

Newsletter



Newsletter 9

12th January, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a good break over the Christmas holidays – it has been lovely to hear the children’s news, and to see them back in school, ready for another exciting term ahead! Thank you very much for all of the kind messages, cards and gifts we received for Christmas; we are very appreciative. We welcome six new children to our school in this term; we hope they and their families settle quickly and soon feel part of our community. I have included the dates planned so far further down the newsletter – we look forward to seeing you at the various events ahead.



PTFA Events

Friday 19th January: From 8.20a.m. there will be a Big Breakfast, with bacon rolls, pastries, tea, coffee and hot chocolate available. We hope you can join us!

Saturday 2nd March: Doors open 7.00 p.m. Adults Boozy Bingo night.

Friday 8th March: a.m. Mothering Sunday shopping event for children

If anyone is available to help at any of these events, we would love to have you. The next PTFA meeting is on Monday 12th February, at 7.00p.m. All parents and friends of the school are welcome.



Official Opening Day

We will be holding an opening ceremony for the new school building on 1st March at 10.00 a.m. More details to follow...



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. The assemblies for Years 1 and 6 will be after the Easter Holidays.

Date	Class	Date	Class
1.2.24	Year 3	14.2.24	Year 4
8.2.24	Year 5G	21.3.24	Year 5D
29.2.24	Year 2		



Clubs

Most clubs will be starting again from Monday, apart from Football, as we have to wait for more daylight! Football Clubs will re-start from the week beginning: 22nd January.

	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	X Country	Maypole & Country Dancing – Years 4-6	Netball – Years 5 & 6 Newspaper Club – KS2
Tuesday		Ukulele Club – Year 4 *Tennis – Years 1 & 2	
Wednesday		Choir Years 4-6 Musical Performance club after Half term	Forest Schools Years 1 & 2 – numbers are limited – priority will be given to the children who didn't get a place last term. Girls' Football Years 5 & 6
Thursday		Mindfulness Years 5 & 6 *Tennis - Years 3 & 4	Football Years 3-6
Friday			Dance club – starting after half term.

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

Spring Term 2024

Date	Time	Event	People involved
15.1.24	1-3.15 p.m.	KS1 Inspire Festival	Selected team
17.1.24	p.m.	FitKidz for Years 3 & 4	Years 3 & 4
19.1.24	8.30	PTFA Big Breakfast	Everyone
23.1.24	7.00	Governors Meeting	Governors
24.1.24	p.m.	FitKidz for Years 3 & 4	Years 3 & 4
25.1.24	All Day	Art Day	Children, Staff and volunteers.
31.1.24	p.m.	FitKidz for Years 3 & 4	Years 3 & 4
3.2.24	a.m.	Cross Country Running - Bushey	Cross Country Running team
6.2.24	All Day	Internet Safety Day	Children & Staff
7.2.24	3.30 – 4.30	Year 5 Maths Challenge	Children & Staff
13.2.24	1-3	Years 5 & 6 Sports hall Athletics	Selected team from Years 5 & 6
14.2.24	All Day	Hindu workshops	Children & Staff
14.2.24	5-7	Parent Consultations	Parents & Staff
15.2.24	8.30 a.m. & 3.30 p.m.	Parent Consultations	Parents & Staff
19.2.24 – 23.2.24	Half Term		
1.3.24	10.00 a.m.	New Building Official Opening	Children, Parents, Staff & Visitors

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2.3.24	7.00 p.m.	PTFA Boozy Bingo Night	PTFA, parents & friends
5.3.24	9-12	Years 3 & 4 Rapid Fire Cricket	Selected team from Years 3 & 4
5.3.24	1.15	Visiting Author – Su Murley	Children & Staff
7.3.24	All day	World Book Day	Children & Staff
8.3.24	a.m.	Mothers' Day Shopping	Children & PTFA
12.3.24	7.00	Governors' Meeting	Governors
13.3.24	12.30 – 3.30	Year 5 Mixed Handball	Selected Year 5 Team
14.3.24	All Day	Year 3 to Hertford Museum	Children, Staff & volunteers
26.3.24	All Day	Visiting Author James Campbell – workshops for all year groups	Children & Staff
27.3.24	a.m.	Talent Show	Children & Staff
27.3.24	10 – 3.00	KS2 Rapid Cricket/tri golf - inclusive	Selected team
27.3.24	5.30 – 7	PTFA Disco	Children & PTFA
28.3.24	a.m.	Easter Service	Children & Staff
28.3.24	2.15	Term Ends	Everyone

