



## Spring Term Newsletter Week 22 10th March 2023

**Science Week 13th –17th March**—Sign up for the parents' science workshop on Tuesday 14th from 2pm-3pm to give you some ideas of science activities that you can do at home with your child.

Also, on Tuesday 21st March from 3.30pm-4.30pm, we will be hosting our first Family Science Fair. Families can sign up for a table at the fair by completing the form attached to letter sent out to all parents.

### **Permission to photograph pupils**

Parents can now update their child's photo permissions on the MCAS app. Please check your photo permissions are correct. This needs to be completed for each child.

**Strike Days**— Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023. School will only be open to:

- Children in Nursery who can attend their normal scheduled sessions for the two strike days.
- All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils
- Vulnerable pupils in KS2

Breakfast and After School Club will be open as usual for children attending school. KS1 Dance club will run as normal.

**Friday 17th March**—For Red Nose Day, the children can wear non-uniform for a £1 donation. Please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear for being on the playground at break and lunch. Years 3 and 4 will still have PE on Friday and so will Year 5 with Southend United.

### **Staffing Update**

It is with great sadness that I write to let you know that after just over 10 years of working at Hinguar, Mrs Rawlings has decided to take early retirement. I am sure that you would like to join us in thanking her for her hard work over the years and for her support of all the children in her care. She will be sorely missed.

Mrs Waite



### **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 you partner?

We all have these periods of time in parenting. We are here to support and offer advice and strategies that we promise work!

## Curlew Class

It has been another fabulous week in Year 4.

On Monday, the children completed their Level 1 Bikeability training. They were all fantastic and it was especially fabulous to see the non-riders gaining confidence and learning to ride.

On Tuesday, we went one better than a night at the museum to spend a morning at Southend Museum visiting the EKCO exhibition. The children behaved fantastically and asked and answered lots of questions about the company and its inventions.

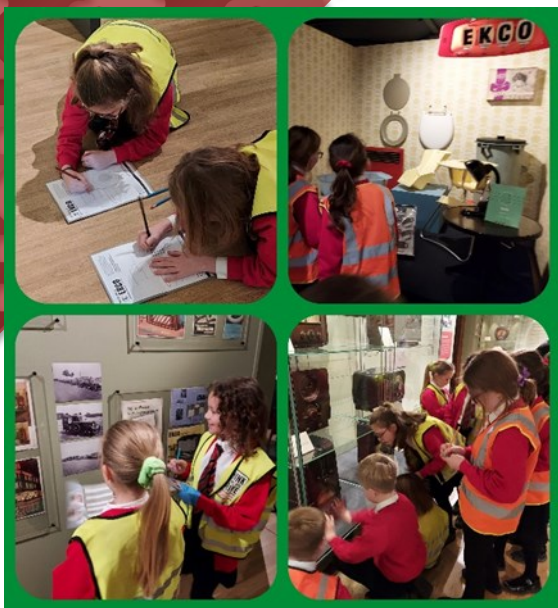
This week, we have finally reached chapter 4 of 'The Iron Man'. The children were surprised by the introduction of the Space Bat Angel Dragon and wrote descriptive paragraphs about it.

Well done, Year 4 for being completely wonderful as always.

You are all superstars.

