

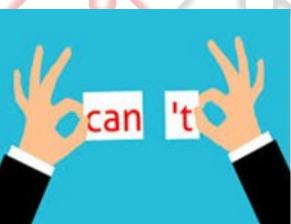


Spring Term Newsletter Week 17 27th January 2023

## **Family Workshops**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February @ 2 o'clock -

**Supporting your child at home with reading, an English focus.**



Do you have daily struggles getting your child/ren to read at home, or even sit and listen to a story? We will be providing some useful proven strategies to support with reading at home.

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.

## **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March @ 9am – Sleep Workshop**

Does your child have trouble settling and switching off at night? Have you forgotten what adult time is in the evening? Are you still having broken nights sleep, even though your child is older? Please join Mrs Wilson who is sleep clinic trained, for some great strategies to support you at home. We promise you are not the only one!



## **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March @ 2 o'clock – Promoting positive behaviour and self-regulation**



Do you feel like your child/ren are winning the battle? Are you having to pick your battles at home? Do you ever feel as parents you are not on the same page, chapter, or book as your partner? We all have these periods of time in parenting. We are here to support and offer advice and strategies that we promise work!

**If you are planning on attending one of our workshops, please let the office know.**



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### Family Workshops

During the workshop following your feedback – **1:30-2:00pm**, the George Suite will be open for tea/coffee and biscuits for parents to have an open discussion **without** any school staff present to share stories and advice for one another, or straight after school drop off **8:40-9am** on the workshop days.

Any information regarding the workshop will be posted on the school website under 'parents and school working together'. Any questions and to confirm your place, please contact Mrs White at [kwhite@hinguar.secat.co.uk](mailto:kwhite@hinguar.secat.co.uk) or our school office for more information. We very much look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

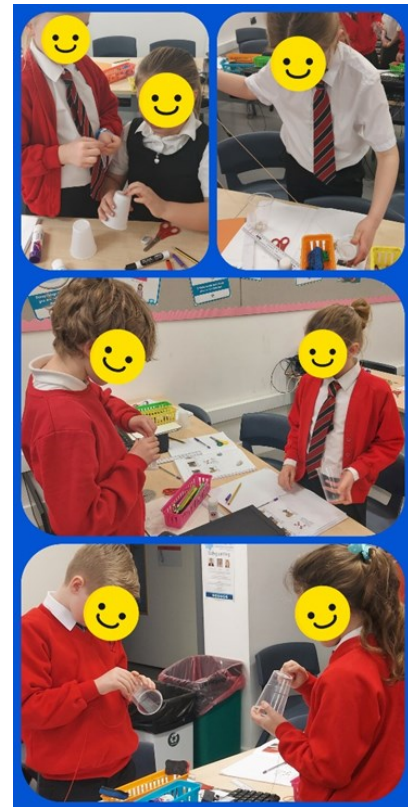


**MCAS—Parents can now update their 'My Child at School' app with any changes to their child's medical health, telephone numbers or address.**

**Please check your child's details are correct and update any relevant changes.**

**Please review you child's photo permissions and provide consent of use.**

## Curlew Class



Year 4 have worked fabulously well as always this week. Having relocated (our anagram word of the day on Monday!) to the ICT suite on Monday for 3 days, the children adapted immediately to their new surroundings and worked as productively as ever.

In science, we thought about how sound travels and how to amplify sounds. The children worked in pairs to make their own string telephones, investigating how sound travels along the string to be heard clearly at the receiving end. This will feed in perfectly to our work later in the term about the history of the EKCO company.

On Tuesday, a third of the class went to the O2 to represent our school at the Young Voices event. Whilst they were making us all proud, the remaining 2 thirds joined forces with Year 5 to participate in the latest 'My Future My Southend' workshop. They heard from local people working in the Green and Eco industry and considered how they could get into these areas of work in the future.

We have now got to the end of the first chapter of 'The Iron Man'. This week we learnt how he reconstructed himself and wrote instructions to explain this step by step.

In maths, we moved from multiplication to division and investigated ways to divide a 2 or 3-digit numbers by a single digit.

Well done, fantastic foursies!

