



HINGUAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

Autumn Term Newsletter Week 11 24th November 2023

The Children's Commissioner has launched [The Big Ambition survey](https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition) to understand what children want ahead of the next General Election. Please share this link or QR code with young people so they can have their say: <https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>.



Hi, my name is Rachel and I'm the Children's Commissioner for England.

I have launched this survey, **The Big Ambition**, to hear from all children and young people in England aged between 6 and 18 years old. Adults can answer on behalf of a child or young person aged up to 18.

I will use this survey to take children and young people's views to the Government.

Everything you tell me will be kept private, and you don't have to answer any question if you don't want to. To find out more, visit my [website](#).

Remember, there are no right or wrong answers. Just answer honestly!

Information regarding Clubs at the end of term

Sporting Clubs finish on Friday 8th December (with the exception of KS1 football & KS2 Gymnastics on Friday which parents have been informed about).

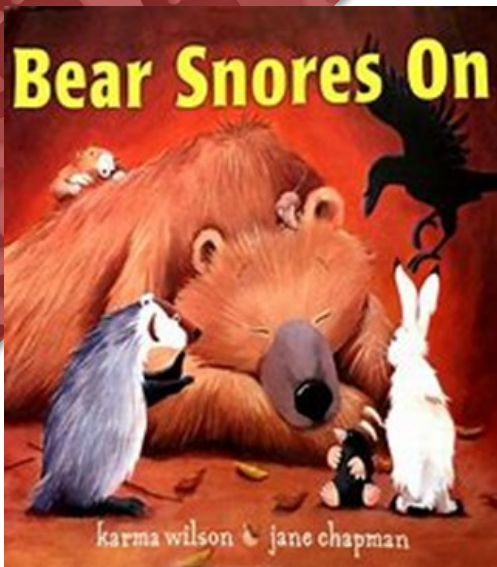
Teacher lead clubs choir, homework club and 11 plus will continue until the following week.

Boosters will finish on Friday 15th December.



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Turtle and Starfish Class



This week in Starfish class, our story focus has been 'Bear Snores On'.

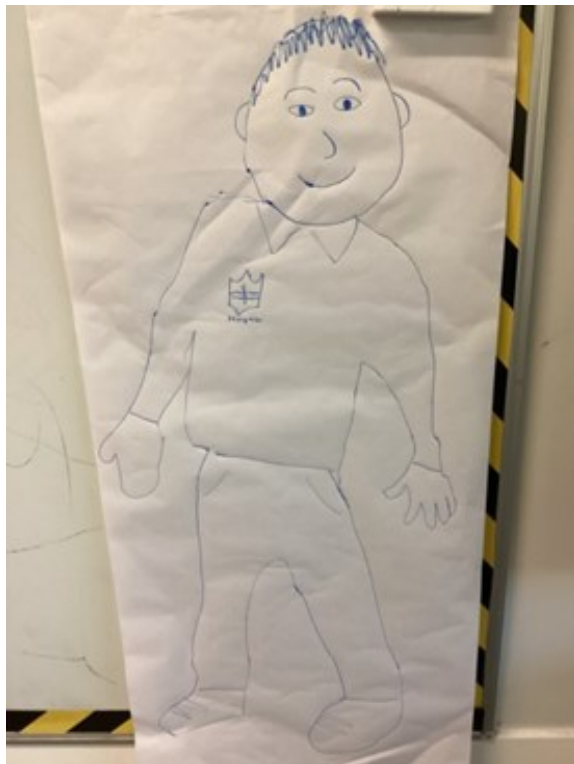
We have expanded our vocabulary, learning the word hibernate, and have investigated which animals hibernate over the winter months. In our tuff tray we have explored ice and looked closely at the changes that occurred as the ice melted. We have been developing our fine motor skills as we investigated using spoons and toffee hammers to break the ice blocks.

We have used our gross physical skills to create our own animal dens in the garden and role-played being animals hibernating inside to keep warm.

We discussed what we do to keep ourselves warm in winter and the children created some fantastic winter clothes pictures. The children thought it was great fun as we drew around one of our friends to create a life-sized picture.

