

2026

Gosforth East Middle School News



Welcome to our **Summer Term 2** Newsletter,
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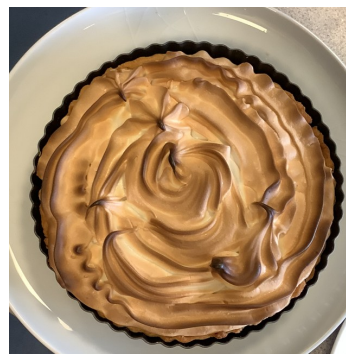


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Bake Off Final

Well done to everyone who took part, there was so much creativity and variety!

Congratulations to Ayla S Y8 who won the final. All of her courses were really good. She didn't like her first batch of macaroons, so did them again which really impressed the judges. She showed attention to detail and a striving for a 5 star standard. Ms Jefferson



Safety Talk with Dave Burns

On Tuesday 2nd June, Dave Burns came into school to talk to Year 6 about how to stay safe in certain situations.

His talk included information about County Lines, how to be aware of talking to people online as they might not be who they say they are, (for example people can use APPS to change their image from an adult to a child), how carrying a knife even in self-defence is against the law and is extremely dangerous, how making fake calls to yourself can get you out of a potentially dangerous situation, how important privacy settings are when using social media and how to be very careful posting information and photographs on social media.

"I have learned that carrying knives or scissors is illegal, unless you are going fishing, even in self-defence, and the police could arrest you if you are found carrying them," Brody 6LW.

"I have learned to be careful if someone approaches me offering to buy/give me something like a new mobile phone if I do a quick job for them as this could be extremely dangerous," Sufyan 6LW.

Indigo 6LW said, "I have learned that if someone steals something from you, not to run after them as they could be carrying a dangerous weapon like a knife."

Mrs Weston





Mrs Foskin is Leaving

Unfortunately, Mrs Foskin is leaving Gosforth East Middle School as she is moving back to Ireland. Year 5 learned and performed a song to the tune of 'Pink Pony Club' in their achievement assembly. The words were changed to be all about Mrs Foskin! Mrs Foskin was in tears as soon as she saw the PowerPoint come up on the screen. By Eve S

"She was a really great Maths teacher!" Lily E



"To Mrs Foskin, I hope you enjoy your time in Ireland. Hopefully Connie has a safe flight. I will miss you!" From Francesca

"Me, Alexa and Beanie made her a card in Irish! We are going to miss her so much!" Ava U

"Good luck!" Eve S

"My favourite memory is when she used to show us photos of her puppy in year 5." Isabella R

"Mrs Foskin is a very nice person, she always said 'hello' to me." Noah Q



I feel sad that she is leaving. She was my favourite teacher in year 5." Leon



"We used to always play The Witches if we had finished our work and had a bit of extra time. It was really fun. We had to close our eyes and try to guess who the witch was." Indigo





Good Luck!



“To Mrs Foskin, I will miss you, you have been a great teacher! Have a good time in Ireland.” Marlee.

“I could cry thinking about it. Every day is not going to be the same without Mrs Foskin’s fun and jokes. I will also miss our coffee trips before work on a Friday.” Mr Hodgson



“Good luck!”

Anushka

“Our favourite memory is when we used to play ‘Herd Mentality’.” Amelia and Nancy

“One time I made her jump and it was really funny. Good luck! I’ll miss our chats.” Lucas S

I feel sad that she is leaving and wish her good luck.” Brian

She was a really nice teacher and really caring. She will be missed so much.” Sophie and Zoe M

“You were the best year 5 teacher. Thanks for everything!” Lucy M and Lola



You were so funny in the World Book Day Traitors We will miss you! Jenna



Let it Glow Gig

Last half term, the Let It Glow Gig was a fantastic success! Organised by the Key Group, the event had an ambitious fundraising target of £750. Thanks to the incredible support and generosity of everyone involved, they exceeded this goal by raising an amazing **£832 for Mental Health Matters**. What a brilliant achievement! Thank you to everyone who took part, donated, and supported this wonderful fundraiser.