Miss Eakins and Mrs Edwards

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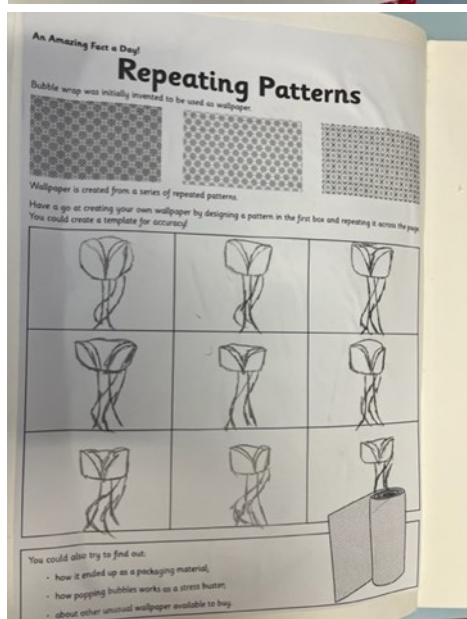
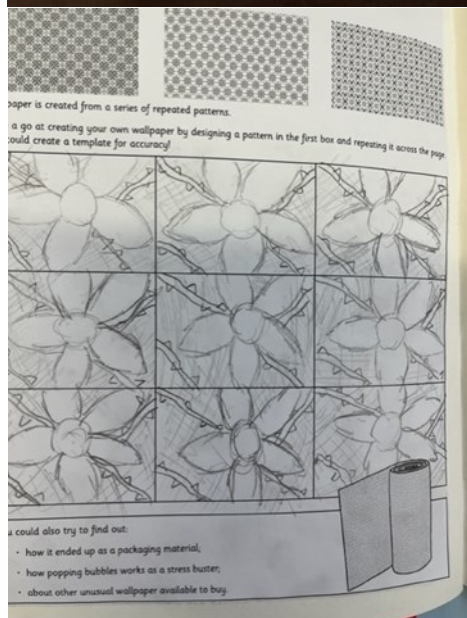
## Avocet Class



Year 6 have had a busy week creating setting descriptions within English, with a focus on extending our language. In Maths, we have been revising our Shape and Space knowledge as well as extending our skills with translating and rotating shapes. In Art, we have continued to improve our William Morris designs and one group were able to transfer their designs to tiles and print them. Further groups will complete this next week.

A huge thank you to all the parents that have attended Parents' Evenings and the rather wet Fun Run this week.

Mrs Calvy, Mrs Attard and Ms Hardy



## Starfish Class



This week in Starfish class, our story focus has been Handa's Surprise.

There has been lots of discussion around our favourite fruits and the different animals featured in the story. The children were great at remembering which fruit each animal took out of Handa's basket. We looked at different parts of the story and have been developing our language and communication skills to describe the events in the story, using pictures to help us.

We enjoyed trying fruit smoothies for snack and we looked closely at different fruits including apples, pears and lemons, predicting what we might find inside before cutting them open to investigate using our senses. We used some of the fruit to role play making fruit juices in our pretend juice bar.

The children have also been investigating different parts of a daffodil, discussing how plants grow and extending our vocabulary when talking about the different parts of the flower. After looking closely at the stem, leaves and petals, the children created some fantastic paintings to record what they had observed.

Continuing from Aspirations Week, we enjoyed taking part in role play activities based on different occupations. We had great fun!

Our story focus next week is Bedtime for Monsters.

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

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





## Seahorse Class



This week, we have continued to look at the Supertato series of books. As we read each of the stories, we unpicked vocabulary such as wailed, berserk, quivering, assemble and swarm. In Literacy, we have been thinking of what we would like to pack in our own superhero backpack. The children have then completed the sentence 'I will pack' before adding the objects of their choice.

The children have been inspired to make tickets and banners after listening to Supertato Carnival Catastro-pea. While, after Supertato Night of the Living Veg, the children made robots from Duplo and foam bricks, before making sleeping and love potions.

In Maths, we have explored weight, using language such as heavy, heavier, light, and lighter. The children balanced different weights and toys on an old-fashioned set of scales. To consolidate our understanding, we also used an interactive game, where the children placed fairy tale objects on the post office scales, before deciding which object was heavier or lighter.

As an extension to Aspirations Week, the children have participated in Little City UK. They greatly enjoyed trying different occupations. Thank you to Apollo Kitchens who have covered the cost of this fabulous experience.

Throughout the week, the children have been searching for Evil Pea using magnifying glasses, made traps to capture him, practised throwing and catching in PE, and taken part in the fun run for Herd in the City.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Penny and Mrs Mota





## Oyster Class

Another super busy week for Year 1, this week.

