

Spring Term Newsletter Week 15 12th January 2024

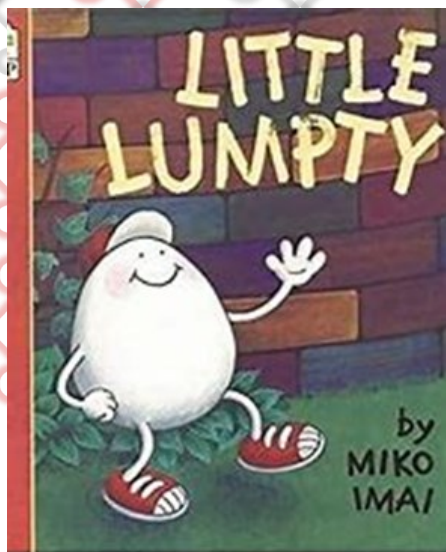
Turtles and Starfish

This week in Starfish class, we have learning about nursery rhymes, with a focus on Humpty Dumpty. The children have enjoyed singing the nursery rhymes and completing the actions.

We have been busy building with blocks to see how high we can build a wall for Humpty to sit on. We explored using play dough and shaving foam to use as cement to join the bricks together to make a safer structure.

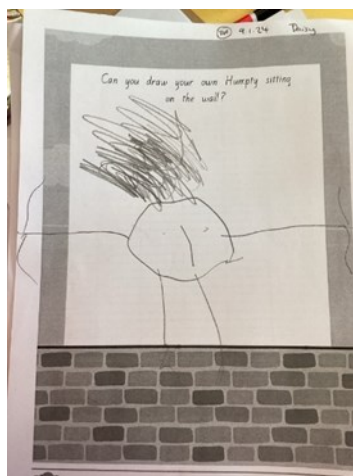
The children have been developing their fine motor skills and pencil control to make marks and draw their own Humpty Dumpty sitting on the wall.

We have read the story of Little Lumpty, who climbed up the same wall as Humpty Dumpty and became scared because the wall was so high. This led to lots of discussions about feelings and how Little Lumpty could get down safely.



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, our theme has been 'Litter and Recycling'. We began the week by listening to the story Litterbug Doug, a character who thought it was cool to create litter and hoard it. As we listened to the story, we discussed the meaning of the following words: rotten, compost and pristine. We also discussed that garbage, litter, waste and rubbish all meant the same thing.

In small groups, the children went litter picking in the school grounds, using the litter grabbers and a pink sack. The children were eager to find rubbish and worked well as a team against some wet and windy conditions. We have researched different sections of a rubbish truck and what happens to the rubbish when it is taken to a landfill site or recycling centre.



We have further explored recycling by listen to the story Michael Recycle, who wants to save the planet by educating people on how to recycle. The children have looked at different materials and sorted these into different recycle bins through an interactive board game.

On Wednesday, as the children entered the classroom, they noticed that someone had dumped lots of rubbish on our floor! It was accompanied by a letter from Litterbug Doug, who recruited the children as members of the Litter Police. He challenged them to design Litter Police badges and create labels to remind people how to keep our classroom and school clean and tidy.



The children drew a poster asking people to 'put it in the bin' as their Literacy task this week. On the mark-making table the children have been drawing rubbish trucks, cutting and sticking items which can be recycled and designed a recycle logo.

In Maths the children have been exploring the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We have looked at different representations of each number in picture form. The children then matched the representations to the corresponding number. As we looked at the representations, we discussed different ways of how we could make each number, e.g. 5 and 1 makes 6.

Throughout the week, the children have made patterns in the sand, built with Lego, played tabletop games, and used the magnetic letters.



On Page 17 of your child's reading record is their Silver Times Table Challenge. We have been working on this in class, however, please practise with your child at home.

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



Oyster Class



Welcome back, Year 1. We hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year!

It has been a very busy week with lots of writing, looking at numbers to 20 and lots more. The children are currently writing their own stories based on the book 'The Comet' by Joe Todd-Stanton and we are really impressed with their work!

