



HINGUAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

Autumn Term Newsletter Week 12 1st December 2023

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 to parents and staff who have already contributed; it is very much appreciated.

Changes to the usual timetable for next week only:

Monday — Year 6 Forest School

Wednesday — Year 2 Forest School

Wednesday — Year 3 PE

Friday — Year 2 PE

Information regarding Clubs at the end of term

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

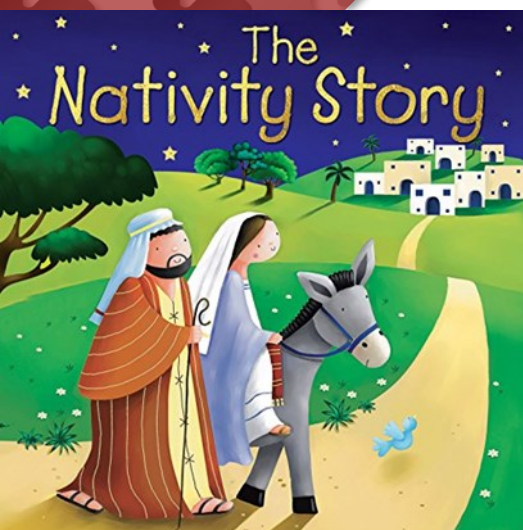
Teacher led clubs eg choir, homework club and 11 plus will continue until Friday 15th December.

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 the story of the Nativity.

We have explored the different parts of the story using music and action songs, small world play with our Nativity set and dressing up in costumes in readiness for our Nativity performance.

We have been busy developing our self-help skills and practising putting on and taking off our dressing up costumes and coats with increasing independence.

The children are becoming excited about Christmas, and we have started the countdown, taking turns to open the doors on our Advent calendar. This has led to lots of discussion about how we celebrate Christmas with our families and friends.

We look forward to seeing lots of our parents and carers at our upcoming Nativity performance for Starfish Class and our Christmas sing-a-long for Turtle class. We will also be welcoming you to take part in a Christmas craft session with your child during the last week of term.

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 story 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. After our first read through we discussed vocabulary such as poor, rich, leather, cobbler and bitter.

We then watched an animation of the story set to a classical music song called 'Short Ride in a Fast Car' by John Adams. We compared the similarities and differences between the stories. The children identified the type of material used, the look of the characters, and that the number of elves were different in each story.



In Literacy, the children designed their own shoe, before writing a short sentence describing it.

In Maths, the children have been introduced to the concept of 'part, part, whole', where a whole number is made up of 2 parts. We have used counters to demonstrate the different parts which make the number bonds for 4 and 5.

The children have role-played in a shoe shop using old-fashioned typewriters, measured their feet and used toy hammers on spare shoes in the role of the elves.



Throughout the week, the children have designed shoes and clothes for elves, moulded with lavender scented playdough, role-played as teachers and ridden the tricycles and scooters over our bridge.

The children were excited to see and touch the frost and ice on the play deck as the weather turned colder.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Penny, Mrs Mota and Mrs Bowser.



Oyster Class

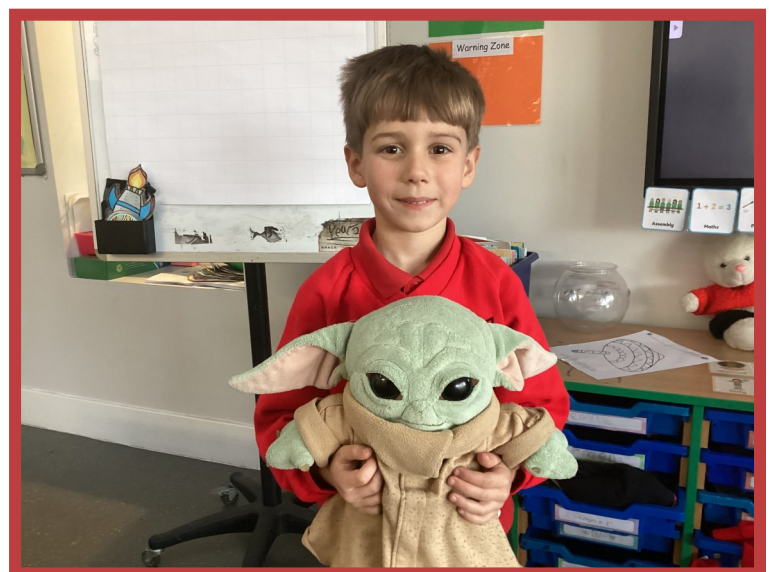


The children have been busy in both Maths and English this week, focusing on subtraction and our split diagrams in Phonics.

