

Newsletter



Newsletter 9

10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday. It has certainly been lovely to see the children back in school again, and to hear about the fun they have had over the holidays. They have settled back into school really well and we are all looking forward to the term ahead.



PTFA Events

Thank you very much for supporting the Christmas Raffles, and to those who have signed up for Easyfundraising too. All of the proceeds have gone towards the stage lighting and pantomime coaches. Our next event is next week - **Big Breakfast** on Friday 17th January from 8.20a.m, there will be bacon rolls, pastries, tea, coffee and hot chocolate for sale. If anyone is available to help, please let the School Office know.

Following this, on Saturday 8th March, there will be a family fun games night – more details to follow!

All parents and carers are welcome to come along to the PTFA meeting on Tuesday 14th January, at 7.00 p.m – it would be lovely to hear your ideas and suggestions.



Class Assemblies

You are most welcome to join us for Class Assemblies, where the children share what they have been learning about with the rest of the school. We start at 9.05 a.m. – you are welcome to come into the hall to take a seat after dropping your children off.

Date	Class	Date	Class
23.1.25	6B	27.2.25	6D
30.1.25	3P	13.3.25	4M
6.2.25	3C	20.3.25	2G & 2P
		27.3.25	1C



Clubs

We are pleased to offer the following clubs this term. Children are expected to attend each week, and let staff know if they are not able to. Teams/groups representing the school are selected from the children who attend the relevant clubs.

	Before School 8.20 a.m.	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	Cross Country Running Y4-6	Maypole & Country Dancing Years Y4-6	Netball – Y5 & Y6 Computing – KS2 Forest School – Y1
Tuesday		Y1 & Y2 Tennis* Taskmaster: 1 st half - Y5 / 2 nd Half - Y6	
Wednesday		Mini Movies – Y2 Choir	Girls Football – Y5 & Y6 Football - Y3 & Y4
Thursday		Y3 & Y4 Tennis* Mindfulness – Y4-6	Football Y5 & Y6
Friday		Ukulele Club Y4 & Y5	Dance Festival Club

*small cost - clubs run by external providers. All other clubs are free, as they are run by school staff.

Netball & 3/4 Football starting WC: 20.1.25

Girls' & 5/6 Football starting WC: 27.1.25

All other clubs will be starting next week, WC 13.1.25



Reading round the World Challenge

Although we didn't make it all the way round the world and back again in time for Christmas, we did visit some lovely places and had an exotic stop over on the other side of the world. Now we need to get home again, so will be continuing the reading challenge for a few further weeks. Congratulations to 2G, who finished the half term with an amazing average of 155 km of reading per child, followed in 2nd place by 6B, with 5G finishing in Bronze position. Can any class beat 2G this term, or will they keep their reading crown? The race is back on!

Class	KM read per child	Class	KM read per child
Nursery	71	3C	81
Reception	80	4M	80
1C	36	5G	107
2P	77	6B	114
2G	155	6D	52
3P	37		



Puppets

If anyone has any puppets they no longer want, Year 2 would be delighted to have them. Thank you!

Please remember that I am always happy to discuss any issues with you. Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,
Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER

Spring Term 2025

Date	Time	Event	People involved
14.1.25	7.00pm	PTFA Meeting	Parents, Carers & Staff
15.1.25	7.00pm	Reception Literacy Meeting	Parents, Carers & Staff
17.1.25	8.20am	PTFA Big Breakfast	Everyone!
17.1.25	10 – 10.45am	Reception Action Mats	Children & Staff
20.1.25	11 – 12am	Year 4 Wellbeing workshop	Children & Staff
21.1.25	7.00pm	Governors Meeting	Governors
29.1.25	9-11.30am	Year 5 Badminton	Children & Staff
30.1.25	p.m.	Mrs Mansell Day	Children & Staff
1.2.25	10 – 11.30am	Cross Country Running - Bushey	Children & Staff
2.2.25	a.m.	Herts Dance Festival rehearsal	Children & Staff
4.2.25	1-3pm	Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics	Children & Staff
7.2.25	All Day	Art Day	Children & Staff
11.2.25	9.15am	Safer Internet Day Assembly	Children & Staff
12.2.25	5.00 – 7.00pm	Parents consultations	Parents, Carers & Staff
13.2.25	8.30-9:30am	Parents consultations	Parents, Carers & Staff
13.2.25	3.30 – 5.30pm	Parents consultations	Parents, Carers & Staff
14.2.25	All day	PTFA Pyjama Day	Children & Staff
17.2.25 – 21.2.25 Half Term			
27.2.25	12.30 – 3.00pm	Year 4 Rapid Fire Cricket	Children & Staff
5.3.25	12.30 – 2.30pm	RAH rehearsal	Children & Staff
5.3.25 – 11.3.25	TBC	Book Fair	Everyone!
6.3.25	All Day	Year 5 to St. Albans	Children & Staff
7.3.25	All day	World Book Day	Children & Staff
8.3.25	TBC	PTFA Family Night	Everyone!
11.3.25	7.00pm	Governors Meeting	Governors
12.3.25	All day	Year 1 to RAF museum	Children & Staff
13.3.25	All day	Herts Dance Festival Year 3 to Hertford Museum	Children & Staff
23.3.25	p.m.	Royal Albert Hall Schools' Gala concert	Children, Parents & Staff
28.3.25	a.m.	Mothers' Day Shopping	PTFA
3.4.25	a.m.	Talent Show	Children & Staff
3.4.25	5.30 – 7pm	PTFA Disco	PTFA & Children
4.4.25	a.m.	Easter Service at St. Giles	Children & Staff
4.4.25	2.15pm	Term Ends	Everyone!