NMS Concert and Resourcefulness

Steel pans were stars of the show at Trinity church, they sounded great!

Special mentions for resourcefulness at both Big Gig and Steel Pans.

First to Chika who broke a string (heat) in the middle of her solo, but carried on playing an octave lower! Extra-special mention to Chloe Carr who did something similar at the Big Gig. Wren broke a string, so Chloe swapped her violin with Wren and played all her stuff an octave lower.

During rehearsals, there were no cymbals on the kit (prompting frantic phone calls to me to come back to school and bring ours), so Chloe just shouted 'CRASH' every time she was supposed to play. Best bit, however, was during the concert. Only one drum stick so Chloe used a wooden spoon for the performance!

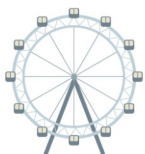
Resourceful or what!!? By Mr Williams



Year 8 London Trip



Year 8s enjoyed their visit to London. They got to do so many amazing things over the course of three days: Theatre trips to see The Lion King and Paddington, The London Eye, Madame Tussauds, Covent Garden and so much more!



There was loads of freedom. You could do a lot of stuff by yourself with your friends. Emily



It was really fun. The London Dungeon was especially good. Nell Y8

Lockerbie 2026

What can I tell you about Lockerbie 2026? I can tell you it was ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!

We all had so much fun! Some activities that we did were:

The (very muddy) Obstacle Course

Kayaking/canoeing

Abseiling

Rock climbing

Raft Building

Orienteering

And so many more fun things.



While we were doing kayaking we had the choice to jump into the lake! I jumped in head first and I did a front flip into it.

Sadly it was raining the day on Thursday.



It rained heavily while we were there, making the mud obstacle course even more challenging.

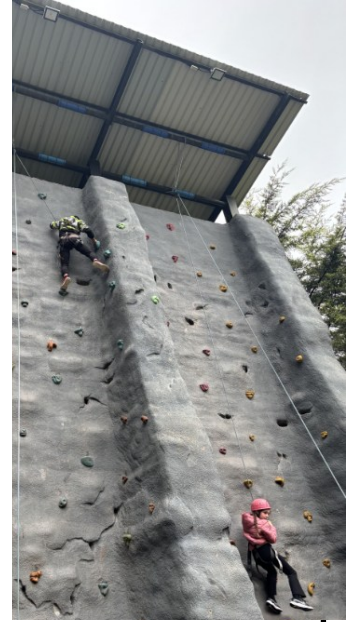


"I thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Lockerbie. I even got involved in raft building, kayaking, canoeing, archery and rock climbing!" Mr Parks



Lockerbie Manor

Lockerbie





Whitby Trip



We had a wonderful three days in sunny Whitby! We explored all of Whitby, including the lovely ice cream shop, Whitby museum, Whitby Abbey and climbed the 199 steps several times. We also went on the big yellow boat, it was a little bumpy but it was great fun! We also had a pirate party with some fantastic costumes and an amazing lighthouse task on the first night, where the teachers tried to knock over some of the children's creations with ice cubes.

Mrs Corfield



Grinton Lodge 24th - 26th June

Grinton Lodge is in Yorkshire. It is a year 6 residential trip, it has the following things including, a free book, walks, climbing, marshmallows around the fire and it comes first before Whitby !!!! And you're there longer and you can go into the village and get ice cream but there is a catch... you need to walk there first but it was still amazing.



Eloisa R. " I luckily went on the Grinton Lodge trip this year and I was really, really excited."



It was really hot and there were beautiful views. The children were really good and loved doing the activities. They loved the table tennis room and playing football in their free time.” Miss Bannon



Rosey M-S. “I was very excited. I most looked forward to staying up all night with my friends and having an enjoyable time.”



By Rosey M-S.

