

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children are now settled into the routine of the new term. Our website is updated regularly with key diary events including coffee mornings, class assemblies and trips, news and community information. Term dates can be found on the back of the fortnightly newsletter to help you plan ahead for holidays. If you have suggestions or comments, our school office has a parent comment box that can be used to share your thoughts.

Last week, we were delighted to welcome 30 trainee teachers from London Metropolitan University for a morning of observation and professional learning. As part of our long-standing partnership with the university, we are fortunate to host trainee teachers each year, giving them the opportunity to see excellent teaching in action and gain a deeper understanding of the rewarding role of a teacher. Our visitors spent the morning observing lessons, learning from our staff and experiencing the welcoming, inclusive atmosphere of our school. We were thrilled to receive so many lovely comments as they left. We are proud to support the next generation of teachers!

This week we welcomed significant males into school to learn alongside children. A big thank you to those who came along! There are also special days for significant female family members and grandparents later in the year as well as our International Evening in October to look forward to. During their time with us, children will learn about a range of local and global historical events, as well as about different cultures and religions. We aim to provide children with lots of meaningful, creative, and inspiring educational opportunities, which, with your support, will ensure they become enthusiastic lifelong learners.

Physical activity in school is very important and we aim to provide a range of opportunities for structured physical games at playtime, and a range of physical activity curriculum clubs after school in addition to designated weekly PE lessons. PE days were shared on the curriculum newsletters. Please take note in particular of PE days. We have a PE kit that we expect children to wear which will need to be brought into school on these days. One of the reasons that children are asked to change into their PE kit at school is for hygiene purposes. For example, the children learn that when they exercise, they sweat, and it is good practice to not wear exercise clothes all day. Changing for PE in school also allows younger children to develop their independence and learn how to dress themselves. For example, putting jumpers on, managing buttons, putting shoes on, and tying up laces.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Reminders

PE Kit

Please ensure children have the correct PE kit to take part in physical activity learning.



Packed Lunches

We are committed to healthy lunches.

If your child does bring a packed lunch, this must contain healthy options. Please do not include chocolate bars, crisps or biscuits.



Kipper's Birthday

This week, EYFS children enjoyed reading Kipper's Birthday and learning about birthday celebrations. To celebrate the story, the children worked together to bake a Victoria sponge cake. They mixed, measured and decorated the cake while developing their teamwork and practical skills.



St Paul's Cathedral

Year 2 had an amazing trip to St Paul's Cathedral as part of their Great Fire of London topic. They got to act out different parts of this fascinating historical event and learn more about how the fire affected London. They also explored the architecture, discovering how it looked before and after the Great Fire.



Sports Inspired Festival

This week, children in Year 3 had a fantastic time at the Sports Inspired Festival. They had the opportunity to try a range of new sports, including taekwondo, wheelchair basketball and cricket. They worked together in teams and showed determination throughout the day, coming in first place with a trophy!





Science Club

The Crest Award Scientists began their investigations finding out how birds make their nests and exploring whether they have the skills to build nests as skilfully as they do! They had fun observing different nest-building techniques and putting their own creativity and problem-solving skills to the test.



Significant Male Morning

This week we were delighted to welcome family members who are significant in their lives. They were challenged with a series of tasks designed to test their skills and were able to work in teams with the children. It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome parents into the classroom!



Key Dates

Year 4 Lilac Class Assembly

Wednesday 30th September at 9:15am - Middle Hall

Year 4 Carnation Class Assembly

Wednesday 30th September at 9:15am - Top Hall

Year 5 Foxglove Assembly

Wednesday 7th October at 9:15am - Middle Hall

Year 5 Orchid Class Assembly

Wednesday 7th October at 9:15am - Top Hall

World Week

wb Monday 12th October

Traditional / Cultural Dress Day

Thursday 15th October

International Evening

Thursday 15th October from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Democracy Day and School Council Elections

Friday 16th October

Break up for the half term holiday

Friday 23rd October at 3:30pm

Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Middle or Lower Hall at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Date	Focus
Friday 9 th October	<u>Culture</u> : How does World Week develop a sense of belonging? (Children can attend this coffee morning)

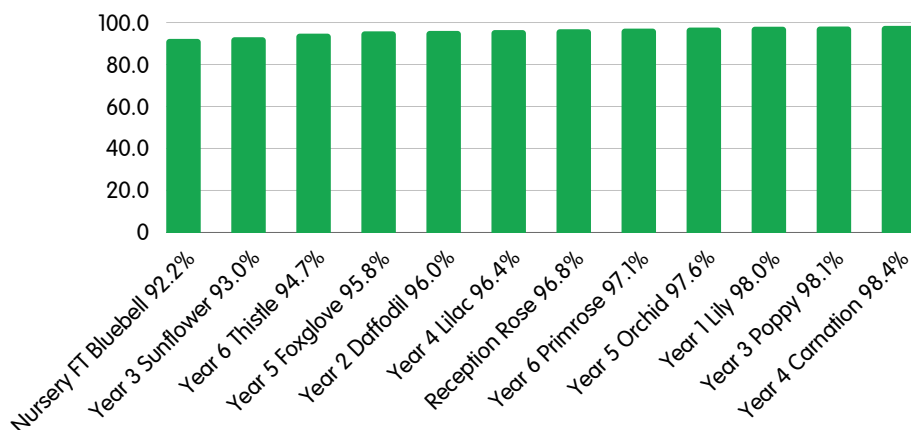
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 89.4%

Well done to Year 4 Carnation Class, last week's winners with 98.4%

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



Term End and Start

The first half of the autumn term ends on Friday 23rd October at 3:30pm. Please scan the QR code to view our 2026 -2027 term dates.



School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



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