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

Mrs Attard, Mrs Brant, Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Bowser, Mrs Loe, Mrs Mota, Mrs Edwards and Ms Burgess.



Seahorse Class



This week in Seahorse Class, we have explored The Stickman. We began the week by listening to the story. This led to a discussion about what the game 'pooh sticks' could be. We also discussed how Stickman and Lady Love might feel throughout the book. As a class we used our memory recall and sequenced the story.

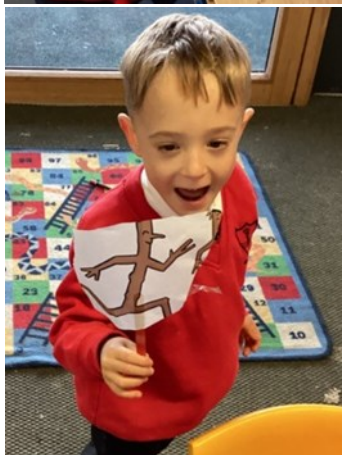
In Literacy, the children came up with ideas about what else the Stickman could become. Ideas included: a rocket, crown, aeroplane, insect and a jelly. The children then wrote their ideas using the sentence starter, Stickman will be a, before drawing a picture. The children have also been on a 'sh' and 'nk' word hunt.



In Maths, we have looked at the numbers 4 and 5. We have explored different ways to make both of these numbers. The children have arranged blocks, drawn squares and made towers to represent the composition of each number.

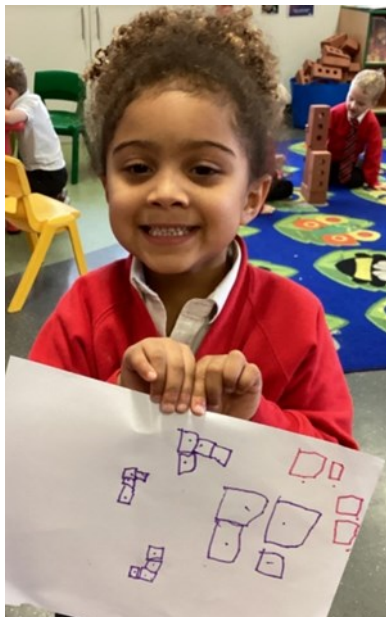
We have continued to practice our Nativity songs and have begun to sing and perform our actions in the hall in preparation for our performance.

Throughout the week, the children have made Stickman puppets, created missing posters of the Stickman, made sandcastles and used sticks as masts, role-played as office workers and enjoyed using the new slide section of the A frame.

