

Dates for the diary

May

Wednesday 1st May

Class photos

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday Monday –
school closed

Wednesday 8th May

Tag Rugby competition - 12:30-
3pm

Thursday 9th May

School nurse drop in session

Monday 13th May

KS1 Quad Kids 10.30am-3pm

Monday 20th May

Rev Goodliff Assembly - 2.30pm

Wednesday 22nd May

Race for Life event

Friday 24th

Break up for half term

June

Monday 3rd June

Return to school

Friday 14th June

INSET Day - school closed

Monday 17th June

Reception artist visit

Thursday 27th June

Yr2 More able Lego Robotics
day

Friday 28th June

KS1 3 tee's cricket

July

Wednesday 3rd July

Gemma's Farm visit

Thursday 4th July

Gemma's Farm visit

Friday 5th July

KS1 NSPCC assembly 2.30pm

KS1 Borough sports

Monday 8th July

Rev Goodliff Assembly - 2.30pm

Friday 12th July

Village Green Festival

Wednesday 24th July

INSET DAY

Thursday 25th July

Summer holidays

Welcome back! The children have settled back into school well, I think the short four day week has definitely helped! I hope you had a lovely Easter break full of quality family time, especially with the glorious weather we had over the Bank Holiday weekend. We are looking forward to all the exciting activities we have planned for the remainder of the school year.

Miss Bowen leaves today to start her maternity leave. I am sure you will all like to join me in wishing Miss Bowen all the very best with the birth of her child. Mrs. Ali will be taking over in leading Peacock Class.

A reminder – we are concerned about the increased number of bikes and scooters being ridden on site. Please can we ask that they are walked through the school site. Thank you.

Sneak peek at our week

Year N - Nursery

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday.

The children have settled back into the Nursery routine quickly and we have been lucky to still have the sunny weather with us.

This week we have started our theme, 'Once Upon a Time' by starting off with our favourite stories. The children have been able to enjoy sharing stories independently as well as in large groups. The children have really enjoyed making their own stories, they have drawn their own pictures for each part of the story.

We have introduced Read, Write, Inc to all the Nursery children. Our sounds this week have been 'm' and 's'.

In Maths we have been looking at shapes in the environment and estimating amounts.

REMINDER: Class photos will be taken on Wednesday 1st May.

Nursery photos will be taken between 9.40am-9.50am. All afternoon children are welcome to be included in the photograph. Parents will need to bring their child to the main reception for 9.35am (Caterpillar) or 9.45am (Ladybird).

Year R - Reception

This week we have been learning about the life cycle of a Butterfly. We have been reading the book The Very Hungry Caterpillar to find out a little more.

In literacy we have been talking about the different stages of the life cycle, putting them in order and writing about each stage.

In Maths we have been learning to halve. We have been learning to halve shapes and colour in one half.

We have also been finding half of different numbers using cubes. To finish the week we are expecting the arrival of our own caterpillars which we will be able to watch eagerly as they go through the different stages until they turn into beautiful butterflies.

REMINDER: School Photographs Wednesday 1st May.

Due to school photographs can Owl class come in school uniform on Wednesday 1st May.

Outdoor Learning

Monday 29th April

Heron

Tuesday 30th April

Duck

Wednesday 1st May

Dragonfly

Thursday 2nd May

Frog

Friday 3rd May

Newt

Year 1

Our new theme for this half term is "All Creatures Great and Small". We have been looking at different information texts and non-chronological reports about animals and have started our "Talk for Writing" unit on butterflies. We have been focusing on their habitat, diet and how they stay safe from predators. In Maths, we have been looking at numbers to 100, we have partitioned them in different ways and focused on writing 2 digit numbers. In Science, we have begun to learn about the different groups of animals; mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and insects. We have been naming and classifying different animals and grouping them according to their features.

REMINDER: School photographs Wednesday 1st May. Due to school photographs can Dragonfly Class come in school uniform on Wednesday 1st May and bring their outdoor learning clothes to change into. The spelling passport has 6 weeks of spellings; the sixth week can be used as extra practice if you wish as it is a 5 week half term.

Year 2

This week we have started thinking about our new theme for the half term 'On Safari'. We have been enjoying reading and discussing the text 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett. In the story Sunny the Meerkat goes in search for a new home as he doesn't like living in the Kalahari Desert, on his adventures he sends home a postcard. In classes we have spent some time looking at the features of postcards and then imagined that Sunny visited Southend and what he might see and do in Southend. The children then wrote some fantastic postcards about Sunny's visit. In Maths this week we have been learning about money and have been making and finding totals of coins as well as applying our knowledge of money to calculating and problem solving. In the wildlife area this week we have been making simple observations of trees and flowering plants, looking at their different parts and measuring some leaves.

Class Photographs

Class photographs are on Wednesday 1st May. All children will be included in the class photograph unless parents indicate otherwise in writing to the school office.

Parents of Nursery pm session children should inform their Key Worker if they wish for their child to be included.

Polling Station

The school is **open as normal** on Thursday 2nd May. Please be aware that the Children's Centre will be used as a Polling Station so the main entrance may be busier than normal.

Weekly Attendance Award

Reception: Swan – 95.8% - **5th win**

Year 1: Newt – 98.3% **2nd win**

Year 2: Hedgehog – 98.8% **2nd win**



Dinner menu

Monday

R - Chargrilled chicken enchiladas with hand cut potato wedges
G - Ultimate mac & cheese
P - Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
Chopped house salad & sweetcorn
Pear & apple oaty crumble with custard

Tuesday

R - Farm assured British beef lasagne with garlic bread shard
G - Sweet potato & chickpea korma with citrus infused rice
P - Pasta with tomato & basil sauce
Seasonal shredded cabbage & carrots
Chocolate beetroot brownie

Wednesday

R - Honey glazed garlic & lemon infused British roast chicken, traditional gravy with roast potatoes.
G - Roasted aubergine & sweet cherry tomato moussaka
P - Wholemeal pasta with tomato & basil sauce

Wednesday continued...

Roasted seasonal root vegetables & garden peas
Raspberry ripple ice cream

Thursday

R - British cumberland sausages with bubble & squeak mash in a Yorkshire pudding with onion gravy
G - Green lentil & spinach dhal with coconut & lemon grass rice
P - Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
Broccoli & carrots
Traditional sultana sponge with custard

Friday

R - Battered cod & chips with tartar sauce
G - Mexican bean burger with lime yoghurt & salsa roja
P - Jacket potato with or cheddar cheese or salmon mayonnaise
Baked beans & garden peas
Maryland cookie