



HINGUAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Term Newsletter Week 13 9th December 2022

Communication

As a school, we encourage strong parental partnerships with our staff. We would like to remind parents that if you have a worry or concern to first make contact with your child's class teacher who will ensure they make themselves available after school during the week. For parents who, due to work or other commitments, do not get the opportunity to touch base with their child's teacher on a regular basis in the playground, please use the following e-mail address to communicate teachers@hinguar.secat.co.uk

As another point of contact, each class is overseen by a Phase Leader who will be able to discuss any concerns or worries that you have within your child's phase group.

EYFS and KS1 Phase Leader (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2) – Mrs Attard

KS2 Phase Leader (Years 3, 4, 5, and 6) – Miss Eakins

The following school staff are also available as key contacts:

- Mrs S Wilson, our Learning Mentor/Pastoral Team member is available to talk to or make an appointment with through the School Office.
- Mrs K White-SENCO is available to discuss matters regarding specific learning needs.
- Mrs C Attard - Deputy Headteacher is available by appointment through the School Office
- Mrs A Waite-Headteacher is available by appointment through the School Office

Thank you.

Sports Clubs and Booster classes

Please note that all sports clubs finish today for Christmas and will resume again in January. Further information to follow next week.

Before and after school booster classes will continue until Friday 16th December.



Southend East Community Academy Trust



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Congratulations to Ms Clancy (Catering Manager) and Miss Marchant (Catering Assistant) who achieved a 5 (very good) Food Hygiene Rating for our school kitchen, following an unannounced inspection last month. This was no mean feat, particularly as the inspector arrived just as lunch was about to be served! This accreditation is valid for 18 months.



Grand Prize Raffle—FOH will be at school reception on Monday 12th at 8:20 to 9:00am to receive any final tickets and payments. (Contactless payments will be available on Monday morning only). Any questions please contact friendsofhinguar@outlook.com
Thank you for your amazing support!



Please could you collect plastic lids from containers such as milk bottles, water bottles and other drinks bottles.

I am collecting as many as possible for an art project next term.

Thank you in anticipation.

Miss Eakins

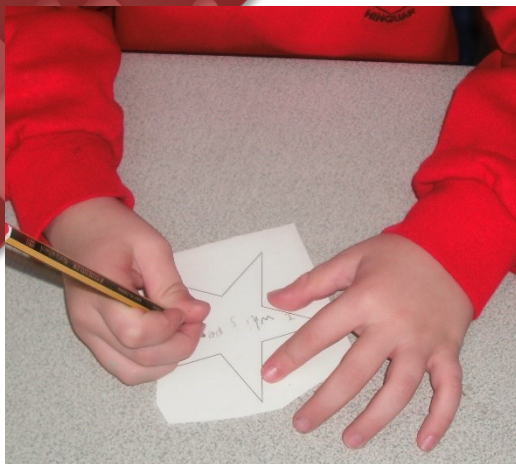


Now the weather is getting colder, please make sure your child is wearing joggers and a warm top for PE, as this is usually outdoors.

EYFS Nativity Productions

Well done to both Nursery and Reception classes for their fantastic Nativity performances, yesterday. Both the singing and acting were amazing and we could hear every word. Thank you to parents/carers for supporting the children in learning the words and the staff for their hard work in ensuring the performances were so successful.

