

Autumn Term Newsletter Week 8 3rd November 2023



The Great Outdoors Photography Competition



Hinguar Primary School and Nursery are holding a photographic competition for all pupils from Nursery to Year 6. We'd like to promote outdoor learning and celebrate the world around us.

Students who are studying Media and Film at Shoeburyness High School, will be judging the entries and choosing winners from each Key Stage.

Information:

The categories are:

- A. Shapes in the outdoors
- B. Colours in nature
- C. Animals in the outdoors
- D. The seaside

Using the categories as inspiration; be creative, go outdoors and take some photographs!

We're looking for a title and short description of your photograph(s).

Rules:

1. All photographs must be taken by the child.
2. Title(s) and description(s) must be written in the child's own words.
3. A maximum of four photographs can be entered. This can be in any category.
4. Please avoid taking photographs of people.

Prizes:

Every pupil that enters will receive two 'catch-me' signatures and ten house points.

Winning entries will be displayed in school and on the school website. Children will receive a framed copy of their winning photograph.

How to enter:

Please email your entries to teachers@hinguar.secat.co.uk with the subject of 'The Great Outdoors Photography Competition' and include:

- Name
- Class
- Chosen category(s)
- Photograph(s)
- Title of photograph(s)
- Description(s) of photograph(s)

The competition opens from Monday 6th November with a **deadline for entries of Monday 27th November**. The winners will be announced within the last two weeks of the Autumn term.

Turtle and Starfish Class



This week in Nursery, the children have been learning about fireworks. We have been reading stories about fireworks and watching displays on our big screen. Many of the children loved watching the Disney fireworks display! We have spoken about being safe around fireworks and made our own sparklers out of straws and paper.

The children have also been recognising and ordering numbers 1-5. We will continue to work on this, this term. Please look around your environment at home with your child and see if you can find these numbers at home or when you are out and about. It would be

lovely if you can share what you found on Tapestry.

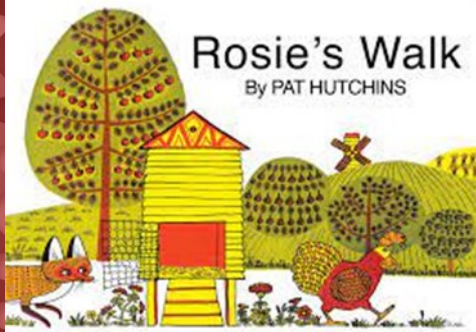
The children have also been making their Cauliflower Christmas cards. The orders need to be in school by Monday.

Next week, we will be learning about Diwali and Remembrance day.

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



Seahorse Class



This week, we have explored the festivals of Halloween and Bonfire Night. The children were very excited to discuss how they would be dressing up for Halloween night, before revealing their trick or treating stories the next day. We then looked at Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate Bonfire Night. We watched a CBeebies firework display, before thinking of descriptive words to express what we could see and hear. In Literacy the children wrote these descriptive words around a firework rocket.



Later in the week, the children discussed fire safety when attending a fireworks display. Throughout the week, the children have been making bonfires, walls and houses using blocks and bricks with mud substituting as the cement! They have been using their memory recall to play pairs, and drawn a variety of firework inspired pictures.



In PE, the children have started our Dance unit, where they have been counting and moving their bodies to the beats of Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. This week, we have also begun to practise our songs and actions for the Christmas Nativity. We will continue this over the next few weeks.

In Maths, the children have been exploring positional language. We listened to Rosie's Walk and identified the positional language within the story. The children then moved a teddy into different positions to further explore this concept. With the classroom, the children moved themselves into certain positions depending on the given instruction.



Mrs Newman, Mrs Penny, Mrs Bowser and Mrs Mota



Oyster Class



Year 1 have settled back into their learning well, this week, and we have been super busy!

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Gunpowder Plot workshop on Wednesday. They have learnt lots about Guy Fawkes! The children worked together in groups to perform different scenes from the Gunpowder Plot and were even able to create their very own firework dance.

It appears we have lots of up and coming poets in Year 1, as we have been writing poems all about Fireworks. The children have done ever so well and we look forward to reading them out loud, next week.



Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Bradley and Mrs Tarling



Seagull Class



This week, the children were excited to take part in a Great Fire of London workshop. The children started the morning by sharing some facts they had already discovered over the last half term. The teacher leading the workshop was very impressed by their knowledge. This made a great base for further learning.

Then the children completed a Geography game, identifying significant places in London which were linked to the fire, such as St. Paul's Cathedral, Pudding Lane and the River Thames. Moving on the children found out about some significant people, King Charles II, Mayor Bloodworth and Samuel Pepys, discussing why they were important, how they behaved and role playing each person in turn.



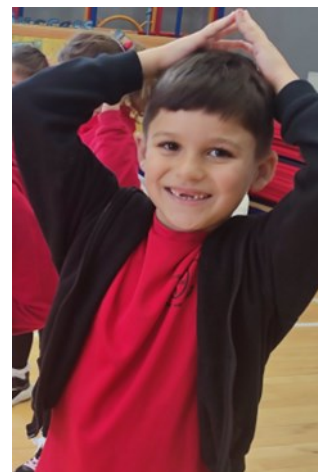
The children also learnt about fire breaking, which was one method used to slow the spread of the fire. Using drama they acted out being houses which were left standing, houses which were pulled down and the people pulling them down.

The children went on to improvise a variety of scenarios representing the interactions between everyday people from 1666.

Finally, the children got in character as Thomas Farriner, the baker believed to be responsible for starting the fire. In role, they explored what his day would have been as on the day before the fire and the contrast with his day once the fire had started.

The children participated beautifully throughout and made us very proud.

Mrs Oakley and Mrs Merton



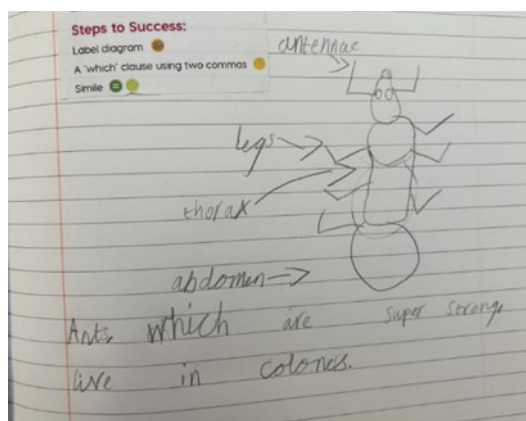
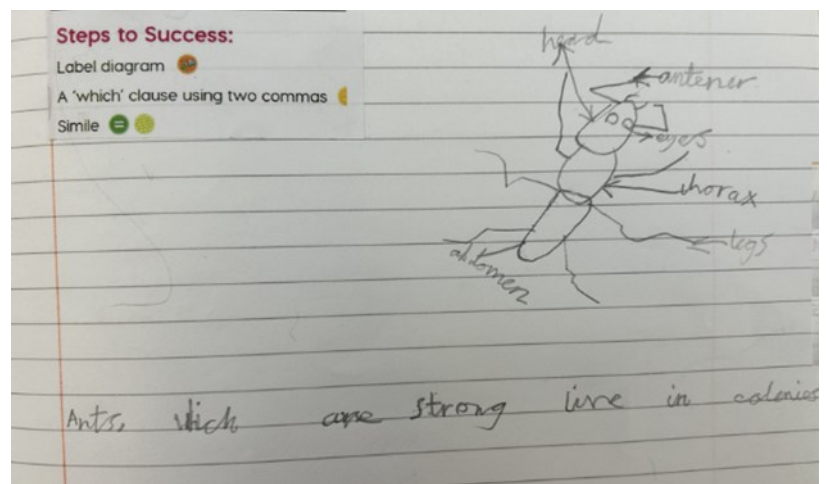
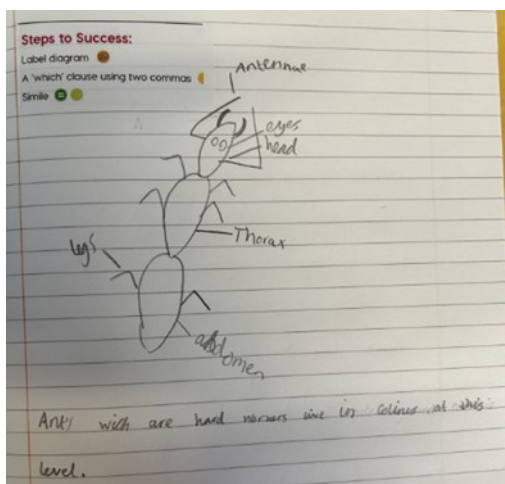
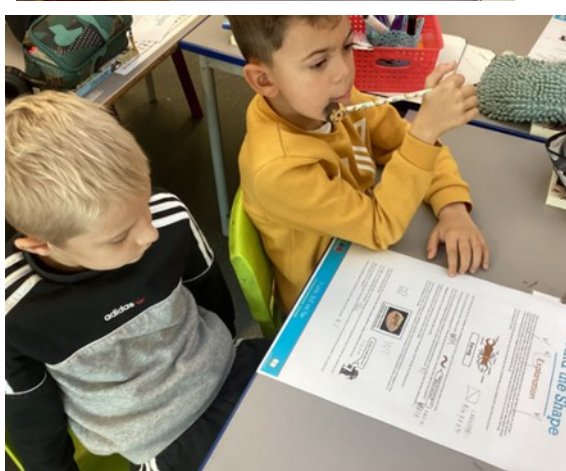
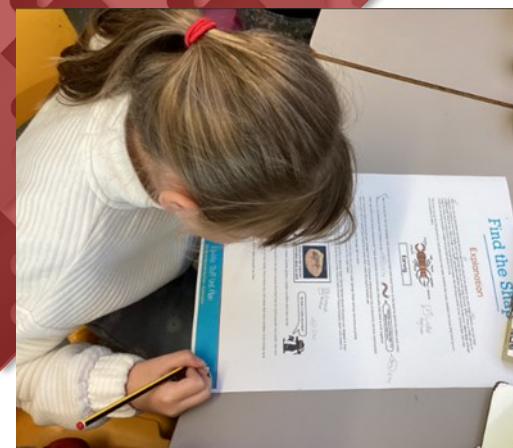
Heron Class