Oyster class had some special visitors this week as part of our History topic all about Toys. The children were able to spot similarities and differences between old and new toys and could draw upon their own experiences.



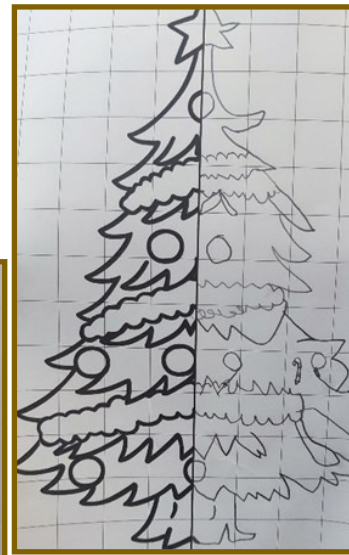
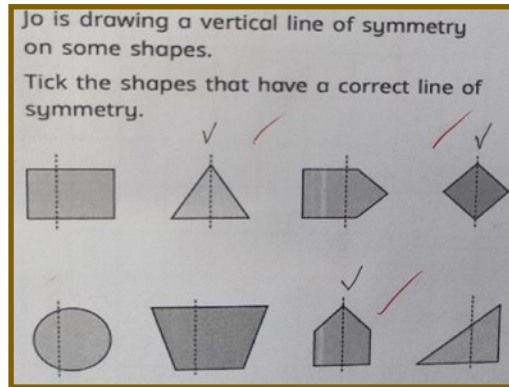
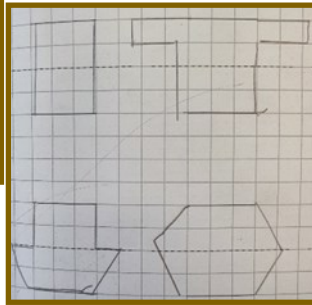
Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Bradley and Mrs Tarling



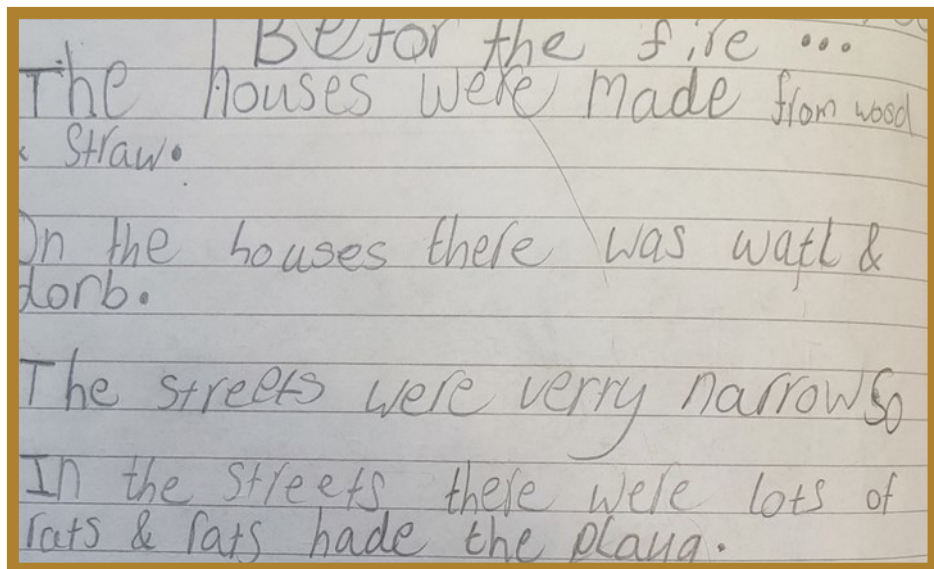
Seagull Class



This week in maths, we have been learning about symmetry. We started by looking at the symmetry of shapes, then moved on to complete our own symmetrical pictures.