Seagull Class



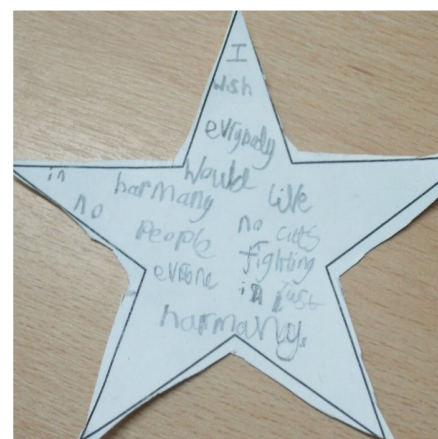
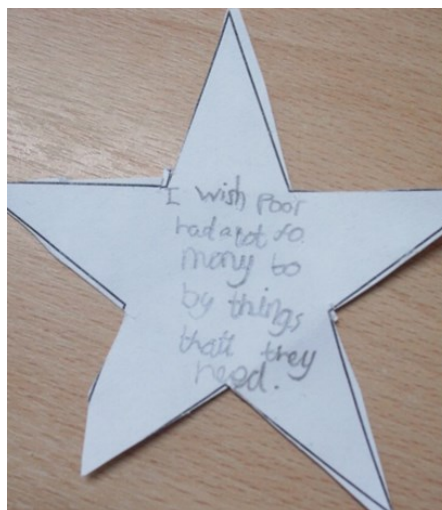
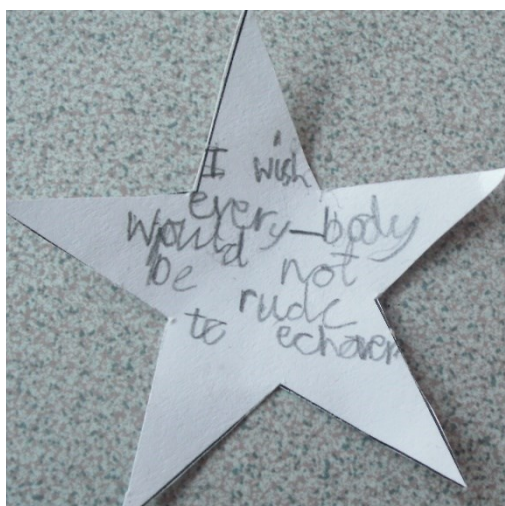
This week, we have been completing our assessments. The children have taken this very seriously and really impressed us with their enthusiasm to show off just how much they know! They have all tried their hardest to demonstrate their knowledge.

Also this week, we have been learning our Christmas songs ready for our Christmas Concert next week. The children are certainly getting into the festive spirit. We have been learning new facts about Christmas traditions with our fact a day Advent calendar.

The children have been thinking about bigger issues in order to write their own wish star to add to the school Christmas tree. The wishes the children made really demonstrate how compassionate they are. We had wishes for homeless people to find somewhere safe to stay, for people in care or hospital to feel better, for more recycling to protect our planet and even a wish for world peace.

An excellent week, Year 2. You have made us all extremely proud of you.

Mrs Oakley, Mrs Merton, Mrs Rawlings and Miss Brailsford



School Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat	Shepherd's Pastie, New Potatoes and Peas 	Chicken and Vegetable Noodles with vegetable Spring Roll 	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Pigs in blankets, Yorkshire pudding   	Sweet Beef con carne, brown rice & sweetcorn	Jumbo Cod Fish Finger, Chips, Beans, Spaghetti or Peas    
Vegetarian	Cheese and Onion Pastie, new potatoes and Peas  	Vegetable Noodles with a vegetable spring roll 	Quorn Chicken with Quorn Sausage	Sweet Lentil Con carne, brown rice & Sweetcorn	Vegan Fishless Fish Finger, Chips, Beans, Spaghetti or Peas 
Dessert	Cookie    	Brownie    	Christmas Tree Choc Ice,	Fruit Crumble & Cream 	Ice Cream Sponge Roll   

WEEK 1

School dinners need to be **ordered and paid for in advance on the IRIS Parent Mail app**.

School dinner menus will be published weekly for the following week to be ordered and paid for on the ParentMail app. Universal and Free School Meal children will still need to order their choices on the ParentMail app **but will not be charged**.

To order, open the IRIS ParentMail app and go to accounts. In accounts there is the School Dinner Register, tap on this to open the School Dinner Register and tap one of the days. This will take you to the screen with the menus for the week where you can order your choices for the individual day or full.



Seahorse Class



This week, in Seahorse Class we have been exploring Christmas. We began the week by talking about the traditions we participate in during the Christmas period. In Literacy, we have been writing our Christmas card inserts.

As we listened to the Christmas Story, the children enjoyed spotting their nativity roles within the plot.

Later in the week, we voyaged to Nazareth through Now Press Play and became the characters from the Christmas Story. In this experience the children sang, counted and role-played as Joseph, Mary, the donkey and the Angel Gabriel.

