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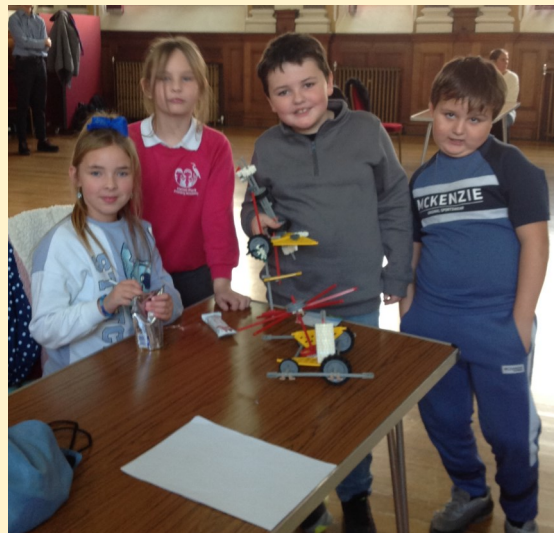
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Dear Parents,

Quite unbelievably we are now in the month of December! The festive period is a wonderful time in school, most importantly because we are able to join with you in celebrating the children's successes. This week, I was fortunate to be alongside you to enjoy the wonderful musical concert put on by the children in years 3 and 4. It was an absolute delight to share their rendition of Feliz Navidad. Preparing for and performing at these types of events is by no means straightforward. I would like to thank the children, their teachers and Mr. Ibbotson for all their hard work- it was certainly a triumph!

It's Behind You!

Last Friday a group of children attended an enterprise event at Eastbourne Town Hall. Here the children were asked to design a prop for the production of the Pantomime **Beauty and the Beast**. Belle needed a car and the team had to work together to build a model. They were immaculately behaved throughout and demonstrated brilliant listening, teamwork and determination. Congratulations to all the children and well done on completing the task.



On the theme of Pantomimes, Year 5 were invited to go to see Eastbourne College's Pantomime *Elf/Nativity* this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and spoke about the quality of acting and singing during the visit. Safe to say that they represented Heron Park beautifully.

Last week we invited Adam Baron into school to talk to the children about being an author. Adam gave a wonderful talk to the children about what it means to be an author and how he designs stories. Together, he and the pupils in Key Stage 2 came up with the most imaginative story about three bears. We all think 'Goldilocks' when we see three bears featuring in a story, but I can assure you the main setting and problem within the children's version was extremely different. To find out more about Adam Baron's writing, please do visit our reading newsletter which will be sent out to you.



School Choir

Our School Choir has been very active in the community this week, having performed in various settings. They were accompanied to Lakeside Court where they sang to numerous audiences. They will be visiting Morrisons on Monday. Again, they represented our school to a very high standard and I know that the singing was well-received by all those who were able to join the children. Thank you to Mrs Noble-Aitken, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Streeter who have been helping the children to prepare for this.



Christmas Dinner

It was brilliant to see the children dressed in their festive gear during our Christmas Dinner event this week. Thank you to Harrisons for putting together a wonderful lunch for the children. The meal was full of good humour, cheer and wonderful manners too.



Safeguarding

Should you ever have any concerns about a child and require advice, you are able to contact ChildLine or our school Senior Leadership Team/some members of our Safeguarding Team: Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Crees, Mrs. Williams or Mrs. Morgan.

Please do have a look at the bulletin in the newsletter which outlines what parents need to know about Spotify. The guide provides some helpful information about the platform, including the age at which children should be to have the app.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be a focus for the school. At Heron Park we continue to have high expectations related to attendance. Our school target is over 95%. Consistent attendance enables pupils to have the best chance at realising success now and in their futures.

It is equally important that children are in school on time. Just 5 minutes late each day equates to 3 days lost learning across a year.

I have recently received a number of requests for holidays in term time. I wanted to let you know that, in line with our attendance policy, I am unable to authorise such requests.

I do thank you for your commitment in ensuring that the children are in school each day and on time. Maintaining good attendance is very much about a partnership between home and school. Should you need any support in this area, please do contact our school office.

