



THE  
GILES NURSERY  
AND  
INFANTS'  
SCHOOL



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**School Aims: our school is a place where we aim to develop:**

- ▶ Positive attitudes to learning
- ▶ Creativity and a sense of self-confidence and self-esteem
- ▶ Equality of opportunity, independence, individuality, tolerance, sensitivity and cooperation
- ▶ Good relations, respect for others and the environment
- ▶ A broad and balanced creative curriculum
- ▶ Pupil achievement by providing quality experiences

***Dear Parents/Carers,***

***It is one of the loveliest times of the school year and our children have enjoyed a wonderful, sparkling week! The Reception Christmas Concerts brought tears to many an eye. This was the very first performance in front of an audience for most of our Reception children and families expressed such delight in the concerts! Many parents spoke to me about what a lovely school this is and how well their children are doing. The children were all able to recite the story of the 'Three Little Pigs' using their words so clearly. The artwork was simply fantastic, the singing so joyous. We are so very, very proud of our Reception children! Thank you to Mrs Dacombe, Mrs Clark and Miss Busby for putting on such fabulous performances.***

***On Wednesday afternoon, children in Years 1 and 2 attended a splendid theatrical production of 'Cinderella'. Earlier in the week, our Year 1 classes experienced a day-long Toy Workshop that is the 'hook' into their new topic, and our Year 2 pupils will go on a virtual Festive Journey. This experience is organised by Bridge Builders and is always one of the highlights of our year and a keystone in the Year 2 RE programme. More details are below in the year-group section and do please check the website for photographs.***

***FROG Christmas Event: Thank you to our wonderful FROG team for this amazing event. It was the first event of this kind for some years and was incredibly well-attended. Our terrific FROG team worked so hard to prepare a huge range of festive activities and we hope you all had a fantastic time. Our choir, led by Mrs Dalton, sang beautifully – and well done to all the grown-ups for singing carols so lustily! You all helped to raise £725.59, WOW! Huge thanks are due to our hard-working, committed and creative FROGs! Thank you!***

***Supply cleaner: If anyone is interested in this role and in helping to keep our beautiful school clean when the agency cleaners are ill or we need a bit of extra help and you need a few extra pennies, please come in and speak to the office.***

***After School Club Spring Term Bookings: You may book sessions for the Spring Term in the Arbor App from 9am on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023.***

***School Attendance:*** Please help to improve school attendance and outcomes for your child. Good attendance at school is the single most important factor in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in life. For a school to be deemed as having good attendance, it must have an attendance rate of at least 97%. Our current attendance rate is 91.4%. This is concerning, as missing out on lessons leaves children extremely vulnerable to falling behind. Evidence shows that children with poor attendance do not achieve as well as children with good attendance at school, with many leaving primary school working below the age-related standard in reading, writing and mathematics. Legally, a child of compulsory school age must attend school every day that it is open, except for in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission in advance by the school. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that their child attends school regularly and punctually.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Lunch:**

***On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December we will be having our Christmas lunch, helped by FROG to make the occasion very special for the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.***

***We will therefore swap our usual Wednesday roast menu on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December when lunch will be:***



**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

HCL

Christmas Turkey and Chipolata Sausage, Trimmings of Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy  
OR  
Festive Quorn Fillet (v) with a Veggie Sausage (v), Trimmings of Sage and Onion Stuffing and Vegetarian Gravy

With Roast Potatoes and a Choice of Seasonal Vegetables

A Choice of Christmas Desserts

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***Red option: Chicken and sweetcorn meatballs***

***Green option: Bean and vegetable grill***

***White option: Jacket potato***

***Yellow option: Tuna roll***

***Christmas Parties:*** On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our class parties. Children may come dressed in party clothes or in a Christmas jumper. It's back to usual school uniform on Wednesday, however, for the last day of school. Because of allergies, classes are organising party food in different ways this year, so if you are unsure, please speak to your child's teacher or call the office.

***It is just possible that there will also be a special visitor bearing gifts!***

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December last day of term:** Please remember that school will finish an hour earlier for all classes and that there is no After School Club on the last day of the term. School will close at 2pm on this day.

**FROG January Event:** Further information will follow regarding a Bags2School collection. Clothes etc can be donated and the school will receive a payment based on the weight of donations collected.

**Children due to start Reception and Year 3 in September 2024:** The application process for Reception year and Year 3 to start in September 2024 opened on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Applications can be made via:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx>

We are offering regular tours of Reception - please visit

<https://www.gilesnurseryandinfants.co.uk/prospective-parent-tours/> or call or visit the school office to book a place.

