



Celebrating 60 Years

Spirit of The Banda

Friday 12th June 2026

A WORD FROM THE HEADMASTER

It was absolutely fantastic to unveil the Banda Book Box at the beginning of the week. The brainchild of Miss Brooke, this is a truly remarkable project that will not only continue to enthuse reading amongst children at The Banda, but also allow us to take this mobile library out into the community and allow our children to bring the joy of reading to those less fortunate than them. I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has enabled this project to come to fruition, most notably the Molenaar family.

It has been a busy and exciting day at school as we've marked Big Blue Day, focusing on ocean conservation. Our Year 8 pupils also received their Common Entrance results and they were an outstanding set of grades across the board. Huge congratulations go to all of our Year 8s who had an early celebration last night with a spectacular, star-themed Leavers' Dinner.

And finally.... The very best of luck to our Under 13 and Under 11 netballers for tomorrow's IAPS tournament that we will be hosting. Do come along and support the girls and also take the opportunity to chat to representatives from the eighteen schools who are attending the Secondary Schools Fair which we are staging alongside the tournament. Good luck too to the Under 11 rugby team as they take part in the Ngini 7s tournament at St Christopher's.

James Moss-Gibbons



See April Week 9 events overleaf

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An Invitation to...

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Secondary Schools Exhibition Fair

Hosted at The Banda IAPS

U13 & U11 Netball Tournament

SATURDAY 13th JUNE 2026 | 9AM - 2PM



EXHIBITING SECONDARY SCHOOLS

10 UNITED KINGDOM SCHOOLS

6 BRITISH CURRICULUM SCHOOLS-KENYA

1 SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOL

EXHIBITORS



BROOKHOUSE SCHOOLS
NAIROBI, KENYA



MILLFIELD



SECONDARY SCHOOL VISITS



Join Harriet Langdale, Director of Admissions & David Laventure, Head of Sport

Sat 13 June 08.30-14.30: The Banda's Senior Schools Fair

Weds 17 June 18.00-20.00: Drinks at The Talisman, Nairobi

[Register here](#)

Sat 20 June 09.00-15.00: Pembroke House Senior Schools Fair

Thurs 18 June 18.00-20.00: Drinks at Muthaiga Country Club

[Register here](#)

Click to see some videos about Ampleforth and [here](#) for our website

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Giles Bell, Senior Admissions Tutor, invites you to explore the opportunities and experiences that define life at Shrewsbury School

Tuesday, 16th June
Banda School
2:30pm-4:00pm

Please RSVP via email to gjfb@shrewsbury.org.uk



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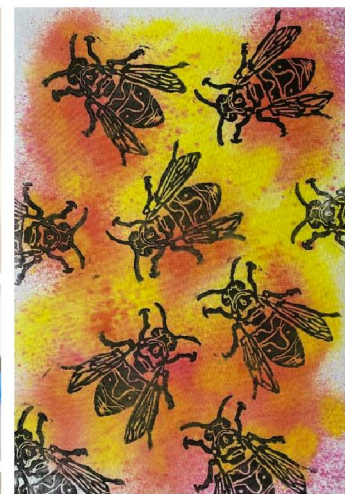
We shape well-rounded young people who are confident yet grounded, capable yet compassionate, and, above all, truly happy.

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Wednesday, 17 June 2026
14h00 - 15h00
The Banda School, Nairobi

Kindly contact Mrs Danel Pruisen for more information:
WhatsApp +27 81 818 4644 or email admissions@kingswoodcollege.com



You are invited to
**The Banda School's Art & Design
and Design & Technology
Exhibition**

**Wednesday, 1st July 2026
4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
The Banda School Arts Centre**

Join us for a vibrant celebration of creativity, innovation, and imagination at The Banda School's inaugural Art & Design and Design & Technology Exhibition – a spectacular showcase of our pupils' incredible work.

Come and experience stunning artwork and innovative projects. This is more than an exhibition – it's a celebration of the arts, a community gathering, and an opportunity to witness the future of creativity in action.

All are welcome – parents, pupils, families, and our local community. Don't miss this event at The Banda School – where imagination takes centre stage.

Word OF THE Week

Nefarious
Very wicked or evil.

CHALLENGE: ADD THIS WORD TO YOUR WRITING THIS WEEK!

**Stop asking
"How was your day?"**

**What is one thing
about your school
that is
unique?**



wellbeing WALL

IPAD WORKSHOP

Many thanks to the parents who came along to our workshop on Wednesday to learn more about how we use iPads in the Upper School. Information has now been sent regarding which iPad to buy. Please feel free to contact helpdesk@bandaschool.com, or any of the relevant teachers, if you would like more information on:

- How to purchase an iPad
- Use of iPads within school
- Keeping your child safe with an iPad, either at home or at school

We are here to help.