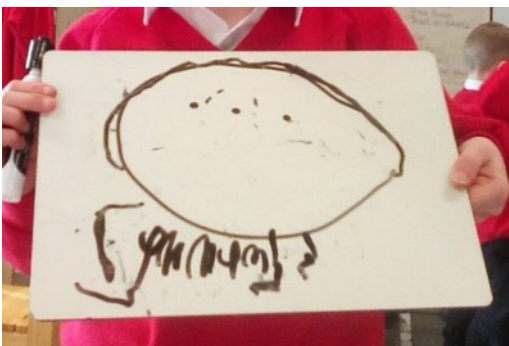
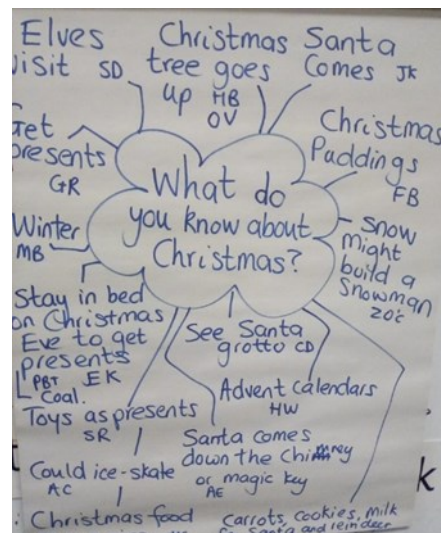
The magical elf has been moving around the classroom causing chaos! The children all wanted to name the elf, so a class vote was taken on the children's suggestions. After counting the votes, we have named the elf Christmas Mario.

In Maths, we have used the Advent calendar to look at how to say the date. All the children's names have been placed in the calendar and when their name is read out, they will receive a gold chocolate coin to bring home. We have also explored the concept of 1 more and 1 fewer. The children built towers using blocks and then used their reasoning skills to explain why their towers showed 1 more and 1 less.

Throughout the week, the children have been creating angels and crowns, writing on whiteboards, building with Duplo and made a bed for Alice the Bunny.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Christmas Activity morning and the Nativity on Thursday. We hope you enjoyed the craft activities with your child. We are very proud of the children's performance; they have been practising very hard and were eager to show off their singing and actions. Well done, Seahorse Class.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Penny and Mrs Rawlings



Curlew Class



This week in Year 4, the children have been completing the end of term assessment tests. They have all worked extremely hard and have impressed me with everything they have learnt this past term. Well done to everyone for being so completely fantastic!

Recently in our ICT lessons, we have been learning about how to effectively use the internet for research. We have been ensuring information gathered is accurate by looking at more than one source for answers to our questions. This week, we applied these skills in our science lesson. The children worked in pairs to identify endangered animals, their habitats, the reason they are endangered, and what we can do to help the particular species.

