



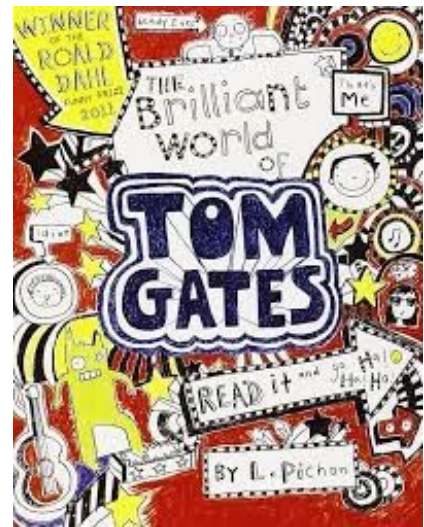
St Anne's CE Primary School & Nursery

NEWSLETTER



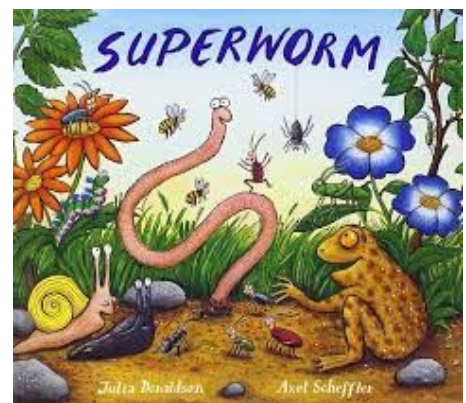
Reading Ambassadors

The Reading Ambassadors have met with Mrs Binks twice and have started to run a book of the month programme across school. The first two books have been chosen and a beautiful display has been created in the Main Hall. The books chosen are for KS1 is Superworm and for KS2 is The Brilliant World of Tom Gates.



Children across school are completing reading surveys and a parent questionnaire will be circulated to you next week, for your views on reading for pleasure.

The Reading Ambassadors are excited to announce that work has started on developing our new reading shed which is coming soon and will be enjoyed by all children across school!



EYFS need your help. In Nursery and Reception, we are looking at a new Reading Scheme called Dialogic Reading. In order for us to do this, we need the following story books. If you have any of these stories at home and would like to donate them to us, we would really appreciate it. The more copies we have the better as we can use them in our Reading Areas, Outdoor Reading Shed and Library.

Thank you





Applications for Primary School

Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent or carer for your child.

If your child's birthday falls between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 your child will start Reception at an infant or primary school in September 2024.

You must make an application for your child's school place as there is no automatic transfer from nursery school to primary school (Reception intake).

Applications can be made online at <https://ow.ly/5zfG50QnMSt> or by calling 03000 265 896 to request a paper copy.

The deadline for applying for a primary school place is:

Monday 15 January 2024.





On Thursday 18 January 2024, Chartwell's will be offering their first special menu day of 2024. Children will be able to choose from either pizza or meatballs in tomato sauce. Children who take packed lunch will be allowed to take part in this special menu by completing the online form below no later than 10am on Tuesday 16 January.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwC9zQV710DaoXetIMypAqIWWWhOxSc4LrXKsfr_TmHydKGWg/viewform

The cost for meals taken, will then be added to Arbor.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Stars of the Week awarded on 12 January 2024

Reception Star of the Week	Louie for trying hard all week during carpet sessions
Year 1 Citizen Award	Robin
Year 1 Maths Award	Amara
Year 1 English Award	Theo
Year 2 Citizen Award	Felix
Year 2 Maths Award	Rufus
Year 2 English Award	Niamh



Stars of the Week awarded on 12 January 2024

Year 5 Citizen Award	Joe
Year 5 Maths Award	Lily
Year 5 English Award	Pippa
Year 6 Citizen Award	Emily
Year 6 Maths Award	Jenson
Year 6 English Award	Aiden





HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A BIG WELCOME BACK TO CHILDREN AND TEACHERS. WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE FESTIVITIES – HO HO HO – AND FEEL FRESH AND RARING TO GO GO GO!

With the start of a new school term comes the excitement of our new theme days. Kicking things off is **Pizza the Action** on 18th January, so join us for a slice of fun. We have pancakes with yummy toppings for **Pancake Day**, delicious oriental dishes to celebrate **Chinese New Year**, plus a brilliantly bookish menu for **World Book Day**.

[See theme day menus](#) 



BEE READY FOR THE BEES



WE NEED TO HELP THE HIBERNATING BUMBLEBEES WHEN THEY EMERGE IN THE SPRING

Bumblebees that have been hibernating during the winter months use up important reserves of energy, stored as fat in their bodies. Once temperatures rise, bees emerge and need to feed on nectar from flowers to gain energy.