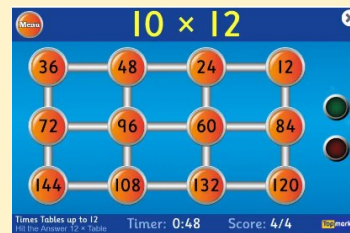


Year 6 - 90.2%
Year 5 - 92.2%
Year 4 - 93.7%
Year 3 - 94.6%
Year 2 - 93.7%
Year 1 - 95.2%
Reception - 95.1%

7 in 7 winners

We shared that pupils with extremely good attendance would be entered into a prize draw. This was held this week and the winners were invited to see Mrs Crees for their winning prizes. Congratulations to the children.

At this point in the term, there are some moments to reflect on the children's achievements to date. Looking back at their starting points in September, in writing for example, to what they can actually achieve now is quite something. In our assemblies, we talk about resilience and ambition; the children have certainly demonstrated this across the first third of this year. Across the two week holiday the children in Key Stages 1 and 2 will still have access to doodle maths and Key Stage 2 children have access to times table rockstars. Our younger children have regular access to Read Write Inc and Hit the Button. If there are moments where they are at a loss as to what to do, please do encourage them to access these.



There is one more week ahead and many more events to enjoy. At the time of publishing, we hope that you are able to join us at the Christmas Fayre. We continue to raise funds to improve our playground markings. We do thank you for all the donations that were brought into school last Friday-every little helps us in our aims to continue to build on the playtime provision we already have.

I do hope that you are able to come along to our final week of concerts/performances for Reception, Key Stage 1 and Years 5 and 6. In the meantime, I do wish you a safe and (if it is ever possible) restful weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs H Crees
Headteacher



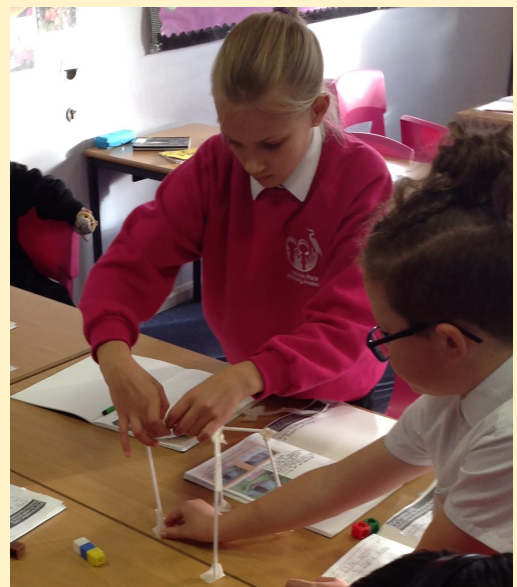
Year 6

Some of our Year 6 children helped put the Christmas Tree decorations up this week, this will go towards gaining their Prefect Jumpers! The children received some coding kits sent to the school by the BBC. Across the last two weeks, they have been setting up algorithms to create badges which illuminate. I had the pleasure of seeing some of the designs this week and they were extremely impressive and I am in no doubt that I have seen future computer programmers! How exciting!



Year 5

Year 5 pupils have been busy collating all their World War Two studies within their Design Technology project. They have been looking at the construction of shelters and worked together generating plans and prototypes of modern-day shelters. To achieve this, the children have to demonstrate brilliant teamwork and resilience. Both these values were certainly evident across both classes. I can't wait to see the final designs.



Year 4



There was a delicious aroma drifting down the corridor last week as our Year 4 pupils prepared and cooked their soup! They worked very carefully developing the flavours and, by all accounts, were pleased with the final product! Congratulations to the children!