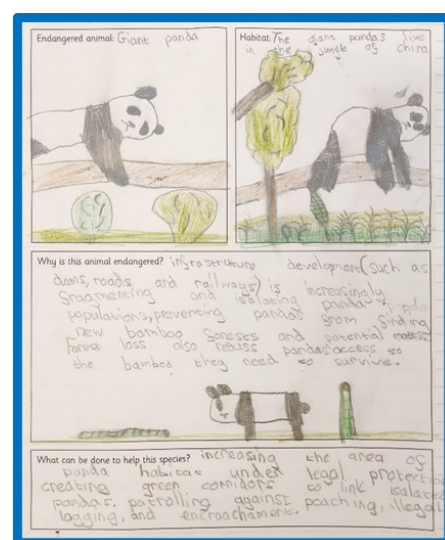
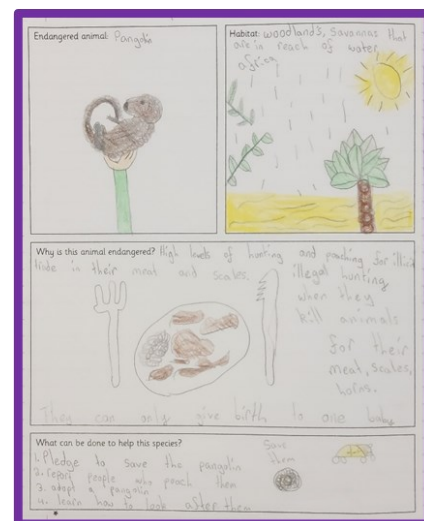
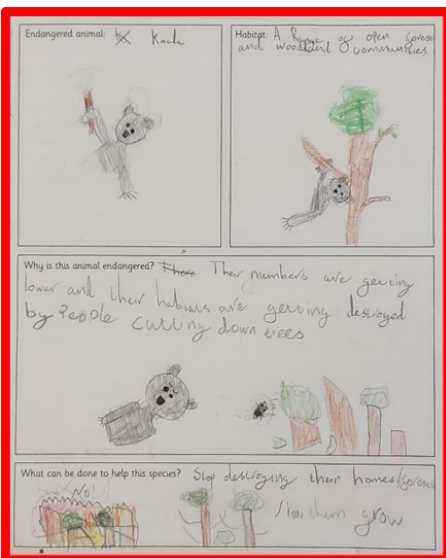
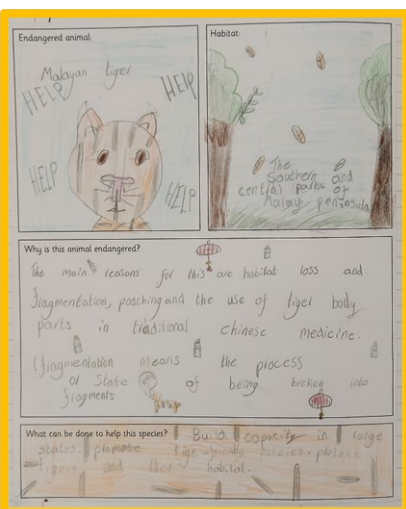
In PSHE, we have been learning about how important it is to recognise and respect personal space, and to recognise when a situation feels uncomfortable or inappropriate. The children considered how the body might naturally react to a situation that feels 'wrong' and the emotions that are likely to be felt. Most importantly, the children made a list of people they could speak to if they were placed in this position, to ensure they can get help and support. We will be continuing this work next week so every child fully understands how important it is to speak up about subjects that worry or upset them.

Well done, Year 4 for once again being fabulous. Not long now until a well deserved rest.

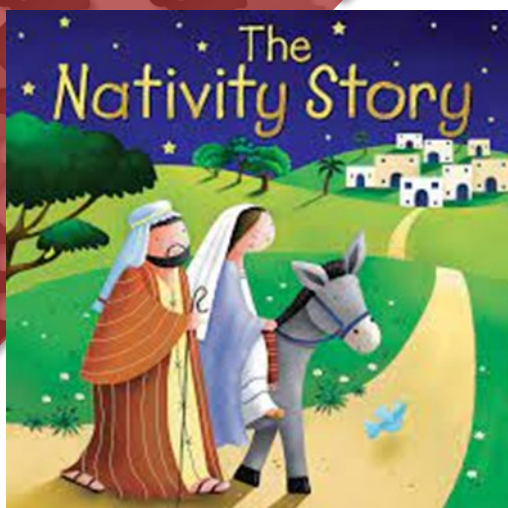
Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Eakins and Mrs Edwards

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Starfish Class



This week in Starfish class, we performed our nursery Nativity for our families. The children loved dressing up in their costumes and joined in beautifully with the songs and actions. We are all so proud of the nursery children for taking part and delivering such an amazing performance.

After our Nativity our families joined us to make Christmas crafts together with our friends in Seahorse Class. Our nursery is looking very festive with all of our decorations.

We have been busy developing our pencil grip, mark making and writing skills whilst writing our Christmas cards. The children have enjoyed using paint in various ways to create a colourful calendar and a Christmas folder, ready to bring home their creations at the end of term.

We have been excited to open our nursery Advent calendar each day whilst developing our number recognition and counting how many days left until Christmas.

We made a star to hang on our Christmas tree and made a Christmas wish. The children wished for lots of snow and for everyone to have a very merry Christmas.