**Children due to start Nursery in September 2024.** Applications/admissions are managed by the school. Applications opened on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023. An application form is available on the school website or the school office – the closing date is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.

We are offering regular tours of Nursery - to book a place, please visit

<https://www.gilesnurseryandinfants.co.uk/prospective-parent-tours/> or call or visit the school office to book a place.

**Stevenage Library Artist in Residence Celebration and Exhibition:** would like to invite you to attend their exhibition and celebration event at Stevenage Central Library on Tuesday 12 December from 3 – 6pm, with speeches at 5pm. There will be an opportunity to view the Interactive Map created by Artist @Katharineharperartandphotography with the local community at various workshops and events throughout the residency.

They will also have an exhibition of work created by Open Art Box at some special workshops funded by the My Story project.

The Stevenage Library My Story Artist in Residence project still has one more workshop to take place on Saturday 9 December at 10.00 – 12.00. Do join us for this lovely drop-in session if you can, where families will be making Christmas Tree decorations.

**Christingle Service, St Nicholas Church, Rectory Lane, SG1 4DA:**



**Nursery:** *It has been a wonderful week in Nursery continuing with the advent celebrations, having the Christmas tree shining bright and Christmas music playing. They have enjoyed listening to a variety of Christmas stories including the Nativity Story.*

*In expressive art and design, the children enjoyed making a range of Christmas craft using a variety of media. They made spectacular reindeer, printed snowmen and made cheerful tissue paper Christmas trees.*

*The children loved our Santa's workshop this week in our role play area. They enjoyed writing a special Christmas card, practised wrapping presents and wrote out gift tags. Molly F commented, "Santa is at the North Pole, we can be elves and help him!"*

*In phonics, we continued to practise identifying the initial sounds in words. The children enjoyed playing 'Bertha the Bus' and sang the rhyme 'Bertha the bus goes to the zoo, who does she see as she passes through...' Triangle group joined in enthusiastically naming items starting with the sound 's'.*

*In PSHCE, the children thought about being a kind friend, how they could be a good friend and what their friends are like. Everyone thought to be a good friend you needed to listen to them, be kind to them, share and take turns with the other person. George M shared, "To make friends is to give them a cuddle and love."*

*The children have been excited to practise singing songs ready for the concert on Thursday 14th December. Please send your child to Nursery at their normal time, wearing their school uniform. We will open the middle gate for parents and carers just before the concert, which will take place in the Nursery.*

*Next week, the children will continue to enjoy festive arts and crafts and take part in festive gross motor games. Please can all library books be returned on Monday 11th December; we will start the library again after the Christmas break.*

**Reception:** *The children performed their class assemblies this week and all the staff in Reception were so proud of the children. It was so lovely to see so many people in the audience and the children loved the grownups joining in singing, 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'.*

*This week the children found out why Christmas is celebrated around the world and have listened to a range of Nativity stories by different authors. They really enjoyed listening to and participating in the Nativity story with actions. The children created story maps of the Nativity and used their maps to retell the story in their own words to a friend. Georgia-Grace began her Nativity story by saying, "Mary got married to Joseph and an angel came to Mary to say, 'You're going to have a really special baby," and Emmie in Snowy Owl class said, "Baby was in Mary's tummy." When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, Nancy in Barn Owl class said, "And all the keepers said sorry there's no room, but I have a space in my backyard."*

*Our poem of the week is 'Away in a Manger':*

*Away in a manger,  
No crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus  
Laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky  
Looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay.*

*Please encourage your child to read or sing this to you, a member of their family or a family friend. These weekly poems are to aid your child's fluency in reading. The children really enjoy learning the poem each week.*

*Next week the children will be discussing the properties of 2D shapes placed on a Christmas tree and using decorations to create Christmas patterns. They will be listening to a variety of Christmas themed stories and participating in many Christmas activities.*

*Year 1: This week, Year One had the most enjoyable 'WOW' day, exploring their cross curricula topic on Toys. They had an absolutely fantastic time taking part in the virtual toy workshop from 'History Off The Page'. They learnt about toys from the past, the materials they were made from and how they moved. The children became toy makers, making and decorating their own selection of toys. They made a teddy with moving parts, a spinning top, a thaumatrope, a peg doll, a table-top footballer and a magnetic fish and rod. Mason in Big Cats commented "I liked making the fishing game, it was magnetic". Parth in Big Cats commented "I liked making the spinner. It made a lovely pattern". You can view photographs from the workshop on our school website by clicking on the link here: [Toy Workshop Photographs](#)*

