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The summer holidays are nearly upon us. Last Thursday was transfer day. The excitement and nerves were palpable but I am glad to say there were many smiling faces in St Mary's as the Year 4s met their buddies for next year.

I have had the privilege of leading an assembly in all the first schools this half term. I told pupils the story of how the Golden Eagle teaches their young to fly; they push them out of the nest sending them hurtling towards the ground. The mother eagle then swoops down to catch them on her wing, she then takes them back to the nest and repeats the process until the young birds can fly independently. Transfer day is a day when pupils prepare themselves to take a big step forward in their lives.

Working as a group of schools our wings are broader & stronger and we offer the highest level of support for pupils. The Year 4s also know I will be here in September and checking to ensure the work they are doing is as good as the work they were doing in their first school!

We look forward to the Autumn term when apart from working hard at our studies we shall be planting our trees at the end of November. You may recall in my last newsletter I explained to you about our tree planting project which the children have chosen as a symbol of us working together in the Greenwood Tree Academy Trust. Well done to the schools who have voted for their preferred trees. We will also be thinking of ways to exercise more. So far initiatives such as whole school walks and Olympic afternoons have been making a difference.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer break and hope pupils and parents are able to recharge your batteries ready for September.

With best wishes,

Mr Chadwick