Next week, we are looking forward to our Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day.

Well done, Starfish class on another busy week of fun and learning.

Mrs Brant, Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Bowser, Mrs Loe and Mrs Mota





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Oyster Class

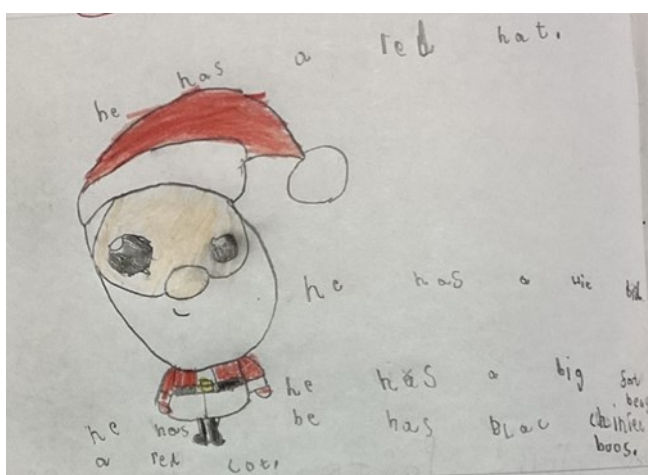
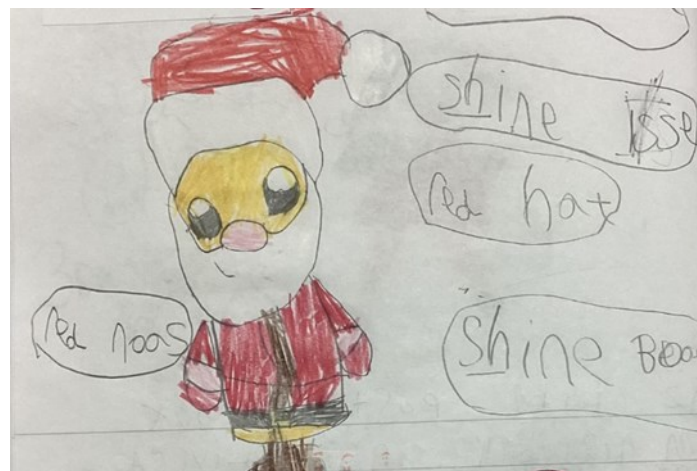


In Year 1 this week, we have been reading the story The Jolly Christmas Postman. The children have really enjoyed learning about the postman's journey, especially sharing the letters inside the book, written from fairy tale characters to each other.

We have been focusing on describing words this week as we have been making a guide to spotting Santa. The children have drawn a picture of Santa and have been using their vocabulary to describe him.

In Maths, we have been recapping place value, addition and subtraction and shape to make sure our knowledge is very secure.

Have a fabulous weekend, Year 1. Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Mota and Mrs Merton.



Christmas tips for children with SEND and their families

Christmas can be an exciting and fun time, but new activities can be overwhelming for some of us. We've compiled a list of tips for the festive period. With good planning and clear communication, we hope these will help you have an enjoyable Christmas.

Key to preparing for a successful Christmas is to plan and share what is important for you with those you are spending Christmas with.

Preparing Many people can find any kind of change difficult. Planning and preparation are key in making Christmas as enjoyable as possible.

Think about ways you can enjoy the festive season that work for you – don't feel pressured into doing things just because that's what other people do.

Make sure all plans are shared and you know what you will be doing and when, and who else will be there.

If it is helpful, use visual aids such as calendars, lists and schedules to help plan your Christmas.

Think about and plan around sensory differences that could cause you distress or discomfort, consider ear defenders etc for times of potential sensory overload.

Create or find a quiet space where you can take a break if you get overwhelmed. You may want this to be a completely Christmas-free area, particularly around the main days of Christmas or at key times that there may be additional stress.

Don't just plan for Christmas Day, plan for the whole festive break, and give yourself quiet days to recoup if needed.

Especially this year, don't spend money you don't have on Christmas gifts you can't afford. Make sure you budget for buying Christmas gifts.