In Maths, the children have been finishing their unit on place value with numbers to 50. They have been finding one more and one less than numbers to 50 and have worked extremely hard on their challenge questions. I have been very impressed at how well the

children have articulated their thought process when working out their Maths problems.

In English, we have been writing instructions. The children have planted bean plants and written instructions to help other people plant seeds. We are also keeping a bean diary to show the growth of our seeds each week.

We were visited by one of our fabulous parents this week to talk about staying safe around animals and the children thoroughly enjoyed preparing and asking questions.

On Thursday, the children had an opportunity to role play different jobs in a workshop run by Little City which they absolutely loved. It was amazing to watch and listen to their fabulous role play.

Finally, it was so lovely to see so many of our parents at the fun run on Tuesday. Thank you for supporting such a fabulous cause and helping us to raise money for Havens hospice.

Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Merton





## Seagull Class



This week, we have been measuring length and height using centimetres and metres. The children particularly enjoyed taking their maths lesson outside, before the weather changed! The children were able to estimate and measure lengths. They also compared and ordered lengths.



In English lessons, we have been looking at books by Anthony Browne. We continued a story based on one of his book openings.

We also looked closely at his illustrations. Anthony Browne has written that he is fascinated by contrasts and surreal art. This is reflected in his illustrations which often have lots of contrasts and unusual features. The children really enjoyed picking out examples of this and explaining why they felt the features were there.

The brother and sister both went in the tunnel but the sister was worried. The sister was afraid something bad would happen. The tunnel was really, really, really long so they were crawling for a long time. They weren't back by lunch time. The brother and sister's mother was out searching for them but she could not find them.

Once there lived a sister and brother. They were not at all alike. He was brave and fearless, while she was afraid of everything. Whenever they were together they argued. One day their mother sent them out to play together. They found a tunnel and he went in to explore.

The girl was so scared but she went in the dark tunnel. But then she found a bright torch in her pocket. After that they reached the end of the tunnel but at the end was a man's head as horrible. And I didn't know the way out.

On one side there is a yellow dog. On the other side there is a brown dog. The lamp in the middle of the picture has eyes. There is a gigantic castle in the distance. On one side it is dark, foggy and gloomy. On the other side it is bright and sunny. There is a bicycle with two sides going

I noticed that it is the same scene but the story was going over the grass. I noticed that the pole doesn't have eyes like the tower. I noticed far away there is a banana plant that you can get bananas from.

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We had great fun on Tuesday afternoon, taking part in the family fun run. The children were very excited about the event and there was a lovely atmosphere.

A fabulous week. Well done, Seagulls.

Mrs Oakley, Miss Brailsford, Mrs Tarling and Mrs Allen



## Sanderling Class



This week, Year 5 have been working very hard as we started the first week of our new narrative unit- Myths and Legends. We have read two narratives this week. The first narrative was 'Selkie', a Scottish folk tale about a seal who turned into a girl when her seal skin was removed. The second narrative was 'Can You Catch a Mermaid?' We used art, drama, summarising and prediction to look into the text in detail.

In science, we learned about Sir Isaac Newton and his discovery of gravity after watching an apple fall. He investigated why the apple fell straight down, rather than sideways or even upwards. We also looked at Newton's laws of motions.