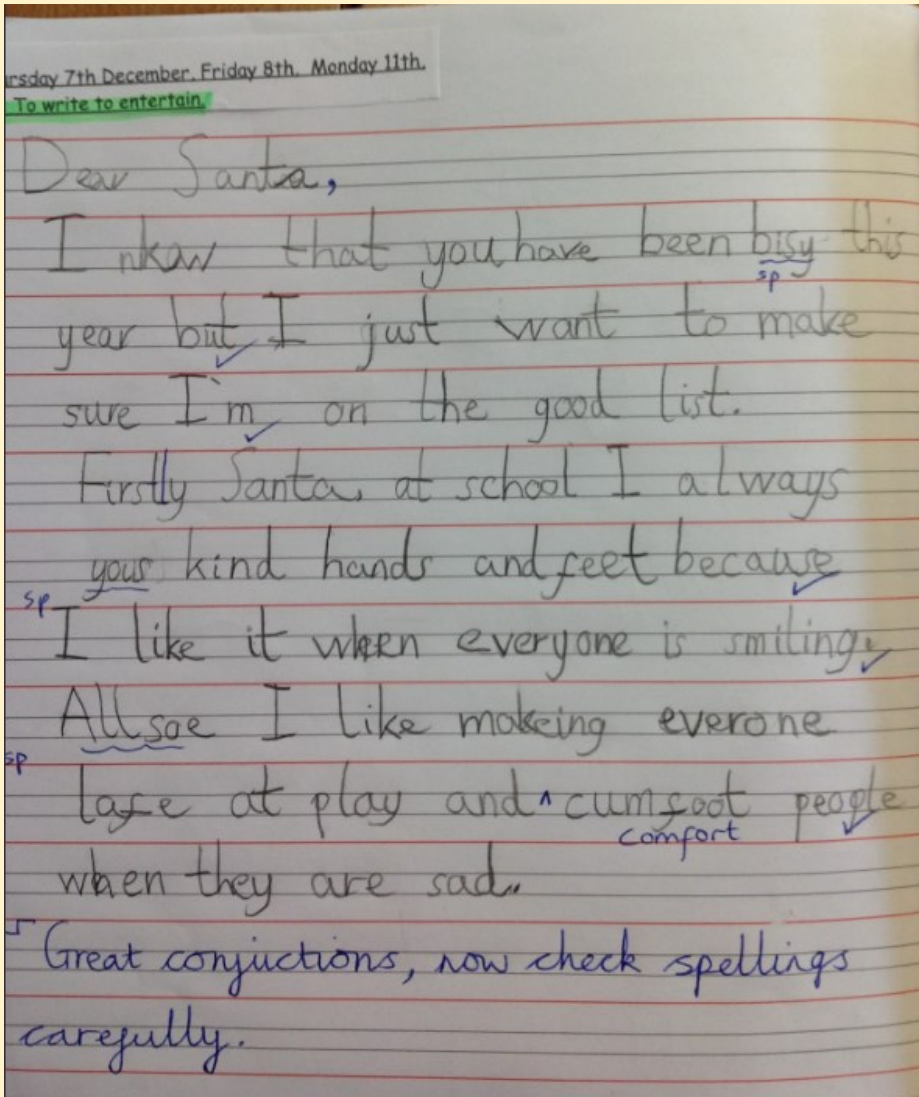


Year 3



Year three used independent research methods to investigate the question; Do animals have skeletons and muscles? They used non-fiction texts, internet searches, prior knowledge as well as observing the goats, chickens, tortoises and frogs. Our goats certainly enjoyed the visit and I am very impressed with the questions that the children explored!

Year 2



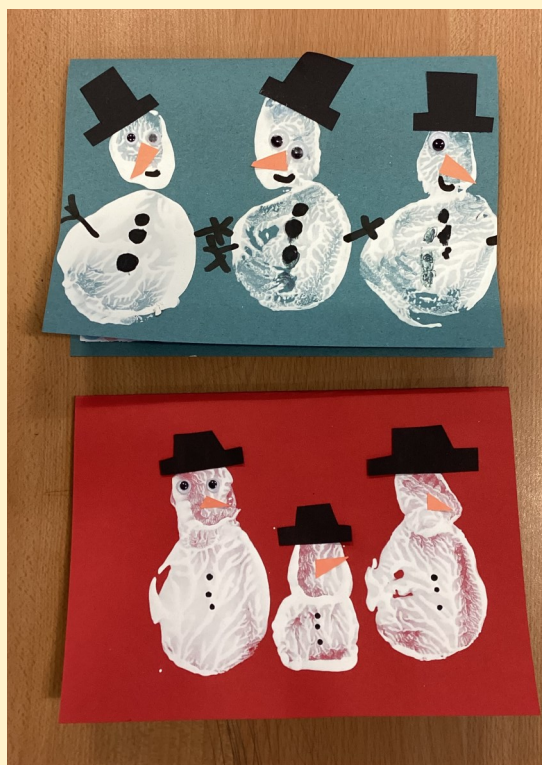
Our Year 2 children have been busy writing this term. They have worked hard to compose letters to Santa. They have certainly been very clear about the way they demonstrate why they are on the good list-we all know that they definitely are. Writing for a purpose is so important for children and it is wonderful to see them apply their writing skills in context. Well done!