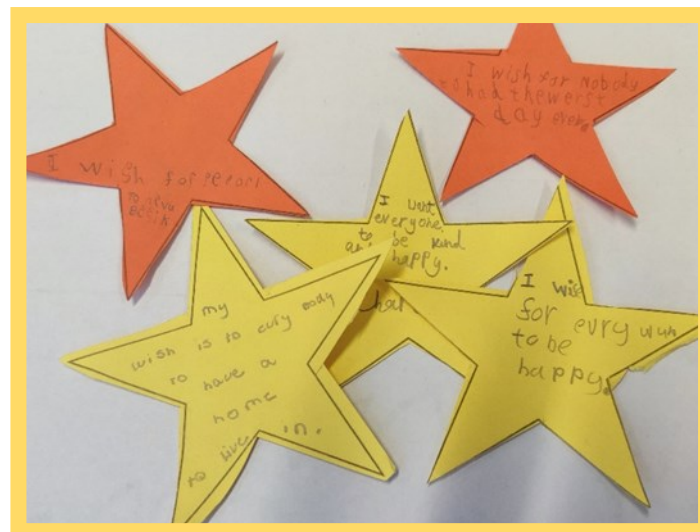


In our History lesson this week, we started reflecting on some of the facts we have discovered about the Great Fire of London. We considered what we know about London before the fire started and which factors contributed to the spread of the fire.



Also this week, the class have created wish stars, thinking carefully about wishes they could make to make the world a better place. These will be hung on our Christmas tree.

Mrs Oakley and Mrs Merton.



Heron Class

This week, Heron class have been working very hard in maths on their 4 times table. They have been learning to multiply and divide by four and completing challenging word problems.

In English, they have been working in their sentence stacking lessons, building up their vocabulary for their holiday brochure for Skara Brae, a Stone Age settlement in Scotland. Please ask us all about it!

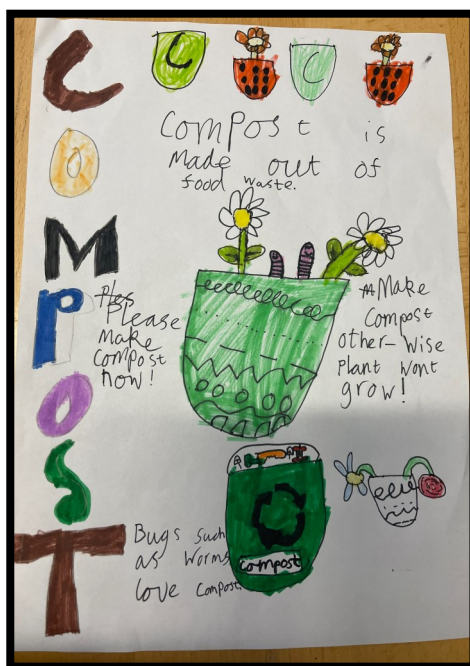
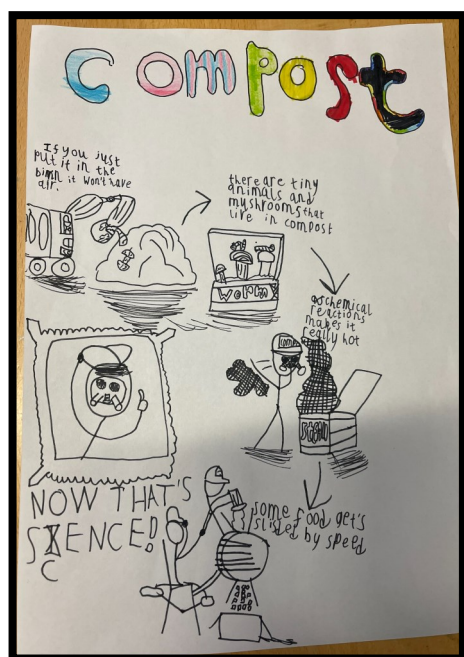
In Science, we have been learning about how compost is made and have been making posters all about it. We would like to get a couple of compost bins for our playground so we

can make compost for our growing area using our leftovers from our snacks. We have set Mrs Attard the challenge to obtain a couple of bins for us.

This week, we also showed Mrs Attard our musical talents by playing a range of tunes on the glockenspiels. One of the tunes made us think about Christmas.

Well done, Heron class for another fantastic week.

Mrs Attard and Mrs Edwards.



Curlew Class



Last Friday, Year 4 had the most fantastic day. We were visited by Mark from Portals to the Past, and enjoyed a fabulous whole day Egyptian Workshop.

Mark told the class all about the rise and fall of the ancient Egyptian civilisation, and then the children located information that had been spread around the hall on various boards, in order to answer specific questions.

The children had the opportunity to see and hold items and artefacts, and were especially thrilled to look at (and sniff!) a real piece of bandage that had once covered an Egyptian mummy!