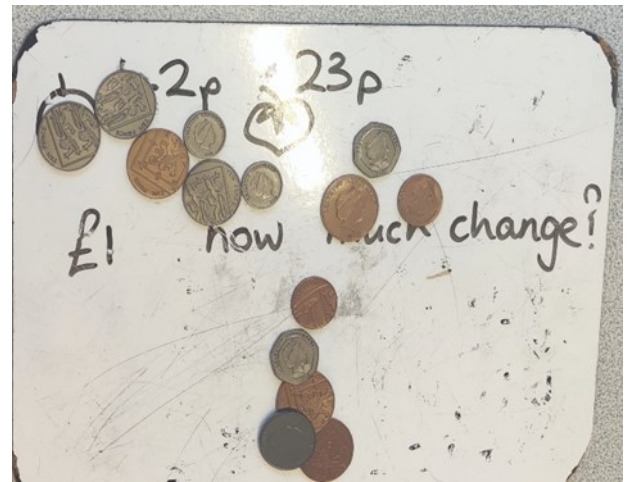
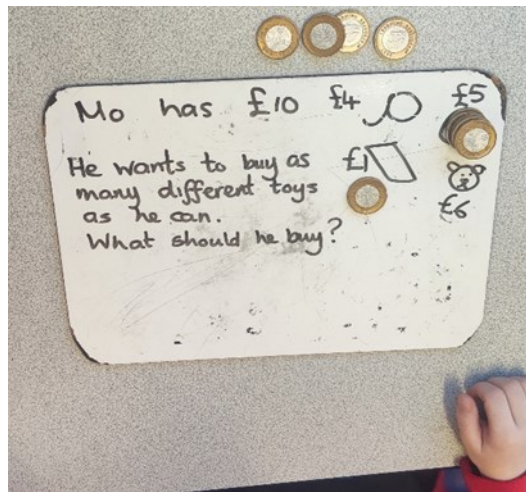
Our new focus in PE this half term is Gymnastics. The children did ever so well with their balancing and were very confident in doing this and performing to each other.

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Bradley and Mrs Tarling



Seagull Class

This week in maths, we have been learning about money. The children have been recognising coins and notes, finding totals and working out change.



In Geography, we have started looking at different types of maps. The children were challenged to make their own sketch map. We also spent some time looking at atlases to find some of the countries Miss Mountier has visited on her travels.



A great week, Year 2. Well done.

Mrs Oakley and Mrs Merton

Heron Class

Welcome to Spring term, Year 3!

What a fabulous week we have had. We have started our new science topic Animals including Humans and in our first lesson we were looking at skeletons. We talked about the function of the skeleton and learned that there are different skeleton types.

In IT we are learning to touch type, which the children have had lots of fun with.

We have started our new narrative 'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julia Donaldson which we kick started by having an ancient China experience day. As part of this, we made some foldable Chinese dragons.



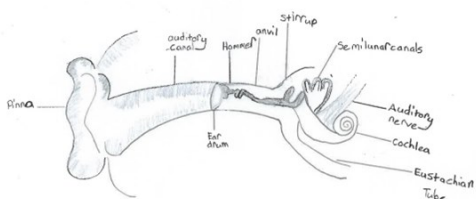
A fabulous start to the term. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Edwards



Curlew Class

Human Ear



Happy New Year to you all, and a massive well done, Year 4 for such a fabulous return to school after our festive break.

We have dived straight into our new term and have made a fantastic start to our learning.

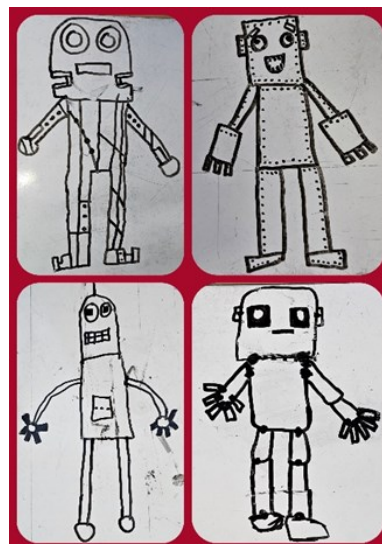
Our main theme this term is 'Making Waves'. In science, we are learning about how sounds are created and how sounds travel. We visited different areas around the school building to discover the different sources of sounds and what creates them, and also considered the loudest and quietest areas of the school. Unsurprisingly, the loudest area seemed to be around wherever Mrs Emmings was located! In our second lesson, we followed a YouTube video to draw a labelled diagram of the human ear. We considered how sounds travel to the ear and then travels and is interpreted by the brain.

In English, our new class text is 'The Iron Man'. We have read the first part of chapter one, and dissected the text to create a picture in our minds of what the Iron Man could look like. We also considered the properties of iron and various famous structures around the world made from iron. To understand more about the monstrous size of the Iron Man, we went out to the playground to create our own massive Iron Man pictures using chalk. The children worked fabulously in small groups to generate large scale artwork and were quite rightly proud of their creations. Some children even chose to measure their pictures using non-standard units (their own feet) to understand just how big they were.