YEAR 8 WELLBEING AT MAYERS FARM

Following a busy week of Common Entrance exams, we took our Year 8 pupils to Mayer's Farm this week. There we relaxed, swam, sketched, read, chatted, ate a picnic and climbed the enormous and beautiful Mayers fig tree! A wonderful day of wellbeing for us all.



IAPS ONLINE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS



Chess online competition 2025/2026

A couple of our future chess grandmasters participated in the IAPS Online Chess Championship, played across each of the three terms this year. Having been crowned Champions in the IAPS Kenya tournament earlier this term, our Under 9 pupils also successfully qualified to play in the global finals. The pupils played on Thursday this week, finishing in an impressive 6th place out of a competitive pool of 25 IAPS schools from the UK and other parts of the world. The brilliant team comprised Christian Lekishon, Luca Gerbouin Biteghe, Stanislaw Szydłowski-Limb, Aaliyah Mckenzie, Aydin Daffi, Sanaa Kariithi, Mali Mistri, Aiden Githaiga, Hari Dave and Mutula Kilonzo. We are incredibly proud of the entire team, who have represented The Banda so exceptionally well throughout the year. Congratulations to our young chess masters!

The Blue Coat School U9 Chess Team 2026	chena2025 20 + 16 + 13 + 12	61
Hallfield IAPS U9 2025/26	JamesMT2024 16 + 16 + 14 + 13	59
St Martin's Year 3 & 4 IAPS 2026	ziaangorsia 13 + 12 + 12 + 10	47
Warwick IAPS U9 25/26	arthurgphurl 14 + 12 + 11 + 9	46
Kew College Prep U9 2025/2026	Independenceday1 13 + 12 + 10 + 9	44
Habs Under 9 2025/26	aaravcr 12 + 10 + 10 + 9	41
The Banda School, Kenya - IAPS U9 Team	Jazzy2Chess 12 + 11 + 10 + 8	41
IAPS Beacon Under 9	RoshanUnadkat 10 + 9 + 9 + 9	37
Shrewsbury House School IAPS U9 2025-26	Optimus135 12 + 10 + 7 + 7	36
Kings Ely Prep u9 2026	HCB1 8 + 8 + 6 + 0	22

CONGRATULATIONS

Jaylen had a good tournament at Muthaiga this week. He shot 45 and emerged winner of the boys 10 category. It was the June edition of the junior simba league.

At Karen Country Club, Keith took part in the June Monthly Mug. This competition is played off the white tees, basically the men's championship tees. Playing off 16 handicap (stroke index 12.4) he played 1 shot better than his handicap coming in with a nett 71, coming in joint second in B division. A marvelous achievement for such a long course.



BOOK BOX LAUNCH

On Monday, the Banda Book Box was officially launched. After more than a year of planning, it was finally towed onto the school grounds for our entire community to see. Throughout this week, every class has had the opportunity to visit and explore the Book Box. Pupils have been excited to discover the books and learn more about the project's purpose and potential impact. We are now looking forward to the Book Box's inaugural journey in the coming weeks, when it will visit a local school with limited access to books and reading resources. We hope this will be the first of many visits, helping to share the joy of reading with children across our wider community.





FINAL INTER HOUSE DEBATE

The stage was set for the final interhouse debate competition where Simba took on Twiga after lunch, and the pupils from Year 3-8 were able to watch it during the Flight lesson. Congratulations to Twiga who emerged as the winners

**INTERHOUSE
DEBATE
FINAL**

TWIGA IS PROPOSING:

“ THIS HOUSE BELIEVES THAT ALL BEACHES IN KENYA SHOULD HAVE A CONSERVATION ENTRANCE FEE—JUST LIKE ALL KWS PARKS. ”

SIMBA VS TWIGA

THINK. SPEAK. LEAD.

YEAR 6

6IP were lucky to get a bonus Big Blue focussed computing lesson delivered by Kira Evans from Seas4Life. They were able to explore Whale Fall and see what creatures survive off it with a fully interactive website. They were incredibly curious and had lots of questions. They can explore this website further at home do ask them to show you!





YEAR 5 TRIP

On Thursday the 4th June 2026, Year 5 set off to Lake Naivasha on their overnight camping trip. We went straight to Carnelley's to set up our tents at the campsite and then on to visit the Oserian solar and geothermal power plant. Year 5 have been learning about the Rift Valley in Geography and about why it is a great place for geothermal energy. It was fantastic to see their learning in action. In the afternoon we went for a guided walk in Sanctuary Farm where we saw lots of wildlife including giraffes, zebras, waterbuck and wildebeest. In the evening we were treated to a pizza dinner at Carnelley's restaurant. After a quiz about what they had learnt that day, the children enjoyed a campfire and marshmallows before going to bed. In the morning after having our breakfast and packing up our tents we headed to Grants Biotech which is a biogas plant where they use off-cuts and damaged flowers to produce biogas through anaerobic digestion. The biogas is used to produce electricity and cooking gas for the Bohemian flower farm. Well done Year 5 for all your excellent questions at the power plants and for putting up and taking down your tents so confidently.



