

Term 4 – 28th February 2025

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I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break.

You should have received your child's interim report via Arbor today. If you have any problems accessing this, please let us know and we will be able to print a copy off for you. The report will provide a basis for discussions at Parent's evening appointments next week.

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

World Book Day- Thursday 6th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day with our annual fancy dress parade! Please come to school dressed as your favourite book character. On this day, we welcome parents to come into school with your child and join us on the bottom playground for our parade. Prizes will be awarded to the best dressed boy and girl in each class.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Vouchers will be issued directly to eligible families i.e. for children entitled to free school meals on 12th March, via email, for the Easter Holidays. Further information can be found here:

Parents HAF Programme Page:

<https://www.theeducationpeople.org/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-kent-haf/welcome-information-for-families/>

How to use your EVouchers guide:

<https://help.holidayactivities.com/hc/en-gb/sections/12061341995153-Parent>

Egerton Holiday Camp – please see attached flyer

Our holiday camps, are designed to provide children with a fun, active, and engaging experience during the school break. With a range of exciting activities, it's a great way for children to stay active, learn new skills, and make lasting memories! To make this offer even more attractive, we're offering 10% off all bookings with the code EXTRA10 – valid until 9th March.

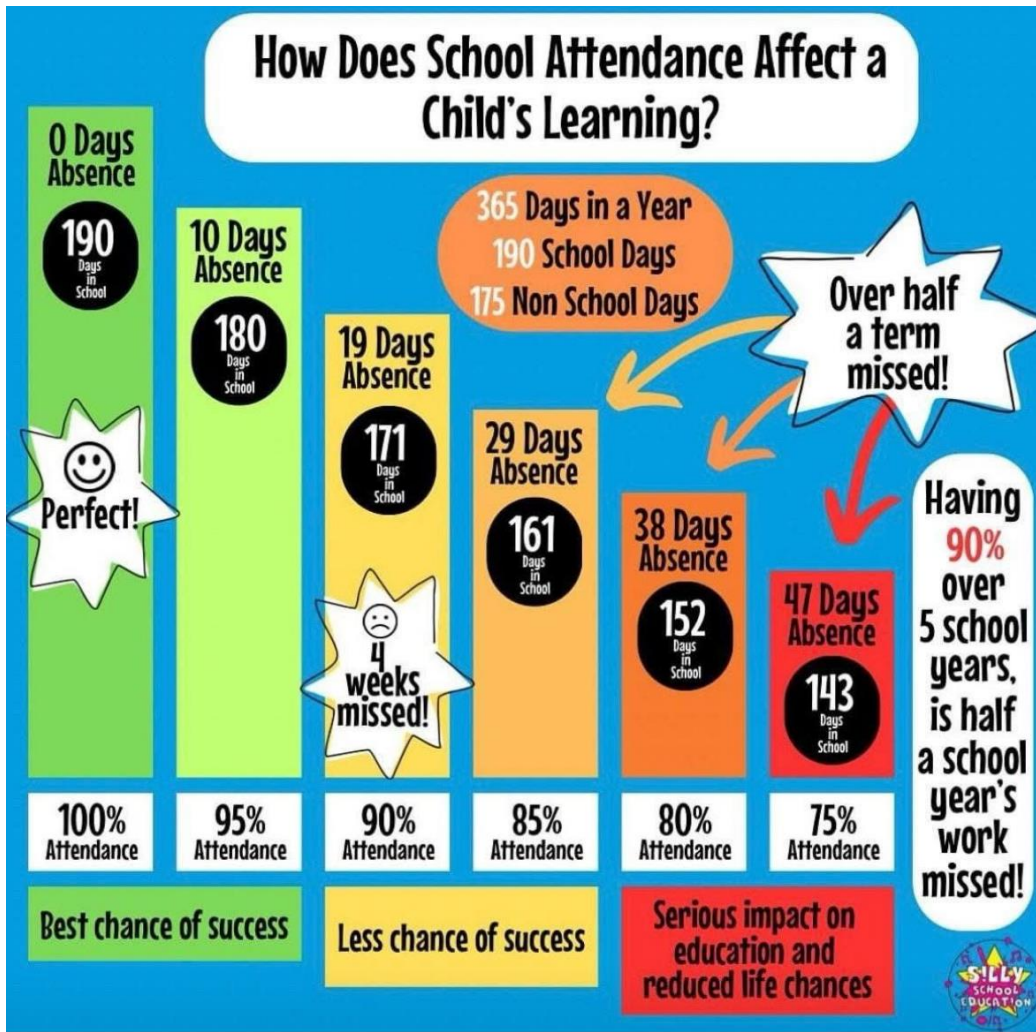
Additionally, we are offering an early drop-off option at 8:30 AM provide more flexibility for working parents.

Parents can find all the details and book online at <https://www.teamthemekent.co.uk/holiday-camps> .

Upcoming Events

28 th Feb	Interim reports to Parents
4 th March	Parents Eve 5-7:30pm
5 th March	Parents Eve 3:30-6:00pm
6 th March	World Book Day
21 st March	Spring Disco Yr R-3 3:15 - 4:15pm Yr4-6 4:30 – 5:45pm
4 th April	Easter Service at the Church 9:15am
4 th April	End of Term 4
22 nd April	Start of Term 5
5 th May	Bank Holiday
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12 th May	Year 6 SATS
23 rd May	End of Term 5

Attendance



Your child's interim report provides information about their current attendance. This diagram helps to explain the impact of missing days at school on a child's learning.

