



HINGUAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Spring Term Newsletter Week 15 13th January 2023

Welcome back to the beginning of another busy term and I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a relaxing break, as much as Christmas allows, and enjoyed that we could all be together, this year. The children have certainly returned with great enthusiasm, looking very smart in their uniform and are definitely ready to learn! It has been particularly lovely to see our Reception children on the main playground this week, at lunchtime. I know that they have enjoyed playing with the rest of the school. A huge thank you to our Y6 buddies for making this so successful. They also joined us in our Celebration assembly for the first time today and sat so beautifully. It was lovely to have the whole school together.

A warm welcome goes out to our new families, whose children have joined us in Nursery this term. We look forward to working with you and I know that the children have enjoyed themselves in Nursery.

Already, there have been some fantastic things going on this term, as evidenced in this week's newsletter and we are looking forward to our Aspirations Week, Science Week, Music events and the many sporting competitions too across the term.

The Friends of Hinguar Committee meeting was held, yesterday, and they should be congratulated for the phenomenal amount of money they have raised in support of the children so far this year. They are now planning many events for the rest of this year and the new academic year too! More information to follow within their bulletins.

Please remember to keep up to date with events in school via MCAS, Twitter and our weekly newsletters. New events have been added to the list at the end of this week's newsletter (updates in red), as agreed at our Parent Communication workshop.



Thank you for your continued support, as always.