Word OF THE Week

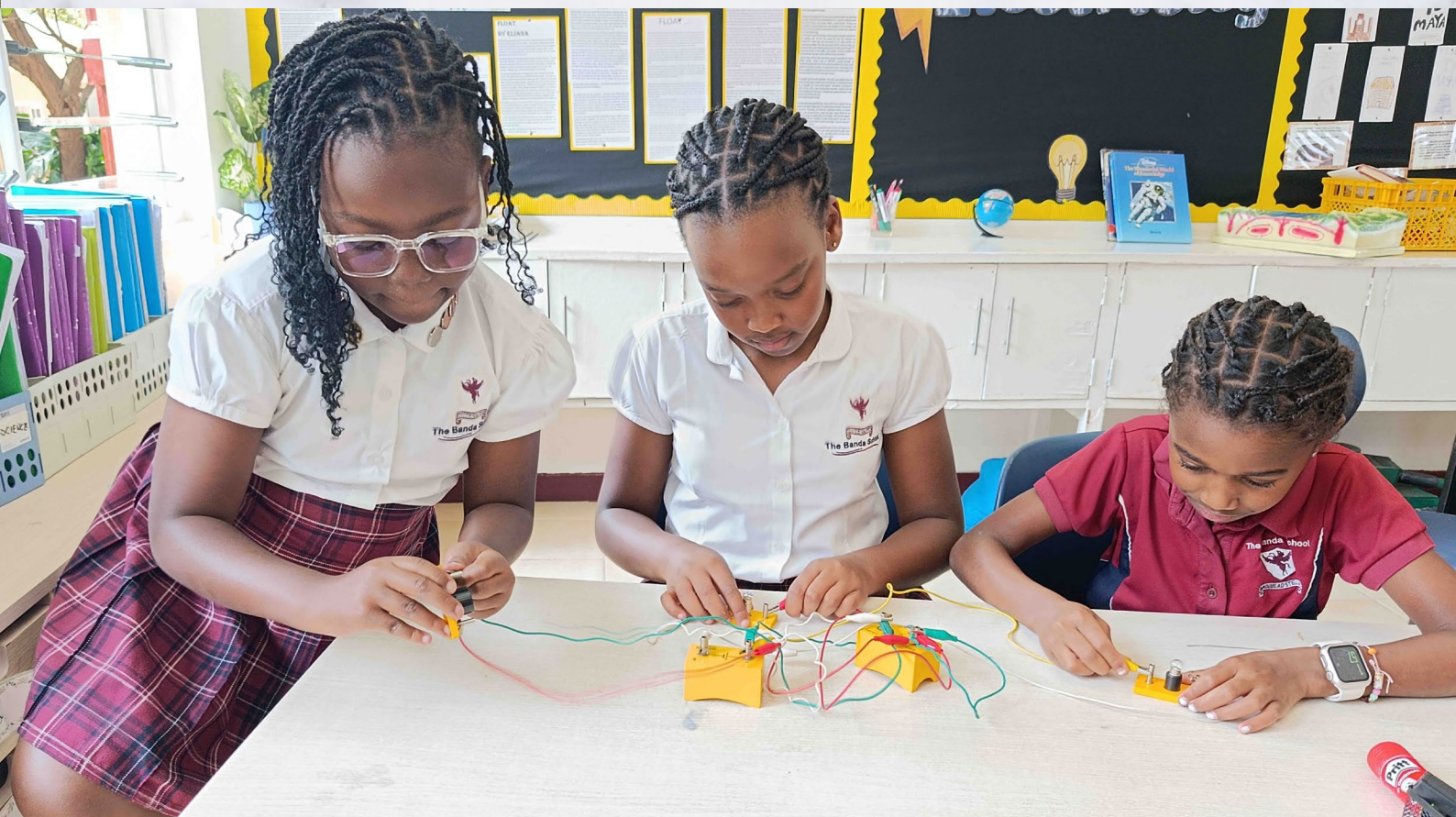
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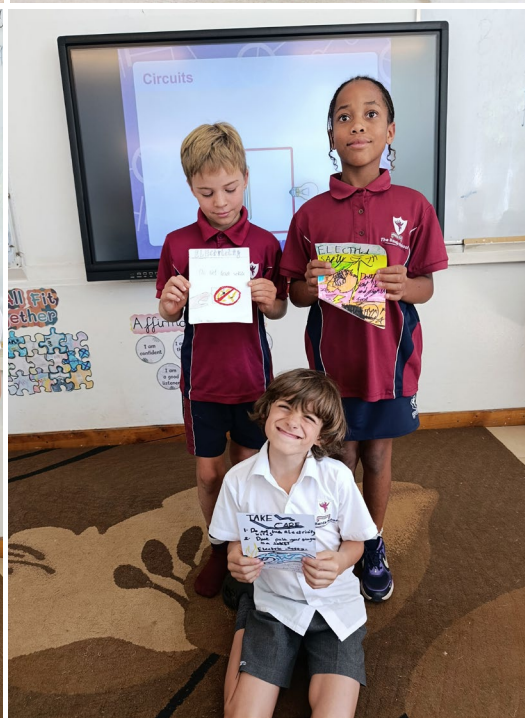
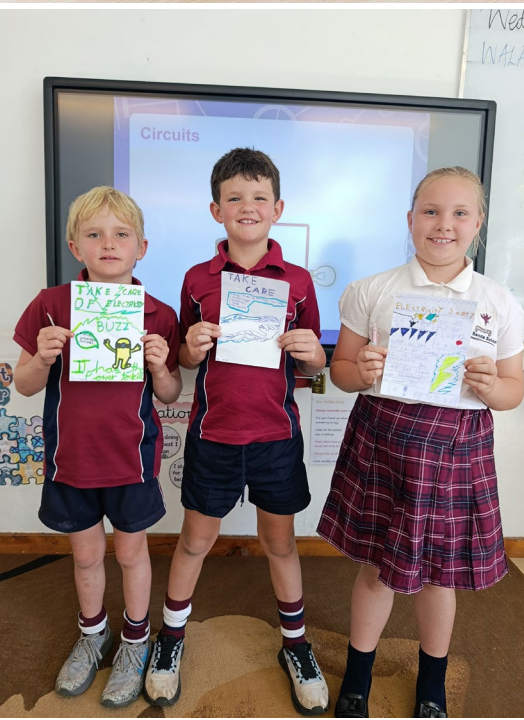
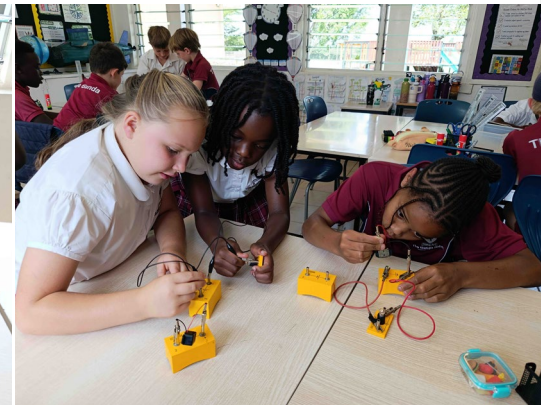
