

Autumn Term Newsletter Week 5 6th October 2023

Our Lost Property box is full up again after only 5 weeks back at school. Next week, the box will be on the playground at the end of the day. Please check through for any missing items. Putting your child's name on their uniform and sports kits will help our uniform monitors return items to their owners.



Please see the attached information flyer for further details on the Family Recycling Challenge.

Steps Parent Workshop

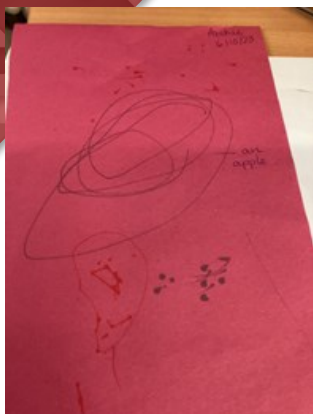
Thank you to those parents who could attend the workshop on therapeutic approach to behaviour. We don't want any parent missing out, so please find the power point attached.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to the office team or Mrs Wilson on the gate, who can help you, when supporting you with your child's behaviour.

It was lovely to see and hear the parents' offering advice to one another. Here is what one parent said "Thank you for showing us different approaches to managing behaviour it supports so many of us".



Starfish & Turtle Class



In the Nursery this week, we read the story *Our House* and spoke about our families and who we live with. We have also been working on our mark making. The Turtles children drew pictures and were encouraged to talk about what they had drawn. The Starfish children drew who lives in their house and spoke about their pictures.

The children have also been developing their maths skills by weighing objects they have found around the classroom to see what is heavy and light, and they have been counting the toys.

Next week, our story will be *Peace At Last*, and we will be talking more about our families. Please feel free to upload a picture of your family onto Tapestry, so we can talk about them more with the children. This will help to develop their communication and language skills.

We will also be developing our physical skills by pouring our own drinks and drinking out of cups, therefore the children will not need their water bottles from next week unless they are staying for lunch.

Well done, Nursery. We are really proud of the way you have all settled in and learning.

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



Seahorse Class



This week in Seahorse Class, our theme has been the story Funny Bones and community. As we read the story, we explored the word cellar as the children were unsure what this was. This led to a discussion of the different rooms there are in a house. We then looked at a range of different buildings which people called their homes, these included a houseboat, bungalow, chum (a tent), yurt, and villa. In our class we discovered that most people live in a house, while some live in a flat.



In Literacy, the children have been practising their letter formation using their name cards. They have gone on a word hunt finding and then copying words relating to Funny Bones. They have also been drawing skeletons, houses and writing letters in flour. The children have sung and performed actions using different parts of their bodies to 'Dem Bones' and 'Dancing Robot'.

In Maths, we have been looking at repeating patterns. We have explored this concept using the children, colours, shapes, sounds and actions. The children have made repeating patterns using stickers, bricks and different coloured pegs.

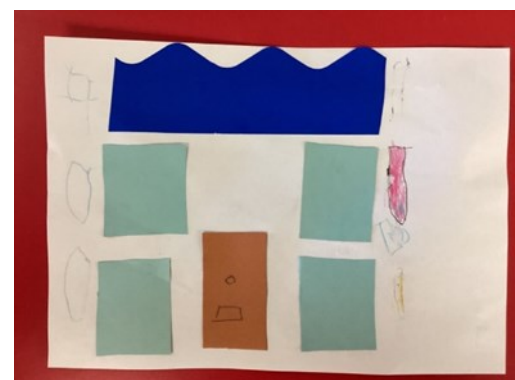
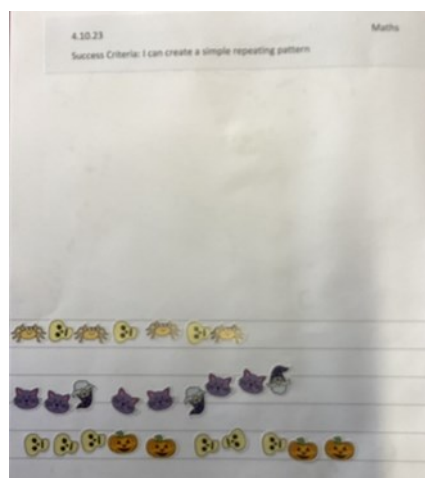
In Art, the children used their scissor skills to cut paper to design a house – which will then become a display showing a community of houses.