Kind regards

Mrs Waite

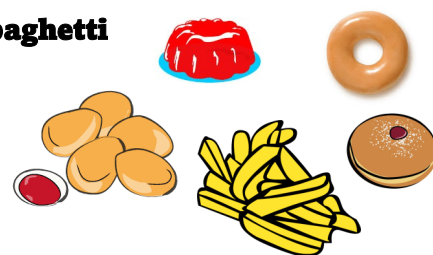
Headteacher

School Census Day Thursday 19th January, 2023

Special Menu: Meat: Chicken Nuggets (Halal) & Chips, Beans or Spaghetti

Vegetarian: Vegan Nuggets & Chips, Beans or Spaghetti

Dessert: Ring / Jam Doughnuts, Jelly or Fruit



Southend East Community Academy Trust



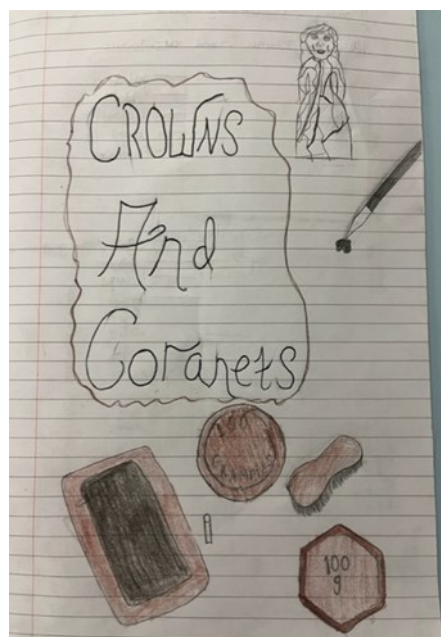
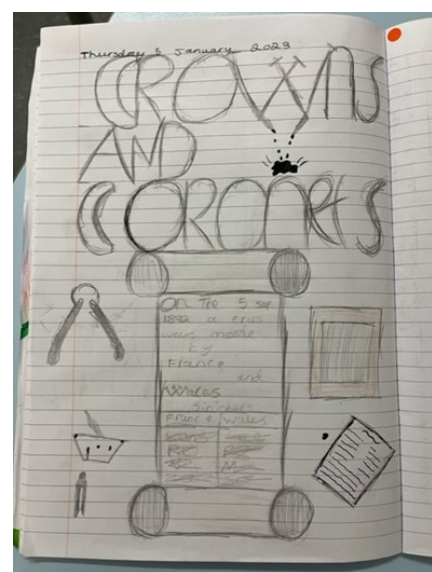
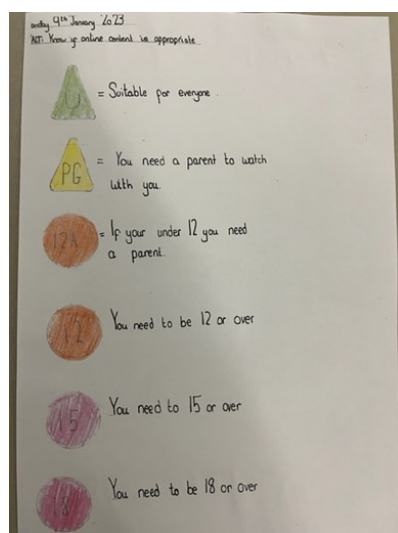
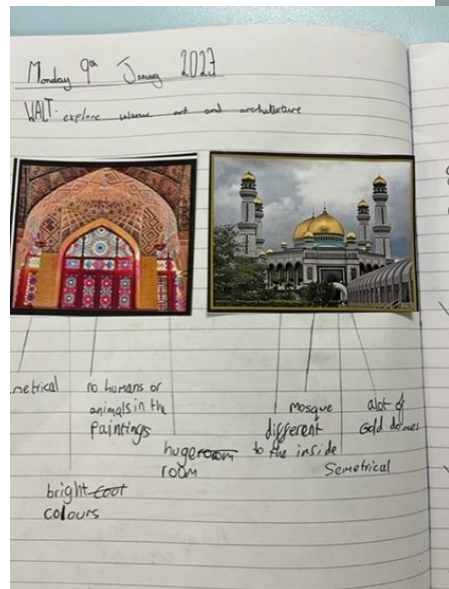
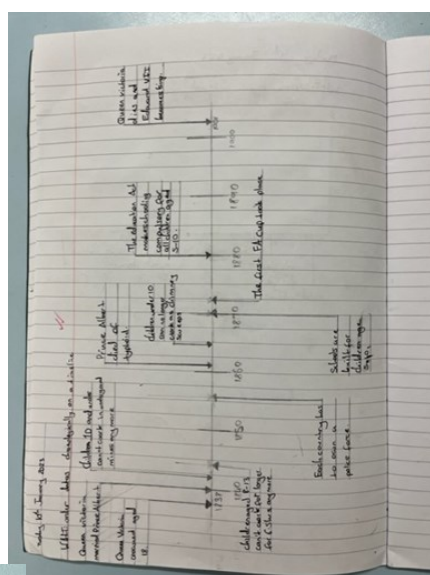
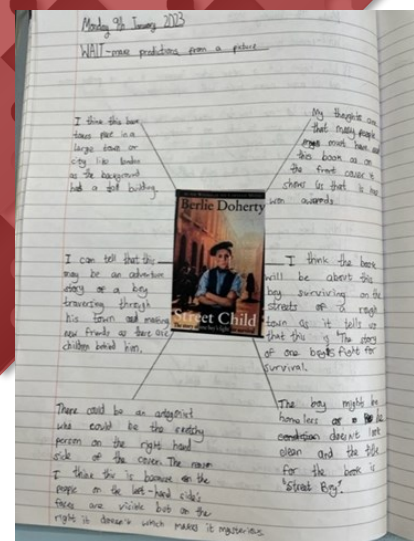
Avocet Class

Happy New Year! Year 6 have been introduced to their new topic-Crowns and Coronets- which focuses on life and changes during the Victorian Era. They have explored some key dates and ordered them chronologically on a timeline. We have also begun our next class novel – Street Child by Berlie Doherty. In the first lesson, we made predictions using clues from the front cover and we will build on these ideas over the coming weeks.

In RE, we have begun to look at religious architecture with designs from an Islamic mosque. During the coming weeks, we will be exploring a variety of religious buildings and the art that lies within. In PSHE and Computing, we have been exploring how to be safe when using different types of media. For example, watching films that are the correct age classification for us.

Booster groups have restarted this week for selected children; to help fill the gaps and ensure all children achieve their full potential. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child is ready for secondary school.

Mrs Calvy, Mrs Attard and Ms Hardy



Curlew Class



It has been lovely to welcome back the gorgeous Year 4 children for this brand-new year. I hope that everyone had a fabulous Christmas break and enjoyed lots of special family moments.

We have started this term by plunging headfirst into our new topic of 'Soundwaves'. We began by learning about how sound is created. We then went on a sound hunt around the school and considered the source of each sound we heard and how it occurred.