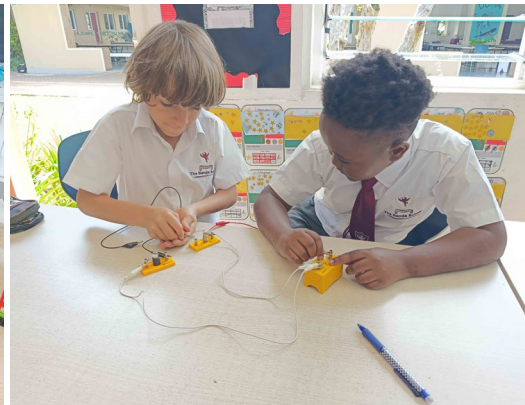
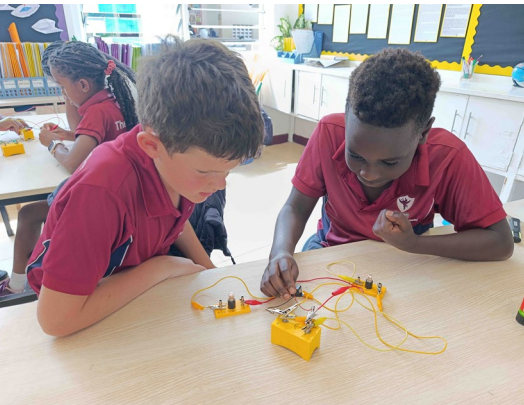
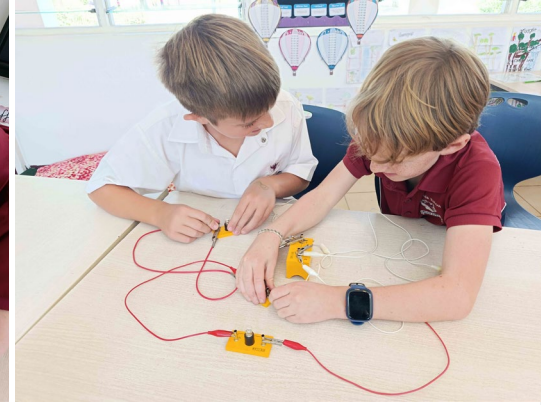
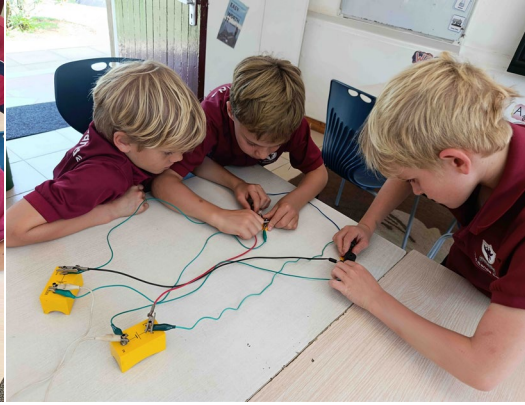
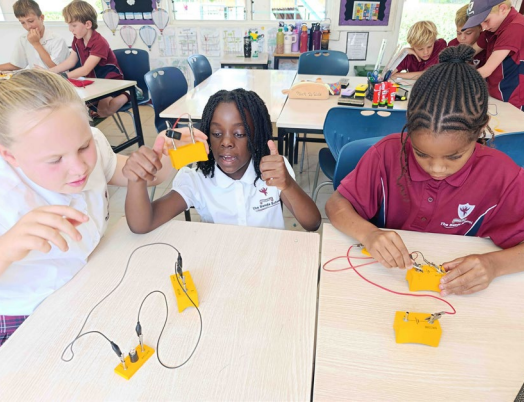
Indulge
To allow yourself to enjoy something, often too much.