Look out for our 3D poster competition, where children can **WIN** a flower garden starter kit for their classroom!



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

YOUR FEEDBACK HELPS SHAPE EVERYTHING WE DO AT CHARTWELLS

Our mission is to make sure we feed children delicious, nutritious food to help them get the most out of their day. Please share your thoughts by filling out our short survey.

[Complete the survey](#) 



It's party time...!



Valentine Disco 2024

Wednesday 14 February

With Rob Proud Disco, Games & Dancing

EYFS & Key Stage 1: 4.30pm--5.30pm

Key Stage 2: 5.45pm--6.45pm

£3.00 per ticket including juice. Available at the Main Entrance on Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 February

**NOTE TO PARENTS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SCHOOL DISCO
TO SIGN UP AT MAIN ENTRANCE**

Please note: there will be an opportunity for the children to purchase refreshments and goodies from the Tuck Shop during the disco



Head Teacher: Mrs S Binks

Minds to learn hearts to care.



Safeguarding Training/information for Parents

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>

Medication in school

Polite reminder that children should not have medication in their bags. All medication must be handed to the Office and the relevant form completed.

Breakfast Club

Could we please remind everyone attending breakfast club that the last entry is **8.30am**.

Names on clothing

We regularly have items of clothing which are lost around school. To help us identify who the clothing belongs to and return items to their rightful owners, could we please ask that all items of clothing are labelled with either your child's name or initials.

Smart watches

A number of our children were bought Smart watches for Christmas. Whilst these are wonderful gifts, they can only be worn in school if they do not have a camera and/or games facilities.

Mobile phones

Reminder that children who bring mobile phones to school, should hand them to the Office, switched off. They can be collected from the Office at the end of the day.

Leaving children at gate

Polite reminder that children should be encouraged to walk onto the yard each morning on their own. The main gate and the yard are supervised by members of staff.

Polite reminder that children who have vomited or have had diarrhoea should remain off school for 48 hours from the last episode. This is to ensure your child is fully fit before returning to school and also to help stop the spread of illness to children and staff. Thank you





Parking

Could we please ask you to consider our neighbours when parking your car outside of school. On a number of occasions ,drive ways have been blocked.

Absence reporting

Polite reminder that all absences and medical appointments should be reported to the Office by telephone on 01388 603359 each day.

Medical appointments

We have a large number of children leaving school early each day for medical appointments. Whilst we understand the difficulties in booking appointments, could we please ask that wherever possible appointments are made outside of school hours to limit disruption to your child's education. We will also be asking for evidence of medical appointments. This can be an appointment card, text etc.

Holiday requests

Polite reminder that all holiday requests must be made in advance, with forms available from the Office. Please be aware that only in exceptional circumstances will your request will be approved.

Earrings

Could we please remind you that earrings should be removed for PE lessons and where they cant be removed, they should be taped.

Reading books

We have a number of reading books being returned from home damaged or not being returned at all. Could we please ask that care is taken with any books taken home. Any lost or damaged books will be charged at £2.00 per book, to your child's Arbor account.



School holidays for the 2023/24 academic year

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Summer 2023	Friday 21 July 2023	Monday 4 September 2023
Autumn half-term 2023	Friday 27 October 2023	Monday 6 November 2023
Christmas 2023	Tuesday 19 December 2023	Wednesday 3 January 2024
Spring half-term 2024	Friday 16 February 2024	Monday 26 February 2024
Easter 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024	Monday 15 April 2024
May Day 2024	Friday 3 May 2024	Tuesday 7 May 2024
Summer half-term 2024	Friday 24 May 2024	Monday 3 June 2024
Summer 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024	Wednesday 4 September 2024

PD dates for 2023/24 are:

Monday 4 September 2023

Tuesday 5 September 2023

Friday 17 November 2023

Friday 24 May 2024

Friday 28 June 2024

On these dates school will be closed for all children.



January	February
1 Holiday	1
2 Holiday	2 Tuck shop/hot chocolate
3	3
4	4
5 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	5 Mental Health week
6	6
7	7 Safer Internet Day
8	8
9	9 Tuck shop/hot chocolate
10	10
11	11
12 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	12
13	13
14	14 Valentine Disco
15	15
16	16 Tuck shop/hot chocolate
17	17
18	18
19 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	19 Holiday
20	20 Holiday
21	21 Holiday
22	22 Holiday
23	23 Holiday
24	24
25	25
26 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	26 Fair Trade Fortnight
27	27
28	28
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- Fridges, washing machines, microwaves and other appliances
- Baby equipment (prams, cots, high chairs etc.)
- Also clothes, books, CDs, DVDs, shoes and accessories

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