News and updates from Rainforest, River, Desert and Seashore Rooms – June and July 2026

Desert, Seashore Mountain Room, River and Rainforest Room

Football – The World Cup

With the World Cup season in full swing, children have thrown themselves into football play. Whether practising their passing, cheering for their favourite teams, or proudly wearing their football shirts, the energy has been infectious. Many have been eager to talk about their favourite teams and who they support. It's been wonderful to see families' traditions shine.









River Room - Sensory Learning

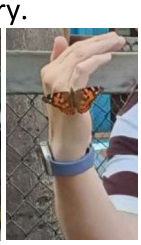
Children have been thriving in our wonderful nurture classroom where they can access lots of investigative sensory play, do sensory circuits, learn interactive sensory songs and also go to the Sensory Room as part of their learning routine.

Our Core Books – 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'

Across nursery, children have been learning about the butterfly life cycle. They watched how tiny caterpillars grew bigger each day eventually spinning cocoons which then emerged as beautiful butterflies with their colourful patterned wings. They also learnt that the butterflies needed time for their wings to dry before they could fly. Plenty of refreshing fruit was provided for them especially since the weather has been so hot. Releasing the butterflies into the garden was a real highlight for us. A few butterflies kept fluttering back and landing gently on our hands and clothing, which caused lots of giggles as well as prompting further discussion. Families also shared photographs and even film clips of butterflies being released in their gardens, which was lovely for the children to see and talk about together. The children at nursery sang our core song 'There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf' as they waved the butterflies off. They enjoyed creating butterfly collages using sticking materials, exploring colour, pattern and symmetry. We all read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' together, tasting fruits from the story, counting the foods the caterpillar ate, and spotting butterflies outdoors. It has been a wonderful blend of storytelling, science, creativity, and shared experiences across home and nursery.












Summer Learning – Looking after our Environment

Children have continued to plant and water runner beans all through the summer term, helping to create gorgeous green spaces indoors and outside. Through hands-on gardening, reading information books and revisiting core stories such as 'Jack and the Beanstalk' the children have deepened their understanding of what plants need to thrive. They confidently described the planting process, adding soil, placing the bean inside and watering it and talked about how sunlight, water and strong roots help the beanstalk grows. They did some leaf rubbings to further their investigations of plants. They've been fascinated by the hive of activity from mini-beasts especially since they collectively built mini-bug hotels by collecting twigs, bark, leaves, sticks and stones. Children have been really thoughtful thinking of ways to care for the planet and protect living things in our environment. They took turns to fill up watering cans from the water butt, remembering to turn off taps to conserve water in order to water plants, shrubs and trees in the garden. Given our recent summer heatwave, it's hard to remember that there were a few rainy days however children used the opportunity to collect rainwater to water plants.
















Children have playing outdoors in the sunnier weather. We've been focusing on keeping everyone safe, comfortable, and happily engaged during the hot weather. Across the setting, children have been practising putting on their sun cream, finding shady spots to rest, learning indoors. We've talked about how to look after themselves when the sun is strong. They've loved cooling down with water play by splashing and pouring. We've been drinking lots of water to keep hydrated. Our story focus has been 'Mr Gumpy's Outing', which inspired conversations about floating and sinking. 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' features a man who owns a boat. This prompted interesting conversations on our favourite forms of transport. Some children talked about enjoying views when upstairs on the double decker buses. Other children talked about walking to school and how it helped them get fit. Many children pointed out their scooters and bikes in the scooter shed. They told us that although they ride fast they it was important to stop before crossing roads. One child told us how their dad had learnt to be a train driver. This led children to set about building rail tracks with tunnels and looking at maps as part of imaginative role-play. We also celebrated Windrush and looked at photos of the Windrush Ship.








Community Evening and Leavers' Party

The Kintore Way Team would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our families especially our leavers who are moving on to Reception Class in their new Primary Schools. We really enjoyed seeing everyone at our recent Community Evening where a fantastic amount of £465 was raised which will go towards our school fund to enrich the children's learning environment. We are truly grateful to all our families and It certainly was amazing to see the wonderful atmosphere created by all. Our Leavers' Singalongs were also special occasions where we all got a chance to celebrate some of the fantastic learning through singing our favourite songs together including those that we learnt for Windrush. Thank you once again for your generous contributions over the year and feedback which has supported an incredible environment for the children.

Summer of 2026



Arbor and Parent Mail

Please make sure we have your updated contact details including emails, telephone numbers and addresses. Communication to families is regularly sent through Parent Mail.

Dates for your diary

End of Summer Term
Friday 17th July

1st Day Back to School Autumn Term
Monday 7th of September

Inset Days (No school)
Fri 4th Sept and Fri 28th Sept

Half Term

Mon 26th Oct – Fri 30st Oct

Toilet Training

Do have a look at our website for some useful information on toilet training.

You can find resources, tips and videos to help with toilet training.

It also has links to the ERIC website (the national charity dedicated to improving children's bowel and bladder health).

https://kintoreway.com/all-aboard-the-toilet-train/

https://eric.org.uk/

Everyone at Kintore Way wishes you a Happy Summer Holiday!

