I am reminded of that. Part of the reason I took this role was so I could be out of my comfort zone and learn as many new skills as possible. Thankfully, with a role like this and a school as big as ours, I get to learn and experience success and failure everyday! I think the only way to get better is to sometimes get it wrong.

Q: Do you find it difficult with your mum working in the same building as you?
A: Nope. In school we're colleagues, out of school we're family. Sometimes it's nice to catch her for a chat and catch up.

Q: What is your favourite thing about your job?
A: Working alone, freedom to try new things and working closely with the business team and headteacher.

Q: What is the worst thing about your job?
A: Tricky. At the moment, because it's trending - vomit clean ups!

Q: How long have you been working here?
A: In total 5.5 years. I was here originally from 2013-2016. Then I came back in 2023. I have been in this role since 2024.

Q: How many jobs have you had here?
A: Two. I've interviewed for three (two were the same role).

Day in a life

Okay, here goes. My alarm goes off everyday at 5:45am. I am up and ready to leave my house for 6:45am. I usually get into school at 7:00am where I open up the gates, take deliveries and carry out my site sweep.

I prep the hall for assemblies. This usually includes a sweep and floor buff before setting out the chairs.

I then begin my daily checks. This part is repetitive but very important. I am checking different things around the school and making a note in a special folder.

At 08:45, I join Mr Bryant at the front gate, where we greet all the children and parents.

From here, I usually continue my daily checks followed by any ongoing projects. Every Thursday morning is our fire alarm testing. This usually happens at 07:30.

I then usually reply to emails, respond to call outs from staff and fix anything that has been broken or damaged.

On Wednesdays, I help the litter police collect litter and at 15:00 I find myself back on the gate waving off all children and parents with Mr Bryant again.

From 15:30 - 16:00, I catch up with our amazing cleaning team and pass on any important information.

At 16:00, I sign out from school, lock my office and play my Pink Floyd CD in my car ready to drive home.

House Point Update

At the end of the Spring term, Penguins were way in the lead. As the summer term comes to a close. Our current house point totals are as follows —

Lions: 5687
Penguins: 5784
Kangaroos: 5551
Dolphins: 5642

With points from Sports Day and the Talent Show finals still to come, there is still everything to play for. Best of luck to all the houses as the competition reaches its thrilling finale. We look forward to finding out this year's winners, and hope everyone enjoys the celebrations on Monday!

Dates for the diary

It is nearly the end of the school year. Our last day at school is Tuesday 21st July 2026.

Here, are some useful dates for September.

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September - Inset Days.

Monday 7th September - Back to school.

Lex's Top Five Ice Cream Flavours

5. Vanilla is sometimes plain and boring.

4. Chocolate is another plain ice cream but people don't always agree.

3. Strawberry is third because it is so nice but not the best.

2. Bubble-gum is so nice and I am sure everyone loves it.

1. Cookie Dough is first because it is so sweet and I love it!

Summer Fair
by Lottie & Esme

On Friday the 19th of June, Somerset Bridge Primary School celebrated the summer by holding the Summer fair. It was all run by our wonderful PTA. They helped out preparing and setting up the whole day to make the summer fair excellent for us all to enjoy.

There were so many stalls and games to play and choose from. Over all our favourite stalls were, Poo in the Loo, Splat the Nat and Pig Racing.

Well done to everyone who contributed in making the fair so fun and to everyone who helped out.

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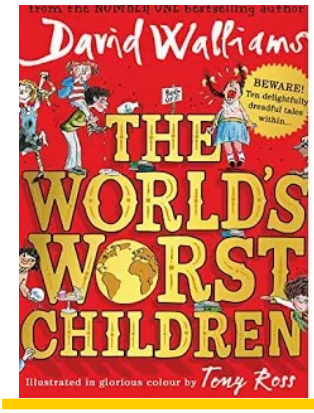

World's Worst Children Book Review by Paddy

The World's Worst Children is a Number 1 Bestselling Book by David Walliams.

Meet five ghastly girls and five badder than bad boys. With 268 fun-filled pages, these kids are nothing more than bad!

It features a delightfully dreadful cast of beastly boys and gruesome girls with gross habits or terrible attitudes, such as Sofia Sofa (who turns into a sofa), Dribbling Drew (a champion drooler), and Blubbering Bertha (a big sister who tells terrible tales).

I recommend you read the World's Worst Children (5.3 on AR) and the rest of the series (The second book is 4.7 on AR and the third is 4.5) and read the others too!

Quiet Corner By Leilah

There is some paper, pens and pencils. If you find a cloth in the Quiet Corner, can you please wet it so you can rub out the chalk on the board. There are games there to play with your friends if you get bored and have nothing to do. PLEASE DONT RUN IN THE QUITE CORNER! Please, no fighting, no shouting. It is called a quiet corner for a reason!

Word of the issue
by Esme

supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Meaning extraordinarily good/wonderful can be used to express extreme delight or to describe something fantastic.

Example

"The concert last night was absolutely **supercalifragilisticexpialidocious**!"

New School Year

At the end of the year, sometimes teachers change classes and year groups.

For your information, this is who is teaching each year group.

Mrs Argrave & Miss Lockwood—Year 6

Mrs Burdett & Mrs Stone / Mrs Winchester —Year 5

Mrs Palmer & Mrs Wilson —Year 4

Mrs Gatford & Miss Strode—Year 3

Mrs Bell / Mrs Smith & Mrs Souto / Mrs Ferguson—Year 2

Mr Eva & Miss Anderson—Year 1

Mrs Tweedie & Mrs Elkington-Reception