CHALLENGE: ADD THIS WORD TO YOUR WRITING THIS WEEK!

YEAR 4

The Year 4's have had an electrifying start to their new Science unit. After learning how to handle electricity safely and creating some fantastic safety posters to prove it, the pupils moved on to exploring simple circuits. They learned to identify different components and master the differences between series and parallel circuits. To top it all off, they put their theory into practice by experimenting with real components to build their very own working circuits!





YEAR 3

We had fun writing our own instructions to capture a mythical creature. There were even some peer helpers - great team work.

Tally in Year 7 came to talk to us in 3HF about her Curiosity Project - wow! WHAT A PROJECT!!!! We loved it!



YEAR 2

Year 2 have been learning about block diagrams in their Numeracy unit on Statistics. They enjoyed working as a team to find out some information about different groups of counters. In Science, we investigated whether materials are transparent, translucent or opaque using torches, whilst in Literacy, the children used adjectives to describe different settings





YEAR 1

On Transition day, Year 1 had a very creative time making rainbows in 2LK.





In Humanities, Year 1 continued looking at Italy. They learned about some famous Italian landmarks and had great fun making our own Leaning Tower of Pisa models.





Pegasus

Word of the Week

huge

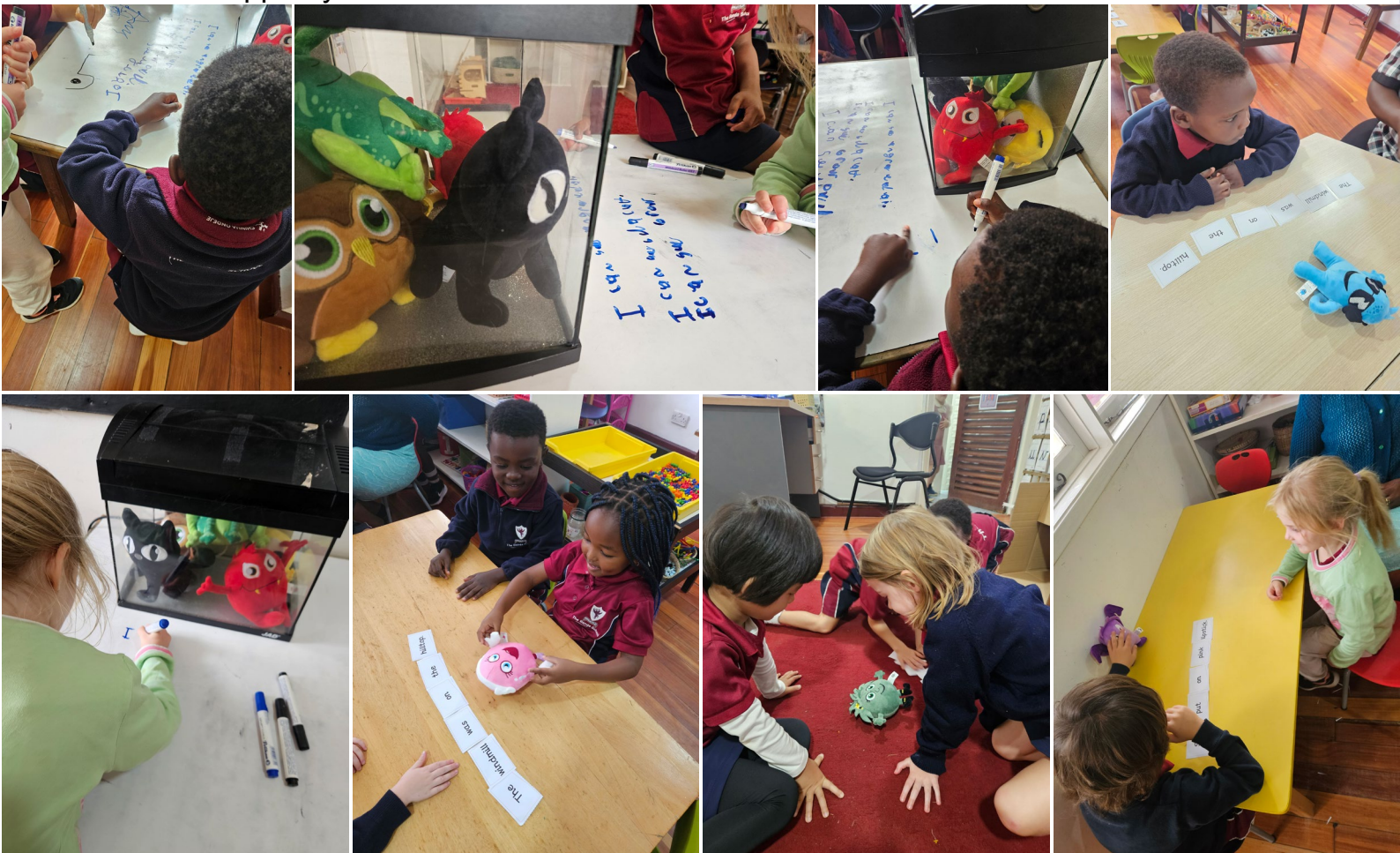


MONSTER PHONICS

We are delighted to be launching a new Phonics Scheme, Monster Phonics. It is a fully validated systematic synthetic program which is engaging, colourful, and multisensory. This week staff from across the whole school had a training session and got to 'meet the monsters'. As you can see they are not scary at all, and the children LOVE them!

It was great to get to grips with some new exciting materials and resources that you might start noticing in classes as we transition across.

The Monster Phonics site has a [section for parents](#) where you can learn more about Phonics and how to support your child.



PEY APRONS

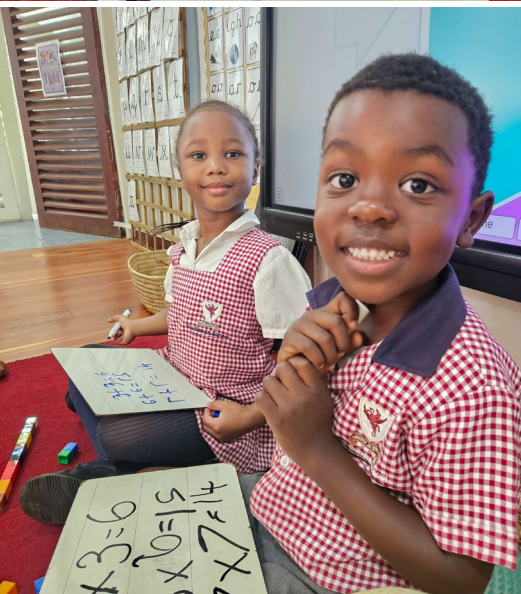
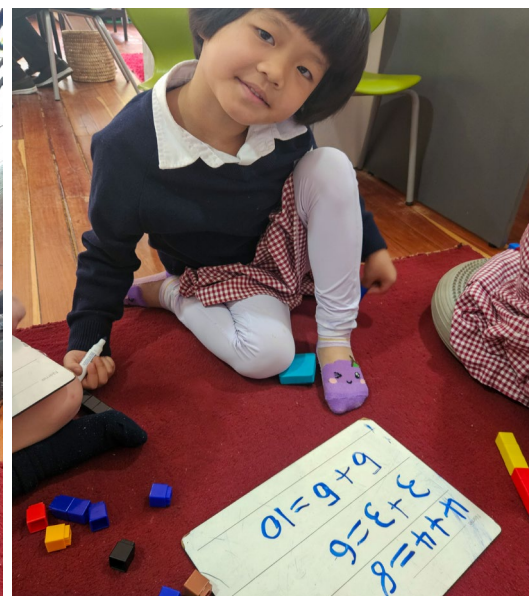
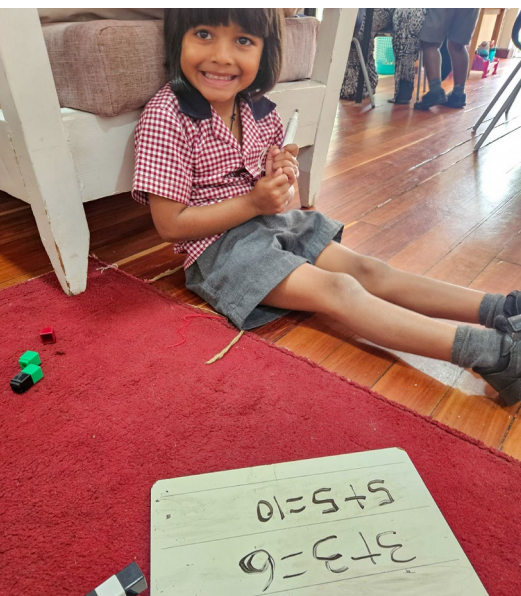
Have you noticed our new Early Years Aprons? They are long-sleeved and waterproof, helping our littlest learners explore with even more freedom. They are now available to purchase in the uniform shop in sizes ages 3, 4 and 5. If you would like to get your child one to use at school you can buy them at the Galleria branch for 725. Please remember to name all clothing that comes to school!