Miss Mountier and Mrs Allen



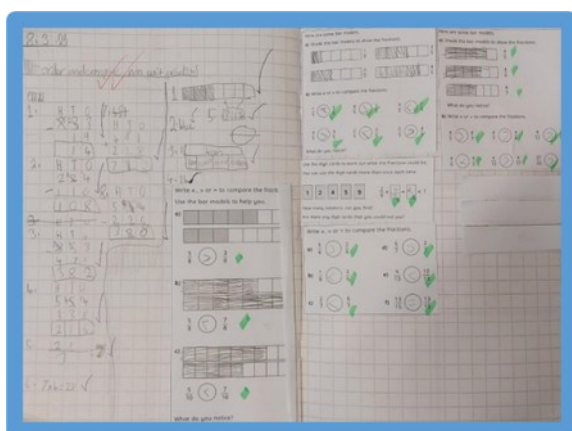
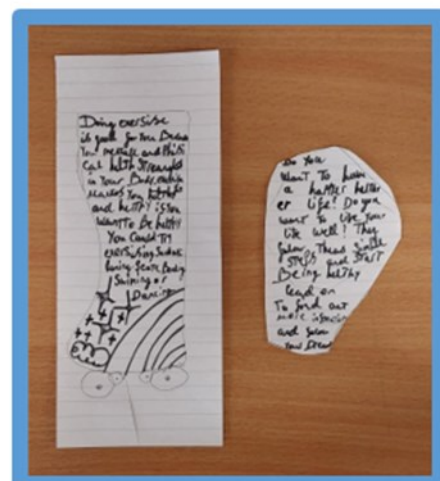
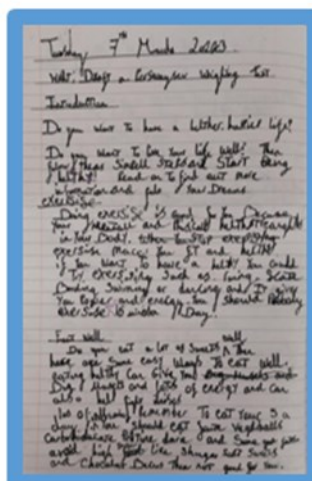
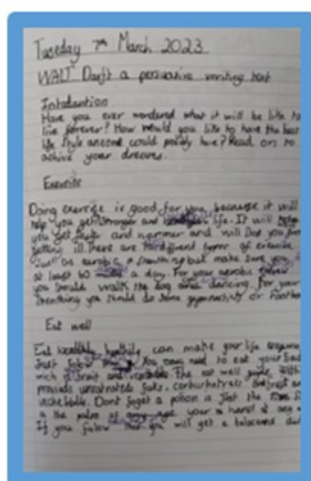


Together we achieve

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



## Heron Class



It's been a cold, wet week but our Hearty Herons have soldiered through! They started off the week planning their persuasive posters in English and several drafts later (after lots of collaborative editing) they were ready to start putting the final piece together. Watch this space for some more photos next week!

In Maths, they have continued to work on fractions and in History they learned about trade in ancient civilisations. In Computing, they learned how to use copy and paste in a Word document and in Music they began learning their songs for the Y3 and Y4 performance after Easter. Another amazing week.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs. Emmings and Mrs Tarling



Southend East Community Academy Trust



## Herd In The City—Fun Run



On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, the whole of Hinguar Primary School and their families put on their running schools for our Herd in the City family fun run.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to everyone for supporting us and taking part in this event. It was a great atmosphere and lovely to see so many families coming along to support the children by running or walking with them or standing on the side lines and cheering them on.

Lauren, from Havens Hospice, started off the run. It had started to rain, but we did not let this dampen our spirits and Havens Hospice's mascot ,Betsy also turned up to cheer the runners on.

So far we have smashed our target and managed to raise £1123.

If you still would like to sponsor this event you can at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hinguar](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hinguar).

I will keep you updated with our elephant over the next few weeks.

Thank you again, Team Hinguar!



Mrs Attard







## Sports Hall Athletics

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, our Year 5/6 sports hall athletics team were invited back for the small schools sports hall athletics final. Our school was amongst the top 10 and finished 7<sup>th</sup> overall.

We were really proud of our team and could see how much they had improved since our last competition. They had great team spirit and supported and cheered each other on. We had a few top 4 places in the races and the top score of the day for the long jump too. Well done, Team Hinguar!



**COFFEE & CHAT**  
with SSIF  
& special guest visits from  
SEND support services.

10 - 11.30am

Are you a parent or carer of a  
child or young person with  
Special Educational Needs  
and/or Disabilities?

Please join us at our friendly coffee  
morning to find out how Southend  
SEND Independent Forum works  
and the services we offer.