Year 1

Our Year 1 pupils have certainly been considering their artwork this week and have developed their design skills creating some wonderful winter decorations and pictures.



Reception



I knew there were elves in the building! Children in our reception cohort have been busy preparing for the festive season and created some wonderful artwork which I am sure will be shared at home soon. We are very much looking forward to their performance next week and I know that they have been preparing for this significantly over the past few weeks. Having visited the classroom recently, I am constantly astonished by how hard the children are working and how much they are demonstrating curiosity each and every day. Brilliant!

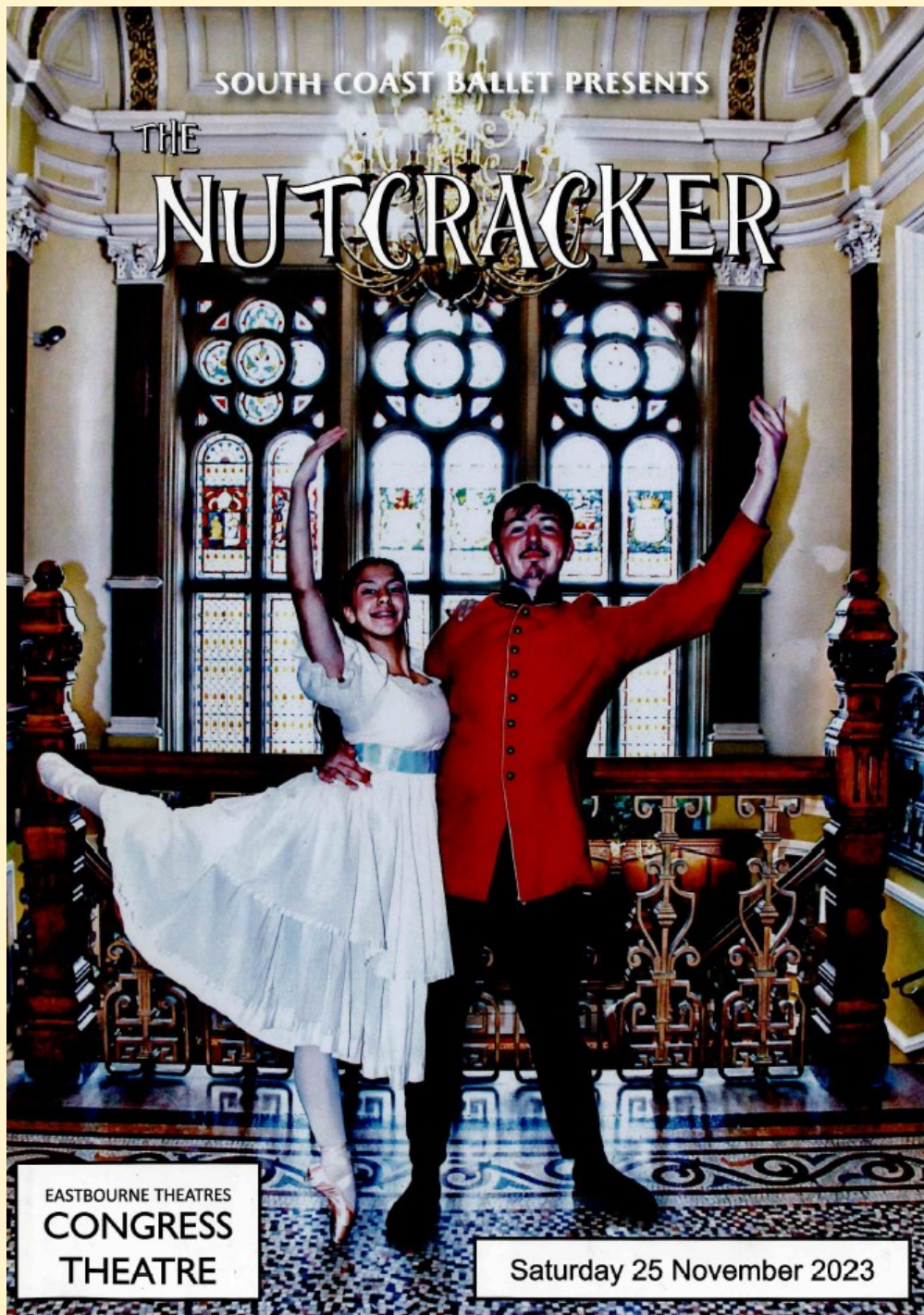
Nursery



Our Nursery children have been busy creating some delicious reindeer food across the week. The children have thought carefully about the ingredients and packaged the food very carefully too. I am sure the reindeer will be very appreciative.

Extra-Curricular Success!

Imogen in Year 5 took to the Congress stage recently and performed as part of the chorus in the South Coast Ballet production. What an achievement! Not only did Imogen have to audition successfully, she had to remember her dances carefully and demonstrate confidence performing in front of a vast audience. Congratulations! As a school team, we could not be more proud.



HERON PARK WEEK 1

Weekly menu



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Chicken Cacciatore Served With Pasta	Pork Sausages Served With Mash Potato And Gravy	Herby Chicken Served With Roast Potatoes And Gravy	Beef Moussaka Served With Garlic Bread	Breaded Fish Served With Chips
Chunky Vegetable Chilli Served With Rice	Quorn Sausages Served With Mash Potato And Gravy	Quorn Roast Served With Roast Potatoes And Gravy	Roasted Vegetables Served With Pasta	Cheese And Onion Roll Served With Chips
Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Baked Beans
Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna
Lemon Shortbread	Traditional Iced Top Sprinkle Sponge	Chocolate And Vanilla Sponge	Apple Crumble And Custard	Ice Cream

Available daily

Yogurt, Fresh Fruit, Bread, Salad Bar

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HERON PARK WEEK 2

Weekly menu



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Beef Bolognese With Pasta Twists and Garlic Bread	Chicken Stew Served With Mash Potato	Roast Gammon Served With Roast Potatoes And Gravy	Chicken Risotto Served With Rice	Sub Cheese And Tomato Pizza Served With Chips