Throughout the week, the children have created houses using Duplo and the large outdoor resources, made vehicles from Mobilo, role-played in the kitchen, used tweezers to match bears to the correct pots and made pies in the mud pit.



Great learning, Seahorses

Mrs Newman, Mrs Penny, Mrs Bowser and Mrs Mota



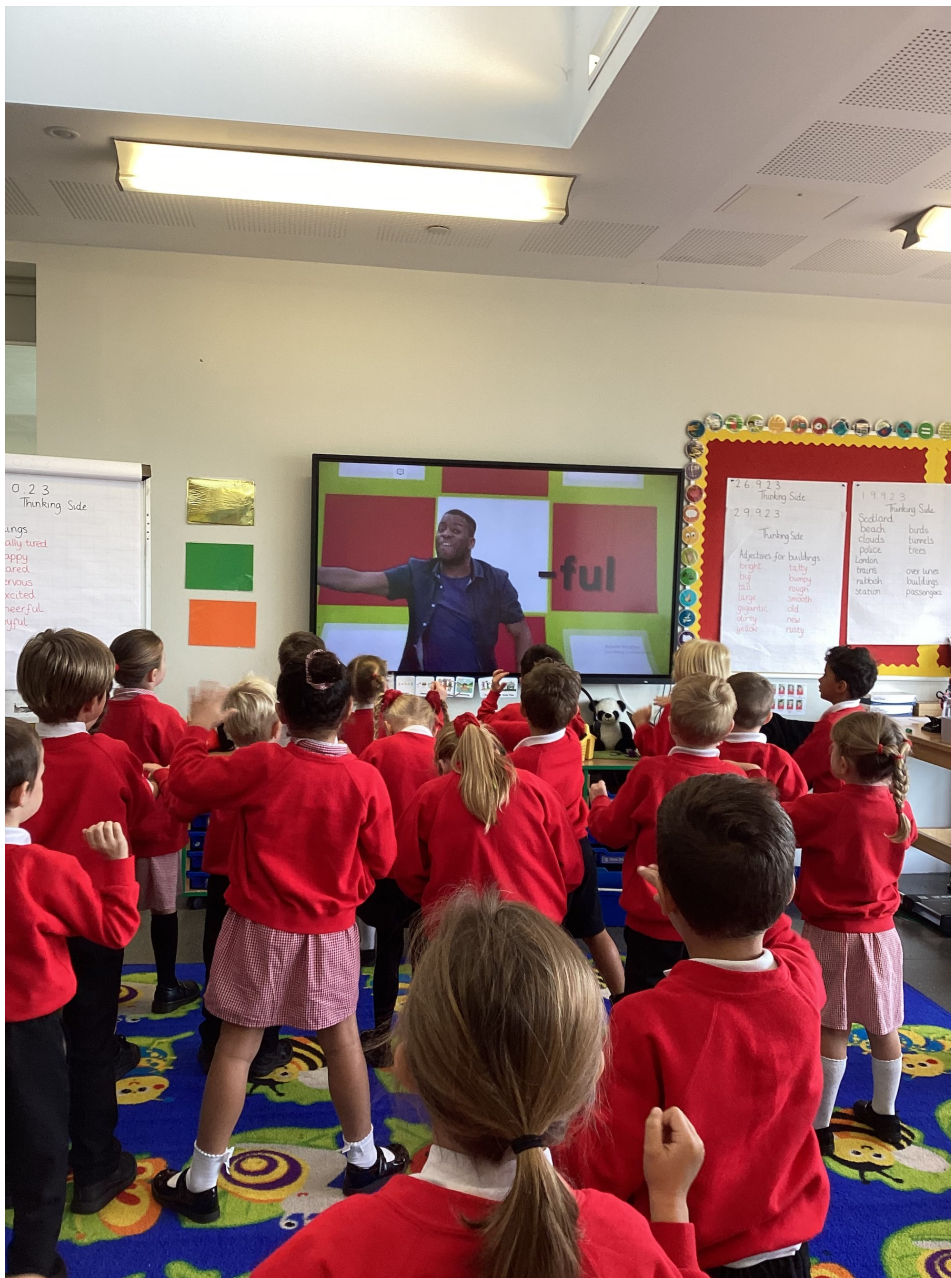
Oyster Class

This week in Oyster class, we have been trying hard to use number tracks to see what is one more and one less than a given number.

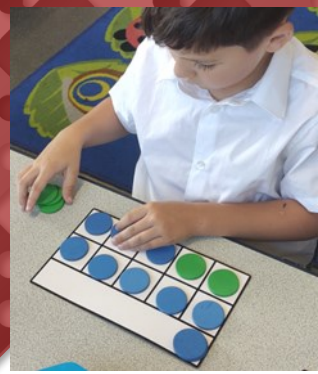
Our 'Train Ride' story is coming along so well, the children have been using adjectives in their sentences! We've even been singing and dancing all about adjectives too!

Keep up the good work, Year 1!

Miss Bradley and Mrs Tarling



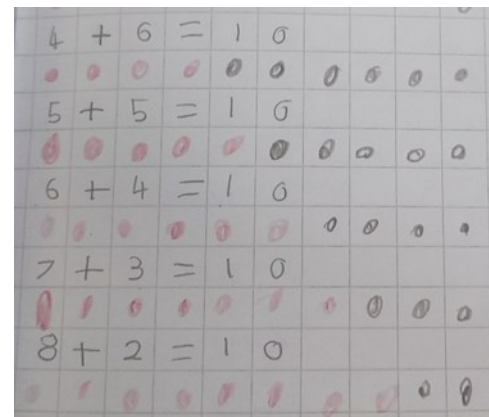
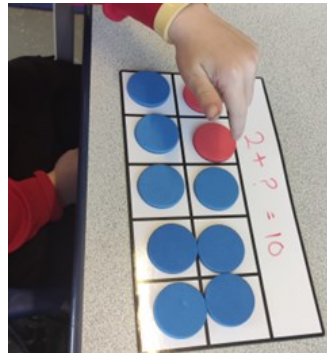
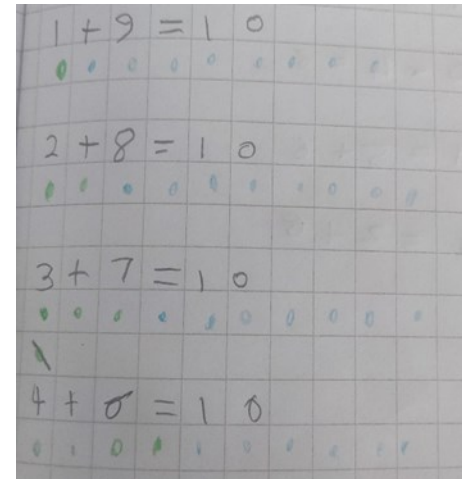
Seagull Class



This week, Year 2 have started looking at addition and subtraction. We explored number bonds in different ways. We also looked at calculation families. The children were amazed that if you start with one number sentence you can change that sentence to make 8 different calculations.

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In English this week, we have started looking at diary writing. We investigated what London would have been like in 1666. Then we got in role as Londoners from that time and acted out different situations. The children worked hard to show their acting through body language and facial expression.

Mrs Oakley and Mrs Merton



Heron Class

Wow Wow Wow! What a busy week we have had in Year 3!

In Maths ,we have continued adding using 3 digit numbers but this week we have been partitioning numbers to help us add across a ten.

In English, we have had two fabulous experience days. Starting with collecting signs of Autumn in our environment and creating fabulous artwork with it. Followed by experiencing Autumn using our taste and smell including having hot chocolate and marshmallows in our English lesson on Thursday.

The children have been incredibly enthusiastic in all lessons this week and they've all worked very hard.