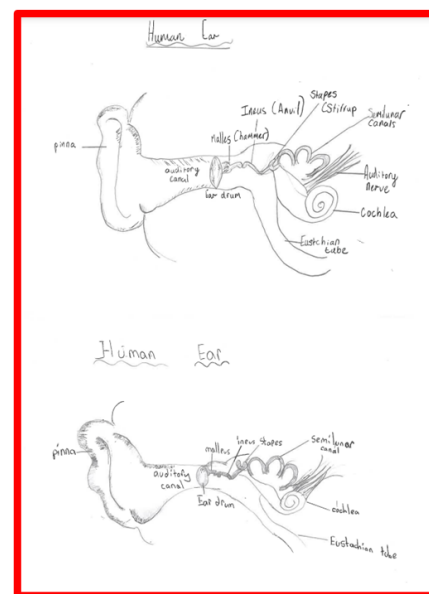
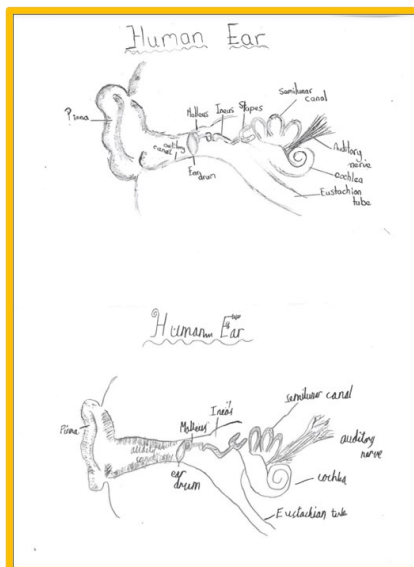
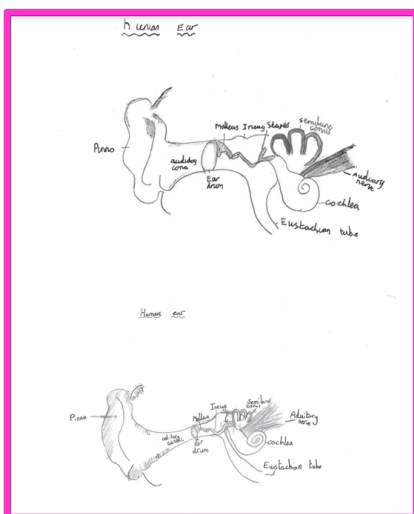
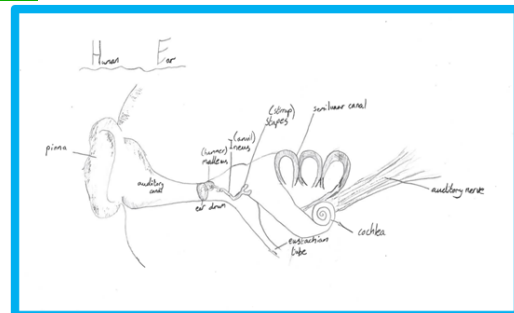
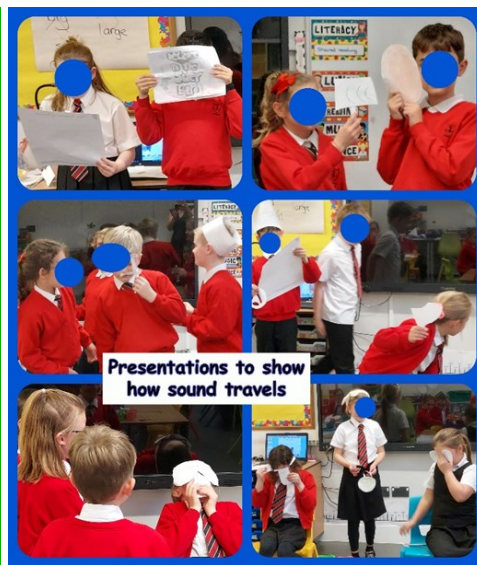
In our next lesson, we learnt how sound travels and that no sounds can be heard in space as there is no medium for them to pass through. We watched a program called 'House of Sound' and then got into groups to produce our own program to explain to others what we had learnt. All 6 groups presented their programs to the rest of the class, and everyone did a fantastic job to inform and entertain.

Our topic is being reinforced in both ICT and music lessons and also in artwork. We flexed our artistic muscles to carefully follow a YouTube tutorial, which gave step by step instructions to draw and label a diagram of the outer, middle and inner ear.



