*This week the children also had a wonderful experience watching the interactive panto of Cinderella from the visiting theatre company M&M. It was the most engaging show with singing, dancing and lots of laughter! Panto or pantomime? See Y2*

*In English, the children have begun their topic on 'The Nativity'. They have listened carefully to the story, learning the characters names such as Mary, Joseph, Jesus, Wise Men and Angel Gabriel and sequenced the events. They have continued with their work on sentence structure, writing about the Nativity story using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.*

*In phonics the children have continued with their learning about the split vowel digraph u-e and a-e. They have been segmenting and blending words such as cube, tube, cake and rake and using sound buttons to demarcate each sound. The children have also been practising reading words Mr, Mrs, their and oh and spelling words your and by. ' '*

*Our Book of the Week has been 'Cops and Robbers' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. This story is a firm favourite with humour throughout! On Christmas Eve, villainy is afoot in London Town. London's robbers have cooked up a plot to steal all the toys they can lay their hands upon! Does Officer Pugh save the day and stop Grandma Swagg? Take a read to find out. [Cops and Robbers](#)*

*In mathematics, the children have continued with their number bonds within 10. They have used a range of manipulatives to investigate ways to make 4, 5,6 and 9. The children have also been systematic with their number bonds showing all the ways to make 6 in a patterned, systematic format.*

*In science the children have been learning all about fish during their animal classification work. They have been researching breeds of fish, their characteristics and discussing how they are different to the other animal groups learnt so far.*

*In computing the children have completed their final lesson on algorithms. They retrieved last week's sequencing about 'The Wrong Sandwich' and debugged the sentences to make precise algorithms for the class to follow.*

*In history, the children looked at toys from the past. The children then looked at photographs of themselves playing with a toy as a baby, comparing it to the toys they play with today, identifying the changes over time.*

*In Forest School, the children enjoyed listening to the story 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. They collected natural materials from around the woodland and made their own Stickman.*

*Next week in English the children will be learning and reciting the poem 'Peppermint Stick' by an unknown poet. They will practise and perform it to their peers to develop reading fluency and performance skills. In mathematics, the children will continue with their number bonds, focusing on number bonds to 10. In science, the children will be learning about amphibians.*

*We wish you all a wonderful weekend.*

*The Year 1 Team*

*Year 2: The children have had a very festive week in Year 2, with lots of rehearsals for the Christmas performances next week. You should have received a note in your child's book bag, advising about costumes for the performance. We are providing most of the costumes but have asked some children to bring in a Christmas jumper. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are unsure.*

*The first performance will take place on Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am. The second performance will take place on Thursday 14th December at 6.00pm. Please may we ask that children are dropped off at their classrooms at 5.30pm and collected at 7.00pm. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.*

*We will be checking ticket reservations early next week and will advise if there are any tickets remaining for the performances.*

*In mathematics this week, the children have been revising their learning about 2D and 3D shape. They have named shapes, counted the sides and the vertices. In geography, the children learnt about physical and human features. In PSHCE, the children learnt that we shouldn't judge people if they are different from to us.*

*As part of our RE curriculum, the children took part in a virtual 'Christmas Journey', organised by the Bridge Builders Christian Trust. They learnt about the nativity story through a series of videos and took part in some wonderful art and craft activities, including making crowns.*

*The children enjoyed a fantastic performance of 'Cinderella' on Wednesday afternoon. The pantomime is a real treat in the lead up to Christmas, and this year's performance was no different. Well done children for taking part so enthusiastically!*

*Next week, the children will put the finishing touches to the Christmas performance during dress rehearsals. They will make props for some of the scenes and practise their beautiful singing. In mathematics, the children will continue to learn about shape and look at symmetry. The children will enjoy lots of festive stories and take part in some Christmas crafts.*

*Homework this week, is spellings, and for the children to continue to practise their lines for next weeks concerts.*