Presents

Presents can also be overwhelming: the number of them, the wrapping and unwrapping of them; the unclear expectations about how to respond after receiving a present. You could try asking and telling family and friends what their preference is in advance, including:

- The number of presents – make a list of presents they would like to receive and share this with your family and friends. This also removes any element of surprise if you find that difficult.
- Explaining whether they want presents to be wrapped or not.

"Last year my son chose his own main present, and checked it was right when it arrived, then it was wrapped. He felt better knowing his present was right, and it wouldn't be a surprise, so started the day calm."

Heron Class



This week, Year 6 have been taking part in an online session with some of the world's leading children's authors. We enjoyed hearing extracts from their current Christmas books, as well as where they gain their inspiration for their stories and some top tips on becoming an author.

In Art, we have been investigating a variety of 3D paper sculpture techniques and creating our own abstract art designs.

In English, for our last unit this term, we have been studying poetry with the support of Waterstones Children's Laureate, Joseph Coelho. We have used onomatopoeia and rhyme to create short poems on a variety of subjects.

On Thursday, we had an amazing trip to IWM Duxford. It was very exciting to bring our learning to life; experiencing a real life Anderson Shelter, seeing aeroplanes and weapons from the time as well as a variety of land vehicles including tanks. The children were amazing representatives of the school and behaved impeccably.

Mrs Calvy, Mrs Attard and Ms Hardy.



Sporting Events—Santa Netball



On Wednesday, we attended a year 5/6 Santa Netball event.

This was the first netball event in several years for Hinguar.

The children performed well as a team and it was fantastic to watch them progress throughout the afternoon. We were even treated to hot chocolate and biscuits!

An amazing afternoon of sport.

Team Hinguar at its best.





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Sanderling Class



Well done, Year 5 for an excellent week. Although it has been difficult and required much resilience, you have outdone yourselves in assessment week and I couldn't be prouder of you all.

Besides assessments this week, Year 5 have been adding fractions with different denominators and converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and the reverse.



They have also been learning about separating mixtures through evaporation. After the children learnt about the process of evaporation, they designed their own Christmas decorations using sugar paper and then placed them in a container of water and salt. They have observed how the water evaporated over the week to create salt crystal Christmas decorations.

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Mountier and Mrs Allen





Awards and Notices

Catch Me! Awards

This is a system that rewards the children for doing the right thing all the time, whether it be being polite, helpful, ready to learn etc and any adult in the school can award the Catch Me! signatures to the children.



Well done to Mia, Lacey and William M in Avocet Class for achieving their Bronze Catch Me Awards.

Well done to Ethan in Heron Class for achieving his Silver Catch Me Award.

Times Tables

Congratulations to Carly, Oliver, George, Ronnie C, Matilda, Alyssa, Logan, Sienna, Macsen, Arthur, Ronnie P, Olivia, Jack, Olive and Albie in Seahorse Class and Florence in Heron Class on achieving their Bronze Times Tables Certificate.

Congratulations to Megan A and Buddy on achieving their Silver Times Tables Certificates.



Reading Champions

Well done to Isabel in Avocet Class and Florence in Heron Class who are our latest Reading Champions. If you would like to be awarded a Reading Champion badge, you must read a selection of challenging books from a variety of genres and then write a short review of ONE book that you have read. We have plenty more badges waiting to be handed out so let's see who will be next! We thank all families for their continued support in enabling our children to be Reading Champions and in fostering a love of reading. 'Together We Achieve.'





AWARDS

House Points



Canute



Guthrum



Thorkell



Houston



Birthday Celebrations

This week in assembly we celebrated Mikael and Sammy R's birthdays.



Student of the Week

Award Board

**Avocet Class—
Whole Class**

**Sanderling Class—
Arthur**

**Curlew Class—
Eli**

**Heron Class—
Alice**

**Seagull Class—
Henry**

**Oyster Class —
Maya**

**Seahorse Class—
Oliver**

Race to the Park

The winning classes for each half term are rewarded with a trip to the local park.

The winners of the race so far this term are,
KS1 Seagull Class having attendance of 94.22% and in
KS2 Curlew Class 96.31%.

