



## Newsletter Summer 1 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to Summer term. I hope everyone has enjoyed a safe and happy Easter break and lots of chocolate!

Thank you to you all who were able to attend one of our Coffee Mornings just before the break and for your very generous donations.

The summer term is always extremely busy, please familiarise yourself with some reminders below and also some important dates for the term in the attached calendar.

## Attendance and Punctuality



Alongside attendance, we closely monitor punctuality in school. **A child who is late by 5 minutes each day loses 3.5 days of education across a full school year.**

As a reminder, school starts at 8:45am every morning. From 8.50am children are marked as late on their register. It is important that children arrive in school on time as it supports them to learn good timekeeping and also reduces classroom disruption for the other children and themselves.

Attendance	Impact on Attendance	Hours of Lessons Lost	Minutes Late each day	School Days Lost
100%	0 Days Lost	0 Hours Lost	5 Minutes	3.5 Days Lost
95%	9 Days Lost	45 Hours Lost	10 Minutes	7 Days Lost
90%	19 Days Lost	95 Hours Lost	15 Minutes	10.5 Days Lost
85%	28 Days Lost	140 Hours Lost	20 Minutes	14 Days Lost
80%	38 Days Lost	190 Hours Lost	25 Minutes	17.5 Days Lost
75%	46 Days Lost	230 Hours Lost	30 Minutes	21 Days Lost

Class	Attendance to Date
Reception	91%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	95%

## Term Time Holidays - Fines

On 7th March 2024 the Department For Education updated their guidance to schools 'Working together to improve school attendance' which will become statutory from August 2024. Under the new national framework, all schools will be required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

**From September 2024, parents who take their children out of school during term time for more than 5 (unauthorised) days, will be fined £80 per child, per parent, per absence.**

Therefore from September 2024, we have made some amendments to our attendance policy:

[RPS Attendance Policy](#)

A list of all holiday dates for the remainder of this academic year and next academic year can be found below.

## Important SATs/ Screening Check Dates



**Year 2** will be completing their SATs in small groups throughout the month of May. These are marked by our school staff and are used to help inform the teacher's end of Key Stage One assessment.

**Year 6** SATs take place from **Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May**. These are externally marked and school will receive their results in early July. Results will be shared with parents within the children's annual reports.

**Year 1** will be taking their Phonics screening check **WB 10th June**.

**Year 4** will be taking their Multiplication check **WB 3rd June - Friday 14th June**.

School assessment week **WB 24th June 2024 - REC/Year 1/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5**

**Attendance and punctuality is vital on these dates.**

## Parking - Local Residents



We continue to get many photographs sent into school of inconsiderate parking along Ringway - some of these photographs have also been published on social media sites. Please be mindful of our local residents when parking outside of school and **do not park over and block their driveways preventing residents from being able to leave their properties.**

**Remember the yellow lines should not be parked on at any times.**

We need to rely on parents/carers to help keep all our children safe outside of our school and to help model our school value of **respecting** others.

## Summer Fayre



On Thursday 23rd May, from 3pm -5pm we will be hosting our summer fayre. There will be our usual summer fayre attractions, stalls and refreshments available. Please look out for our fayre poster soon.

On Friday 10th May, children are invited to come to school wearing non-uniform in lieu of a donation towards our summer raffle/tombola stalls.

As always, we will be looking for any donations towards our cake stall on the day.

## What My Child is Learning in Class

Each half term we update our topic curriculum plans and subject knowledge organisers for each topic on our school website for each year group and we upload topic webs onto Class Dojo for parents to see.

Please remember to read these and go onto the website to look at the curriculum areas and curriculum plans – all this information is here:

[Class Information](#)

## Online Safety Parent Workshop



This term, we will be hosting an Online Safety workshop for parents. This will be delivered by our Safeguarding partners, Clennell. Date and time to be arranged.

We are dealing more and more with many incidents of children using various apps on their mobile phones and posting things online. This is taking up a great deal of the school day. As a school, we can educate the children through our computing, safeguarding and PSHE curriculums but this **has to be a partnership between home and school.**

**Please do not assume that this does not affect your child**, mobile phones and social networking are evolving constantly and if your child is using a device **it is your responsibility to monitor this on a regular basis. We advise at least one parent/carer per family attend.**

Course content will include:

- Knowledge and understanding around the online world.
- Information and guidance around parental controls.
- Knowledge around social media , and gaming. Thinking around age recommendations and why these are in place.
- An understanding of cyberbullying.

- Knowledge and understanding around the online risk children may face as they get older.
- Where parents can gain support and guidance from if they have any worries regarding the online world.
- Resources they can access following the session.

Parents will be able to sign up via ParentPay once a date is confirmed.

## Water bottles/Hats/Sun lotion



Hopefully the weather will start to get warmer soon. Please remember that children should have a water bottle in school each day and as per school policy, this should contain **plain water only**.

On the hotter days, we recommend children bring a sun hat as we will be outside a lot and children should arrive to school wearing sun lotion. Children can bring a named bottle of sun lotion to keep in their drawer or school bag but they must be able to reapply this themselves.