Year 3 have enjoyed the first week back after the half term break. It has been lovely to catch up with everyone this week and hear about all the wonderful things you have all been up to over the holidays.

In English this week, the children have been exploring the key features of an information text. We looked at the book *Street Beneath My Feet* which the children found fascinating. When it is all unfolded it is taller than Mrs O'Donnell who had to stand on a chair to read it to the class! We have begun learning about what goes on underground and have drawn our first labelled diagram of the unit.

In Maths this week, we have been learning column subtraction which the children found a little tricky. We will be continuing to practice exchanging over the next few weeks. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Edwards



Curlew Class



Well done, Year 4, for a successful return to school. I hope you all had a lovely half term break.

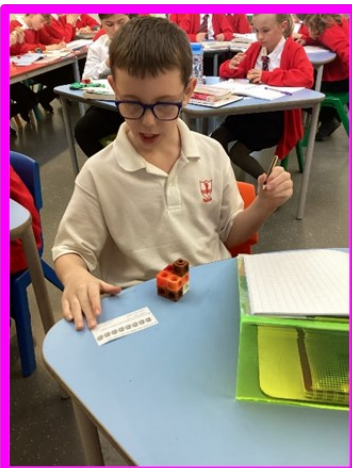
This week, we have been starting some new topics. Our history topic is 'The Ancient Egyptians'. The children were excited to hear that we will be having a whole day workshop in a few weeks time to help develop this. This week, we used atlases to identify where Egypt is on a world map, and then chronologically ordered key events of the Ancient Egyptian civilisation.

In science, we started our 'Living Things' topic and considered ways animals can be classified. We worked in small groups to sort animals depending on specific criteria, and represented this using Venn and Carroll diagrams.

