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SUMMER 2024

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A word from the Chairman

Happy Summer – Or is it?! It has been a rather wet and at times chilly start to the Summer, we can only hope as we move into August we finally get some days of sun, without the rain!

Throughout the Summer we have various events planned at Roman Park Hall for families and a series Friday night events, details of all of these are in this edition, I hope to see you at some of them.

The Parish Council are working on raising funds through grants and fundraising to start on campaigns to tackle parking and speeding on our estate, we will be looking to put together teams of volunteers to help with this. Follow our Facebook page and check our website for details over the next few months.

In this edition we have some lovely articles from our local schools on events they have held in the last couple of months and it was great to see so many of our community supporting these events.

I hope you have a lovely summer, whether you are staying home or going away and as always if you have any questions or anything you would like to bring to our attention please do get in touch.

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Northern Lights, Aurora Borealis

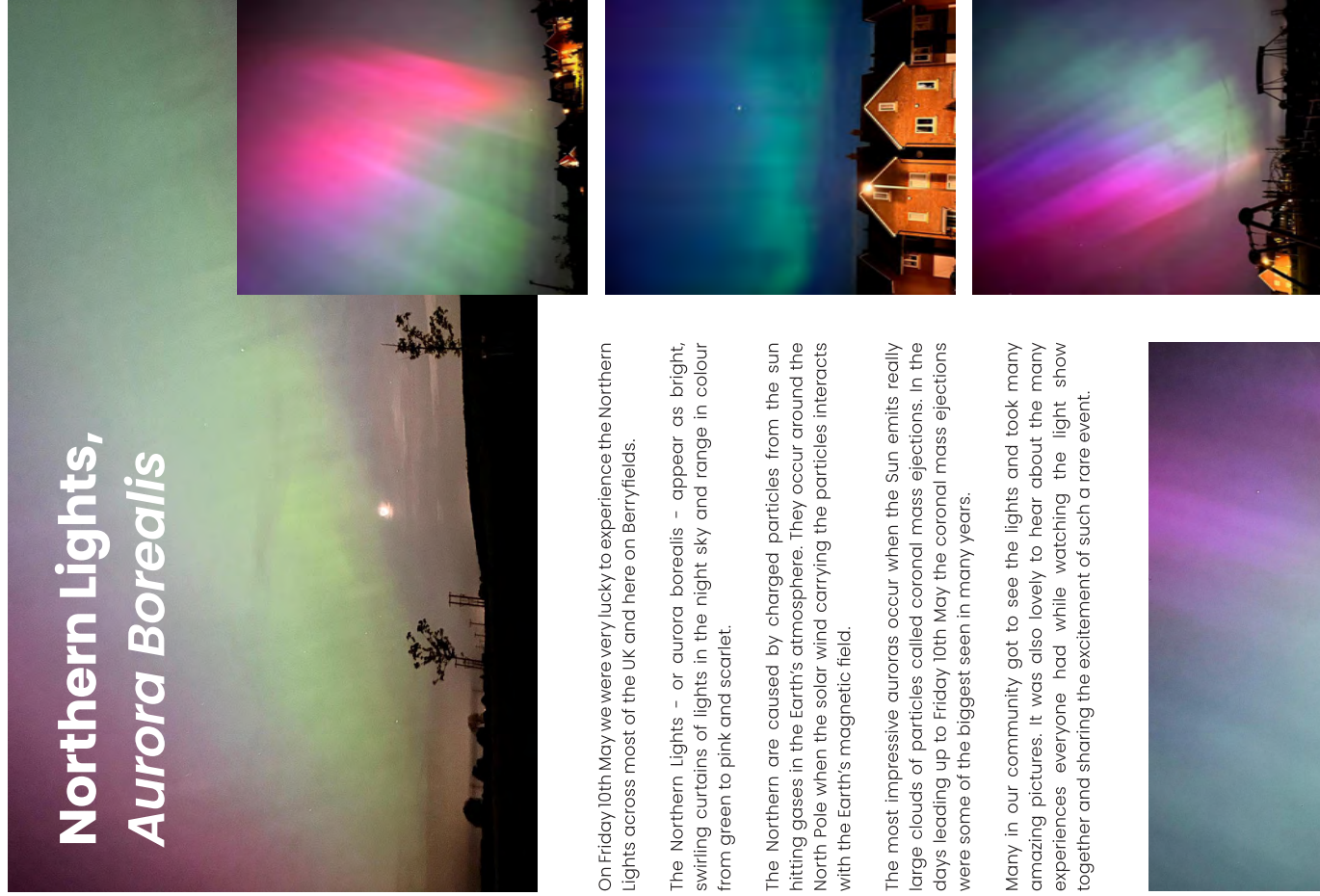
On Friday 10th May we were very lucky to experience the Northern Lights across most of the UK and here on Berryfields.