Summer Term 2025

Date	Time	Event	People involved
22.4.25	8.50am	Term Starts	Everyone!
1.5.25	9.30am	May Day Assembly	Children, Families & Staff
1.5.25	7.00pm	Governors' Meeting	Governors
5.5.25	All Day	Bank Holiday	Everyone!
6.5.25 – 7.5.25	All Day	Year 5 trip to Tolmers	Children & Staff
8.5.25	p.m.	Maypole Dancing – Living Crafts	Children, Volunteer parents & Staff
9.5.25	p.m.	Maypole Dancing – Living Crafts	Children, Volunteer parents & Staff
12.5.25 – 15.5.25	a.m	SATS week	Children & Staff
20.5.25	All day	Year 6 to Harry Potter	Children & Staff
26.5.25 – 30.5.25 Half Term			
2.6.25	All Day	Year 4 Tables check – 2 week window opens	Children & Staff
5.6.25	8.30am & 9.15am	PTFA Big Breakfast & Sponsored Walk	Everyone!
6.6.25	All Day	INSET Day	Everyone!
9.6.25	All Day	Year 1 phonics screening check week.	Children & Staff
16.6.25 – 20.6.25	All Day	Year 6 to IOW	Children & Staff
23.6.25 – 27.6.25	All Day	STEM Week	Children & Staff
24.6.25	7.00pm	Governors' Meeting	Children & Staff
25.6.25	All Day	Year 2 to Shepreth Animal Park	Children & Staff
28.6.25	6.30pm	Summer Do!	Everyone!
3.7.25	3.30 – 6.00pm	Open Evening	Everyone!
10.7.25	TBC	Moving up day	Children & Staff
16.7.25	9.30am	EYFS Sports Day	Children, Families & Staff
18.7.25	All day	Funky Hair Day - PTFA	Children & Staff
19.7.25	12.30pm	Village Day	Everyone!
21.7.25	9.30am & 1.30pm	Sports Day	Children, Families & Staff
22.7.25	10.00am	Leavers' Service	Children, Year 6 families & Staff
22.7.25	1.45pm	Term Ends	Everyone!
23.7.25	All Day	INSET day	Everyone!

Term Dates

<u>2024 - 2025</u>	<u>2025- 2026</u>
<p><u>AUTUMN TERM 2024</u> Monday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 20th December 2024 (Half term – Monday 28th Oct – Friday 1st Nov) Inset Days: Monday 2nd September Friday 25th October Occasional Day: Friday 29th November</p> <p><u>SPRING TERM 2025</u> Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 4th April 2025 (Half term – Monday 17th Feb – Friday 21st Feb) Inset Days: Monday 6th January</p> <p><u>SUMMER TERM 2025</u> Tuesday 22nd April – Wednesday 23rd July 2025 (Half term – Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May) Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May Inset Days: Friday 6th June Wednesday 23rd July</p> <p>The above dates equate to 190 school days</p>	<p><u>AUTUMN TERM 2025</u> Wednesday 3rd September 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025 (Half term – Monday 27th Oct – Friday 31st Oct) Inset Days: Wednesday 3rd September Friday 24th October Occasional Day: Friday 28th November</p> <p><u>SPRING TERM 2026</u> Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 27th March 2026 (Half term – Monday 16th Feb – Friday 20th Feb) Inset Days: Monday 5th January</p> <p><u>SUMMER TERM 2026</u> Monday 13th April – Thursday 23rd July 2026 (Half term – Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May) Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May Inset Days: Friday 5th June Thursday 23rd July</p> <p>The above dates equate to 190 school days</p>