RECEPTION

The Receptions had a great time at the Banda Book Box, looking and trying to read the variety of books on offer. The highlight was the badges! This activity helped a lot with concentration and they were able to exercise personal quiet time. In Maths, we have been looking at doubling. The children embraced the challenge of doubling numbers and writing repeated addition number sentences to show the process.





NURSERY 2

We went on safari to the savannah grassland this week, creating vibrant artwork beautifully capturing the Savannah grassland ecosystem. The children arranged paper silhouettes of various animals against a warm sunset background.



RISING STARS

The Rising Stars had fun at The Banda Book Bus launch and Big Blue Day.





Did You Know?

Did you know we use natural honey harvested from hardworking bees, rather than golden syrup

A NUGGET

Learning to cook instills essential life skills that foster long-term independence and self-reliance. The process naturally strengthens academic learning, as measuring ingredients and reading recipes provide practical applications for mathematics and literacy. Additionally, active participation in meal preparation encourages nutritious dietary choices and builds confidence.

Recipe to Try at Home

Homemade Focaccia Slice

Key Ingredients

- 500g flour
- 7g dry yeast
- 6 tbsp olive oil
- ¼ bunch fresh rosemary
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp sugar
- Warm water

Method

1. Mix the flour, yeast, sugar, salt, and enough warm water to form a soft dough.
2. Knead until smooth.
3. Cover and leave to prove until doubled in size.
4. Press the dough into an oiled baking tray.
5. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with fresh rosemary.
6. Bake at 220°C for 20–25 minutes, or until golden brown.
7. Allow to cool slightly.
8. Slice and serve.

WEEK 9 MENU

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MORNING BREAK

Cucumber Sandwiches
Fresh Fruit

Cheese Straws
Carrot Sticks

Lemon Cake
Fresh Fruit

Banana Scones
Cucumber Sticks

Focaccia
Fresh Fruits

LUNCH: SOUP



Carrot Soup

MAINS

Beef Goulash

Mexican Chicken
Fajitas

Jacket Potatoes
with a variety of
toppings

Mince Pasta Bake

Roast
Herbed Chicken
Gravy

VEGGIE

Yellow Bean
Goulash

Veg Quesadillas
(black beans)
GF Wraps

Jacket Potatoes
with a variety of
toppings

Vegetable Bake

Garlic Paneer
Bread Fingers
GF & Vegan
Patties

SIDES

Steamed Rice
Sautéed
Spinach
Ugali

Salsa Sauce
Guacamole
Lime Cilantro
Sauce
Cheese, Peppers
Mango Salsa

Cheese, Eggs,
Sweet Corn, Roast
Meats, Baked
Beans, Salads

Crunchy
Seasonal Veggies
Assorted Salads

Lyonnaise
Potatoes
Fresh Seasonal
Veggies

DESSERT MAIN SCHOOL

Vanilla Yoghurt

Fresh Fruit Platter

Honey Hedgehogs
Fresh Fruit

Fruit Salad

Fresh Fruit Platter

DESSERT PEY

Natural Yoghurt

Fresh Fruit Platter

Fresh Fruit

Fruit Salad

Fresh Fruit Platter

SALAD BAR - an assortment of salads is served every day

Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Coleslaw, Carrot Sticks, Beetroot, Grated Cheese, Grated Carrots, Two Bean Salad, Pasta Salad, Egg Salad, Roast Chicken, Roast Beef, Avocado