Outdoor Learning



Pupils made periscopes in their Science lessons. They then took them outside to test them. In the photo (left), they are using their periscopes to spy on the office staff!

We had such beautiful weather that many classes took their lessons outside.



Mr Robertson was spotted with his class by the steps. Check out Miss Foskin's class taking their Maths lesson under the shade of the trees!



School County Athletics

Jacob M ran the race of his life staying up with the leading pack and finishing 3rd. More impressively, Jacob smashed his personal best! Congratulations Jacob!

Dancing Competitions

We competed in the Choreographic Competition. The competition lasted from 1-6pm. It was a show where we made up our own dances, then we performed them onstage as a solo, duo or group. All of us did a solo and Paige and Darby did a duet. Paige got nominated for working hard and placed third at a different dancing competition too! Eleanor won a trophy for musicality.

Darby won two trophies for expressive performance. Paige won a trophy for expressive performance and great performance.

She was also awarded a rosette for working hard and coming to all the classes. By Darby, Eleanor and Paige



Above: Eleanor, Darby and Paige.



We entered the dance competition too, but we were in the senior category along with people who are up to the age of 16. We were the youngest in our category. Everyone got an award but we won for our duet—we came first! We have both won for three years in a row. Our

dance was to 'Shimmer' by Megan Trainer. Not the full song though, because you are only allowed one minute and 20 seconds. We performed our winning dance in a year 6 assembly but many pupils were at Grinton Lodge, so we performed it at the year 6 achievement assembly too!

By Ella P and Rosa W

Sports Day in Photos



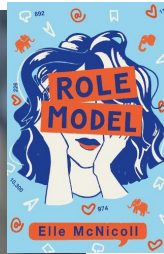
Transition Days 2026

The transition days took place on Wednesday 8th July, Thursday 9th July and Friday 10th July. Jay wrote his article the week before these days...

They will make you find out what class you will be in next year and guys, just make a good first impression to your new teacher. We do not want an angry teacher before you've even started. (Or at any time). I am sure you will love your new classes that you will be in next year, or hate them. It does not really make a difference, however it is also good to have a lenient teacher and to be with your favourite friends (hopefully all of your friends are your favourite) so good luck for transition days! By Jay S



Role Model Competition



We held a Competition, inspired by the book 'Role Model' by Elle McNicoll, who visited us last half term. Congratulations to winner Wren for writing and illustrating her fabulous competition entry about why her steel pans tutor is her role model. Congratulations to our runners up, Lanah H and Scarlett M Y6!

A huge thank you to everyone who took part—all of your entries were amazing.

Surprise Books



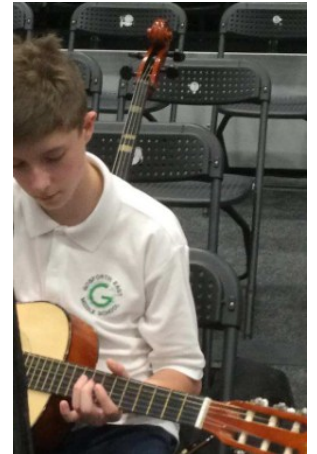
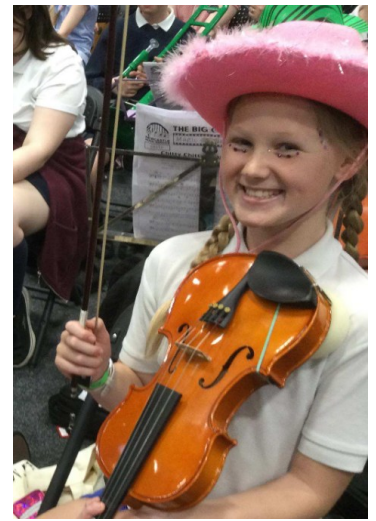
Mrs Gill treated her English class one Friday afternoon library lesson. She let them unpack her HUGE order she had made from the Scholastic book sale (some books were just a £1!!). Her class were so excited to discover the gems she had chosen. Many of the books ended up in our school library!