Well done, Year 4 for such a fantastic and successful return to school.

You are all superstars.

Miss Eakins and Mrs Edwards learningwithEs



School Menu

Week commencing: 7/11, 28/11, 19/12, 16/01, 06/02, 06/03, 27/03					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 2	Meat Ham pizza, couscous and sweetcorn  	Spaghetti bolognise and diced carrots  	Roast Turkey, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy  	Census Day Menu	All day breakfast  
	Vegetarian/Vegan Cheese pizza, couscous and sweetcorn  	Quorn spaghetti bolognise and diced carrots  	Roast vegan Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy  		Vegetarian all day breakfast  
	Desert Cookie or Jelly    	Brownie or Jelly    	Jelly 		Frozen mousse or Jelly 

WEEK 2

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.

Sanderling Class

An excellent start to the new year, Year 5. Year 5 have come back eager and ready to learn. We are all very excited to start our new topic, Space.

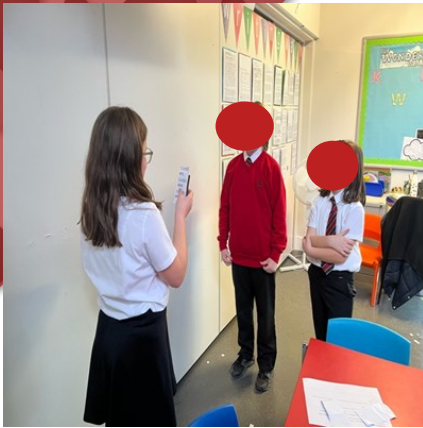
We kickstarted our topic with an astronaut recruitment afternoon. The children watched videos and took part in a carousel of events which would be a requirement to be an astronaut. For example, a memory test, which required the children to repeat a 4-digit code backwards whilst marching on the spot. This advanced to 5-digits, 6-digits and 7-digits; a workout, a knowledge quiz, teamwork activity and lastly building a Lego tower with ski gloves (unfortunately this was the closest we could get to astronaut gloves).

In English, we have been studying The Highwayman. The children have amazed me with their mature attitude to the text and in-depth conversations. We have spent time looking at narrative poems in detail and enjoyed performing them to the class. We look forward to writing our own alternative endings next week.

Well done, for an excellent week.

Keep up the hard work.

Miss Mountier and Mrs Allen



Seahorse Class



This week in Seahorse Class, our theme has been 'Litter and Recycling'. We began the week by listening to the story Litterbug Doug, a character who thought it was cool to create litter and hoard it. As we listened to the story, we discussed the meaning of the following words: rotten, compost, gleam and pristine. The children also remembered what the word culprit meant from a story from the previous week.



After the story, we explored the idea of what we should do with rubbish and recycling. The children recognised how leaving litter on the ground could be harmful for both animals and the environment. On Wednesday, we received a letter from Litterbug Doug who left lots of junk in our classroom. He challenged the children to use their imaginations and recycle the junk into new objects. Ideas of what we could make included: a castle, police car, unicorn, camper van and roller skates!



The children drew a poster asking people to 'put it in the bin' as their Literacy task this week. On the mark-making table the children have been challenged to make Litter Police badges, design their own recycling superhero, and write captions using cvc words.



In Maths, we have looked at combining 2 groups of objects to make 7, 8, 9, or 10. We have explored the different ways these numbers can be made using smaller numbers. The children have moved plastic fruit, Numicon pegs and jewels throughout the week to make number bonds. They have also orally said the number sentence to accompany the number bonds they have made.

Throughout the week, the children have used small world toys to play games around recycling, used the whiteboard to categorise the materials litter is made from and enjoyed our new outdoor equipment,

Finally, the Mid-Day Assistants have commented on how well-behaved Seahorse Class have been on the playground during lunch time. The children have adapted well to this new routine and have been fully supported by their Year 6 Buddies and older siblings.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Penny and Mrs Rawlings



Starfish Class



It has been lovely to welcome our new children and their families to nursery this week. They are all quickly settling in and enjoying their sessions.

This week in Starfish class, we have been exploring the story of the gingerbread man. The children have enjoyed talking about the different characters in the story and comparing different versions of the story that we have listened to. We have been developing our mark making skills, designing our own gingerbread man and recalling some of the characters and events in the story.