After playtime, there was a maths focus. The children used ancient Egyptian units (fingers, palms and cubits) to measure various objects (including themselves).

Then, we returned to the classroom for a bit of competition! The children got into pairs and played the board game 'Hounds and Jackals'.

After lunch we followed the rule and death of Pharaoh Zach and learnt about what happened to a pharaoh after they had died.

The children finished the day by throwing spears in order to catch their dinner. There were some fantastic shots (albeit not by the teachers!)

It was a truly wonderfully fun and educational day for everyone.

When they returned after the weekend, the children wrote about their memories and new information that had been learnt.

This week has been a little challenging, with a number of teachers taking the class. All the children have worked hard and approached the changes in routines with maturity and positivity.

Well done as always, Fabulous Foursies.

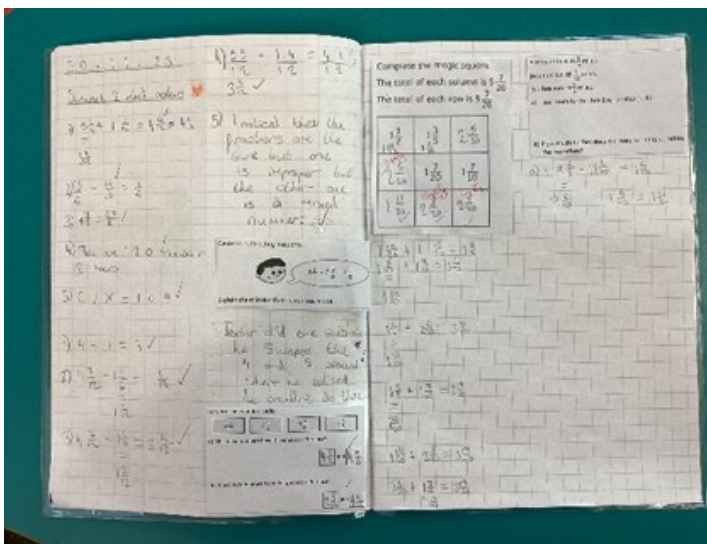
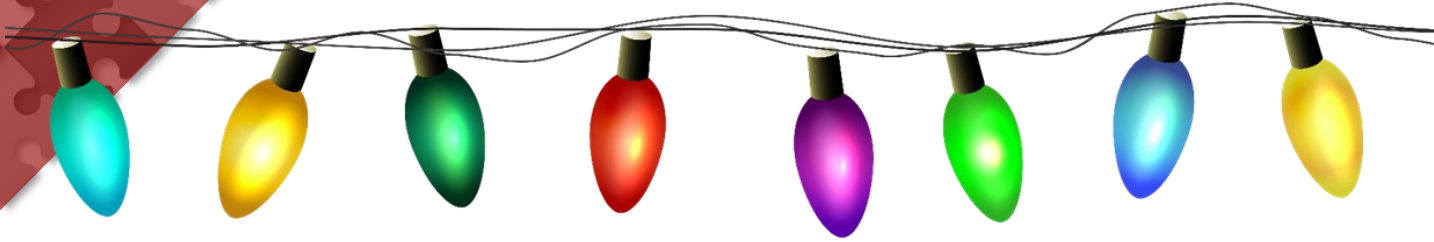
Miss Eakins, Mrs Allen and Mrs Bowser (+ lots more!)



Curlew Class



Sanderling Class



This week ,Year 5 have finally finished their first unit of fractions in Maths and have begun writing a narrative based on Raymond Briggs' animated film of The Snowman in English. In History they learnt about Norse gods and goddesses; in Spanish they learned how to give instructions in the classroom; in RE they discussed theism, atheism and agnosticism; in P.E. they danced to Rocking All Over the World (which they also listened to in Music) and in Music they learned to play some more notes on the recorder. They also started their new Computing unit, having finished coding last week.

A busy week and only 24 sleeps until the big Ho! Ho! Ho!