The Northern Lights - or aurora borealis - appear as bright, swirling curtains of lights in the night sky and range in colour from green to pink and scarlet.

The Northern are caused by charged particles from the sun hitting gases in the Earth's atmosphere. They occur around the North Pole when the solar wind carrying the particles interacts with the Earth's magnetic field.

The most impressive auroras occur when the Sun emits really large clouds of particles called coronal mass ejections. In the days leading up to Friday 10th May the coronal mass ejections were some of the biggest seen in many years.

Many in our community got to see the lights and took many amazing pictures. It was also lovely to hear about the many experiences everyone had while watching the light show together and sharing the excitement of such a rare event.



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GREG SMITH MP

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It's an incredible honour to have been re-elected to the House of Commons to represent the new constituency of Mid Buckinghamshire, which incorporates Berryfields.

My mission as your MP is to be as accessible as possible, available and ready to help. In order to best represent you in Parliament, I rely on you letting me know what matters most to you and your family, or issues as they arise in Berryfields or the wider constituency area.

Likewise, I am always keen to support all areas of the Mid Buckinghamshire constituency, so if there is an event or meeting or just something you want to show me in or around Berryfields, I am always happy to come along!

So, if there is an issue you'd like to raise with me, would like my help on any matter, or would like to book an appointment at one of my regular help and advice surgeries, then please do get in touch via email on greg.smith.mp@parliament.uk or post via Greg Smith MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

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THIS YEARS HAIR LOOKS FOR

SUMMER HAIR 2024

BY THE ROOM AT BERRYFIELDS

The 2024 hair trends are all about embracing individuality and natural beauty. When it comes to hair colours, we're seeing a shift towards more soft, natural tones such as honey blondes, caramel browns and rich chestnut shades.

These colours complement a wide range of skin tones and add warmth and dimension to any hairstyle. Sun-kissed tones are having a major moment in 2024. Think delicious caramel hues, rich chestnut shades, and honeyed highlights that mimic the beauty of sunlight dancing on your hair. These natural-looking colours add depth and dimension to your locks and they're perfect for creating that coveted "just got back from vacation" vibe. Artful Placement of Highlights and Balayage Forget about traditional highlights – 2024 is all about getting creative with colour. From strategically placed face-framing highlights to expertly executed balayage, the artful placement of colour is a major trend this year. These techniques add a pop of brightness exactly where you want it, resulting in a bespoke look that complements your features and personal style.

The haircuts we seem to be seeing more of this season are The "Old money Bob", which I absolutely love, the body and bounce is back in hairstyles rather than being super sleek and smooth. It's all about movement this season.

If you have longer hair it's all about the butterfly hair cut. This cut keeps the length whilst adding lots of layers and shaping around the face. A butterfly haircut combines short layers with long layers to give your hair dimension, movement, and body. The short, wispy layers hit around the chin to frame your face, highlight your features, and even contour a round face shape. The longer layers, on the other hand, fall below the shoulders to maintain the appearance of a long hairstyle. From the back, the look can resemble a butterfly's wings, hence the name. Because of the variance in the layers, a long butterfly haircut gives the volume of a short haircut but doesn't require you to sacrifice any length. Instead, the haircut removes weight and damaged ends, leaving you with a voluminous, bouncy style that's able to hold its shape.

Layered cuts with soft, face-framing pieces are versatile and easy to style, allowing for a variety of looks from tousled waves to sleek, straight styles. The "modern shag" haircut is also making a comeback, offering a relaxed yet chic vibe with its textured layers and shaggy, lived-in appearance.