Miss Eakins and  
Mrs Edwards

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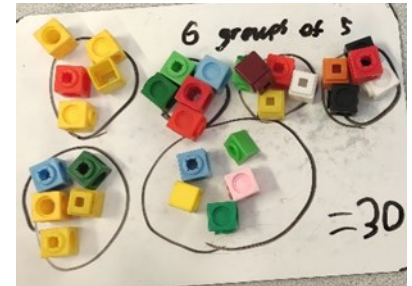
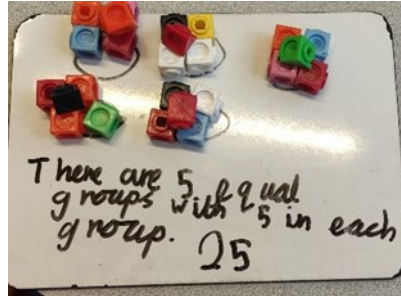
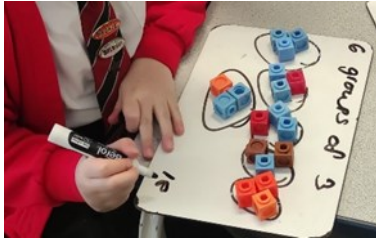






## Seagull Class

This week, we have been looking at multiplication. We started by making groups of objects, checking that the groups were all equal and then using our number knowledge to find the totals. We moved on to introduce the multiplication symbol and make the link between multiplication and repeated addition calculations.



In our RE lesson this week, we shared the Jewish story of Creation, discussing Jewish beliefs about how God created the world and why a day of rest is so important within the Jewish religion.



Also, we have continued learning about Matthew Henson, ordering key points in his life, and we have been learning about explanation texts in English lessons. We have focused on birds and the different ways they move as a starting point for our explanations. We even had a go at flapping, gliding and steering in class!

A great week of learning. Well done, Seagull Class.



## Seahorse Class



This week, Seahorse Class have explored dinosaurs through fiction and non-fiction texts. We began by listening to the story 'The Dinosaur Who Pooped the Past', where the main character and his dinosaur travel back in time and meet other dinosaurs. This led to a discussion on what the children knew about dinosaurs. They enthusiastically named a variety of dinosaurs with the Tyrannosaurus-Rex being the favourite.

As a class, we used a search engine and encyclopaedias to discover more facts about dinosaurs. The children were shocked to discover that humans and dinosaurs did not live in the same time-period. We also learnt that most dinosaurs were herbivores rather than carnivores and those that ate both meat and plants were omnivores.



On Wednesday, a mysterious egg appeared in the classroom. The children all had guesses as to what could be inside. They are extremely excited to see what hatches from it. In Literacy, the children wrote a sentence about what they thought was inside the egg. News of our egg travelled through the school, with Year 3 coming to see it on Wednesday afternoon! On Thursday, the egg had hatched a little, and on Friday we greeted our very own Diplodocus.



In Maths, we have begun to look at subtraction. We began by discussing all the different vocabulary that could mean subtract. In the classroom, the children rode on a bus (made from chairs) before a certain number of them got off. As a class, we counted how many children were left on the bus. They used the number sentence '? take away ? equals ?' to explain the activity. With an adult, each child used a bus ten frame to practice subtraction. On the play deck, skittles were played to demonstrate taking a number away from a larger number.



Throughout the week, the children have made dinosaur crafts, made paw prints in play dough, built with large blocks, sequenced number tiles and constructed puzzles. We have also enjoyed singing and dancing to the song 'The Dinosaur Dance.'

Mrs Newman, Mrs Penny, Mrs Merton



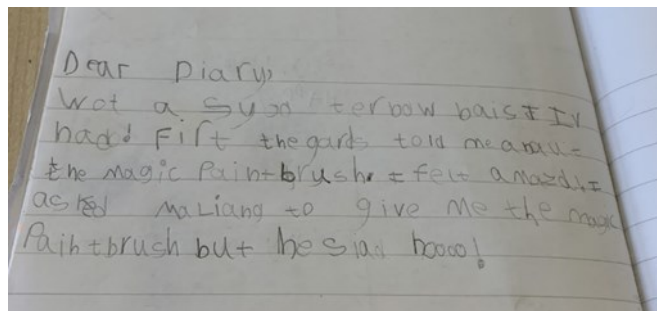
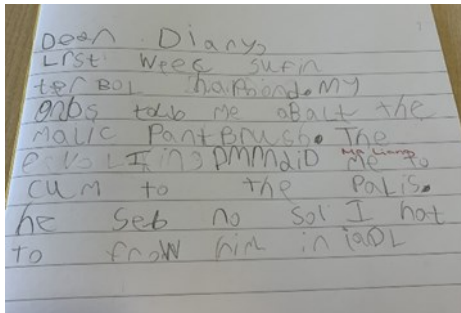
## Oyster Class



In Year 1 this week, we have been adding by counting on and using our knowledge of number bonds to add. The children used counters and ten frames to show their additions, and this helped them visualise their addition problems.