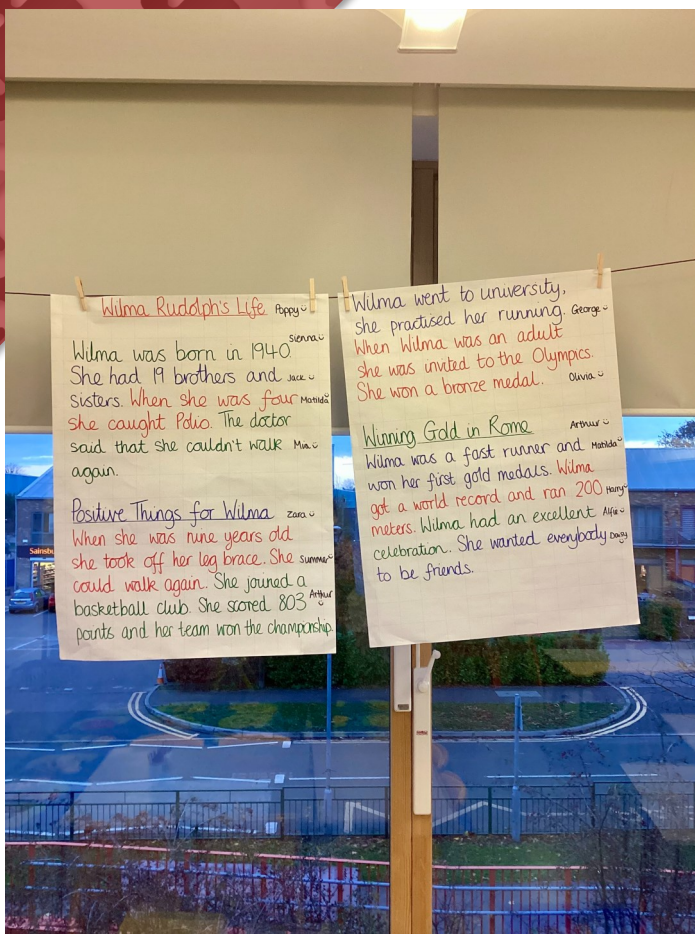


On Friday, to celebrate Road Safety week, we explored how to cross the road safely. The children watched the animated hedgehogs cross to the song of 'King of the Road'. The children used the zebra crossing on the play deck and the scooters to role-play crossing the road safely.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Penny, Mrs Bowser and Mrs Mota



Oyster Class



This week the children have been busy writing their biographies all about Wilma Rudolph. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about Black History month!

In Maths this week, we have been continuing our work with number sentences and solving some tricky problems!

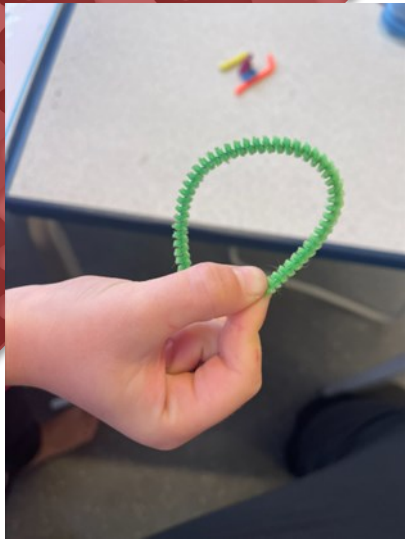
The children had lots of fun in the computer suite this week and have enjoyed practising our Christmas songs.

Thank you for your kind donations for our gold and silver hamper - it is really appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Bradley and Mrs Tarling



Seagull Class

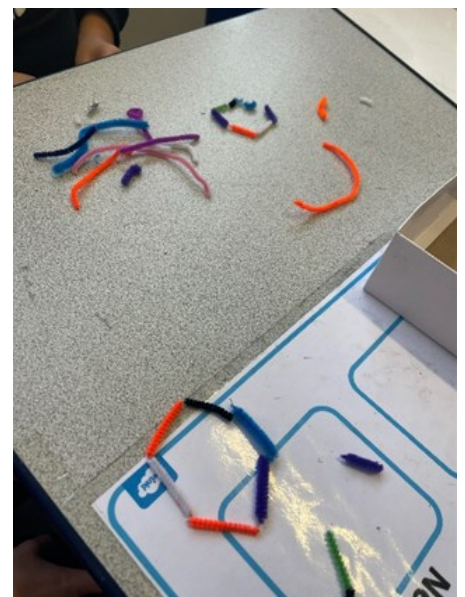
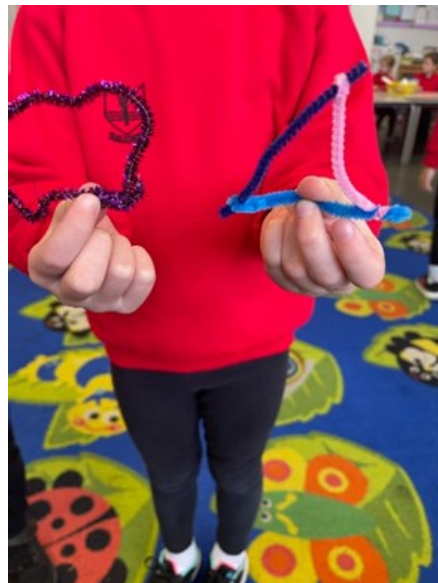


This week, Seagull class have been looking at the story George and the Dragon. We have been writing questions about what the story could be about and learning about how we can use adjectives to make our questions and sentences more interesting.