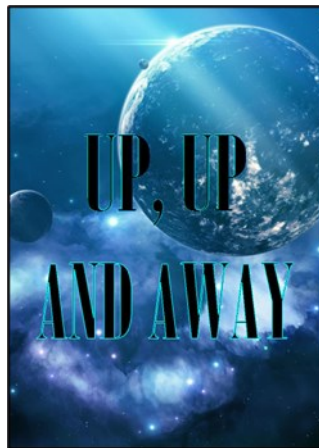
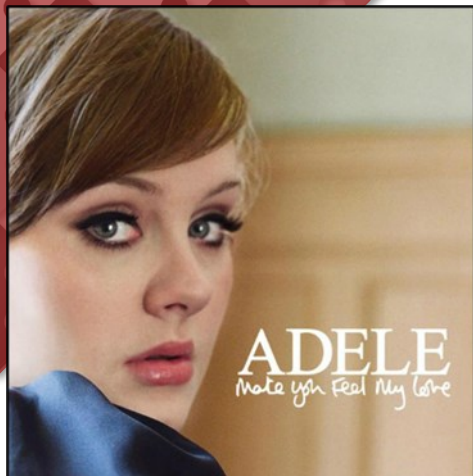
As always, Year 4, you have been complete super stars, and I look forward to another fantastic term with you all.

Enjoy you weekend and continue to be fabulous!

Miss Eakins and Mrs Allen



Sanderling Class




This week, Year 5 have jumped straight back into work with aplomb. They have started a new unit of writing in English based on the short film 'One Small Step' and in Maths, they have been attacking short division. In PSHE, they have talked about looking after their money and played a fun game to understand what financial risk means. In Science, they started their new topic 'Up, Up and Away' and wrote about how we have night and day. They started their Gymnastics unit in PE and talked about Adele's song 'Make You Feel My Love' in Music.

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Emmings and Miss Brailsford

Investment 1 – The Slime Station
We could spend the money on ingredients to make slime – lots of kids love slime at the moment!

We could charge quite a lot for each pot of slime, but no one in the class is entirely sure how to make it, so we might waste some of our ingredients making a batch that doesn't work.


Some parents might not let their children buy slime as it can make quite a mess.



Investment 2 – The Bake Sale
We could spend the money on fairy cakes, icing and decorations.

We know that most people love cakes. Cakes always sell well and we could charge a little more for the cakes than the total cost of the ingredients.

We wouldn't make much of a profit, however we are confident that people would buy them if we didn't charge too much.




These tables show you the return (the gain or loss) you will make for each number you roll on the dice.

Number on Dice	Return
1	Lose 4x your investment
2	Lose 3x your investment
3	Lose £1
4	Gain £2
5	Gain 3x your investment
6	Gain 4x your investment

Number on Dice	Return
1	Lose 2x your investment
2	Lose £1
3	No Gain
4	Gain £1
5	Gain £2
6	Gain 2x your investment

Ron is thinking of a number between 500 and 550



His number has 1 one.
He divides it by 8 and there is a remainder of 1

5 1

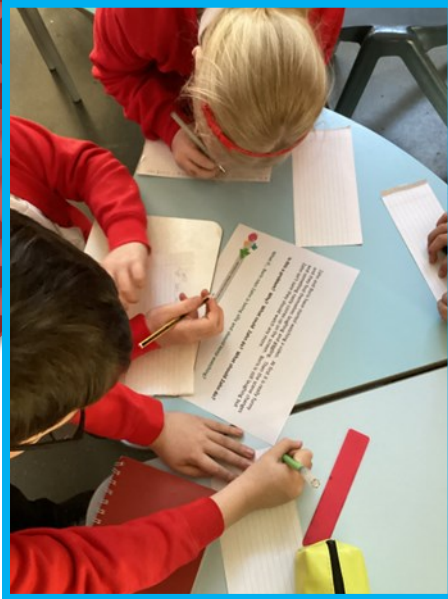
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8	5	1	1
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8	5	2	1
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Avocet Class



Welcome back, Year 6 and a Happy New Year to you all.