*We wish you a wonderful weekend.*

## CLASS ATTENDANCE TROPHY

**TROPHY-BEARING CLASS WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE FOR THIS WEEK**

### **WALKER BEAR CLASS**

**FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE – WELL DONE!!**



### STARS OF THE WEEK

<b>Ladybird Nursery Classes</b>	<b>George M</b>	<i>for super sharing during circle time.</i>
	<b>Misha</b>	<i>for being a fantastic helper around the Nursery and always tidying nicely.</i>
	<b>Daisy</b>	<i>for super listening in phonics and sharing initial sounds in words.</i>
	<b>Elsie</b>	<i>for tremendous effort singing Christmas songs.</i>
	<b>Mina</b>	<i>for superb skill balancing a bean bag and completing challenges.</i>
	<b>Chloe</b>	<i>for a fantastic effort singing Christmas songs.</i>
<b>Snowy Owls</b>	<b>All the children in Snowy Owl class</b>	<i>for performing a brilliant class assembly.</i>
<b>Tawny Owls</b>	<b>All the children in Tawny Owl class</b>	<i>for performing a brilliant class assembly.</i>
<b>Barn Owls</b>	<b>All the children in Barn Owl class</b>	<i>for performing a brilliant class assembly.</i>
<b>Red Fox Class</b>	<b>Marliya</b>	<i>for trying her best in all her learning this week.</i>
	<b>Noah</b>	<i>for super reading.</i>
<b>Big Cat Class</b>	<b>Mason</b>	<i>for working really hard on his number bonds in maths.</i>
	<b>Juliette</b>	<i>for sharing great ideas during guided reading.</i>
<b>Walker Bear Class</b>	<b>Kian Marc</b>	<i>for fabulous retelling of the Christian story of Christmas.</i>
	<b>Zaina</b>	<i>for wonderful work on number bonds in mathematics.</i>
<b>Pelicans</b>	<b>Harper</b>	<i>for always being actively involved in lessons.</i>
	<b>Zayana</b>	<i>for writing a super diary entry for Rapunzel.</i>
<b>Puffins</b>	<b>Jose</b>	<i>for having a fantastic understanding of 2D shapes.</i>
	<b>Nirvana</b>	<i>for super sorting of physical and human features in geography.</i>

<b>Penguins</b>	<b>Maryam</b>	<i>for a fantastic understanding of physical and human geography.</i>
	<b>Elise</b>	<i>for a brilliant understanding of vertices on 2D shapes.</i>

***We wish you all a wonderful weekend!***

***Kindest regards,***

***Rouane Mendel  
Headteacher***

### **School Dates – Autumn 2023**

<b>DECEMBER 2023</b>	
Wednesday 13th	Christmas Concerts: Year 2, 9.30am
Thursday 14th	Christmas Concerts: Year 2, 6.00pm
Thursday 14th	Nursery Christmas Concerts, 10.00am and 2.00pm
Monday 18th	Christmas Dinner – FROG to decorate tables etc.
Monday 18th	Hanukkah Assembly, pupils only
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Nativity at All Saints Church 9.30am
Tuesday 19th	Afternoon Christmas Parties. Nursery closed in the morning and all Nursery children to come for the afternoon. A surprise visitor!
Wednesday 20th	Last day of term – finish at 2.00pm

<b>JANUARY 2024</b>	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Date TBC	Bridge Builders Assembly, pupils only
Date TBC	Chinese New Year Assembly, pupils only
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	FROG Coffee Morning <b>8.30-9.30am</b> , SEN/INCO team to join
w/c Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Big Write
TBC	Owl Visit (Big Write)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Stay and Read, <b>Year 2 2.45-3.10pm</b> . Parents come into class to read with their child or small group of children. All very welcome.

<b>FEBRUARY 2024</b>	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Stay and Read, <b>Year 1 2.45-3.10 pm</b> . Parents come into class to read with their child or small group of children. All very welcome.
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Phonics Workshop for <b>Reception</b> parents, crèche provided, <b>3.30pm</b>
w/c Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>E-SAFETY WEEK</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day with Assembly & training for pupils
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	FROG / PTA Bake Sale, <b>3.15pm</b> . Donations welcome!
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sponsored Spell Words given out

***HALF TERM: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023***

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Shrove Tuesday Assembly in school, pupils only
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	SEN/Inclusion team Drop-In, <b>8.50-9.30am</b> . If you have something you would like to discuss with our specialist team, do drop by for coffee.