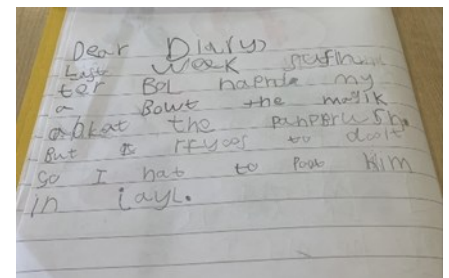
In English this week, we looked at the diary of the Evil King from our story, The Magic Paintbrush. The children were brilliant at thinking about the story from the perspective of a different character. Their writing really impressed me, especially their use of time openers.



The week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> February is Aspirations week. If you would like to volunteer to come in and talk to the children, please let me know as soon as possible.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Mota and Mrs Merton





## Starfish Class



This week in Starfish class, our story focus has been The Great Race. A traditional story telling of how the twelve animals of the zodiac were chosen. This year is the year of the rabbit. The children had great fun joining in with the action song Little Bunnies.

We found out how Chinese lunar new year is celebrated, and the children loved watching a lion dance performance. We used our lion costume and instruments to perform our own dance and create our own music. The children further developed this experience using pots pans and spoons outside to make drum music.

We practised counting to twelve and the children were very eager to join in with an animal number hunt, trying to find pictures of the animals that were placed around the nursery. We practised our mark making skills to tick or circle the animals that were found on our sheet. We have been listening carefully to try and identify the initial sounds of the animal's names and tried hard to form some of the letters in the animal's names.

To develop our fine motor skills, we have been using scissors and explored different methods of joining materials to make Chinese lanterns. We also used chopsticks and tweezers to pick up and collect pom poms and noodles.

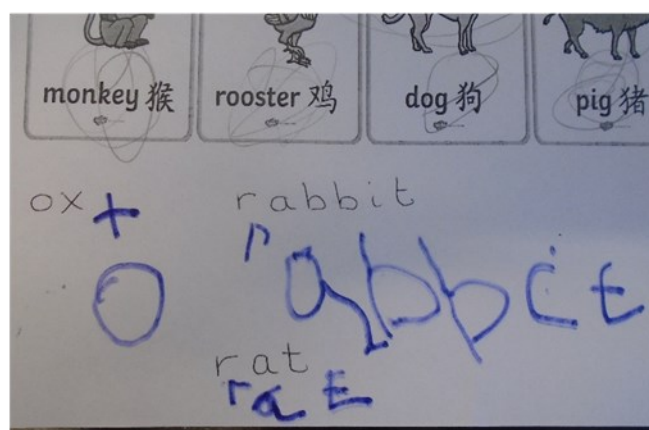
We have had great fun role playing in our restaurant, taking on the role of customer and waiters and waitresses who have been busy writing food orders.

The children also went on a lucky red colour hunt and used a camera to record their findings.



Next week, our story focus will be Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

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





## Sanderling Class

A fantastic week, Year 5!

In science, we learnt about how when the Earth's axis points towards the sun it is summer for that hemisphere and winter for the opposite.

In PSHE, we learnt to assess and give first aid to a casualty who is choking.

In English, we have been studying modal verbs and explanation texts. The children will be writing an explanation text on their knowledge of space so far.

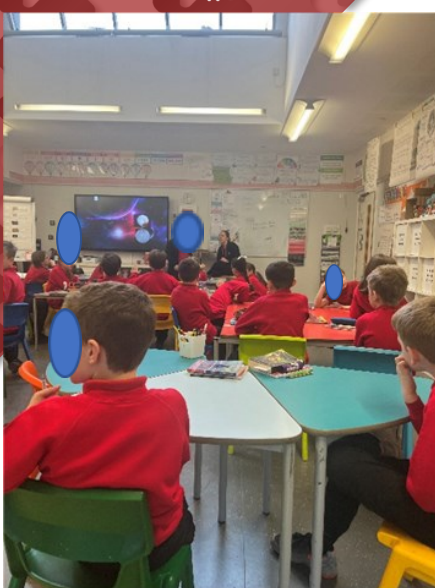
In Maths, we have been learning short division and have recently started multiplying unit fractions by an integer.

In Geography, we have been learning about symbols on an Ordnance survey map.