Have a great weekend, Year 3. You deserve the rest!

Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Edwards



Curlew Class



This week, our Fantastic Foursies have been exceptionally fabulous. Well done to each and every one of the class for coping so well with all the changes in routine and different teachers leading various lessons.

In English, we have been busy planning our stories, based on the text we have been scrutinising over the past 3 weeks. On Friday, we finally started writing our own stories, and we look forward to seeing the finished results next week.



In our Spanish lesson, we revised greetings covered last year, and lots of children demonstrated their knowledge of counting to 10 in Spanish.

The children have worked so successfully in mixed pairs during PE lessons in the

past few weeks. We are now influencing our movements by our science topic of 'states of matter', and all the children have worked hard to create routines to demonstrate each state.

Well done, Year 4 for being the best you can be. You are all simply fantastic!

Miss Eakins and Miss Brailsford



Sanderling Class



Another sensational Sanderling week! The children have shown off their addition and subtraction skills, begun working on a balanced argument, written about the way Anglo Saxon society was constructed, experimented with saturation points and even played a bit of rugby. They also talked about what 'identity' means to them and created posters, poems or songs to show what they think makes up their identity. Simply sensational!

Have a great weekend,
Mrs. Emmings and Mrs. Allen.



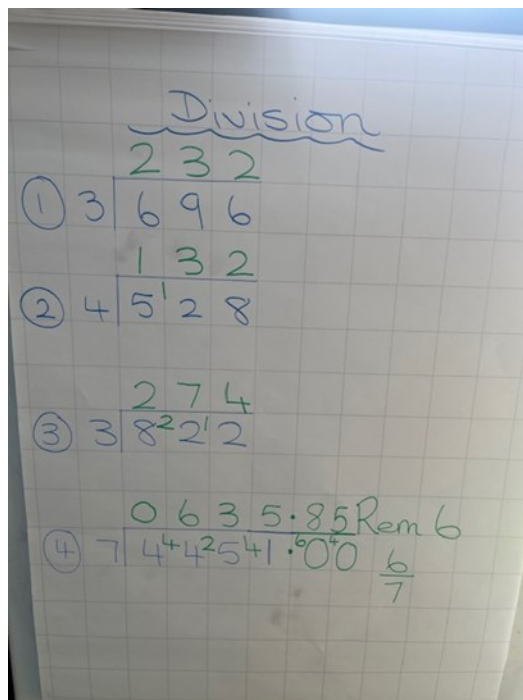
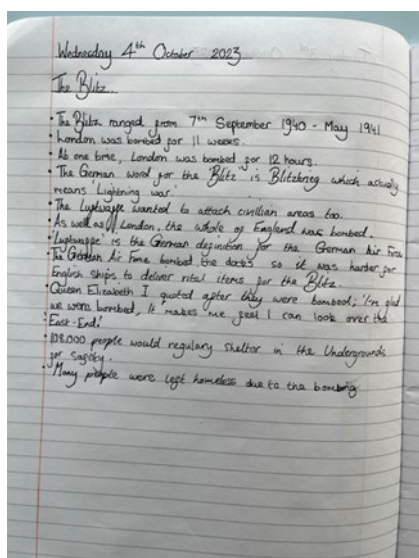
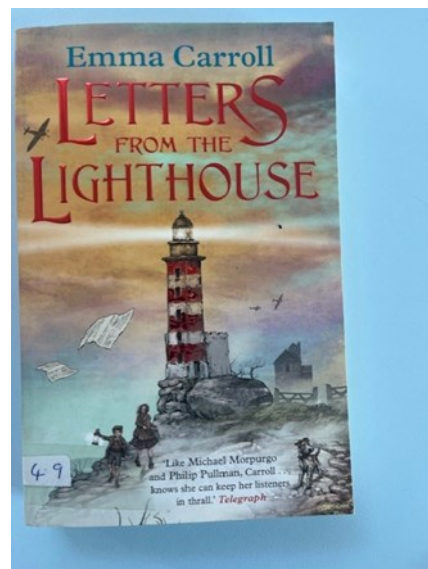
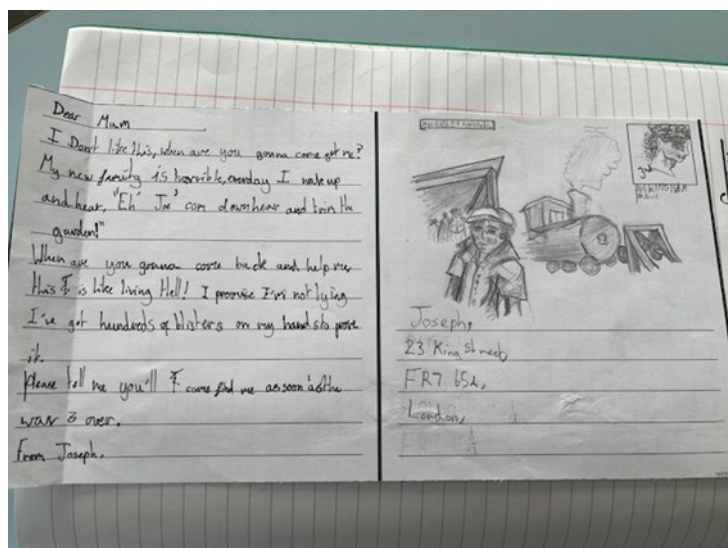
Avocet Class