Have a fantastic and fabulous fireworks weekend, Year 4.
Miss Eakins and Miss Brailsford

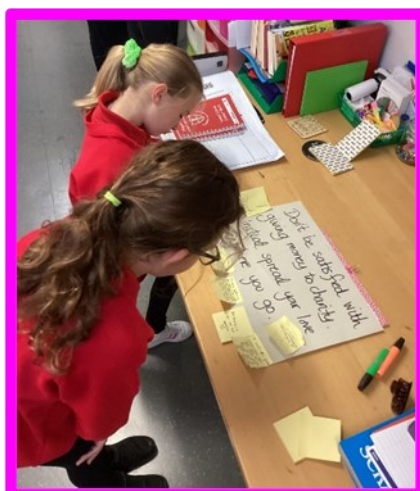
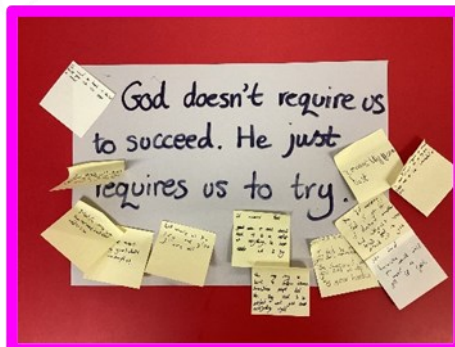
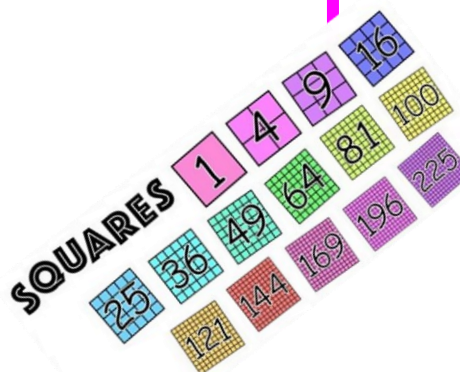
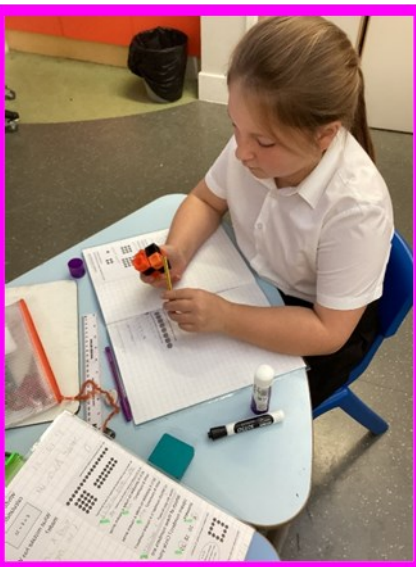


Sanderling Class

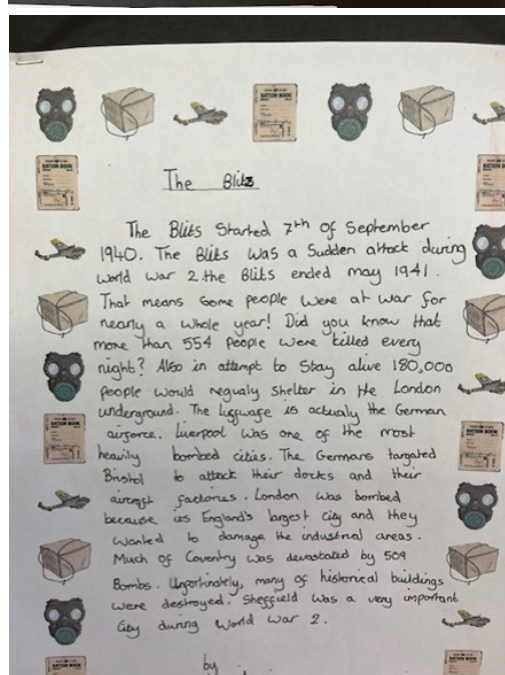


A short but busy week for our Sensational Sanderlings. The children have: started work on their persuasive battle speeches in English, wrapped up the first unit on multiplication and division in Maths by exploring squared and cubed numbers; had a silent debate about Mother Teresa and how Christians today try to follow Jesus' teaching about justice and fairness; looked at the advantages and disadvantages of renewable energy; started their unit on dance in P.E.; created some awesome gingerbread house Christmas cards; got cold and wet in Forest school and discussed gender stereotyping in P.S.H.E.