On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to take part in a My Future My Southend workshop- Green and Eco. We listened to three different people who work in the eco-industry, took part in a whole class activity and asked lots of interesting questions about their jobs.

Have a lovely weekend!

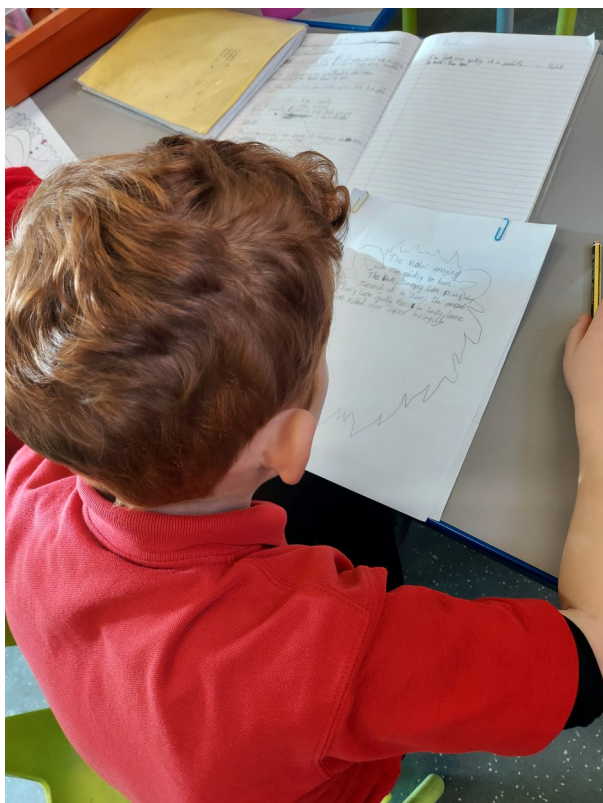
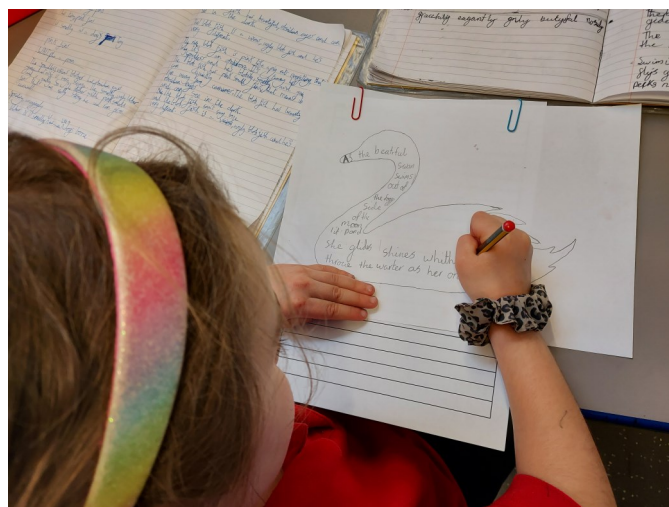
Miss Mountier and Mrs Allen





## Heron Class

This week in Year 3, the children have been working hard writing animal poems and thinking about the adjectives, verbs and adverbs they can use. In maths, they have been measuring using centimetres and millimetres and learning how to measure an object using both of these. They also enjoyed a fun afternoon with My Future My Southend learning about how to be more eco friendly.



































Together we achieve

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



# School Menu

Week commencing: 31/10, 21/11, 12/12, 09/01, 30/01, 27/02, 20/03

WEEK 1		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Meat	Shepherd's pastie, new potatoes and peas 	Chicken and vegetable noodles with a vegetable spring roll  		Sweet beef con carne, brown rice & sweetcorn	Jumbo Cod fish finger, chips, beans, spaghetti or peas    
	Vegetarian/Vegan	Cheese and onion pastie, new potatoes and peas  	Vegetable noodles with a vegetable spring roll  		Sweet lentil con carne, brown rice and sweetcorn	Vegan fishless fish finger, chips, beans, spaghetti or peas  
	Dessert	Cookie     or Jelly	Brownie     or Jelly		Fruit crumble & cream    or Jelly	Ice cream sponge roll     or Jelly

## 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 week.



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## 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 Olivia, Albie and Willow in Seahorse class, Stanley, Niamh, Lewis, Vinnie and Zaha in Seagull Class and Ashleigh in Sanderling Class for achieving their Silver Catch Me Awards.