In Year 6 this week, we have begun our new English unit based on the book *Letters From The Lighthouse* which will inspire us to write a recount of our own. In Maths, we have developed our long multiplication skills and begun to explore short division. We have noticed how useful knowing our times tables is and some of us need to continue to learn these so we are not held back with our learning.

In RE, we have been exploring the Sikh belief of karma and reincarnation in your afterlife. As part of our topic, we have continued to explore the feelings of evacuee children and wrote a post-card home in role as one. We have also begun to research the Blitz using a variety of sources and how this impacted daily life at that time.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs Calvy, Mrs Attard and Ms Hardy





School Menu

Week commencing: 18/09, 09/10, 06/11, 27/11, 18/12					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meat	Tomato tuna pasta bake with sweetcorn 	Soft taco with chilli con carne, rice & carrots (H) 	Roast turkey, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, yorkshire pudding and gravy (H) 	Sausages with new potatoes, peas & gravy 	Halal battered chicken nuggets & potato smiles with beans or peas (H)
Vegetarian/Vegan	Tomato pasta bake with sweetcorn 	Soft taco with Quorn mince Chilli con carne, rice & carrots 	Roast vegan Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, yorkshire pudding and gravy 	Vegan Quorn sausage with new potatoes, peas & gravy 	Quorn vegan nuggets & potato smiles with beans 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	Frozen yogurt 	Lemon sponge 	Jelly 	Fruit crumble with custard 	Raspberry ripple ice cream pot

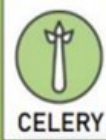
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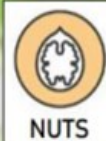
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LUPIN



CELERY



NUTS

We are nut free schools

A selection of fresh fruit, salad, bread and yogurts available daily.

For information regarding allergies and dietary needs, please speak to the school office.

School lunch costs

I am sure you will be well aware of surging food costs and the difficult inflation situation we are all living with at the moment. This has meant uncertainty and massive price variability for our catering team as we continue to try to deliver the best possible school meals for the children at our schools. Schools up and down the country are having to significantly increase meal costs and this is impacting on families already struggling with the cost of living crisis.

With this in mind we are very pleased to advise you that we will not be increasing the cost of school lunches and this will remain for the school year 23/24. This is part of our support to you as families. We have been able to get to this point by working together as a Trust to make the most of our collective buying power and in house

The Dinners option and the Clubs & Trips option is accessible via the menu in the MCAS app and via a web browser.

If you do not have access to MCAS, please contact the school office who will be able to send you an invitation code and link to activate your personal account.



Awards and Notices

Ashley Banjo



Mo Farah



Ellie Simmonds



Jamie Oliver



Dress for Success

The class which achieves the best attendance, every half term, will be allowed to come to school in non-uniform the following Monday.

