



Pupils of the Week

| | Betty Bee Award | Wilbur Woodpecker Award | Olive Owl Award | Samuel Squirrel Award |
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| Kingfishers | Alma | Ivy | Colby & Autumn | Lily |
| Jackdaws | -- | Hayden | Hattie | Charlie |
| Ospreys | Joseph | Xander | Macey | Gwimmy |

Dear Parents

One more week of this term (well, four days to be exact) and then we will be into the favourite – the summer term. We are all looking forward to warmer weather, lighter evenings and as soon as the field is less like a swamp we will be using it for lunch play to enable more space to run and play.

We aim to get the children to the field for lunch play as much as we can but we obviously can't do this until all children have eaten their food. Therefore we are asking that if your child is a "slow-eater" that you could maybe, over the holidays, you encourage a bit more focus at mealtimes so that we can get the children organised more swiftly.

While we are talking about lunch, we are STILL having an awful lot of children saying they "don't like" what they have been given. To ensure that children have the energy to play and learn throughout the afternoon we will still be encouraging children to eat a fair proportion of what you have ordered, so please ensure that they know what you are ordering. We are always promoting minimising waste and the amount of food that children are rejecting is quite shocking. Remember you can change any meal choices on ParentPay anytime up to the Sunday before the week the meals are booked for, therefore we would not expect requests on the day to change a meal selection.

Water bottles will be ESSENTIAL for the summer term as we take them out to play every break time. In the summer the children should be drinking enough WATER to keep them hydrated, so I would again ask you if you could get your children used to drinking water. We should not really have squash in the water bottles as this is not promoting good lifetime habits.

A reminder also that jewellery is NOT permitted in school; pierced studs for the ears being the only exceptions. Over the last week I have seen friendship bands, necklaces, beads and over-the-top hair pieces! Secondary school policies often state that children will be sent home if their uniform is not following policy and we need to prepare children for the fact that rules are rules and will be enforced. Nail varnish and fake nails are also NOT ALLOWED in school. By all means children should be allowed these extras in the holidays, at weekends and for non-uniform days, but then removed for Monday morning.

On the last day of term (Thursday 28th March) we will allow the children a non-uniform day and will carry out our traditional Easter Egg Hunt in the afternoon. (Ospreys will do outdoor learning in the morning but please bring spare shoes to change into when we return at lunchtime). The PTFA have organised some competitions and raffles and these will be held from 3pm when the school playground will be opened up to all.

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PTFA Easter Raffle

These are the fantastic prizes to be won at our Easter event on the last day of term!

Please support our school PTFA raising money for our children!
Raffle tickets being sold every pick up in the playground until our draw on Thursday

Children's raffle tickets 50p

Adults raffle tickets £1



Diary Dates ... March

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| Tues 26 th | Y3-Y6 Swimming & Tennis – parents to collect 3.15pm |
| Wed 27 th | PTFA Competition entries to class |
| Thurs 28 th | Ospreys Outdoor Learning (morning) |
| Thurs 28 th | PTFA EASTER EVENTS – parents welcome from 3pm in the playground CAKE SALE LAST DAY OF TERM |
| Fri 29 th | BANK HOLIDAY – Good Friday |

REMINDERS

MORNING ROUTINE

First thing in the morning is the time when teachers and teaching assistants are communicating the plans for the day and children are organising themselves for their learning.

Parents are not permitted to enter the cloakrooms or classroom

At 8.50am a member of staff will be on duty, therefore we would like parents to please leave as soon as their child has entered the school site, so staff and children can get on with preparing themselves for the day.

If you need to pass information on to the class teacher, talk with the staff on duty on the gate or there are message slips in the front office which will be sent around to the class. Alternatively you can catch the class teacher after school.

School Uniform

The school uniform is as follows:

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| School Sweatshirts or Cardigans | - | Royal blue with embroidered school name |
| Shirts/blouses | - | White tailored style or white polo shirts |
| Trousers/skirts | - | Grey or black |
| P.E. | - | Black shorts or black short leggings or black joggers/leggings for winter |
| | - | Royal blue T-shirt |
| Summer Dresses | - | Royal blue gingham |
| Shorts | - | <u>Tailored</u> grey or black |
| Shoes | - | Black shoes (not trainers) Sandals in the summer (enclosed toe) |

In the interests of safety, dangling earrings and jewellery are not permitted.

All children should have trainers which will be used for both indoor and outdoor PE and a draw-string bag in which to keep their PE kit.

School Diary Dates

Our forthcoming events and diary dates are on our website listed in the *News & Events* section.

More specific details can be viewed online by clicking on the relevant event,

this will then display the letter content or additional information

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Monday 1st April – Friday 12th April - Spring Break

MONDAY 15th APRIL – NON PUPIL DAY

| April | |
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| Mon 15th | Non-pupil day – Staff training |
| Tues 16th | Summer term begins for pupils |
| Thurs 25th | Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch) |
| May | |
| Thurs 2nd | Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch) |
| Mon 6th | SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY |
| Thurs 9th | Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch) |
| Fri 10th | Non-uniform day – in exchange for a donation (PTFA) |
| Mon 13th – Thurs 16th | Y6 SATS |
| Thurs 16th | Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch) |
| Fri 17th | PTFA Bingo – Hills Farm |
| Wed 22nd | Y3-Y6 National Parks Trip – arrive at school 8.50am / collection 5.00pm |
| Thurs 23rd | Jackdaws Outdoor Learning (after lunch) |
| Fri 24th | PTFA Break the Rules Day |
| Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May - Half Term | |
| June | |
| Thurs 13th | Y3-Y4 Sing Your Heart Out – PACKED LUNCH - parents to transport |
| Thurs 13th | Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch) |
| Tues 18th | Class Photographs (afternoon) |
| Wed 19th | Y5-Y6 Residential – PACKED LUNCH |
| Thurs 20th | Y5-Y6 Residential |
| Thurs 20th | Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch) |
| Fri 21st | Y5-Y6 Residential |
| Mon 24th | Y5 STEM DAY |
| Thurs 27th | Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch) |
| Thurs 27th | Y6 Woodroffe Transition Day |
| July | |
| Mon 1st | PTFA Whole School & Nursery Annual Trip – PACKED LUNCH |
| Wed 3rd | Y6 Axe Valley Academy Transition Day |
| Thurs 4th | Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch) |
| Thurs 11th | Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch) |
| Tues 23rd | Last day of term Whole School Picnic – PACKED LUNCH |

24th July start of Summer Holidays

Pupils return on Thursday 5th September 2024 – Autumn Term