DRESSINGS - Honey Vinaigrette, Cocktail Sauce, Mayonnaise

Menu subject to change. All meats are Halal

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PONY SUMMER CAMP 2026



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- ☑ Fresh air and nature-based learning
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- ☑ Fun outdoor games and creative activities
- ☑ Beautiful photo opportunities and lasting memories
- ☑ Caring, safe, and guided environment
- ☑ A refreshing break from screens and everyday routines
- ☑ Painting and coloring sessions
- ☑ Team-building and social skills development

 Age: 3-10 Yrs

 6th July – 28th August 2026

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Shrewsbury
School

TUESDAY
16
JUNE
2026

TIN ROOF CAFÉ - KAREN
70, NAIROBI, KENYA

6:00 PM
-
8:30 PM

Please RSVP by Wednesday, 10th June 2026, via email to gjfb@shrewsbury.org.uk



KENYA VISIT | JUNE 2026

Meet senior staff members from Hilton College, one of the world's leading boys' boarding schools.

Appointments available

NAIROBI

Capital Club
Wed, 17 June
From 3:00pm

NANYUKI

Antonia's
Thur, 18 June
From 2:00pm

Email register@hiltoncollege.com
to book a meeting.

Finger supper

GILGIL

Private home
Friday, 19 June
7:30pm

[RSVP HERE](#)

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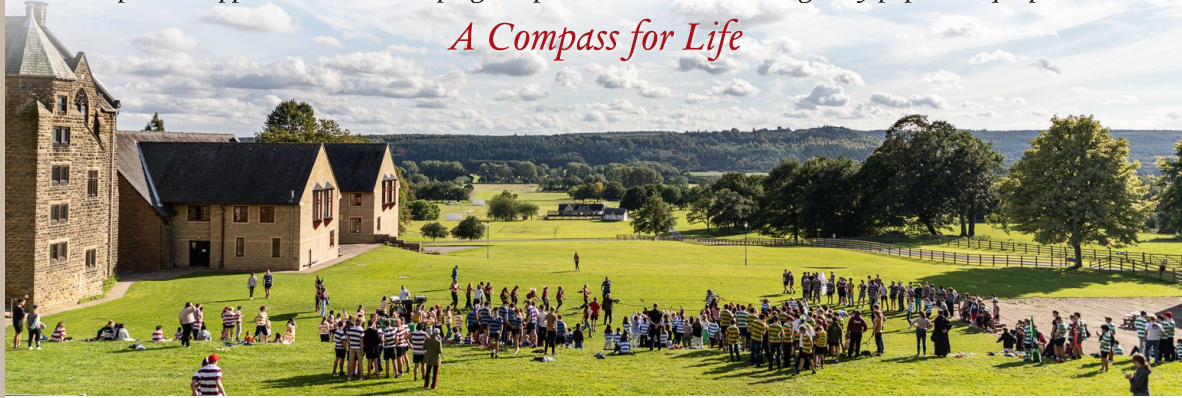
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Ampleforth Drinks Reception

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Wednesday 17 June, 6-8pm - The Talisman, 320 Ngong Road, Karen, Nairobi

Thursday 18 June, 6-8pm - Muthaiga Club, Nairobi

Meet Harriet Langdale, Director of Admissions & David Laventure, Head of Sport, current parents and alumni to find out about life at Ampleforth. [Click here](#) to watch some short videos about the school.

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Join us for the Nairobi Information Evening!

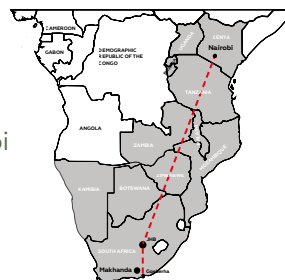
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Thursday, 18 June 2026

Time: 18:00

Venue: Hemingways, Karen, Nairobi

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#) [Quicket](#)



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Join our Parent Information Session

Date: Thursday, 18 June 2026

Time: 18h30

Venue: Fairway Restaurant, Karen Country Club, Karen Road, Nairobi

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

FINAL DATE TO RSVP: 11 JUNE 2026



MICHAELHOUSE

The Michaelhouse Director of Marketing & Admissions, Murray Witherspoon, warmly invites you and your son to an

**INFORMATION
EVENT**

NAIROBI

on Thursday 18 June 2026
at Matteo's Restaurant, Karen, Nairobi
at 6pm

[CLICK TO RSVP](#)

Or email CatCas@michaelhouse.org

The format of the event is informal, and is aimed at sharing the school's educational, sporting, pastoral, spiritual and developmental philosophies in some detail.