The winners so far this term are,

KS1 Oyster Class, having attendance of 96.43% overall

and in KS2 Heron Class with 96.66%.



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 97.50% and KS2 the attendance cup was awarded to Curlew Class with 97.50%.

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

Student of the Week

Award Board

**Avocet Class—
Arthur**

**Sanderling Class—
Sophie**

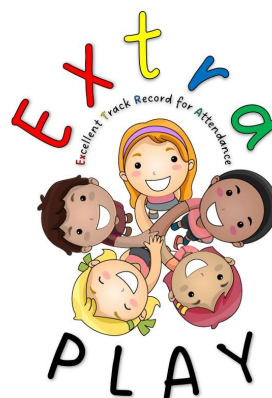
**Curlew Class—
Whole Class**

**Heron Class—
Olivia & Kayla**

**Seagull Class—
Jess**

**Oyster Class —
James**

**Seahorse—
Jessica**





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 Charlotte, George, Reuben, Maya, Ayva and Wyatt in Seagull Class Lewis and Niamh in Heron Class, Zachary, Zach, Sophelia, Oliver and Lily in Curlew Class and Lizzie, Olivia H, Bonnie and Eli in Sanderling Class on achieving their Bronze Catch Me! Awards.

Times Tables

Congratulations to Ronnie, Mia, Oliver V, Harry and Macsen in Oyster Class on achieving their Bronze Times Tables Certificate.



Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

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.

Autumn term 2023 dates (updates in red)

FOH Coffee Morning with Dr Smith	13th October 2023 9am
Y6 Now's the Time for Change	13th October—pm in school
Y5 Residential (Gilwell Park)	18th—20th October 2023
Y3 Stone Age Workshop	20th October 2023
Y2 Guy Fawkes/Great Fire of London Workshop	1st November 2023
Individual Photos	2nd November 2023
Pupil Advocate Meeting	3rd November 2023 1.30—2.15
New Reception Parent Meeting September 24/25 Intake	9th November @ 3.30pm or 16th November @ 9.30am
Parent Consultations	14th & 16th November 2023 3.30pm— 6.30pm
Children in Need Stalls (lunchtimes)	15th, 16th and 17th November 2023
FOH Adult Gift Fair	23rd November 2023
Whole School Assessment Week	w/b 27th November 2023
Y6 trip to Duxford	30th November 2023
FOH Children's Christmas Fair	1st December 2023
KS1 Christmas Production	6th December 2023 @ 9.30am
Reception Nativity	12th December 2023 @ 3.30pm
Christmas Lunch	13th December 2023
Nursery Nativity	14th December 2023 @ 9.30am

Spring Term 2024 dates (updates in red)

Choir at the O2	30th January 2024
Whole School Assessment Week	w/b 12th February 2024
Y2 Arctic and Antarctic Workshop	27th March 2024



Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term Dates contd 2023 (updates in red)

Parent Consultations	5th & 7th March 2024 3.30pm—6.30pm
World Book Day	7th March 2024
Aspirations Week	w/b 11th March 2024
Reception Stick Man Day (Danbury Park)	27th March 2024

Summer Term Dates 2024 (updates in red)

Bank Holiday (May Day)	6th May 2024
Y6 SATs Week	w/b 13th May 2024
Y6 to Chigwell	20th—24th May 2024
YR—Y5 School Assessment Week	w/b 24th June 2024
Sports Day & Picnic	1st July 2024
Y6 Transition Day	5th July 2024
Yrs R-5 Transition Morning	5th July 2024
Reserve Sports Day	8th July 2024
Whole School Open Evening	11th July 3.30pm—5.30pm
Hinguar's Got Talent	15th July 2024
Volunteer Afternoon Tea	16th July 2.15pm
Y6 Graduation	18th July 2024 2.00pm
Y6 Leavers' Disco	18th July 6.30pm—8.00pm

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

Inset Days 2024/25

Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th September 2024
Friday 29th November 2024
Friday 14th February 2025
Monday 24th February 2025