The Big Gig 2026

Magic of the Movies



Big Gig 2026

Theme: Magic Of The Movies

Over 1400 people
there

Songs:

1) Can't Stop The Feeling

2) I'm a believer

3) Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

4) Over the Rainbow

5) School Of Rock

6) John Williams Medley / Superman, E.T., Harry Potter, Star Wars

7) ~~Don~~ Johnny B. Goode

8) Singing in The Rain

9) Do Re Mi

10) Ghostbuster

These songs are
not in order

It took place
at the Ventrus Motors
Arena.

Instruments

- Cello, Violin, Viola
- electric keyboard
- trumpet, trombone?
- recorder?
- guitar
- band
- singer

There was a group
of steel pans and
they played Bye Bye Bye
from Deadpool while
wearing Deadpool masks.

The Big Gig has been around
since 2018

You can interview people from
String Group

GEMS Festival of Reading

This year we held our first ever reading festival in the Eco Classroom. During the week, we had lots of fun activities planned like:



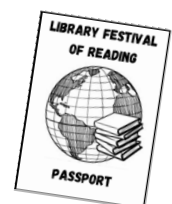
- Bookmark making
- Mini book making workshop
- Open mic
- Book swap
- Unwrap a story party games



One morning, there was an online poetry session. Many pupils brought the poems they had written to recite at the open mic.

We had the choice of completing a passport so we could win a ticket to a bonus reading hour in the library. To win the reading hour, you had to do the activities and get a stamp in your passport every time you took part in an activity.

By Alexa D



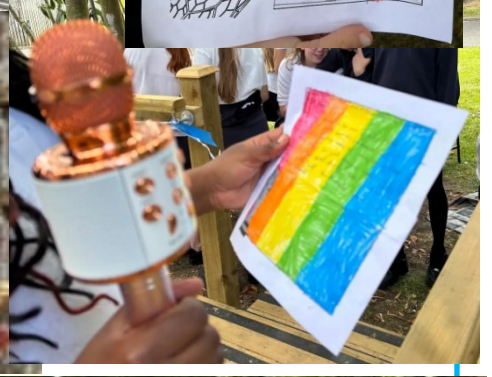
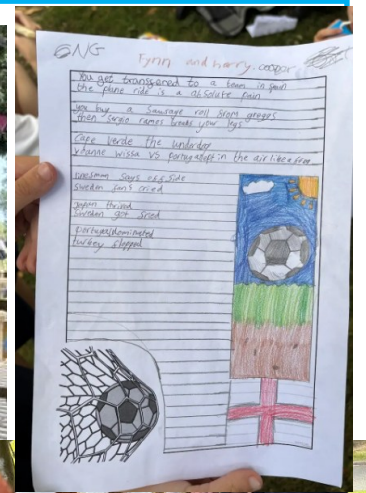
DAY 1—BOOKMARK MAKING



DAY 2—MINI BOOK WORKSHOP



DAY 3—OPEN MIC



DAY 4—BOOK SWAP



DAY 5—UNWRAP A STORY PARTY GAMES





SPARK BOOK AWARDS!



This year we took part in the Spark Book Awards 2026! This is where we all have a chance to read books from loads of categories (7+, 9+, non-fiction and KS3) and vote for our favourite from the ones that we read. We voted in school by placing a sticker on the back of the book we thought should win in it's category. Miss McFall and a couple of helpers counted up the votes then sent the results off to the Spark Book Awards. A little while later, there was a big ceremony announcing the winning books and authors from each category.



There was also a main competition that you could enter by creating a response to any of the shortlisted books (like make a poster, draw the characters and so much more).

We also hosted this competition in school and Miss McFall sent entries off to the Spark Book Awards to be judged.