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Emmings

Avocet Class

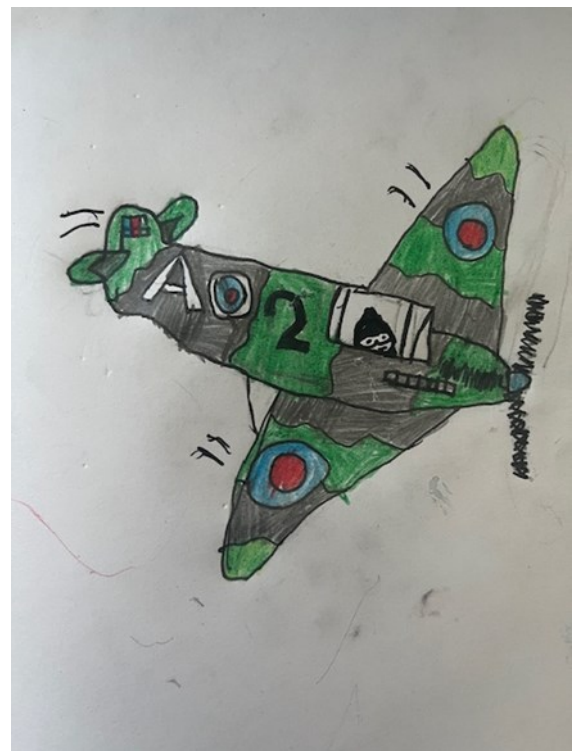
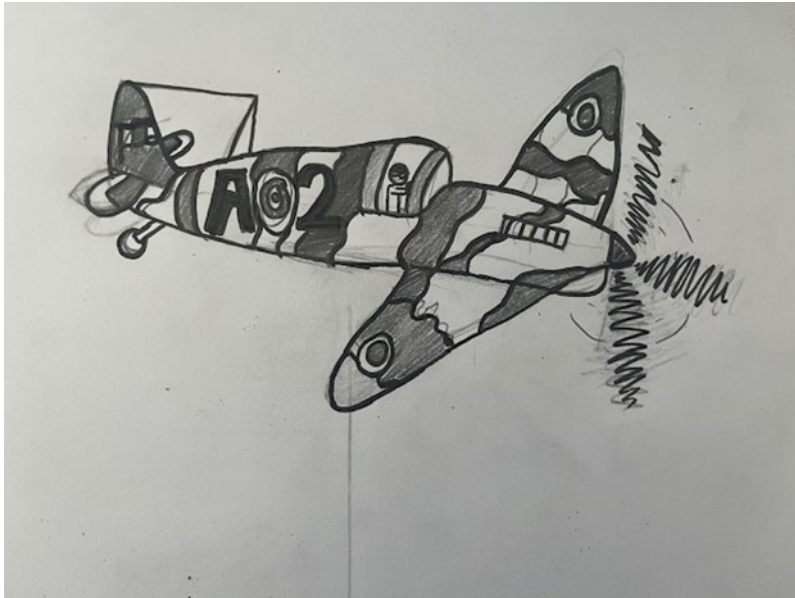


A huge well done to Year 6 this week for their excellent attitude to their mock SATs. They have all applied themselves in a mature way to the best of their ability. We look forward to some pleasing results next week.

Alongside the tests, we have begun learning about blogs in our computer lessons. We have looked at the features of blogs and have begun to explore the skills needed to create our own using 2Blog on Purple Mash. Next week, we will apply these skills to create our own blogs linked to our topic.

In Art, we followed a draw-a-long session to create our own Spitfire designs. The children watched an experienced artist sketch the key elements and then selected suitable colours to decorate them. There were some amazing results!