We had great fun making our own gingerbread men during our cooking activity. We looked closely at measurements and discussed different ways of measuring things, such as using scales, cups and spoons of different sizes.

We talked about the different ingredients and followed the recipe carefully.

The children have been busy discussing alternative ways for the gingerbread man to cross the river and to keep him safe from the fox. Some ideas included "He could fly" and "He could get a boat". We have been busy constructing bridges to help keep the gingerbread man safe from the river and the fox, using Lego indoors and crates, planks and blocks in the garden.

We have been developing our fine motor, counting and matching skills, using the tweezers to place the correct number of gems and pom poms onto the gingerbread man's tummy.

Next week, our story focus will be The Three Little Pigs.

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





Oyster Class



In Year 1 this week, we have been learning the poem The Sound Collector by Roger McGough.

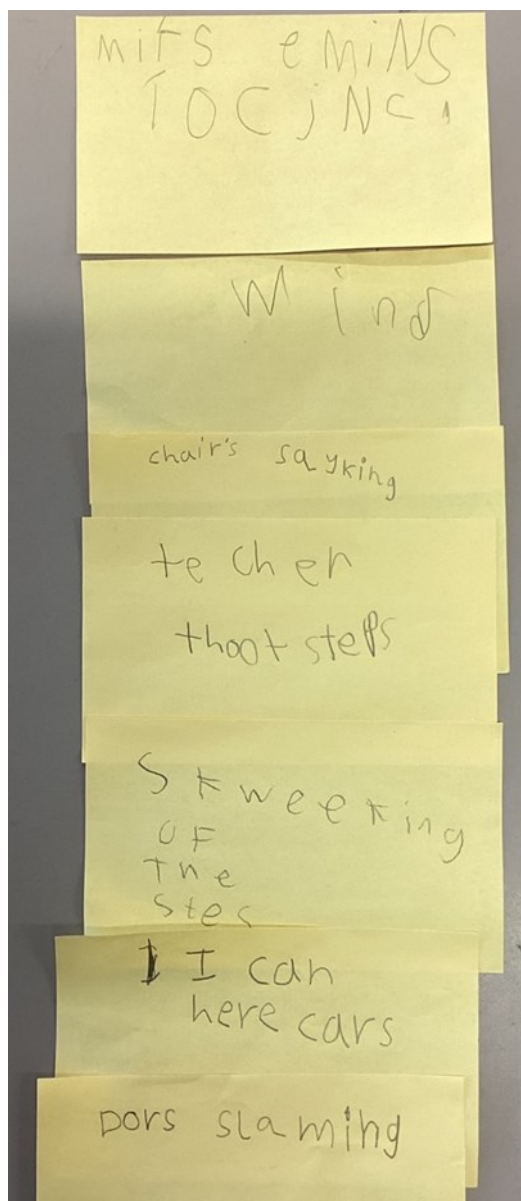
As part of our learning, we used our imagination hats to pretend we were the sound collector. We walked around the school and made notes of the sounds we could hear. The children were very excited to visit the Reception classroom and play deck.

In Maths this week we are moving on to 2-digit numbers to 20. We have been making the numbers using base 10 and have been learning the place value of the numbers. The children can use base 10 to show how many tens and how many ones are in each of the numbers.

The Year 1 children have been very lucky to be buddied up with the Year 3 children. For one afternoon this week, the children visited each other's classrooms and read their reading books. It was lovely to see how engaged they all were.

Well done everyone on a fantastic first week back! It has been lovely to see such positive attitudes to learning from all the children. Fantastic work!

Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Mota, Mrs Merton





Heron Class



This week ,the Herons have worked brilliantly.

What a fantastic start to the new year!

They have started reading *Diary of a Killer Cat* as part of their English lessons and have been multiplying and dividing in Maths. In Science, they have been learning about what the body needs to stay healthy by creating their own Eatwell plates and then comparing the nutrients in two different meals. In Geography, they used atlases to locate cities all around the UK and in PSHE they talked about being safe around household substances and medicines. Twice in the last week, they have also been amazing learning ambassadors by being Reading Buddies with Year 1 – it was wonderful to see how supportive and encouraging they were with younger, less experienced readers. They even practised their spellings by working out a cryptic crossword.