And a special well done to Stanley in Sanderling Class on achieving his Gold Catch Me Awards. He will be treated to afternoon tea with Mrs Waite.



### Aspiration Week

In the week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023, we are celebrating our Aspirations Week. We are anticipating a range of people sharing their careers with the children, both in person and virtually.

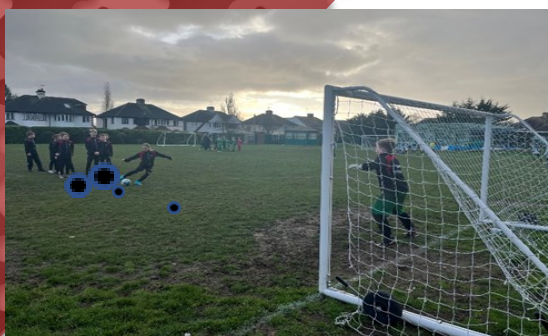
We are also inviting parents/family members to come in to talk to classes and share their experiences of their jobs. If you could kindly donate your time that week to come in to school to talk about your job, please talk to your child's teacher in order to facilitate this.

Thank you in anticipation.





## Other Activities this Week



### Football league Yrs 5/6

On Thursday, 10 students from Years 5 and 6 went to Greenways school to play 4 consecutive matches. The points will go towards the Southend City B league. We drew 0-0 in two games, won 2-0 against Chalkwell and 4-0 against Greenways C. Fantastic teamwork as always, excellent defending and some amazing goals!

Team Hinguar at its best !



### ECO Board members

This week, the ECO board members took part in their first Zoom session of the year. After a vote, the children decided to rename their group The SSP Eco Squad. Throughout the year the children will have regular meetings and carry out projects around their school to ensure schools across the city are ECO friendly.

In addition to our existing board members, Sophie in Y6 has also been chosen to represent Hinguar. Well done!







## Other Activities this Week

### Young Voices Concert — O2

On Tuesday, the KS2 Choir took part in the Young Voices Concert at the O2 and became part of a choir comprising of 9,099 children! Wow! It was a long but enjoyable day, as well as an amazing experience for all the children and we hope parents alike who came to watch. Thank you for your brilliant support. The children behaved beautifully all day and sang with great enthusiasm. They particularly enjoyed the rock violinist and singing 'Proud' with Heather Small from M People. Thank you to Mrs Emmings and Mrs Wilson for working so hard with the children so that they knew all the songs and the dance moves too. We could not have been more proud of you all!! We can't wait to do it again, next year!







## AWARDS

### House Points



**Canute**



**Guthrum**



**Thorkell**



**Houston**



### Birthday Celebrations

This week in assembly we celebrated Lucia, Hunter and Zach's birthdays.



### Student of the Week

#### Award Board

**Avocet Class—  
Madi-Raye**

**Sanderling Class—  
Issie-Lou**

**Curlew Class—  
The Whole Class**

**Heron Class—  
Jake**

**Seagull Class—  
Lois**

**Oyster Class —  
Charlotte**

**Seahorse Class—  
Oliver V**

### 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 96.44% and in  
KS2 Curlew Class 98.02%.

### 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 Seahorse Class with 95.42% and in KS2 the attendance cup was awarded to Curlew Class with 99.16%..

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

Y5 Residential meeting for Parents (present Y4)

Tag Rugby Competition (re-arranged date)

Year 3 Trip to the NHM Tring

Y1 Hyde Hall visit

Raise £20.23 for 2023

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Aspirations Week

Southend Makes Music

World Book Day

Parent Consultation Evenings

31st January 2023—3.30pm (change of date)

8th February 2023 (all day)

9th February 2023

21st February 2023

23rd February 2023

23rd February 2023 (time tbc)

27th February 2023—3rd March 2023

28th February 2023—Year 1

2nd March 2023

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

Y4 Southend Museum visit

Sports Hall Athletics

Science Week

Infant Music Festival

Mother's Day stalls

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

Y3 My Future, My Southend People Who Help Us

Assessment Week

FOH Easter Egg Hunt

Year 6 Residential

Reception Trip to Barleylands

Pupil Advocate meeting

7th March—am only

8th March 2023 1pm—4pm

13th—17th March 2023

13th March 2023 - Year 2

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

14th March 2023 pm (in school)

16th March 2023 pm (in school)

20th—24th March 2023

24th March 2023 (in school)

27th—31st March 2023

29th March 2023

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: Friday 1st 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—Monday 22nd July 2024**

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

**(Inset Days tbc)**