

Hallo!

As I am writing this, we've been battered by a series of thunderstorms – a long way from the balmy, easy summer days that we all dream about for the school holidays. Still, they'll soon be on us and another term is nearly over.

This term at **Inkpots** has seen a bit of a departure in planning and instead of having a different theme for activities each week, we had a music theme for the first half term and then the second part of the term was all about colour.

I'm delighted to say that the children embraced both ideas wholeheartedly! We ended up listening to more music than originally planned; and with the colour project, everyone joined in, bringing in items from home and taking turns to do photography.

We might have experimented with themes, but what never changes at **Inkpots** is the fun and friendliness that characterises all the groups. Bringing children together from the various clubs is a real joy and I hope that this is extended when we have our **teddy bears' picnic and summer celebration** in August. I really hope you can join us.

I would like to wish you all a happy, restful and creative summer. **Thank you – as ever – for all the support you give to Inkpots. We couldn't manage without you!**

Gill x



Inkpots over the summer

Even though the **after school clubs** will not be running, there are lots of opportunities to keep involved with **Inkpots** – and keep the children's creativity flowing

Starfish: If you are beginning to wonder about keeping your children entertained during the holidays, why not sign up for a **FREE course from Inkpots**. Starting on 18 July, you'll be sent ideas about activities every day in the run up to the start of the school hols. **But it's not just about the kids!** There will be plenty of ideas for sparking parents' own creativity too. You can sign up at: www.inkpots.org/wordpress/free-creative-mini-course-for-parents/



Starfish: The **Inkpots Holiday Clubs** will be open too! We'll be at Southway Junior School on Wednesday 10 and Wednesday 24 August from 10am – 12noon. The themes will be 'Sizzling Summer' and 'Our favourite authors (JK Rowling, Roald Dahl, David Walliams and Jacqueline Wilson)'. Please contact Gill to book up – this time, we're encouraging children to bring a buddy and qualify for a

discount. More info: www.inkpots.org/wordpress/holiday-clubs/

Starfish: We're very excited to announce the publication of a new **Inkpots Activity Pack**. This was put together after the last half term when many children were a bit sad to miss the **Inkpots Holiday Clubs**. So, the pack has been well researched and beautifully designed – it's packed full of loads of activities, and because it's a download, parents can print off as many as they need for all the summer trips. Click on this link to find out more: www.inkpots.org/wordpress/activity-pack/

Starfish: Please come and join us on the afternoon of **6 August** for a **teddy bears' picnic and summer celebration!** We're looking forward to seeing the **Inkpots** children, parents, grandparents, friends – in fact, the more, the merrier. There'll be lots of activities and face painting – plus cakes! Tickets are available at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/inkpots-teddy-bears-picnic-and-summer-party-tickets-25901145022>

To join us in the creativity, give us a call on 01444 239548

Goodbye to Year 6

At the end of the term, we'll be saying goodbye to our Year 6 children as they move to secondary school. They have all been with us for a long time and we've really seen them develop and mature (especially Oliver who has been with



Inkpots from the very first workshop) into articulate and caring young people.

We wish lots of good luck to: **Oliver, Finn, Maisie, Rebecca, Kieran, Lilly, Scarlett, Cara and Keziah.**

Please keep in touch!

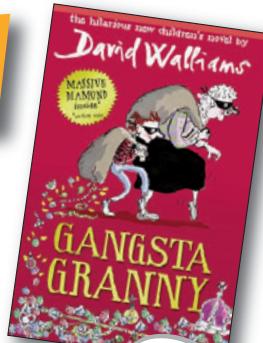


Summer reading challenge

During the holidays, we're trying an experiment with a **group read** and David Walliams' book **Gangsta Granny** has been chosen. To take part, children should read the book and then every Friday during the holidays Gill will post some notes and activities in the **News** section of the



Inkpots website and also on the Inkpots Facebook page.



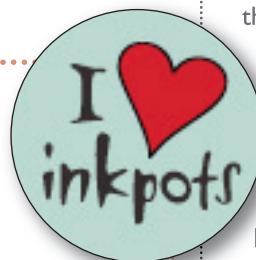
Do please encourage the children to join in – this is also another activity for them to do if the weather stays as it is!



Inkpots badges

Our **Inkpots badges** have been a huge success – it's great to see how well they have gone down. We'll be gradually introducing some more stationery items at pocket money prices; we're taking it slowly so that the children don't feel they have to get everything all at once!

We also have bigger items in our shop which you may be interested in – including **t-shirts, hoodies and teddy bears**. Pop along to www.inkpots.org/wordpress/shop



Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who makes Inkpots the big success it is.

This includes all our brilliant children, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

We couldn't function without the support of headteachers, teachers, office staff and funders. Thanks also are due to our patient, kind and talented designer Jane and the very lovely Megan for helping at holiday clubs.

A big shout out also needs to go my own family.

Thank you all!

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful summer

Thank You!

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Happy Summer birthdays

During the summer holidays, several **Inkpots** have birthdays – **we wish a very happy day to:**

- Sophie, 28 July
- Rosie, 3 August
- Alice, 3 August
- Leon, 6 August
- Maizie, 7 August
- Isobel, 8 August
- Emily, 17 August
- Maisie, 21 August
- Olivia, 21 August
- Tilly, 29 August
- Lily, 30 August
- Josh, 8 September
- Bethany, 15 September



Return dates for Inkpots

At the time of writing, we don't have all the dates for our return to the various after school clubs. **But we'll make sure these are added to the website over the summer.**

Please follow us

Inkpots has three social media platforms – **Facebook, Twitter** and **Instagram** – which we use on a regular basis. We post photos and updates from our workshops plus news on books, authors, artists and writing.

We are aiming to increase the number of followers – especially on **Facebook**, so that we will get more recognition on a Google search. **Please help by following us if you don't already.** Thank you very much!