For maths this week, we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes. We have learnt about polygons and vertices. We were also given useful tips on how we can count the sides of shapes with lots of sides, so we do not get confused. We were also set the challenge to see how many shapes we can make out of pipe cleaners.

For science, we learnt about how plastic is polluting our seas. We were very upset to discover that the animals in the ocean were being hurt by the plastic and thought of ideas that we could do to help.

A fantastic idea was litter picking on the beach! Mrs Attard and Mrs Merton



Heron Class



Year 3 have been super busy this week and done a great job showing off how clever they are! In maths we have been starting to look at the multiplication and division. In English, we have started a new topic, writing a persuasive holiday brochure all about the Stone Age settlement Skara Brae. In art, we started making Stone Age jewellery and beads out of clay and are very excited to paint and string them, next week!

Well done, Year 3!

Miss Brailsford and Mrs Edwards



Curlew Class

Another fabulous and fantastic foursie week!

In RE, we watched two videos to illustrate how Jesus was inspiring because of his actions. The children were then asked to write about the qualities Jesus displayed and the message each one was giving. Two children in particular demonstrated a good understanding of this:

"Jesus fed the 5,000 people somehow, only with 5 loaves of bread and two fish. Peter went to fish. Peter and the crew got stuck in bad weather. Jesus walked on water to the crew. The crew and Peter thought that Jesus was a ghost. Then, he saw it was Jesus and then Jesus told Peter to come on water with confidence. He came on the water. Peter was scared of the waves and he sank slowly. Jesus helped him up and he was surprised." **Kyle**

"Jesus was inspiring because he had perseverance. When he found 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread, a miracle happened. Everyone got some and was full up. When Peter was sinking in water, Jesus said, "I'll help you, trust me." Peter was brave and trusted Jesus, and in the end Peter was safe. Jesus has probably taught many children around the world to share, persevere, be brave, trust, not to be greedy, be kind and think about other people. Everyone is as important as each other – be thoughtful. Remember when people need help. Please do something." **Amelia**

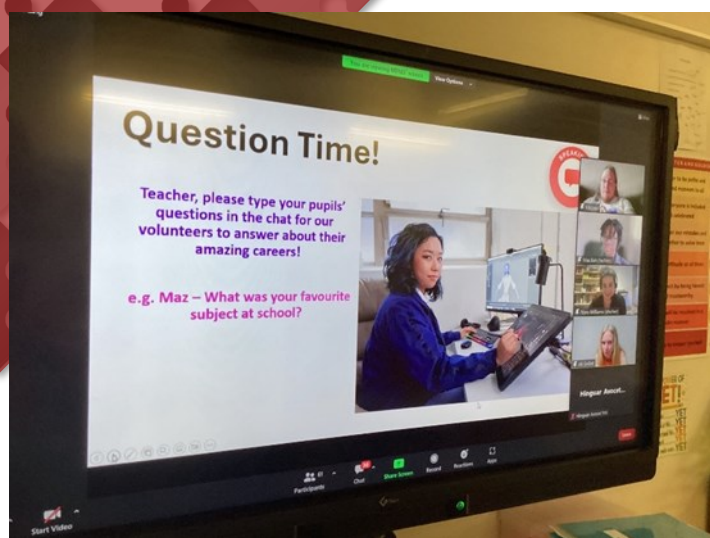
In art lessons, the children have been looking at work by the artist René Magritte. This week, they finished their pictures in the style of Magritte, using themselves as the subject. All the pictures looked fabulous.

On Friday, we welcomed Mark from Portals to the Past. He delivered a fantastic and educational whole day workshop to enrich our topic of the ancient Egyptians. Check out Instagram and next week's newsletter for photos!

