

Term 5 – 17th May 2024

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I would like to say a huge well done to all of the Year 6 children, who have sat their SATS this week. These tests are more challenging than many people realise! I am proud to say that the children coped incredibly well with all of the tests, remaining calm and focussed throughout. It was evident to all the adults that were involved, including two of our governors, that the children tried their absolute best, whatever their ability, and that is all we can ask. Well done Year 6! They are all looking forward to a very different week next week when the majority will be attending the Year 6 residential trip to Bawdsley Manor in Suffolk. Even those not attending have a more relaxed week that will include a range of fun activities back at school.

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

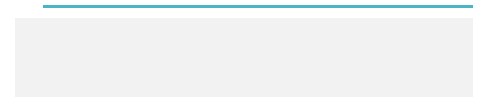
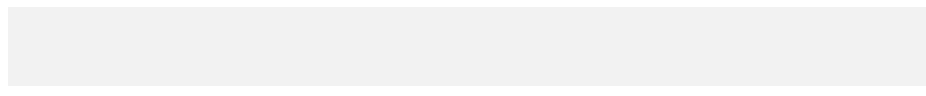
23 rd May	End of Term 5
24 th May	Staff Training Day
3 rd June	Start of Term 6
5 th June	Walk In Wednesday
7 th June	Non-uniform day
14 th June	Tea on the Field and Summer Fair
28 th June	Sports Day (KS1 am KS2 pm)
3 rd July	Walk in Wednesday
12 th July	Leavers Disco – Yrs 5/6 5:00-6:30
15/16 July	Yr 6 Production 6pm
19 th July	End of Term 6
22/23 July	Staff Training Days



Understanding Worries



On Tuesday 14th May in Toucan Class, we carried out a workshop all about understanding our worries and other feelings. We thought about what happens to our bodies when we are worried, angry and sad. We also explored what we can do to help our mental health and practised different calming strategies that we could use to help us.



Supermarket vouchers for those eligible for Free School Meals

Supermarket vouchers will automatically be sent to all eligible families on 23rd June. Each child will be eligible for a voucher worth £10.

Online Parent Workshops from the Emotional Wellbeing Teams

Just a reminder that the Emotional Wellbeing/Support Team will be facilitating an online parent workshop on Understanding Anxiety on Thursday 23rd May, 5.30-7.30pm. Please see attached flyer for more information

Wide Eyes Falconry – Open Day Saturday 18th May

Please see attached flyer for further information

Class Assemblies – Terms 5 and 6

Class assemblies will be performed at 9:05am in the school hall.
Dates are as follows:

20 th June	Parrot Class
27 th June	Robin Class
4 th July	Kingfisher Class
11 th July	Toucan Class
18 th July	Duckling Class
19 th July (2pm)	Falcon Class Leavers Assembly

School Hours Change – from Monday 3rd June (start of term 6)

I have had a number of parents ask me when the change to school hours begins – it will be from the start of term 6 i.e. Monday 3rd June. Please see details below to further clarify.

Further to the information sent to parents on 3rd January about adjusting school hours to 32.5 hours per week in line with DFE expectations, it has now been confirmed that from the start of term 6, i.e. 3rd June the following will apply:

- The start of the school day for **all** pupils will be 8:45am, with the school gate opening from 8:35am. Children will be marked as late if they are not in school at that time.
- The end of the school day for pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2 will be 3:15pm.
- The end of the school day for pupils in Year R will be 3:05pm, as it is currently.

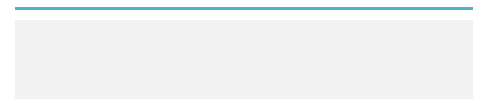
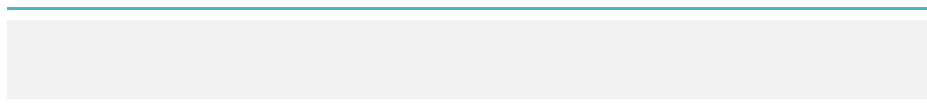
PTFA updates:

Raffle tickets for summer fair draw

Our ever-popular summer fair raffle is back and is bigger and better than ever! Children were given an envelope containing raffle tickets today (Friday) and in the envelopes is also a prize list to show what could be won.

Please return the completed ticket stubs and cash to the school office before the draw takes place on Friday 14th June 2024 @ 4pm.

Non-uniform day 7th June



There will be a non-uniform day on 7th June, and we're kindly asking for donations towards our bottle tombola and sports tombola at the summer fair. The bottle tombola is hopefully pretty self-explanatory, but we do love it when you're creative with your bottle donations! A donation for the sports tombola can be any kind of active equipment that gets people moving - Skipping ropes, beach balls, hula hoops, bubble guns.... please do use your imagination. While this is a couple of few weeks away, we wanted to give plenty of notice to allow donations for one or both tombolas to be sourced. Thank you as always for your support.

Summer fair - 14th June

We're excited to be planning for the summer fair next month. If anyone is able to volunteer to run a stall please do get in touch, we can only run these events with your help.

We've bought raffle tickets to soon start selling, for our big draw at the summer fair. We have some fantastic prizes already but if anyone is able to arrange a prize then we'd love to hear from you at hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk.

Godinton House – Half term activities

Please see attached flyer for more information

Quiz Trails - A healthy walk - educational for primary age children- low-cost - learning local history!

Please see attached flyer for more information

1. Quiz Trails are created by us, a Mum and two daughters. They are educational - a great way of sharing local history which comes under the requirements of the National Curriculum. Healthy, an outdoors walk exploring and a break from digital.
2. We are an Approved Activity by the Children's University. Quiz Trails have clues for adults PLUS an extra set of clues for children - aimed at 5 to 11 year olds. Learning outside school plays a vital role in helping children's development as young learners, confident individuals, and responsible citizens - as well as being vital to their wider well-being.
3. We are also a CIC - a Community Interest Company. We're approved by the HMRC as a business whereby profits go back into the community rather than private shareholders. We deliberately keep our trails low-cost so that a family can spend many hours having fun together and achieving for a very low cost. Only one copy is needed as they're made for sharing.

Term Dates 2024/25

Please find below the term dates for the next academic year:

Term 1

Tuesday 3rd September – Thursday 24th October

Staff Development Days - Monday 2nd September and Friday 25th October

Term 2

Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December

Term 3

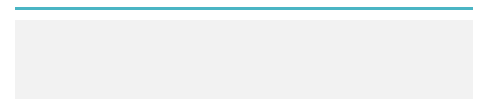
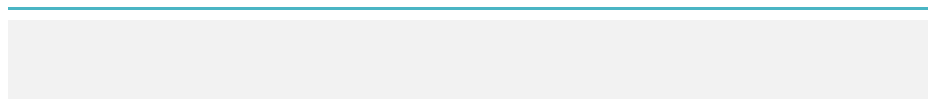
Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February

Term 4

Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

Term 5

Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May



Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May

Term 6

Tuesday 3rd June – Friday 18th July

Staff Development Days – Monday 2nd June, Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July