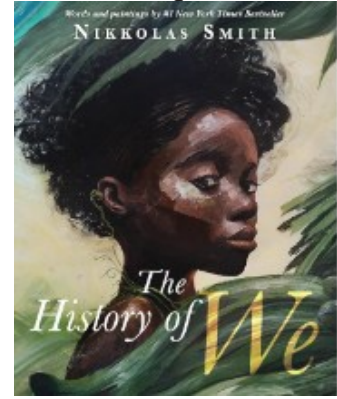
Our school winners were announced just before the ceremony (see next page!). They

won a £10 book voucher each! The Spark Book Awards also chose Marlee's wonderful creation as their winner! Marlee's entry was a response to the book 'The Great Pollination Investigation'. You can move the bee to pollinate the flowers. By Alexa D

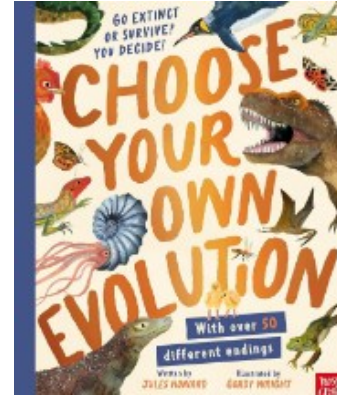
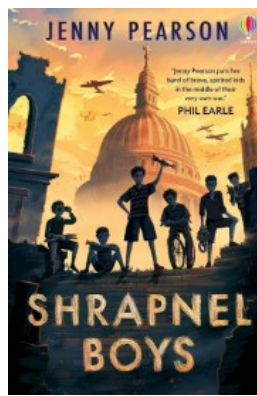




School Vote Winners:



Overall Winners:



Main Competition: School Entries



Main Competition: School Winners



Lily L Y8



Seb Parker-Kidd Y5



Marlee D Y5

Become a Library Helper!

A lot of library workers have special days they work in the library. They return people's books and help them take out new books. They are also responsible for keeping the library tidy. And authors such as David Almond, Rob Walton and Elle McNicoll recently visited Gosforth East Middle School. A lot of the children who help get to personally welcome authors who visit too! If you want to become a library helper, ask Miss McFall in September. It is a great opportunity to gain some work experience and also share your love of reading with others!

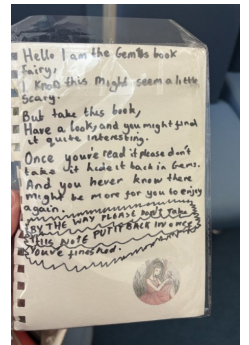


By Ayanna

Book Fairy



There is a book fairy who visits our school and leaves books in unusual places. If you are lucky enough to come across one of these books, read the note. You can read the book. Once you have read the book, please return it to its pouch with the note and hide it again!



Library Books

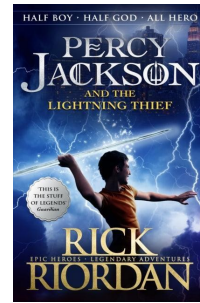
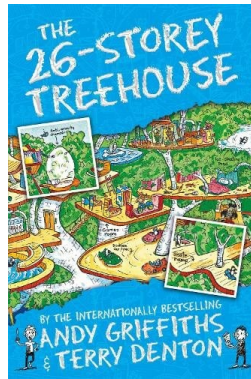
We'd really appreciate it if you could have a good look around for any school library books and return them to the library desk or the school office in September.

If you discover a big stack of books, don't worry—there will be no questions asked! We'd just love to have them back on the shelves for everyone to enjoy.