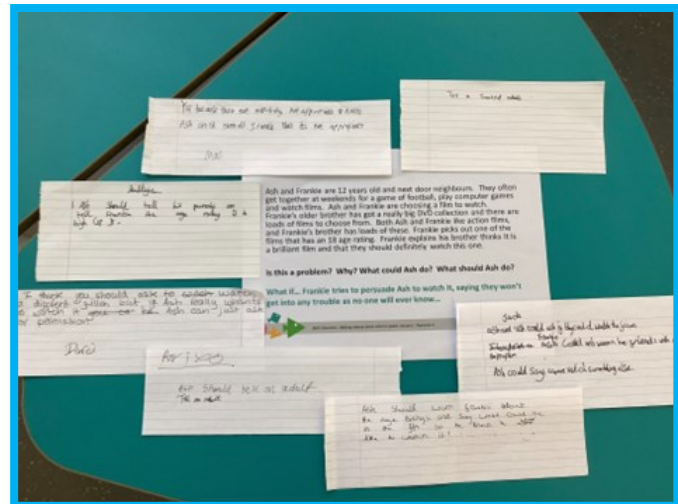
We have begun work on our new topic - Crowns and Coronets - by researching key dates from the Victorian era and placing them in chronological order on a timeline. We have also begun reading our new class novel – Street Child – which is set in the slums of Victorian London.

In PSHE, we have been exploring the age restrictions placed on films and computer games to keep us safe from inappropriate content. We have also been discussing various situations that we may find ourselves in and how to manage peer pressure around watching films of a higher age-rating.

We have also begun the first of our Carousel sessions on a Tuesday morning, where we will split into smaller groups to enable us to work closely on SATs questions from previous papers to further our understanding.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Calvy, Ms Hardy and Miss Brailsford



Sportshall Athletics



This week, the school took part in two Sports Hall athletic competitions.

On Wednesday, a team from Years 5 and 6 and on Thursday it was the turn of the Year s3 and 4 team.

The competition included track events such as sprinting, relay, up and over and obstacle course. There were also field events where the children took part in high jump, long jump, chest push and javelin.

Both of our teams performed to a high standard and we are very proud of the way the pupils behaved and participated in the event. A huge well done to all of the children that took part.

Our Year 5 and 6 team has been invited back in March to take part in the Small Schools Sports Hall Athletic finals.

Well done, Team Hinguar!





Together we achieve

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



School Menu

Week commencing: 15/01, 05/02, 04/03, 25/03

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 Halal turkey, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy (H)	Census Day Menu Crispy Chicken Burger Baked beans / sweetcorn	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	Quorn Vegan Chiqin strip burger Baked beans / sweetcorn	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	No Jacket Potato's	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo
Dessert	Frozen yogurt	Lemon sponge	Jelly	Doughnut	Raspberry ripple ice cream pot

MENU

CENSUS DAY

****18TH JANUARY 24****

MAIN

CRISPY CHICKEN BURGER / QUORN VEGAN CHIQUIN STRIP BURGER

CHIPS

BAKED BEANS OR SWEETCORN

DESSERT

DOUGHNUT




GLUTEN AND DAIRY FREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE



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 first Monday of the next term..

In the lead for this half term are,

KS1 Oyster Class, having attendance of 96.98% overall
and in KS2 Avocet Class with 94.64%.



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 96.98% and KS2 the attendance cup was awarded to Avocet Class with 96.64%.

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

Student of the Week

Award Board

**Avocet Class—
Mia**

**Sanderling Class—
Elisabeth**

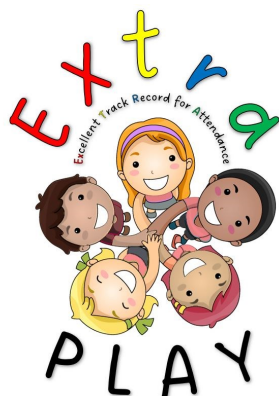
**Curlew Class—
Lily**

**Heron Class—
Bella**

**Seagull Class—
Ayva D**

**Oyster Class—
Oliver G**

**Seahorse—
Henry G**





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 in Oyster Class, Stanley in Heron Class, Sufian, Yohan, Hugo, Joseph, and George in Sanderling Class on achieving their Bronze Catch Me! Award.

Well done also to Pixie, Thaila, and Mila in seahorse Class, Sammy M in Seagull Class, Olive, Niamh and Lewis in Heron Class, Zachary, Zach and Sofia in Curlew Class and Gia, Olivia M, Lottie and Lizzie in Sanderling Class on achieving their Silver Catch Me! Award

Times Tables

Congratulations to Jordan in Seahorse Class on achieving his Bronze Times Tables .



Congratulations also go to Millie, Harry L, Jude, Ivy, Henry, Mila, Rafael, Noah, Thaila, Alfie, Leo, Pixie, Eden-Grace, James, Jessica, Sophia, Ava, Louie, Harry G, Kendria and Bethany in Seahorse Class for achieving their Silver Times Tables.

I'm sure we've all got some of these lying around after Christmas.


