19 January 2024



Thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff for our pizza the action day yesterday lunchtime. The children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed the pizza and pasta, with children saying it's the best pizza they've ever had!!!





Head Teacher: Mrs S Binks







Year 5 had an experimental art lesson this week creating explosion art in the style of Cai Guo-Qiang. This artist uses gunpowder to burn and create new art work.

Year 5 were given the opportunity to use paint, watercolour, scissors, colouring pencils and wax crayons.

Here are some of the creations that some of the children made.













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Stars of the Week awarded on 19 January 2024

Nursery Star of the Week	Ollie for being kind and helpful and an overall superstar!
Reception Star of the Week	Thomas for great phonics. Annielou for being a good friend
Year 1 Citizen Award	Hollie
Year 1 Maths Award	Rex
Year 1 English Award	Caelan
Year 2 Citizen Award	Millie
Year 2 Maths Award	Alex
Year 2 English Award	Lottie





Stars of the Week awarded on 12 January 2024

Year 3 Citizen Award	Nuala	
Year 3 Maths Award	Mack	
Year 3 English Award	Рорру S	
Year 4 Citizen Award	Kai	
Year 4 Maths Award	All of Year 4	
Year 4 English Award	Alexis	
Year 5 Citizen Award	Millie	
Year 5 Maths Award	Harry	
Year 5 English Award	Olivia	
Year 6 Citizen Award	Sam	
Year 6 Maths Award	Emily Bl	
Year 6 English Award	Max H	Great job!

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Safeguarding Training/information for Parents

https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/roblox-checklist-new.pdf

Road Safety

Could we please ask that extra care is given when parking outside of school. We have had reports from other motorists of some near misses and concerns raised over the safety of our children. We kindly ask that you consider other motorists as well as our neighbours. Thank you for your support

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.

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.

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.



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 Year 5 Hamsterley Forest
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 Pancake Day
14	14 Valentine Lunch 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 Reception & KS1 Rail Educa- tion Day	25
26 Tuck shop/hot chocolate	26 Fair Trade Fortnight
27	27
28	28
29	29
30	
31 KS2 Rail Education Day	





School holidays for the 2023/24 academic year

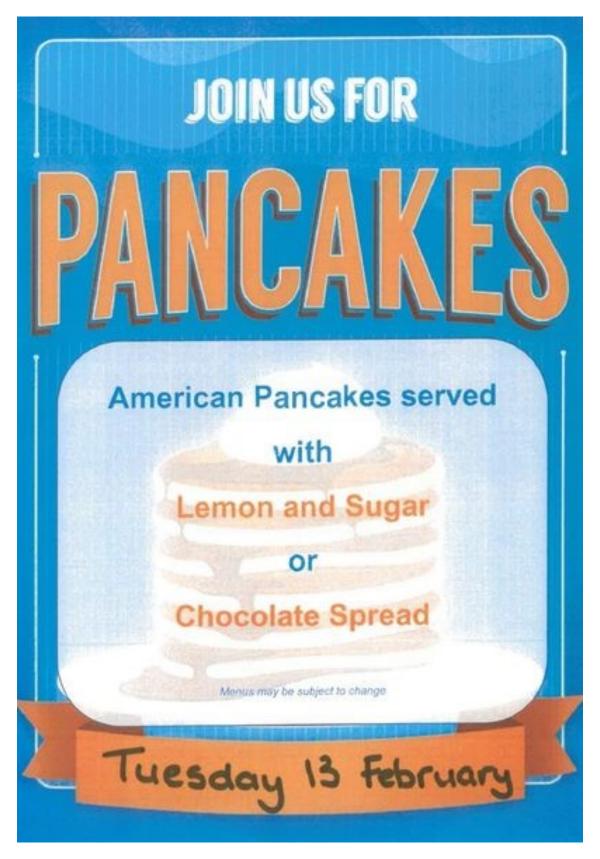
Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Summer 2023	Friday 21 July 2023	Monday 4 September 2023
Autumn half-term 2023	Friday 27 October 2023	Monday 6 November 2023
Christmas 2023	Tuesday 19 December 2023	Wednesday 3 January 2024
Spring half-term 2024	Friday 16 February 2024	Monday 26 February 2024
Easter 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.





On Tuesday 13 February children will enjoy pancakes as their dessert with their school lunch and a special Valentine themed menu on Wednesday 14 February



Menu

Romantic Roast Dinner Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Cupid's Cottage Pie Vegetarian Cottage Pie Just Me and You Jackets Jacket Potato

Cutie Cabbage Catch My Eye Carrots

Sweetie Pie Cornflake Tart with Custard

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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



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