Have a great weekend everyone!
Mrs Emmings and Mrs Allen

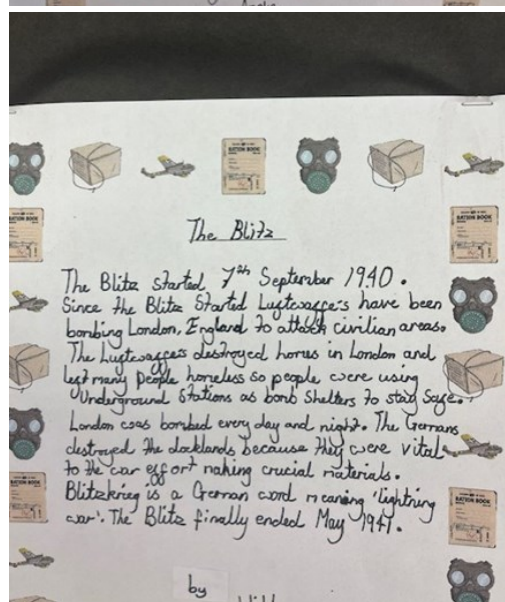


Avocet Class



Year 6 have made a fantastic start back after the holiday. They have enjoyed researching the Blitz using a variety of sources and presenting their findings in written form. This has then continued through into our Art lessons, where the children have used pastel blending techniques alongside paper art to create silhouette cityscapes. They have made a beautiful display outside our classroom, which you will be able to view at parents' evenings soon.

Mrs Calvy, Ms Hardy and Miss Brailsford





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School Menu

Week commencing: 18/09, 09/10, 06/11, 27/11, 18/12

WEEK 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meat	Cheese & tomato pizza with sweetcorn	Gluten free pork meatballs in tomato sauce with rice & carrots (H)	Roast turkey, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy (H)	Sausages with mashed potato, peas & gravy	Halal battered chicken nuggets & potato wedges with beans or peas (H)
Vegetarian/ Vegan	Tomato pasta bake with sweetcorn	Vegan Quorn meatballs in tomato sauce with rice & carrots	Roast vegan Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Vegan Quorn sausage with mashed potato, peas & gravy	Quorn vegan nuggets & potato wedges 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

Please note there have been some changes to the menu

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year's Christmas Lunch will take place on Wednesday 13th December at a cost of £3.00 for those who pay for school lunches. All lunches must be booked in advance using MCAS, regardless of whether you pay or not.

Christmas Lunch will be available to Nursery children who usually attend Wednesday lunchtimes.

The closing date for orders is Friday 17th November.

No more bookings will be accepted after this date.

This will be available to book on the app from next week.



Southend East Community Academy Trust



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Peer Education Programme



Autism
Central

Peer Education Programme

We are recruiting Peer Educators who are family members or carers of autistic people and/or autistic themselves.

The programme offers:

1. Autism Central Website – providing a wealth of information and guidance.
2. Weekly, online group sessions on a range of themes
3. 1:1 support via telephone or Teams call

Are you interested in becoming a peer educator?

This is a paid position, and we are keen to find people who:

- are family members, parents, grandparents, partners/spouses of an autistic person or are an autistic person.
- have a good understanding of autism and how to support autistic people.
- are motivated to coach, educate, and support other families and carers.
- are able and willing to learn new skills.
- live in the East of England.
- are 18+ years old.

If you are interested in becoming a Peer Educator, please get in touch by emailing peersupporthub@essex.gov.uk



Southend East Community Academy Trust



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.

In the lead for this half term are,

KS1 Oyster Class, having attendance of 97.78% overall

and in KS2 Avocet Class with 100%.



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 Oyster Class with 97.78% and KS2 the attendance cup was awarded to Avocet Class with 100.00 %.