RECOMMENDED READS

"It is the best book in the world! My favourite part was when Terry puts his underpants in the sharks swimming pool and the sharks eat them!" Lucas S Y5



These books got me into Greek Mythology—a nice way to ease into it! A lot of the characters are dyslexic or have ADHD and I found it really relatable. I liked Heroes of Olympus as well. Mr Parks

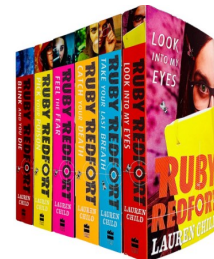


I like this book because its full of magical adventures and is really creative. Flora

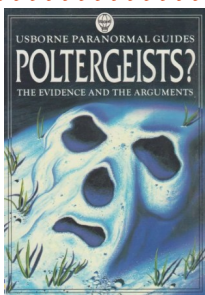
Reads



I love the Goosebumps series but I like any scary books because I like getting the chills. Chika Y5



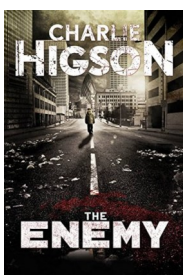
This is a book series about a girl who joins a spy company and people try to kill her. Beanie Y5



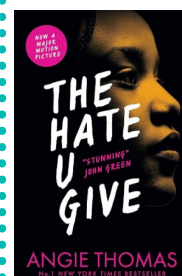
I like this book because it is creepy and I like scary things. Flora



Recommended Reads



KS3 BOOK I also really liked 'The Enemy' Mr Parks

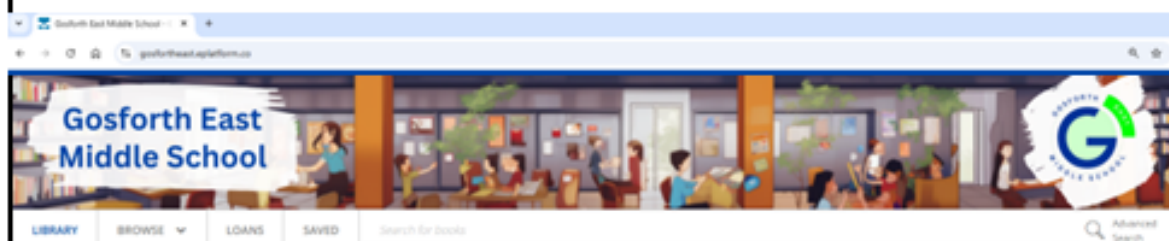


KS3 BOOK It shows what prejudices black people still face today. Nell Y8

Recommended



Online Library



Easily log in at home
or on the go!



Listen to
audiobooks!



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Log-in details:

Username: *your library pin code*

Password: *books*

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Join **FREE** at your local library!

Check out the links below for more information and resources:

www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Join in:

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/join-in

Reading tips:

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/reading-tips-for-families



Summer Fair

The annual Summer Fair was a fantastic success!

From the morning onwards, the delicious smell of freshly made popcorn drifted through the corridors, filling the school with excitement and anticipation.

At lunchtime, pupils eagerly set up their stalls, ready to welcome visitors.

There was a wonderful variety of stalls for everyone to enjoy, including games and challenges, fidget toys, jewellery, ice cream, chocolatey waffles, books, and so much more. The fair was full of fun, laughter and community spirit, making it a memorable event for pupils and staff!



The Allotment

Last term some of year 6 and 5 went to the allotment. The reason 2 year groups went is because the year 6s are doing the year 5 curriculum. This is because they did the year 6 curriculum last year because they worked with the year 6s who are now year 7s and that is why they are doing the year 5s curriculum.

So they took the metro and went to the West Jesmond school's garden and they looked at all of their plants that they have grown and they learned about how to grow them. This time, we brought some new additions to the garden!!! We were allowed to bring some tomato plants back to school.