100% Attendance and Punctuality Prize

Each week, during our celebration assembly, we congratulate good attendance as a whole class.

This week in KS1, Alice the Bunny was won by Seagull Class with 94.17% and in KS2 the attendance cup was awarded to Sanderling Class with 93.10%.

The classes will be rewarded with an extra turn on the play equipment.

Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

Inset Days for Academic Year 22022/23

10th February 2023, 21st July 2023.

Term Dates 2022 / 23

Autumn Term 1 September 2022 – 20 December 2022

Spring Term 5 January 2023 – 31 March 2023

Summer Term 17 April 2023 – 21 July 2023

May Day Bank Holiday 1st May 2023

Half Term 24 October – 28 October

Half Term 13 February – 17 February

Half Term 30 May – 2 June and May Day

Dates for Diary (updates in red)

FOH Grand Prize Draw

12th December 2022

FOH Children's Secret Santa

12th, 13th and 15th December (lunchtimes)

Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day

14th December 2022

KS1 Production—Carols and Christmas Songs

15th December 2022 9.30am

SECAT Santa Visit (all years)

15th December 2022 11am

Visiting Pantomime Yrs 1—6

19th December 2022 9.30am

Magic Man Show EYFS (including Nursery)

19th December 2022 10am

Dates for Diary (updates in red)Spring Term

KS2 Choir at the O2

24th January 2023

Yrs 4 & 5 My Future, My Southend—Green and Eco

24th January 2023 pm (in school)

Pupil Advocate meeting

25th January 2023

Y3 My Future, My Southend—Green and Eco

26th January 2023 pm (in school)

Tag Rugby Competition (re-arranged date)

8th February 2023

Year 3 Trip to the NHM Tring

9th February 2023

Y1 Hyde Hall visit

21st February 2023

Raise £20.23 for 2023

23rd February 2023

Aspirations Week

27th February 2023—3rd March 2023

Southend Makes Music

28th February 2023—Year 1

World Book Day

2nd March 2023

Parent Consultation Evenings

6th and 8th March 2023 3.30pm—6.30pm
2023

Science Week

13th—17th March 2023

Infant Music Festival

13th March 2023 - Year 2

Mother's Day stalls

13th, 14th 15th March 2023 (lunchtimes)

Yrs 4 & 5 My Future, My Southend People Who Help Us

14th March 2023 pm (in school)



Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

Dates for Diary (updates in red) Spring Term contd

Assessment Week	20th—24th March 2023
Year 6 Residential	27th—31st March 2023
Reception Trip to Barleylands	29th March 2023
Pupil Advocate meeting	31st March 2023

Summer Term (updates in red)

Years 3 & 4 production	26th April 2023 @ 6.30pm and 27th April 2023 @ 9.30am
Bank Holiday (re: King's Coronation)	8th May 2023
Year 6 SATs week	9th—12th May 2023 (change of dates due to the Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation)
Y6 My Future, My Southend—Hospitality	16th May 2023 pm (in school)
KS2 Music Festival area rehearsal	22nd—26th May (date tbc)
KS2 Music Festival	12th - 16th June 2023 (date tbc)
Father's Day stalls	12th, 13th, 14th June 2023 (lunchtimes)
Year 4 Lullingstone Roman Villa	20th June 2023
Pupil Advocate meeting	23rd June 2023
Sports Day and Picnic Lunch	26th June 2023
Yrs 4, 5 & 6 My Future, My Southend—STEM	27th June 2023 pm (in school)
Y3 My Future, My Southend—STEM	29th June 2023 pm (in school)
Assessment Week	3rd—7th July 2023
Reserve Sports Day	10th July 2023 (change of date)
Open Evening	10th July 2023 4.30pm—6.30pm
Years 5 & 6 Production	12th July 2023 @ 6.30pm and 13th July 2023 @ 9.30am
Volunteer Afternoon Tea	18th July 2023 @ 2.00pm
Year 6 Graduation	19th July 2023 @ 2.00pm
Year 6 Leavers' Disco	19th July 6.30pm—8.00pm
Y6 T-shirt signing/fun swim	20th July 2023