Pasta Primavera Served With Garlic Bread	Lentil And Vegetable Pie Topped With Mash Potato	Cheese and Potato Puff Served With Gravy	Home Made Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Nuggets Served With Chips
Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Baked Beans
Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna
Fruity Flapjack	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Cherry Melting Moments	Chocolate Beetroot Cake and Custard	Ice Cream

Available daily

Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, Bread, Salad Bar

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Weekly menu



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Chicken Tikka Curry Served With Rice	Homemade Cottage Pie Topped With Mash	Roast Chicken With Roast Potatoes And Gravy	Beef Chilli Con Carne	Fish Fingers Served With Chips
Sweet Potato, Carrot And Chickpea Curry Served With Rice	Tomato And Herb Pasta	Cauliflower Cheese Served With Roast Potatoes And Gravy	Chunky Vegetable Stew Served With Mash Potato	Cheese And Pepper Quesadilla Served With Chips
Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Baked Beans
Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Tuna Beans	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Jacket Potato with A Choice Of Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna
Raisin Biscuit	Vanilla Cake And Custard	Apple Turnover	Rainbow Jelly	Ice Cream

Available daily

Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, Bread, Salad Bar

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Change of desserts on the menu over the next week:

Friday 8 th	Mincemeat slice
Monday 11 th	Lemon Shortbread
Tuesday 12 th	Raspberry Artic Roll
Wednesday 13 th	Jelly
Thursday 14 th	Selection of cakes and biscuits
Friday 15 th	Ice Cream

Vegetarian option changes:

Monday 11th	Cauliflower Cheese
Thursday 14th	Macaroni Cheese

CHRISTMAS

- Monday 11th Dec - KS1 Nativity – **FULL**
- Monday 11th Dec - Christmas Choir to sing at Morrisons 11am
- Tuesday 12th Dec - EYFS Nativity – [BOOK EYFS TICKETS HERE](#)
- Wednesday 13th Dec- KS1 Nativity - [BOOK KS1 TICKETS HERE](#)
- Thursday 14th Dec- Upper KS2 Christmas Concert 2:15pm - **FULL**
- **Friday 15th Dec - Last day of term 3pm finish. After school club is still running**

The Christmas Post Box is open and available in the office.
Please ensure all cards have the child's name and class on them.