Have a great weekend.

Take care.

Mrs Emmings and Mrs Tarling



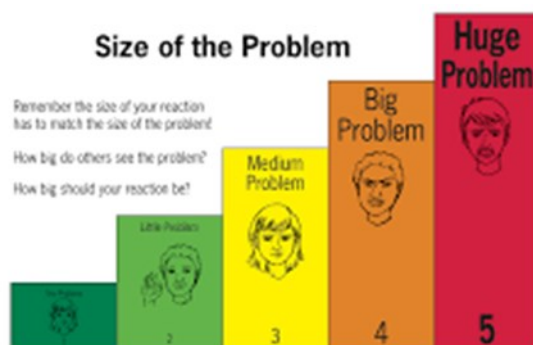
SEND - Parent Forum next meeting Thursday 2nd of February @ 2pm

“We can’t direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails”

During the next parent forum meeting, there will be an opportunity to find about more about:
a greater understanding of SEND and what is available on offer at Hinguar Primary School and Nursery and in our local area;

a focus on reading and writing.

Find out from other parents’ advice and support with children who may have similar difficulties.



Please come and join us for an informal chat with Mrs. White and parents who can all support each other. We all ‘parent’ in different ways – there is no right or wrong way of approaching worries with your children.

It would be lovely to see new parents, or please come along just for the tea, coffee and treats. You may even get to see your children learning and having fun.



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 Ronnie in Seahorse Class and Chloe and Sophelia in Heron Class for achieving their Bronze Catch Me Awards.

Well done to Arthur and Zara in Seahorse Class, Olive, Felicity, Chloe and Bjorn in Seagull Class, Ethan in Heron Class, Mila and Lottie-Mae in Curlew Class, Oscar in Sanderling and Mollie in Avocet Class on achieving their Silver Catch Me Awards.

And a special Well Done to Amelie in Sanderling Class on achieving her Gold Catch Me. She will be treated to afternoon tea with Mrs Waite.

Times Tables

Congratulations to Sufian Curlew Class on achieving his Bronze Times Tables Certificate.

Congratulations to Jamie in Curlew Class on achieving his Silver Times Tables Certificate.

Congratulations to Megan A and Buddy in Heron Class and Sophie, Bonnie, Sebastian in Curlew Class on achieving his Bronze Times Tables Certificate.



Reading Champions

Well done to Lucy in Avocet Class, Austeja in Sanderling Class, Oscar in Heron Class and Mattas and Hollie P in Seagull 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 Max, Ella and Florence's birthdays.



Student of the Week

Award Board

**Avocet Class—
Mikael**

**Sanderling Class—
Rory**

**Curlew Class—
Thea**

**Heron Class—
Oscar**

**Seagull Class—
Lewis**

**Oyster Class —
Esme**

**Seahorse Class—
Albie**

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 97.41% and in
KS2 Avocet Class 97.78%.

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 98.71% and in KS2 the attendance cup was awarded to Avocet Class with 98.71%..

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

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 13 February – 17 February

Half Term 30 May – 2 June

King's Coronation Bank Holiday May 8th 2023

Dates for Diary (updates in red) Spring Term

Class Reps meeting re: school lunches

17th January 2023—2pm (in school)

Yrs 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics Competition

18th January 2023 —pm

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)

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

26th January 2023 (time tbc)

Y5 Residential meeting for Parents (present Y4)

1st February 2023—3.30pm

Tag Rugby Competition (re-arranged date)

8th February 2023 (all day)

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

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

23rd February 2023 (time tbc)

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)

Y3 My Future, My Southend People Who Help Us

16th March 2023 pm (in school)

Assessment Week

20th—24th March 2023

FOH Easter Egg Hunt

24th March 2023 (in school)

Year 6 Residential

27th—31st March 2023

Reception Trip to Barleylands

29th March 2023

Pupil Advocate meeting

31st March 2023



Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

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 visit	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

Term Dates for Academic Year 2023-2024

Autumn Term: Monday 4th September 2023—Wednesday 20th December 2023

Half Term 23rd October –27th October

Spring Term: Thursday 4th January 2024—Thursday 28th March 2024

Half Term 19th February –23rd February

Summer Term: Monday 15th April 2024—Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Half term 27th May –31May, and May Bank Holiday 6th May

(Inset Days tbc)