Have a great weekend, Year 4.
Miss Eakins, Mrs Allen and Mrs Bowser



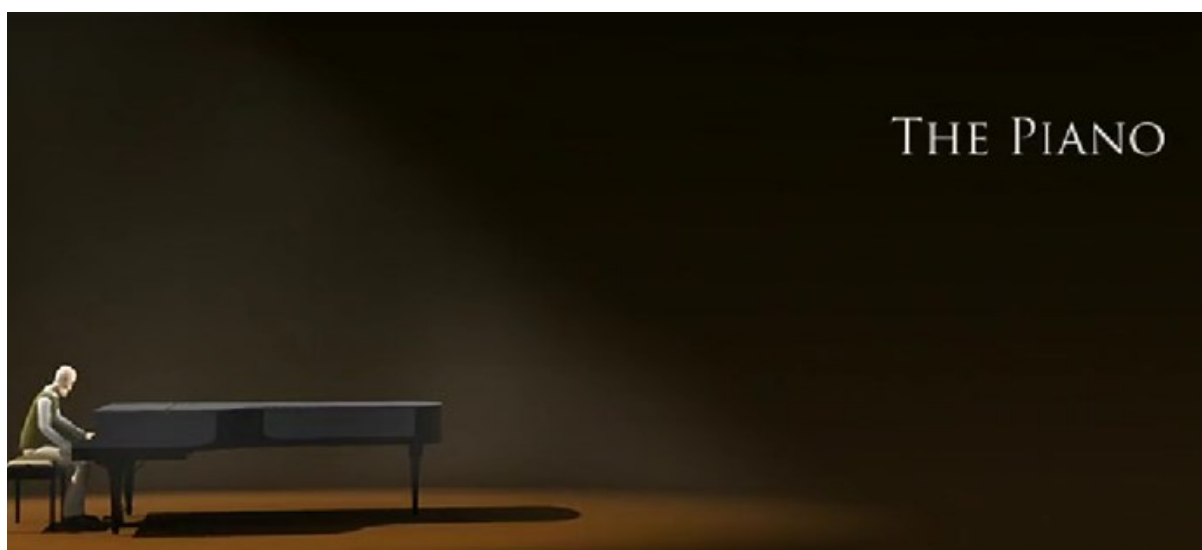
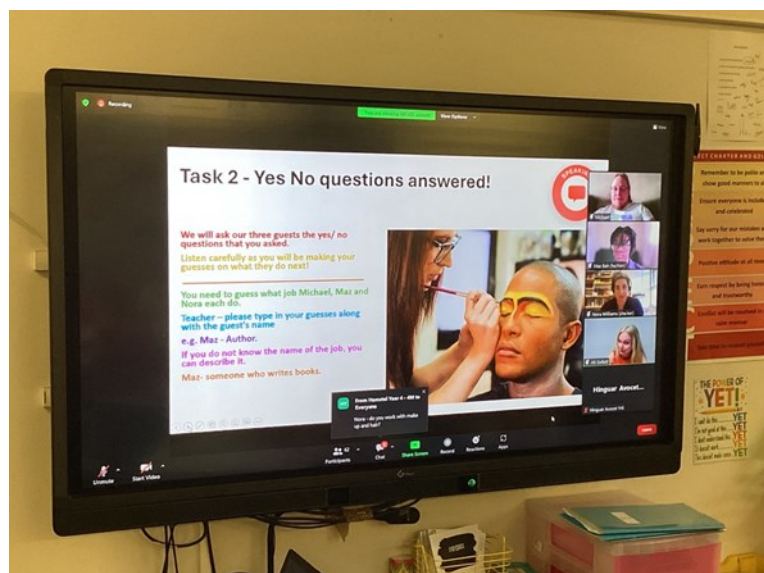
Avocet Class



This week, Year 6 took part in an online workshop along with many other schools in Southend. It was part of the My Future My Southend project and the theme of this week's session was The Arts. The children had the opportunity to guess the jobs of three guests who all work in the arts; a computer game designer, a graphic artist and an actor. Hopefully, inspiring some of the children with their future career paths. There was also an opportunity to ask questions at the end and to play some charades.

In English this week, the children have focused on writing their independent flashback piece linked to the video The Piano. In Maths, they have been learning how to calculate percentages of amounts – a very useful skill in real-world Maths.