**THE PARISH OF HAMPDEN PARK
AND THE HYDNEYE**

**You are invited to our
Christmas Angel Fair**

**9th December - 11am - 2pm
Decoy Drive, Church and Hall**

**Refreshments, cakes, gifts,
stalls, crafts, free activities for the kids
Christmas Tree Festival, visit Santa,
and much Christmas Joy!**



Eastbourne's World Record Attempt

Join us as we attempt to break the world record for the most people dressed as an angel in one place.

Date: Sunday 10th December

Time: 2pm

Place: The Beacon Shopping Centre (outside the former Dorothy Perkins Unit).

How to Get Involved

Simply come dressed as an angel - including wing and a halo

Some ideas:

- A white tshirt
- Cardboard wings
- Tinsel halo

The best dressed will win a prize!

More information on www.eastbournechristmas.com





Have you seen the angels?

**Free family fun, activities, crafts, carols,
Angel trails + more this Advent & Christmas!**

This year, Eastbourne's churches, charities and groups have come together to share the joy of the angels!

Scan the QR code below or find us online to find a full list of events!

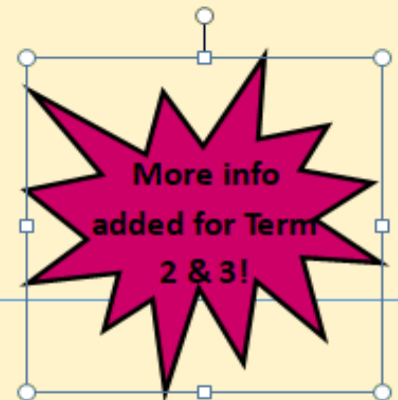


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Term	Date	Event
TERM 2	Monday 30th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of term
	Friday 10th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET DAY
	Monday 13th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odd Sock Day - Children are invited to wear Odd socks to school (with their uniform)
	Thursday 16th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Consultations 3:30-5:00pm
	Friday 17th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children in Need - Wear your PJ's to school for a donation to Children in Need
	Tuesday 21st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Consultations 3:30-7:00pm
	Friday 1st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Uniform Day- donations for Christmas Fair
	Wednesday 6th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day
	Thursday 7th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower KS2 Christmas Concert 2:15pm
	Friday 8th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Fayre—3:30-5pm
	Monday 11th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS1 Nativity (pm)
	Tuesday 12th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYFS Nativity
	Wednesday 13th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS1 Nativity (am)
	Thursday 14th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper KS2 Christmas Concert 2:15pm
Friday 15th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of term 	
TERM 3	Tuesday 2nd January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET DAY
	Wednesday 3rd January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Term
	W/C Monday 5th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental Engagement– From 2:30pm each afternoon. Further details to follow • Children's Mental Health week.
	Tuesday 6th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Internet Day
	Friday 9th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of term
TERM 4	Monday 19th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Term
	Thursday 7th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Book Day
	Thursday 7th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Consultations 3:30-5:00pm
	Friday 8th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET DAY
	Tuesday 12th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Consultations 3:30-7:00pm
	W/C Monday 18th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental Engagement - from 2:30pm each afternoon. Further details to follow • Careers Week (including Careers fair)
	Thursday 28th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of term
TERM 5	Monday 15th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of term
	Monday 6th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BANK HOLIDAY
	W/C Monday 20th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental Engagement - from 2:30pm each afternoon. Further details to follow
	Friday 24th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of term
TERM 6	Monday 3rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET DAY
	Tuesday 4th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of term
	Monday 17th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYFS Sports Day 1:30-2:30pm
	Tuesday 18th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1, Y2 & Y3 Sports Day 1:30-2:45pm
	Wednesday 19th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4, Y5 & Y6 Sports Day 1:30-2:45pm
	Friday 28th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET DAY
	Friday 19th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of term



Calendar dates are subject to change, we will endeavour to give parents/carers as much notice as possible.