Hair accessories are making a serious comeback, and we're here for it! From silk scarves to embellished hairpins and statement headbands, there are endless options for adding a touch of flair to your hairstyle. Elevate your look with these stylish accessories that not only keep your hair in place but also take your mane game to the next level. Individuality is Key Above all, the hair trends of 2024 are all about celebrating individuality. Whether you prefer a low-maintenance, wash-and-go style or love experimenting with bold colours and creative cuts, this is the year to embrace what makes your hair unique. It's all about self-expression and feeling confident in your own skin – or should we say, in your own hair!

Why not book your appointment today and let our talented team at The Room at Berryfields bring these stunning hair trends to life for you? Whether you're looking to refresh your current style, try out a new colour technique, or simply indulge in some pampering, our skilled stylists are here to make your hair dreams a reality. Don't miss out on the opportunity to elevate your look and experience the latest in hair trends. Give us a call or book online to secure your spot and embark on a journey to fabulous, trendsetting hair!

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Leaders in Parent Partnership

I am pleased to inform you that Aylesbury Vale Academy has achieved the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA). This award is externally accredited by Optimus Education, a large organisation that provides career development, consultancy and awards to hundreds of schools in the UK.

The award is valid for the next three years and is in recognition of the work done by the school to engage and support parents and carers with the education, personal development and aspirations of both the children we serve, but also our work with the local community. The process of achieving the award took twelve months to complete and involved reviewing and improving all aspects of our work with parental engagement, from consulting on policies, through expanding and enhancing our communications, to acting on the feedback provided through parental voice surveys.

Whilst this is a huge achievement for AVA, it is not the end goal of our work on parental engagement. The LPPA will now help us evaluate our strengths and identify goals and improvements for the coming years. The detailed and rigorous assessment framework for the LPPA will be central to our future plans, including continued provision of support for parents with their own learning (as well as that of their children) and opportunities for us to share the cultural diversity of our community. All of this will aid us in making AVA the hub and heart of the local area.

We look forward to continuing our work in engaging parents and carers as key stakeholders in our community.

Mr Gibson



It's a Jungle Out There!

This summer, students in Year 9 and 10 embark on an unforgettable adventure to Malaysia through the World Challenge program. The trip has been designed to develop their leadership, teamwork, and resilience skills, while immersing them in a rich cultural experience. We will update you in the next edition on how they get on.



AVA Careers:

This academic year has marked a significant step forward for Aylesbury Vale Academy's commitment to providing exceptional careers advice, information, and education. We are proud to announce that we have embarked on the journey to obtain a Quality in Careers Standard, reflecting our dedication to delivering the highest standards of careers support for our students.

Throughout the year, we have hosted a variety of activities designed to inspire and equip our students with essential employability skills. Students in Years 7, 8, 9, and 10 participated in workshops that enhanced their understanding of the skills needed in the modern workplace. Year 9 students visited Bucks New University for an insightful Futures Day, exploring a wide range of career options.

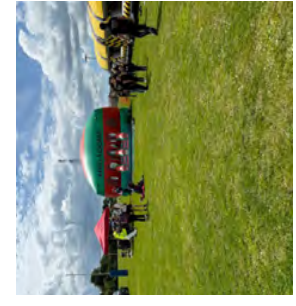
We also hosted various scientists, including the esteemed astronaut Dr. Michael Foale, to talk about exciting careers in STEM fields. Students in Years 11, 12, and 13 attended UCAS fairs and apprenticeship shows, gaining valuable information for their future pathways.

Multiple activities and trips were organized to give students a closer look at careers in the NHS. We held our first-ever careers evening for parents and an in-house careers fair featuring over 30 different employers and providers. Students in Years 10 and 12 gained real-world experience through work placements. Every student in Years 11, 12, and 13 was offered a personalized careers appointment with a specialist careers advisor.

We are dedicated to continuing this excellent provision next year and beyond, ensuring our students are well-prepared for their future careers. If you are part of a company that supports young people and wants to make a difference, please get in touch with our careers lead at pmarina@theacademy.me. Together, we can help shape the future of our young people.

AVA'BURY

Thank you to everyone in the community who came and supported AVA'Bury this year. We had all four seasons in one day but that did not stop us having a good time. We're looking at making AVA'BURY25 bigger and better. Please do get in touch with us if you're a local business who would like to sponsor the event avafestival@theacademy.me.