Mrs Calvy, Ms Hardy and Miss Brailsford



Dodgeball Competition

We have had a very exciting couple of weeks with Dodgeball. Last week, we took a team of ten children from years 3 and 4 to compete at Garons. This was a huge competition with 22 schools competing. The team worked very hard together and won four out of their eight matches.

This week was the turn of the Year 5 and 6 team. The rules of the game meant that at least two girls had to be on the pitch at all times. The children took it in turns to have a go and put into practise what they had been learning at Dodgeball club.

Well done, Team Hinguar!





Crafty Christmas

**ARTS & CRAFTS
AFTERNOON**

*A family craft event for all ages with creative activities,
carols, competitions & cake! Everyone is welcome.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.*

Sat 25 Nov | **United Methodist Church**
From 2.30pm - 4.30pm | St Andrew's Road,
Shoebury, SS3 9HZ

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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 lunchtime.





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 96.48% overall

and in KS2 Avocet Class with 95.83%.



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 93.75% and KS2 the attendance cup was awarded to Avocet Class with 96.88 %.

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

Student of the Week

Award Board

**Avocet Class—
Jack**

**Sanderling Class—
Dylan**

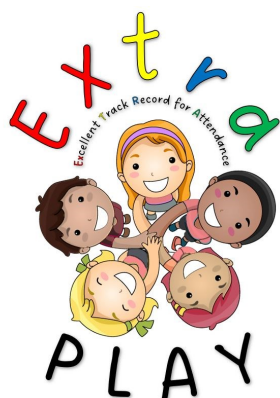
**Curlew Class—
Amelia**

**Heron Class—
Lois**

**Seagull Class—
Riley**

**Oyster Class—
Amelia**

**Seahorse—
Noah**





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 Ava, Sophia, Harry G, Jordan, Jessica, Alfred, Kendria, Alfie, James, Henry, Ivy, Bethany, Jude, Louis, Rafael, Harry L, Noah, Lucas, Hunter, Millie, Nyah and Eden-Grace in Seahorse Class, Poppy in Oyster Class and Sophie in Sanderling Class on achieving their Bronze Catch Me! Award.

Times Tables

Congratulations to Macsen, Jessica, Henry, Alfred, Noah, Sophia, Eden-Grace, Hunter, Naila-Rose, Rafael, Harry G, Thaila, Mila, Bethany, Alfie, Millie, Harry L, Ava, Ivy, Leo, Nyah, James, Pixie, Teddy, Kendria and Louis in Seahorse Class and Lily, Darci-Mae, Florence and Oscar in Curlew Class on achieving their Bronze Times Tables Certificate.

Congratulations to Emily, Halle W, Megan A, Zach, Alice and Marvin in Curlew Class on achieving their Silver Times Tables Certificate.



Reminders for Parents



Now that the weather is getting colder please make sure your child brings a warm coat to school, especially in Early Years where they have access to outdoor play throughout the day.

Please also provide your child with a water bottle for class so the children can stay hydrated.



Mrs Rawlings

Following the recent passing of Mrs Rawlings, we have been thinking of how best to remember her time at the school and her work on behalf of the many children and their families she taught during her time at Hinguar. As Mrs Rawlings was renowned for her story telling, which the children loved and were always so animated, we have decided to raise funds to buy a story teller's chair in her memory, which will be decorated with a bee, her favourite insect, and an apple, which she ate for lunch every day.

If you would like to donate to the story teller's chair in memory of Mrs Rawlings, then please send in your donations to the school office, in an envelope marked Mrs Rawlings. Thank you.

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)

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
Enzo the Elf visiting	7th December 2023 1.30pm
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
Carols at the Church Yrs 1—3 and Yrs 4 —6	19th December—am
Santa and his Sleigh visiting	19th December 2023—pm

Spring Term 2024 dates (updates in red)

Pupil Advocate Meeting	5th January 2024 1.30pm—2.15pm
Y6 SATs Parent Meeting	18th January 2024 @ 6.30pm
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
Reception Stick Man Day (Danbury Park)	27th March 2024
FOH Easter Egg Hunt	28th March 2024



Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

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
Y6 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
 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 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