Summer Term 2024 - Dates fixed

Date	Time	Event	
15.4.24	8.50	Term Starts	Everyone
16.4.24	p.m.	Year 6 Sports workshop	Year 6
23.4.24	p.m.	Year 6 Sports workshop	Year 6
29.4.24	3.30 – 4.30	Year 4 Maths Challenge	Year 4 team & Staff
30.4.24	p.m.	Year 6 Sports workshop	Year 6
1.5.24	9.30	May Day Assembly	Children, Staff & Families
2.5.24	3.45 – 5.45	Year 5 & 6 Hockey Competition	Team selected from 5 & 6
2.5.24	7.00	Governors' Meeting	Governors
6.5.24	All Day	Bank Holiday	Everyone
7.5.24 – 8.5.24	All Day	Year 5 trip to Tolmers	Children & Staff
9.5.24	p.m.	Maypole Dancing – Living Crafts	Maypole dancers, staff & volunteer parents
10.5.24	p.m.	Maypole Dancing – Living Crafts	Maypole dancers, staff & volunteer parents
14.5.24	10 – 2.30	Year 4 Mini tennis	Year 4 tennis team
13.5.24 – 16.5.24	a.m	SATS week	Year 6
17.5.24	All Day	Football Tournament	Selected team
20.5.24	1.30 – 3	Year 6 rowing	Year 6
23.5.24	1-3	Year 5 Ultimate Frisbee	Year 5 team
23.5.24	All Day	Harry Potter Visit	Year 6
27.5.24 – 31.5.24	Half Term		

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3.6.24	All Day	Year 4 Tables check – 2 week window opens	Children & Staff
4.6.24	TBC	Athletics Practice Session - Ridlins	Athletics team
5.6.24	3.45 – 5.45	Year 4 Golf	Selected team from Year 4
6.6.24	8.30 & 9.15	PTFA Big Breakfast & Sponsored Walk	Children, Staff & Families
6.6.24	10-3	Year 5/6 mixed Cricket	Selected team from Years 5 & 6
7.6.24	All Day	INSET Day – holiday for children	Staff
10.6.24	All Day	Year 1 phonics screening check week.	Children & Staff
13.6.24	9-3	Athletics 4/5/6 Competition	Athletics team
17.6.24 – 21.6.24	All Day	Year 6 to IOW	Year 6 children & Staff
18.6.24	7.00	Governors' Meeting	Governors
24.6.24 – 28.6.24	All Day	STEM week	Children, Staff and volunteers
25.6.24	2.30 – 6	Netball Festival	Netball team
26.6.24	All Day	House of Maths visit	Children & Staff
28.6.24	9-12	Years 2-6 Rural Schools Athletics	Athletics team
29.6.24	6.30	PTFA Summer Do!	Everyone!
2.7.24	2-5	Year 5/6 Rounders	Selected team from Years 5 & 6
3.7.24	3-5	Year 3/4 Rounders	Selected team from Years 3 & 4
5.7.24	p.m.	Visiting Theatre Company – Performing the BFG	Children & Staff
9.7.24	4.30 – 6.30	Open Evening	Everyone!
11.7.24		Moving up day – Year 6 to new schools	Children & Staff
19.7.24	9.15	Early Years Sports Day	Children, Staff & Families
20.7.24	TBC	Village Day	Everyone
22.7.24	9.30 & 1.30	Sports Day	Children, Staff & Families
23.7.24	10.00	Leavers' Service	Children, Staff & Year 6 Parents
23.7.24	1.10	Courtyard Farewell to Year 6	Everyone
23.7.24	1.45	Term Ends	Everyone

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

Yours sincerely,

Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER

Term Dates

<u>2023 - 2024</u>	<u>2024 - 2025</u>
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