Prom

The Year 11 students have worked extremely hard this year to prepare for their exams, so to congratulate them all we hosted our prom this year at Buckinghamshire Railway. The perfect backdrop for the event.

Thank you to The Print Lab, Love2Bake and The Balloon Cabin for working with us to make the evening special for our students.



What do British Values mean in a modern day Britain?

Collaborating with Green Ridge

Since February the Prefect team at Green Ridge to discuss what a modern-day Britain looks like to them and how this is reflected in the community of Berryfields. We will be continuing this project into the new school year and look forward to showcasing their outcomes soon.



Tech4Learners

We are delighted to announce that we are launching Phase 2 of our Tech4Learners scheme for all students at Aylesbury Vale Academy who will begin September 2024 in Years 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

This is a keyway we deliver our aspiration for every student at AVA to have a Microsoft compatible device for use at home. We are committed to the positive impact technology can have on students' home learning. As we continue to learn the lessons of the pandemic, we have seen, in sharper focus than ever before, just how crucial technology is in enabling students to develop as independent and effective learners. Where students have access to suitable devices and the skills to use them, they make better progress. We want to take the big step forward by ensuring that all our students have this advantage.

Our aims are as follows:

- We want students to learn in authentic, twenty-first century ways, which prepare them for further study and for the technologies that adults use in the world of work.
- We want students to experience cutting-edge teaching and learning techniques, which are increasingly dependent on all students having access to their own devices.
- We want students to be able to engage with their home learning wherever they are – using cloud technologies to share their efforts with teachers electronically.
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We hope that the information provided in our brochures gives you a good sense of what our scheme involves, as well as the benefits that it will bring. Inside you will find the ordering details you need to place your order (please use the correct relevant login for your child's circumstances).

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Is there a local business that would be able to support us? In return, we could offer you free advertising in 'Our Berryfields' and on our website. Do you have some free time on a Thursday morning and could lend a hand in making up food parcels?

Are you able to buy an extra can of food when you do your weekly shopping? Or do you have a tin of food in the cupboard you will never eat (providing it is in date). You can either bring them to Roman Park Hall or give them to the collection points as detailed in the flyer.

Please donate the following foods if you can:

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- Pasta sauces
- Baked Beans
- Soup
- Sandwich fillers such as jam, peanut butter, marmite, honey,
- Tinned meats and Tuna
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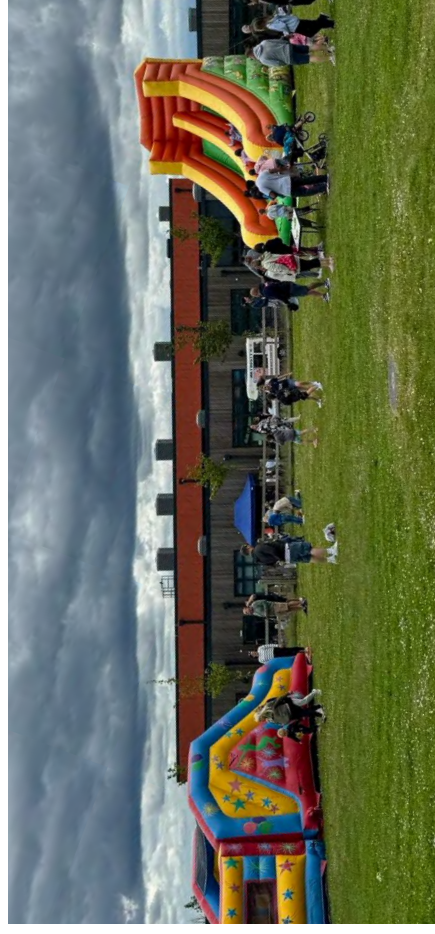
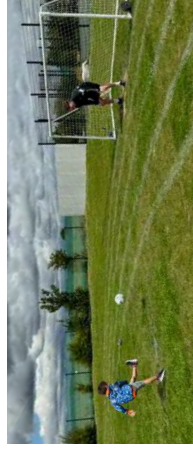
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Summer Fete June 2024

On Saturday 8th June Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA held it's annual Summer Fete, despite the weather not being the best it was a great day and had a large turn out from our school community and the Berryfields community. There were lots of different stalls, a BBQ, inflatables, donkey riders, a VR Experience and the ever popular Bottle Tombola!