<b>MARCH 2024</b>	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Phonics Workshop, <b>3.30-4.15pm</b>
Week of Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BOOK WEEK</b>



Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day - non-uniform Day, children dress as their favourite character, donations for charity
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Open Evening, 4.30-5.30pm for children due to start September 2023
<i>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Mother's Day – diary note only</i>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
Week of 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SCIENCE WEEK</b>
Week of 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Parent-Teacher Consultations time tba nearer the time</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Open Evening, <b>4.30-5.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> TBC</b>	<b>Great Fire of London Workshop for Year 2</b>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Stay and Read, Year 1 <b>2.45-3.10pm</b> . Parents come into class to read with their child or small group of children. All very welcome.
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Stay and Read, Year 2 <b>2.45-3.10pm</b> . Parents come into class to read with their child or small group of children. All very welcome.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Holi Assembly, Hindu Festival of Colours, pupils only
w/c Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Activities throughout school
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Assembly in school, pupils only
Week of 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations, <b>times tbc</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> TBC</b>	<b>FROG / PTA Easter Stay and Play, 3.30-4.30pm</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Bonnet Parade, whole school, pupils only
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term, school closes 2pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term – finish at 2pm

**EASTER HOLIDAY: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

<b>APRIL 2024</b>	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Week of the 15 <sup>th</sup>	MATHS WEEK
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> DATE TBC	Eid-al-Fitr Assembly in school, pupils only
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> TBC	Year 2 trip to RSPB Rye Meads – 2 x classes
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> TBC	Year 2 trip to RSPB Rye Meads – 1 x class
<b>w/c Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – to be booked</b>	<b>Living Chicks Project</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> - TBC	<b>M&amp;M Production of The Jungle Book followed by workshop. Arrive 12:45 for set up, show time at 1.30pm</b>
w/c 29 <sup>th</sup> w/c 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1, Class visits to Sishes Wood, each class to be confirmed MATHS WEEK INCLUDING POTENTIAL WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS TBC

<b>MAY 2024</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY
w/c May 13 <sup>th</sup>	BIG WRITE
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Stay and Read, Year 1, <b>2.45-3.10pm</b> . Parents come into class to read with their child or small group of children. All very welcome.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Buddha's Birthday Assembly
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Stay and Read, Year 2, <b>2.45-3.10pm</b> . Parents come into class to read with their child or small group of children. All very welcome.

**HALF TERM: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

<b>JUNE 2024</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET DAY
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Week 10 <sup>th</sup> June	MONEY WEEK
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Summer Concert, Barn Owl, <b>9.15am</b>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Summer Concert, Tawny Owl, <b>9.15am</b>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Summer Concert, Snowy Owl, <b>9.15am</b>
<i>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Fathers Day – diary note</i>
<b>TBC Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Circus Workshops and Assembly date tbc</b>

TBC Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	SEN/Inclusion team Drop-In, <b>8.50-9.30am</b> . If you have something you would like to discuss with our specialist team, do drop by for coffee.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photograph Day with Kittle
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Open Evening and Book Fair, 5.30-7.00pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NURSERY CLOSED TO ALL CURRENT CHILDREN</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Big Cats Summer Concert, <b>2.30pm</b>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Walker Bears Summer Concert, <b>1.30pm</b>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Red Foxes Summer Concert, <b>2.30pm</b>

JULY 2024	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	INSET DAY
Week of 1 <sup>st</sup>	Olympic Presentations
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Inco Coffee morning
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> TBC	FROG Bake Sale 3.15 – donations welcome!
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day practice
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Date TBC	ARK Farm Visit (Reception classes)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day in morning
TBC Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Walton on Naze trip – date to be confirmed, dependent on tides
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Moving Up Day
TBC Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sports for Schools Athlete visit
Friday July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Pirate Day
W/C 15 <sup>th</sup> July	ONE WORLD WEEK
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> TBC	FROG / PTA Nursery Bedtime Stories
TBC Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Indian Dance Workshop
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
TBC Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Drumming workshop
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Class Parties
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Puffins Leavers Assembly – <b>9.15am</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pelicans Leavers Assembly – <b>10.15am</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Penguins Leavers Assembly – <b>9.15am</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day of term – finish at 2pm



**TERM DATES 2023-24**

**Autumn Term: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Children return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**[Half Term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023]**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Children return to school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 OCCASIONAL Day SCHOOL CLOSED**

**School finishes on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**

**[Christmas Holidays: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024]**

**Children return to school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Spring Term: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**[Half term: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024]**

**Children return to school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**School finishes on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm**

**[Easter Holidays: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024]**

**Children return to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Summer Term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED**  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Bank Holiday SCHOOL CLOSED**

**[Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024]**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Children return to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 INSET Day SCHOOL CLOSED**

**School finishes on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 2.00pm**