## New School Update



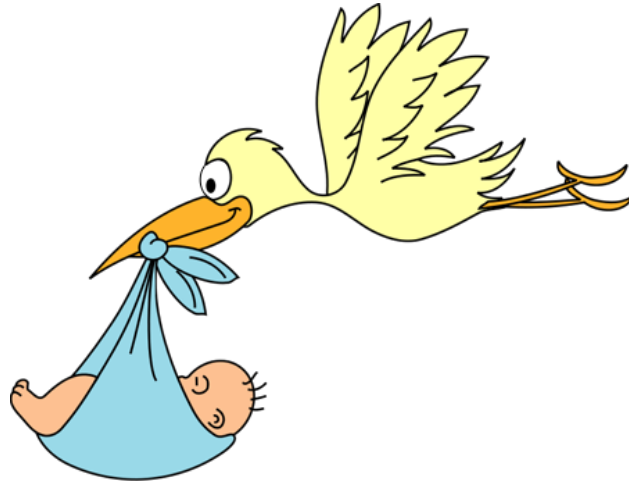
The school development should be going into planning by the end of April. If all goes to plan with this, construction will be due to commence on site October/November time. Further updates will follow as soon as we know more.

## Fidgets and Toys



Children should not be bringing toys or fidgets into school. If it is felt your child would benefit from using a fidget in school, this should be discussed and agreed in advance with Mrs K Smith, school SENDcO.

## Maternity Leave



On Friday 19th April, Miss Irving (Year 5) will be starting her maternity leave with her baby boy due at the beginning of May. Mrs Howey will be joining Year 5.

On Friday 3rd May, Mrs Runciman (Reception) will be starting her maternity leave with her baby boy due mid May. Mrs Smith and Mrs Suttill will take joint responsibility for Reception class.

We wish them both well and can't wait to meet the new arrivals.

## Online-Safety Guides



We have an online-safety page on our school website with links to lots of guides for Parents/Carers. Please let school know if there are any platforms your children are using that you would like some advice /guidance on and we can try and source this for you and add to the page.

[Fact Sheets and Guidance Link](#)



## School Calendar for Summer Term 2024

Easter Break	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Children return to school
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 3 and 4 Ford Castle Residential
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	House winner's non-uniform – Water House
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 6 Forest School
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 2 Multi Skills Festival (in School)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Reception/Nursery Forest School
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Year 4 Visit to Woodhorn
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Year 2 Optional SATs begin
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Year 4 Forest School
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Non-Uniform Day – Donation towards Summer Fayre
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 3 Forest School
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 4 Adventurous Activities – River Wansbeck (12pm-3pm)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 2 and Year 1 Forest School
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 3 Adventurous Activities – River Wansbeck (12pm-3pm)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 6 Parent's London Information Meeting 3.30pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Summer Fayre (3pm-5pm)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Teacher Training Day – School closed to pupils

Half Term	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Children return to school
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Year 4 Multiplication check begins
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Year 6 Outdoor Adventurous Activity Festival (PM)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	House winner's non-uniform
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 6 Forest School
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 1 Phonics screening check week
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Reception/Nursery Forest School
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Summer Parties/Disco
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2024	Year 4 Forest School
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Assessment Week in School
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 3 Forest School
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	Transition Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Year 6 London Residential
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Year 2 Forest School
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Sponsor Week
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Year 1 and 2 Visit to Washington Wetlands
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Sports Day: AM - Nursery/Rec/Year 1 and 2 PM - Years 3,4,5,6
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Reports to Parents
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Year 6 Leaver's Party (4.30pm-6.30pm)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Year 1 Forest School
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Leaver's Assembly Year 6 Parents 9.30am
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Parent's Evening
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Nursery Graduation 9.30am
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	House Winner's Celebration
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	School finishes for summer break at 1.30pm

- Year 5 Forest School – dates to be confirmed.

# TERM DATES 2023/2024

HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2023	
Summer 2022	Friday 21 July 2023	Tuesday 5 September 2023
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2023 *	
October Mid Term 2023	Friday 27 October 2023	Monday 6 November 2023
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Monday 8 JANUARY 2024	
Christmas/New Year 23/24	Friday 22 December 2023	Tuesday 9 January 2024
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2024 *	
Spring Mid Term 2024	Friday 16 February 2024	Monday 26 February 2024
Easter 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024	Monday 15 April 2024
MAY DAY	MONDAY 6 MAY 2024	
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	FRIDAY 24 MAY 2024	
Summer Mid Term 2024	Thursday 23 May 2024	Monday 3 June 2024
Summer 2024	Friday 19 July 2024	Tuesday 3 September 2024

# TERM DATES 2024/2025

Term and Holiday dates for 2024 – 2025

The following table summarizes the term and holiday dates for 2024-2025 based on the provided calendars:

Month	Term / Holiday	Start Date	End Date
September 2024	Autumn Term	Monday 2nd	Friday 6th
October 2024	Autumn Term	Monday 7th	Friday 11th
November 2024	Autumn Term	Monday 11th	Friday 15th
December 2024	Autumn Term	Monday 16th	Friday 20th
January 2025	Spring Term	Monday 6th	Friday 10th
February 2025	Spring Term	Monday 10th	Friday 14th
March 2025	Spring Term	Monday 17th	Friday 21st
April 2025	Summer Term	Monday 7th	Friday 11th
May 2025	Summer Term	Monday 11th	Friday 15th
June 2025	Summer Term	Monday 16th	Friday 20th
July 2025	Summer Term	Monday 21st	Friday 25th
August 2025	Summer Term	Monday 25th	Friday 29th

**Legend:**  
Autumn Term
Spring Term
Summer Term
Bank Holiday
School Holiday

## School Places

Places  
available

We currently have places in most year groups (except in Year 3) if you know of any families who were not given their chosen school or any families new to the area looking for school places.

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