

14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Headteacher's Summer Writing Challenge 2025**

As we approach the summer break, I'm delighted to share a special opportunity for all our children – and perhaps even some of our parents too!

I've prepared a Summer Writing Challenge for pupils to enjoy over the holidays, starting from Monday 21st July. There is a short writing task for each day of the break, and every child will receive an exercise book to complete their writing in. They can decorate their book, add drawings and illustrations, and truly make it their own.

Parents – feel free to join in too! Writing is a skill that can often get left behind, even by adults, and yet it remains one of the most powerful ways to express ourselves. These days, many adults enjoy keeping journals for reflection or wellbeing, but how often do we sit down and write freely, just for the joy of it?

For children, writing continues to be one of the most difficult subjects to master – not because they're not capable, but because they don't see it modelled as often in everyday life. In school, we teach a wide variety of writing forms: stories, reports, instructions, letters, diaries, arguments, persuasive pieces, brochures and more. This challenge gives your child the chance to continue practising these essential skills in a fun, creative and relaxed way.

Your child can follow the daily prompts I've set – or feel free to get imaginative and come up with your own. If they'd like to keep a daily journal as well, that's brilliant! If you miss a day, or want to do the tasks in a different order – that's absolutely fine too. The most important thing is that your child is writing – expressing ideas, using their vocabulary, observing the world around them and having fun with it.

There will be prizes for every pupil who completes the challenge, and I may well be giving out a few extra prizes for particularly impressive effort or creativity.

Year 6 pupils – you are very much included! Just pop your completed book into school in September, or feel free to send it in with a friend or family member.

I'll send out a weekly reminder of the writing tasks but won't be sending daily updates – so do try to build a bit of writing time into each day. I'm really looking forward to seeing what our wonderful young writers produce over the holidays. Good luck everyone – and happy writing!

Yours faithfully,  
**Miss Kondo**  
**Headteacher**