Thanks to everyone's support the PTA raised just over £2,000 for the school. The PTA would also like to give a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the day and made it possible! A big thank you to Green Machine who ran the BBQ on the Day.

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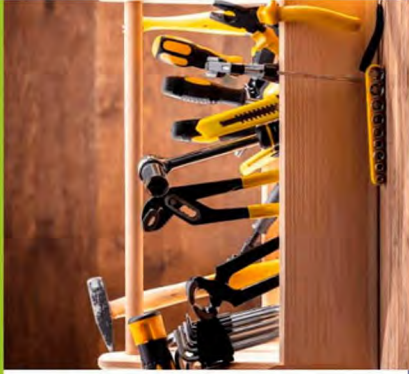
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I'd Like a Bike is a service that provides bikes for people who are financially struggling. This includes care leavers, refugees, and underprivileged families. We provide second-hand bikes so that people can get to work, school, or even just to enjoy leisure time exploring local greenways.

I'd Like a Bike is a subsidiary of I'd Like to Borrow. Both corporations are based at the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre. We currently have a dedicated repair team refurbishing donated bikes, but we are always looking for new volunteers to meet the demand for this project.

This project links in with Public Health who are supporting residents in Aylesbury town with bikes. The projects are working closely together to ensure anyone who would benefit from the use of a bike but cannot afford one, has the opportunity to do so.

How can you get involved?

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Flock to Waddesdon Manor for a summer celebration of birds

Flights of Fancy: Birds at Waddesdon

22 May – 27 Oct

This summer, Waddesdon Manor will take a flight of fancy with a festival of feathered friends that promises to be fun for all the family.

A whole host of bird-themed exhibitions, interactive events and outdoor activities will swoop down upon Waddesdon for the entire season, offering something for everyone, whether you are a fledgling enthusiast or a wise expert.

Already home to hundreds of beautiful birds, the recently restored **Aviary** is a treasure trove of exotic and endangered species. There's no need for binoculars in this part of the bird-spotting trail, as children can get up close with lots of colourful and noisy songbirds. There's the chance to see the rare Socorro Dove or how about the Painted Bunting which, as the name suggests, is a glorious mix of blue, red, yellow and green. Then there are the Indian Hill Mynahs who will probably be wanting a chat, as they're often heard saying "hello", beeping like a lorry reversing, or laughing heartily.

And now, this summer, you'll have the chance to tell a secret to the birds with an interactive art installation that translates your words into birdsong! The multisensory sculpture, **Tell it to the Birds**, created by contemporary artist Jenny Kendler (b.1980) allows visitors to whisper a message, but as your words are translated into chirps, calls and chirrups, the meaning will stay between you and the birds.



We've also got a brand-new opportunity to **Sponsor a Bird** at the Aviary with packs at the Manor Shop, with certificates designed by illustrator Madeleine Floyd, who is also designing an exclusive range of bird merchandise for the Waddesdon shop. Proceeds go towards the conservation of the Rothschild mynah – the snowy white bird with a startling blue eye mask native to Bali which was named after Walter, second Lord Rothschild (1868-1937), a famous zoologist. It was at risk of extinction, but thanks to the Waddesdon Aviary's breeding programme, birds are now sent back to Bali and are helping increase numbers in the wild. There is also a chance to find out more with **Meet the Aviary Keeper** talks that are happening throughout the summer.

With the promise of sun-filled mornings and afternoons, a **Waddesdon Bird Spotting Guide** will help you identify all the inhabitants and roosting residents as you migrate through the grounds.



Keep your eyes to the sky as you may see a Red Kite with its distinctive forked tail, or perhaps you'll even spot a species that has not been seen at Waddesdon before.

But birds beware on the May Bank Holiday weekend as Waddesdon becomes a little bit wilder when Berkshire Birds of Prey come to visit. From 25 May until 27 May children receive free entry to the house and grounds for the special May bank holiday weekend Escape from the Aviary. This includes the chance to glove up and meet the likes of Bella the Barn Owl, Buddy the Hawk, Princess Lela the Falcon and many more. There will also be a host of craft workshops, face painting, and giant birds roaming the grounds all weekend.