Mrs Calvy, Ms Hardy and Miss Brailsford



Bexley Toolkit

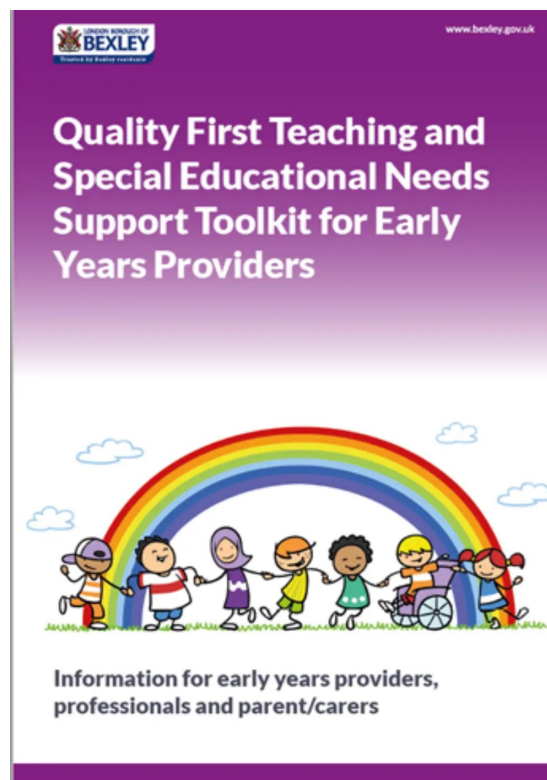
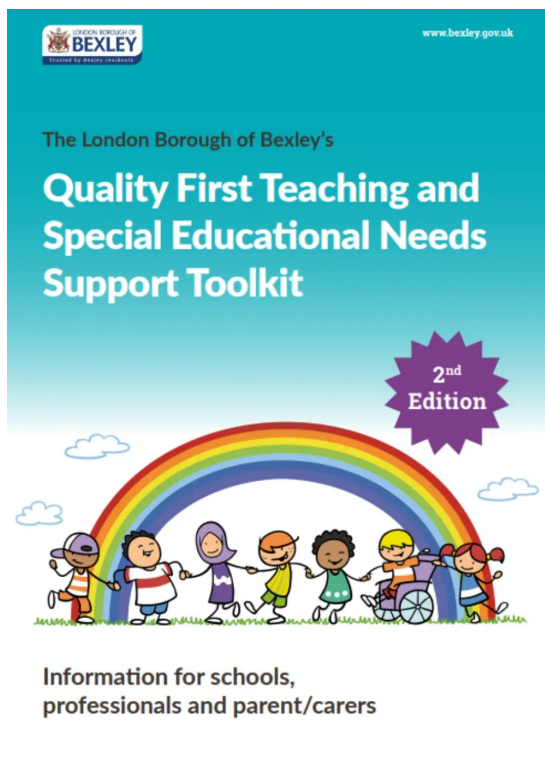
Hinguar is implementing the Bexley toolkit in call classes. This is to support all staff, to ensure a consistent approach when identifying pupils' barriers to learning and/or special educational needs (SEN).

There are 3 separate SEN toolkits:

- Early Years
- Primary / Secondary (2nd Edition)

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We have attached two pages to support parents and carers at home, with each area of need. I hope you find this helpful.



School Menu

Week commencing: 04/09, 25/09, 16/10, 13/11, 04/12

WEEK 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meat	Beef Lasagne, garlic bread slice with broccoli (H)	Sausage roll, potato smiles with carrots or baked beans	Roast turkey, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy (H)	Chicken korma curry with rice & sweetcorn (H)	Gluten free battered fish & chips with beans or peas
Vegetarian /Vegan	Mac & cheese with broccoli	Cheese & onion pasty, potato smiles with carrots or baked beans	Roast vegan Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Chickpea & vegetable korma curry with rice & sweetcorn	Vegan fishless fish finger & chips 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	Shortbread	Jelly	Fruit cocktail & whipped cream	Ice cream sponge roll

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 96.16% overall

and in KS2 Avocet Class with 95.42%.



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 95.97% and KS2 the attendance cup was awarded to Sanderling Class with 93.84 %.

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

Student of the Week

Award Board

**Avocet Class—
The Whole Class**

**Sanderling Class—
Eli**

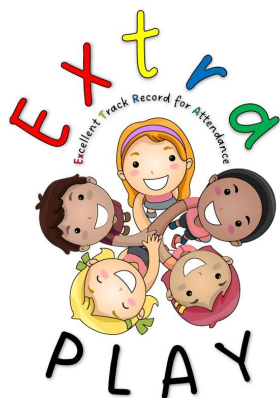
**Curlew Class—
The whole Class**

**Heron Class—
Bjorn**

**Seagull Class—
Sammy V & Lily**

**Oyster Class—
Logan**

**Seahorse—
Pixie**





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 Macsen and Hollie in Seahorse Class, Oliver G, Daisy, Arthur and Olive in Oyster Class, Finn and Hunter in Seagull Class, Zaha, Seti, Henry, Bella and Kayla in Heron Class, Skylar and Leon in Sanderling Class and Darci, Austeja, Mia, Jessica, Stanley and Betsy in Avocet Class on achieving their Bronze Catch Me! Award.

Well done also to Mattas in Heron Class and Megan A in Curlew Class who received their Silver Catch Me! Award

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.



Jess came 2nd out of 13 children in the under 11's Disney Category at the Southend Festival of Performing Arts. She sang Let's Go Fly a Kite from Mary Poppins and received a silver medal. She was over the moon.

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 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 & Christmas Jumper Day	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 (children only)
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	<u>Inset Days 2023/24</u>
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