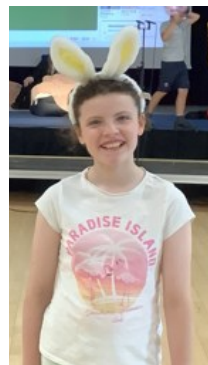
By Rosey



**MR. Cheeseum's (Cheetham's) joke
of the term**

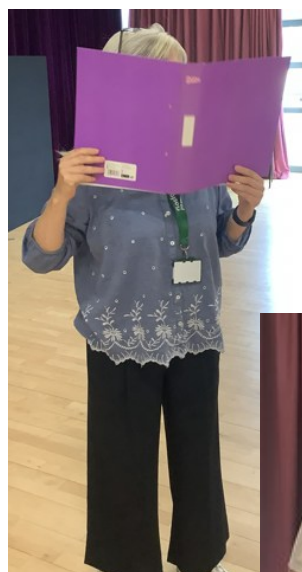
**What did the cheese say when it looked
in the mirror? ...**

End of Year Panto



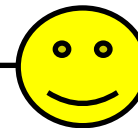
Panto Club performed 'Goodnight Princess' in the last week of term. The princess could not sleep, so called upon lots of characters who have had little to no trouble catching 40 winks. However, this just added to her frustration and lead to some interesting songs and dances.

The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the performance—it was obvious how much work had gone into it behind the scenes. Of course, panto club could not have put this amazing show together without the help and dedication of Miss Western and Mr Hodgson!





Summer Wordsearch!



apple

hot

summer

swimming

heatwave

pool

sun

holidays

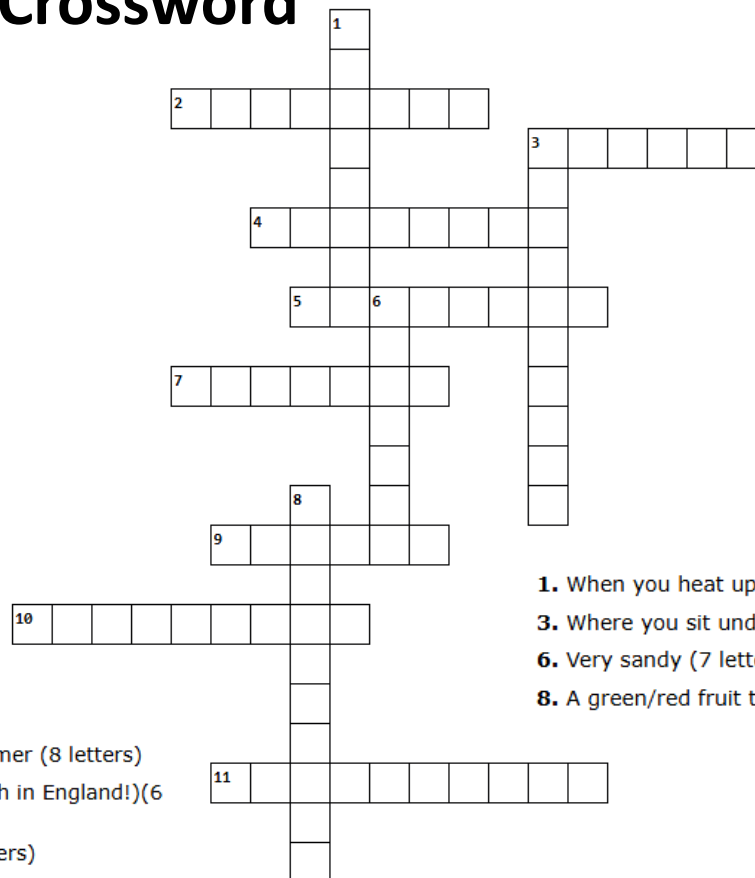
Strawberry

sweat

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By Moustafa

Summer Crossword



Across

2. A cold snack that you eat in summer (8 letters)
3. The warmest season (not so much in England!)(6 letters)
4. American word for holiday (8 letters)
5. A bit like a party or celebration (8 letters)
7. Where you travel in free time (7 letters)
9. Moving (6 letters)
10. A summery flower (9 letters)
11. A sport that you often at the beach (10 letters)

Down

1. When you heat up food to eat outdoors (8 letters)
3. Where you sit under the sun (10 letters)
6. Very sandy (7 letters)
8. A green/red fruit that is very juicy (10 letters)

By Moustafa