I will be collecting the empty tubs throughout January for Macmillian Cancer Support. Please bring them to the school office or send them in with your children to bring to Year 6.

Thank you,
Mrs Calvy





Notices



#DOYOURBIT

NHS
Essex Partnership University
NHS Foundation Trust

VACCINATION CLINICS

Walk-In Clinic for missed vaccinations. No appointment necessary:

Where: Leigh Primary Care Centre, SS9 3NG

When: Saturday 13/01/24
Saturday 27/01/24
Saturday 10/02/24

Time: 10am to 2pm
* There are some bookable appointments available at other locations/dates

Year 10 & 11 pupils only

- HPV (Cancer vaccine)
- Meningitis ACWY
- ~~Diphtheria~~, Tetanus and Polio Booster

Reception to Year 11

- Flu Vaccine (Nasal & Injection available)

If your child is eligible, don't delay.
If you wish to check your child's vaccination record before attending please call 0300 790 0594*.

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Southend-on-Sea City Council

**If you have a child born between
1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020
apply now to start school
September 2024**

What you need to do:

- Look at school websites; see if they have an open evening and try to visit the school, look up information on the Department for Education website.
- Look at the Primary Admission Booklet and use your postcode to find your catchment school on the councils website www.southend.gov.uk/admissions
- Submit an application to the Council expressing your preferences.
- Apply between 14 September 2023 and 15 January 2024. Applications can be made online or on paper and are processed by Southend-on-Sea City Council.
- Look out for your offer on the National Offer Day: 16 April 2024



If you would prefer a paper copy of the application form it is available from the Customer Service Centre
Tel: 01702 212934
Email: admissions@southend.gov.uk

Southend-on-Sea City Council
Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue,
Southend-on-Sea SS2 6ER

Apply online at
www.southend.gov.uk/admissions
by 15 January 2024

ST VINCENT'S CENTRE,
SOUTHEND

QUIZ NIGHT

£4 PER HEAD

TERRACE BAR & RESTAURANT

1 Richmond Ave, Southend, SS1 1JE

**THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2024
BETWEEN 7PM-11PM**

Join us for a lively Quiz Night filled with excitement and challenges! Elevate your evening with your favorite beverage as you enjoy a night of fun with friends. Secure your spot now by registering and reserving a table.

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!

Please email Sonia on Sonian@svp.org.uk

The TERRACE BAR & RESTAURANT

Paul's Uniform Shop in Southend is closing down.

He has many items of uniform left that he is selling at 50% off.

Opening hours 11am-4pm



Awards and Notices



Permanent Breakfast Club Position at Richmond Avenue Primary School from January 2024

Breakfast Club Monday to Friday 07:15 – 8:45am

We are looking for a permanent member of staff to cover breakfast club at Richmond Avenue Primary School Monday – Friday. If you are interested in this position please contact HR / Jo Ayris to discuss further.

And

Breakfast and Afterschool Club Bank Staff Wanted ASAP

Breakfast Club Monday to Friday 07:15 – 8:45am

Afterschool Club Monday to Friday 3:30pm – 6:00pm

We are looking for enthusiastic staff to help our children and support our team to provide excellent wrap around care across our schools.

If you interested in being part of our Bank Staff to cover staff absence/sickness for our before and after school clubs, then we would love to hear from you.

Overtime rate of £12.38 will be paid for these hours.

If you are interested, please can you contact the HR Team and / or Jo Ayris to discuss further.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term 2024 dates (updates in red)

Y6 SATs Parent Meeting	18th January 2024 @ 6.30pm
Pre-loved uniform sale	26th January 2024
Choir at the O2	30th January 2024
FOH Adult Quiz Night	9th February 2024
Whole School Assessment Week	w/b 12th February 2024
Pre-loved uniform sale	1st March 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
Y3 Natural History Museum, Tring	22nd March 2024
Reception Stick Man Day (Danbury Park)	27th March 2024
FOH Easter Egg Hunt	28th March 2024

Summer Term Dates 2024 (updates in red)

Years 3 & 4 Production	23rd April 2024 @ 6.30pm
Years 3 & 4 Production	24th April 2024 @ 9.30am
Pre-loved Uniform sale	26th April 2024
Pre-love uniform sale	24th May 2024
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



Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

Summer Term Dates 2024 contd (updates in red)

Whole School Open Evening	11th July 2024 3.30pm—5.30pm
Hinguar's Got Talent	15th July 2024
Volunteer Afternoon Tea	16th July 2024 2.15pm
Y6 Graduation	18th July 2024 2.00pm

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