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

Student of the Week

Award Board

**Avocet Class—
Henry**

**Sanderling Class—
Leon**

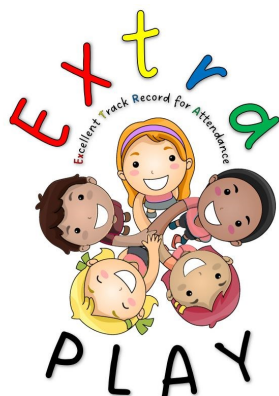
**Curlew Class—
Sammy**

**Heron Class—
Zaha**

**Seagull Class—
Matilda**

**Oyster Class —
Albie**

**Seahorse—
Jordan**





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 Oliver V, Hudson, Olivia, Sienna and George in Oyster Class, Ariana, Alisha, Amelia and Emily in Seagull Class, Amy, Bjorn, Grayson, Brooke, Emir, Hollie, Ella and Laurence in Heron Class and Lottie-Mae and Mila in Sanderling Class on achieving their Bronze Catch Me! Awards.

CAULIFLOWER CARDS

Please place your Cauliflower Card orders online and return the original artwork packs to school by Monday 6th November



UNIFORM

A reminder to parents that the school uniform is black shoes/trainers. Children should not be coming to school in colourful trainers.



POPPY APPEAL

Thank you so much for your support for this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal! Remembrance Sunday this year is Sunday 12th November.



We are as usual collecting donations for bracelets, zip pulls, reflectors or paper poppies.

The children will be offered the opportunity to pick an item for a donation during the school day.

11 + Club - This is now available on MCAS for Year 5 parents to book.

11+ club will start on Thursday 16th November at 8am.



On the 31st of October you should have received a link from MySchoolWellbeing asking you to complete a short online survey.

Our families play a vital role in our school community and your feedback is very much valued.

If you can spare a few minutes to complete the survey, it would be most appreciated.

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)

Y6 Height and Weight checks	8th November 2023
New Reception Parent Meeting	9th November @ 3.30pm or 16th November @ 9.30am
September 24/25 Intake	
Parent Consultations	14th & 16th November 2023 3.30pm—6.30pm
Children in Need Stalls (lunchtimes)	15th, 16th and 17th November 2023
Class Colour Hamper Donation Week (FOH)	w/b 20th November 2023
FOH Christmas Market	23rd November 2023
Ancient Egyptian Workshop (Year4)	24th November 2023
Whole School Assessment Week	w/b 27th November 2023
FOH Children's Christmas Fair	1st December 2023
Y6 trip to Duxford	5th December 2023 (change of date)
KS1 Christmas Production	6th December 2023 @ 9.30am
FOH Secret Santa	11th, 12th & 14th December 2023 (lunchtimes)
Reception Nativity	12th December 2023 @ 3.30pm
Christmas Lunch	13th December 2023
Nursery Nativity	14th December 2023 @ 9.30am
FOH Christmas Raffle Draw	15th December 2023

Spring Term 2024 dates (updates in red)

Choir at the O2	30th January 2024
FOH Adult Quiz Night	9th February 2024
Whole School Assessment Week	w/b 12th February 2024
Mother's Day Stalls	4th, 5th & 6th March 2024
Y2 Arctic and Antarctic Workshop	27th March 2024
Parent Consultations	5th & 7th March 2024 3.30pm—6.30pm
World Book Day	7th March 2024
Aspirations Week	w/b 11th March 2024



Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term contd

Reception Stick Man Day (Danbury Park)

27th March 2024

FOH Easter Egg Hunt

28th 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

Father's Day stalls

10th, 11th, 12th June 2024

YR—Y5 School Assessment Week

w/b 24th June 2024

FOH Discos

27th June 2024

Sports Day & Picnic

1st July 2024

Y6 Transition Day

5th July 2024

Yrs R-5 Transition Morning

5th July 2024

FOH Summer Fair

6th 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

Graduation

18th July 2024 2.00pm

Y6 Leavers' Disco

18th July 6.30pm—8.00pm

Term Dates for Academic Year 2023-2024

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

Inset Days 2023/24

Half Term 19th February –23rd February

Friday 16th February 2024

Summer Term: Monday 15th April 2024—Monday 22nd July 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

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

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