Pilgrims Hospice Easter community events

Join us as we celebrate the arrival of spring with two new exciting community events.

Time for the children within our local community to have some fun with our "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" event, held on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th April at the Ashford International Hotel.

Pancakes, sauces, sprinkles and a drink, a small gift from the Easter Bunny, and, of course, a delicious Easter Egg.

Maria Smith, a local florist, is running an Easter Wreath Workshop on Tuesday 15th April, two sessions, 2pm til 4.30pm and 6pm til 8.30pm in the Judith Webb Rooms, part of Ashford School.

Both events will have limited places and booking is essential.

Time for the community to celebrate, make some memories and raise vital funds for our families here at Pilgrims.

Contact 01233 504111 to book, £15 per child for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and £50 for a place on the wreath workshop.

Easter school holiday fun for 4 – 12-year-olds! See attached flyer

Premier Football School are delighted to announce they are running a kids football camp in Ashford during the forthcoming Easter break, taking place at The North School from Monday 7th – Wednesday 9th April, for boys and girls aged 4 - 12 of all abilities. Parents simply drop-off at 10.00am and pick up at 3.30pm. The fee is just £13 per day and all children receive a trophy! Activities include a kids World Cup tournament and a penalty shootout competition with prizes! We are a non-elitist grass roots organisation, and children play in groups according to their age and abilities in a fun safe environment. Should you wish to book, please visit www.premierfootballschool.co.uk or call 07821 573837.

Family Traveller Show – see attached flyer

We would like to offer your school families a unique opportunity to join us at the Allianz Stadium Twickenham, to experience the ultimate day out for all the family. The event is taking place on the weekend of March 22nd & 23rd. The stadium is well connected with plenty of FREE parking available onsite or a short walk from local rail and bus connections.

Once inside there are multiple free activities to enjoy: climbing walls, parkour, crazy golf, surf simulators, ice hockey, football skill classes and stargazing.

Rugby-loving boys and girls will have the unique chance to play inside the home of England Rugby thanks to exclusive pitch-side training sessions with Harlequins coaches.

There will even be the chance to ride on an epic zipline across the stadium – the first time this has ever been open to the public at Allianz Stadium, Twickenham! As well as an abseil off the top of the stadium (*extra charge for these two activities)

Travel experts will be on hand throughout the day to plan your dream family getaway. There will be the chance to win amazing competitions worth £10,000s as well as incredible offers exclusively available at the show.

Tickets for this event are priced at £55 for a family ticket (2 x adults & 2 x kids) but we would like to offer your school families the opportunity to join us for just £10 per family ticket. A huge 80% discount.

Class Assemblies – Terms 3 and 4

Class assemblies will be performed at 9:00am in the school hall.

Dates are as follows:

7th March

Parrot Class

Please note date change due to World Book Day.

13th March

Kingfisher Class

27th March

Toucan Class

Term Dates 2025/26

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

Term 1

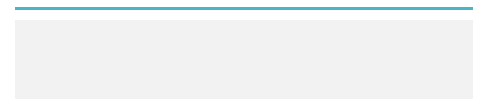
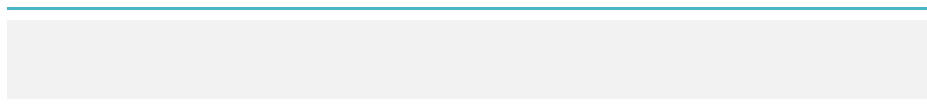
Tuesday 2nd September – Thursday 16th October

Staff Development Days - Monday 1st September and Friday 17th October

Term 2

Monday 27th October – Friday 19th December

Term 3



Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February

Term 4

Monday 23rd February – Thursday 2nd April

Term 5

Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May

Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

Term 6

Tuesday 2nd June – Friday 17th July

Staff Development Days – Monday 1st June, Monday 20th July and Tuesday 21st July

PTFA Updates

Minecraft movie - exclusive cinema screening 6th April 2025

We're excited to have secured the Silver Screen cinema in Folkestone for another PTFA exclusive film screening. "A Minecraft Movie" releases early April 2025 and we have the whole cinema to ourselves on Sunday 6th April at 10am for an exclusive screening for our school community.

Family and friends are welcome so spread the word! Tickets can be booked via our online shop <https://mersham-school-pta-1.sumupstore.com> and you can preorder one of our Minecraft sweet cones there too.

Spring disco 21st March 2025

Please don't forget to book tickets for the disco. It's really helpful for planning if we can see attendee numbers earlier.

Pre-buying a ticket for your child is essential if they want to attend. Tickets are available to buy via our online shop <https://mersham-school-pta-1.sumupstore.com>

These events cannot run without volunteers - if you're able to help at either disco please get in touch via WhatsApp, via Facebook or by emailing hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk

Book fair - a big THANK YOU

Thank you to the PTFA volunteers at the book fair this week and before half term. It's really appreciated that so many different people supported this.

Thanks to everyone that bought items too. We're excited to find out how much the school will get to spend on books as a result of your sales.

Pre-loved uniform

We have HUGE stocks of pre-loved uniform available so please do consider this if you need to replace anything. This includes stocks of grey trousers and skirts as well as items displaying the school logo.

To find out more, please email preloved@mershamschoolpta.co.uk or Ms Tripp can forward on any requests to our lovely PTFA volunteers who look after pre-loved uniform stock.