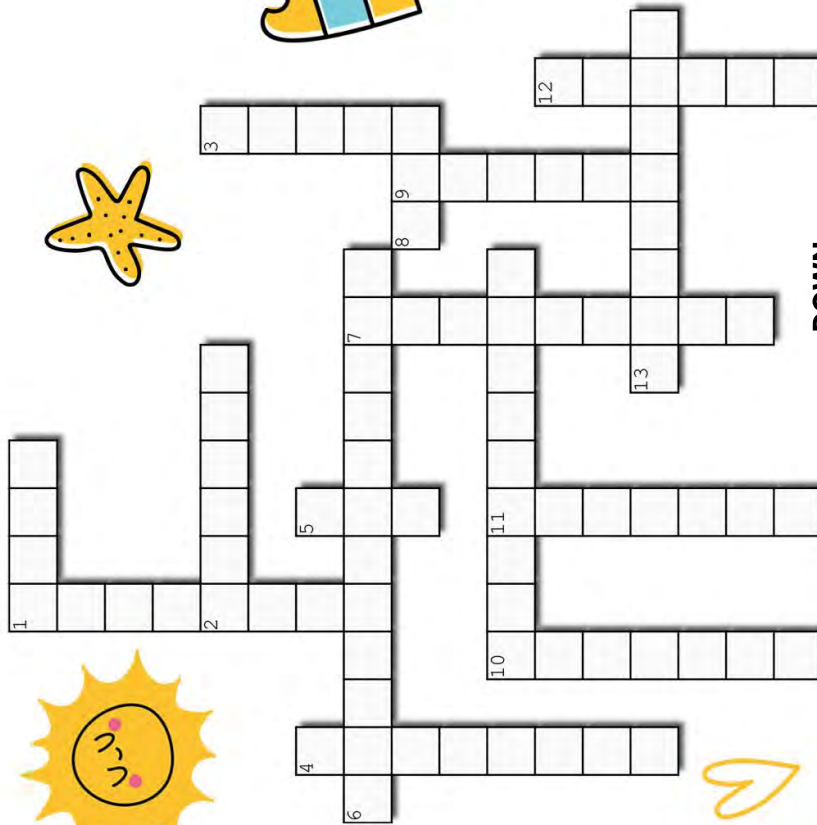
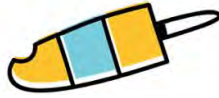
The gardens are also having an avian-inspired artistic intervention. Two impressive 3D bedding bird sculptures will be showing off their fancy plumage during the summer months, and on the Parterre, a specially designed carpet bed will translate a drawing of two orioles into a complex living mosaic made up of over 25,000 succulent plants.

The orioles are inspired by the artistry of the famous bird-painter on porcelain, Louis-Denis Armand (1723-1796), whose brilliance has hatched the entire season as the Manor hosts **Flights of Fancy**, the first ever exhibition solely focused on the artist. Widely acknowledged as the finest painter of birds at the world-famous Sèvres factory in 18th-century France, visitors can step out of the sun and into the Manor to see a survey of porcelain, paintings and drawings. Joining Waddesdon's own fantastic collection of what will be nearly 50 loans from private collections.

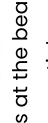
And more birds have broken free this summer with a series of interventions by paper artist Andy Singleton, who has been inspired by the collection, the Aviary and Armand's art to create a paper trail of bird sculptures throughout the Manor. Will you be able to spot them all?



CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

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1. Kids love to dig in this.

2. You can collect these on the beach.

6. An American summer holiday.

8. You turn this on to cool off.

10. We put this on our skin to protect us from the sun.

13. A trip away from home.

1. What you wear to go swimming.

3. You swim in this at the beach.

4. A frozen treat on a stick.

5. The weather in summer.

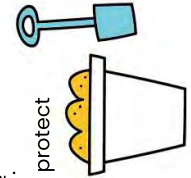
7. Someone whose job is to make sure swimmers are safe.

9. The last month of summer.

10. A bird you see often at the beach.

11. When you ride a wave with a board.

12. Commonly worn in summer.



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