**SAVS, 29 - 31 Alexandra St, SS1 1BW - 1st Floor Conference Room**  
The following Tuesdays in 2023: 10th January - 21st February - 14th March  
17th April (Monday this month only) - 9th May - 13th June - 11th July  
12th September - 10th October - 14th November - 12th December

**SSIF Wellbeing Event for SEND  
Parents & Carers**  
Cliffs Pavilion – Maritime & Admiral Rooms  
Monday 13th March 2023 10am – 2:30pm  
in collaboration with  
N.O.W's the time for change.

N.O.W's the time for change (National Online Wellbeing Services),  
working with SEND families across Southend, Essex & Thurrock are  
health based and therapeutic coaches who facilitate life changing  
tools and techniques from a natural and holistic approach to improve  
stress, emotional wellbeing and mental health.




If you are curious about how to improve your own wellbeing, this  
event will be perfect for you to experience incredible tasters to  
support your Mind, Body and Energy!

**GROUP TASTER SESSIONS -**

- Motivational speaking from local SEND parents
- Growth mindset activities - empowering confidence and self esteem
- Emotional Freedom Tapping to release stress and regulate emotions
- Gentle & Accessible Yoga and Breathing / Meditation
- Sound Therapy

**1-2-1 MINI TASTER SESSIONS -**

- Reiki & Rahanni Therapy
- Aromatherapy consultation & tailored spray
- Hand Massage by Meryl Dear at Hands Above Massage

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**TO BOOK ONTO THIS FREE EVENT SIGN UP AS A SSIF MEMBER AND WE  
WILL EMAIL YOU THE LINK**

<https://www.southendsendindependentforum.co.uk/join-us>

For more information on NOW'S the time for change & Hands Above Massage –  
[www.nowsthechange.com](http://www.nowsthechange.com)  
[https://www.instagram.com/hands\\_above/](https://www.instagram.com/hands_above/)

## Southend SEND: Early Identification and Support Toolkit


[Southend SEND Early Identification and Support toolkit \(openobjects.com\)](https://openobjects.com)

Please click on the link above. You will find information about assessment tools that are 'tried and tested' by SENCOs, specialist teachers and support services and that can support the early and accurate identification of additional or Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). For any further information please contact the SENCO Mrs. K White.

**Southend SEND:**  
Early Identification and  
Support toolkit

A working document for  
families and professionals

Southend-on-Sea City Council - December 2022  
SEND Support Advisory Team





# School Menu

Week commencing: 20/02, 13/03, 17/04, 08/05, 05/06, 26/06, 17/07

WEEK 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meat	Pork hot dog, wedges with beans or spaghetti loops	Sweet & sour chicken, brown rice and sweetcorn	Roast Turkey, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Meatball & tomato pasta bake with diced carrots	Halal battered chicken nuggets, chips, beans, spaghetti or peas
Vegetarian /Vegan	Vegan sausage hot dog, wedges with beans or spaghetti loops	Sweet & sour vegetables, brown rice and sweetcorn	Roast vegan Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Vegan meatball & tomato pasta bake with diced carrots	Quorn vegan nuggets, chips, beans, spaghetti or peas
Jacket Potato	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo
Dessert	Cookie or Jelly	Marble cake & custard or Jelly	Jelly	Fruit sponge or Jelly	Raspberry ripple ice cream pot or Jelly

## WEEK 3

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.





## Awards and Notices

### Reading Champions

Well done to Niamh in Seagull Class who is our latest Reading Champion.

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.'



### 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 Madi-Raye in Avocet Class on achieving her Bronze Catch Me Award.

Well done to Daisy and Amelia in Seahorse Class, Nicholas, Maya, Amelia, Freddy and Ava P in Oyster Class, Jamie, Thea, Leon and Vivienne in Curlew Class, Peyson in Sanderling Class and Kensi in Avocet Class on achieving their Silver Catch Me Awards.

And a special well done to Layla-May in Sanderling Class and Lucy in Avocet Class on achieving their Gold Catch Me Awards.



### Times Tables

Congratulations to Sienna in Curlew Class on achieving her Silver Times Tables Certificate.

Congratulations to Elisabeth in Curlew Class on achieving her Gold Times Tables Certificate.







## AWARDS

### House Points



Canute



Guthrum



Thorkell



Houston



### Student of the Week

#### Award Board

Avocet Class—  
Muhib

Sanderling Class—  
Stanley

Curlew Class—  
William

Heron Class—  
Jacob

Seagull Class—  
Ella

Oyster Class —  
Alisha

Seahorse Class—  
Fraser

### Race to the Park

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

The winners of the race this term are,

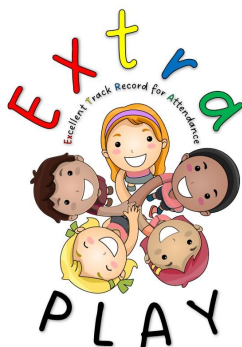
KS1 Seagull Class having attendance of 95.66%  
and in

KS2 Avocet Class 97.18%.



### 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 97.50% and KS2 the attendance cup was awarded to Avocet Class with 97.08%.

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

21st July 2023.

## Term Dates 2022 / 23

Summer Term 17 April 2023 – 21 July 2023

May Day Bank Holiday 1st May 2023

Half Term 30 May – 2 June

King's Coronation Bank Holiday May 8th 2023

## Dates for Diary (updates in red) Spring Term

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)

**Parent Workshop—Science**

**14th March 2023 2.00 –3.00**

Y3 My Future, My Southend People Who Help Us

16th March 2023 pm (in school)

Assessment Week

20th—24th March 2023

**Family Science Fair**

**21st March 3.30—4.30**

FOH Easter Egg Hunt

24th March 2023 (in school) 2.00—3.00

**FOH Quiz night**

**24th March 2023 19.00—21.00**

Year 6 Residential

27th—31st March 2023

Seagull class parent open morning

28th March 2023 9.15—10.15

Reception Trip to Barleylands

29th March 2023

**Pre-loved Uniform Sale**

**30th March 2023 2.45—3.45**

Pupil Advocate meeting

31st March 2023

## Summer term dates (updates in red)

Seahorse class parent open morning

19th April 2023 9.15—10.15

**VR Workshop Yrs 3, 4, 5**

**20th April 2023 (in school)**

Avocet class open morning

24th April 2023 9.15—10.15

Starfish class parent open morning

26th April 2023 9.15—10.15

Years 3 & 4 production

26th April 2023 @ 6.30pm and 27th April 2023 @ 9.30am

**Creative Dance Festival**

**3rd May 2023 9.30—12.00**

**Non-uniform day and themed lunch (King's Coronation)**

**5th May 2023**

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)

Heron class parent open morning

15th May 2023 9.15—10.15



# Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

## Summer Term contd (updates in red)

Y6 My Future, My Southend—Hospitality	16th May 2023 pm (in school)
Curlew class parent open morning	17th May 2023 9.15—10.15
KS2 Music Festival area rehearsal	22nd—26th May (date tbc)
Oyster class parent open morning	24th May 2023 9.15—10.15
KS2 Music Festival	12th - 16th June 2023 (date tbc)
Father's Day stalls	12th, 13th, 14th June 2023 (lunchtimes)
<b>KS2 Music Festival</b>	<b>16th June 2023 (evening performance)</b>
Year 4 Lullingstone Roman Villa visit	20th June 2023
Sanderling class parent open morning	21st June 2023 9.15—10.15
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

## 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 –31 May, and May Bank Holiday 6th May

## Inset Days 2023/24

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

Friday 16th February 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Please note that school, including Nursery, will close to pupils at 1:00pm on Wednesday 20th December 2023 and Friday 19th July 2024. There will be revised lunchtimes on these days. Breakfast club will run as normal on these dates, but there will be no after school club.