

Academy Newsletter

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Spring Term
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Welcome back! I hope you all managed to have a restful break over the Easter holidays. I cannot believe we are now in our final term of this academic year.

As you are aware, the updated guidance from the DfE outlining the changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings came into effect at the end of last term. As a reminder, children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can come back to school, when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. If your child is absent from school with any symptoms related to Covid-19 we will request that you take their temperature as this seems to be our only guide right now.

We are starting to advertise our class attendance figures again as we would love to be reaching a whole school attendance of 97% again. It was noted that there were a few absences at the end of last term and the beginning of this term, due to holidays. Whilst I understand that the last few years have affected plans of going abroad, particularly to see friends and family, I would politely request that we try to keep this to non-term time only.

We have many wonderful events planned for this term. Next week we have our jungle book day and a couple of classes will be visiting Scadbury Nature reserve.

We are also busy planning a Jubilee celebration, alongside the PTA, and will bring you more details of this next week.



Wishing you a lovely weekend. Enjoy the sunshine!



Jungle Book Day

On Monday 25th April we will be holding a Jungle Book Day. I have booked a theatre performance of 'The Jungle Book' for the afternoon and **we are encouraging the pupils to come to school dressed as a jungle animal for the cost of £1.** The performance will be brought to our Gym by M&M theatre company, who recently gave us a performance of 'Tom's Midnight Garden'. We are hoping this one will be just as entertaining. The Year 6 pupils will also get to see backstage with a workshop following the performance. Donations can be made through School Gateway.

Stars

Please note, when booking your child into stars, the cut off time is now 2pm, any sessions not booked in advance will incur an Ad-Hoc fee.



Seedlings Nursery

Places still available!

Please email the office for details and to secure your child's place





Grace – EYFS

Tinashe – Year 2

Grace K – Year 5

Attendance

Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children attend school regularly and on time.

The school year is made up of 190 days.

How much education has your child missed?

95% = 9.5 days

90% = 19 days

85% = 28.5 days

80% = 38 days

75% = 47.5 days

70% = 57 days



PE Uniform

We are seeing many different varieties of PE kit on the children's PE days. PE kit is now part of the Academy uniform and I must insist that children are wearing the correct PE kit on these days. Please make sure that your child is wearing a bottle green tracksuit with a gold t-shirt. Now the weather is getting warmer the children can wear green shorts. PE shoes should be plain black or white. If your child is wearing black trainers as part of their uniform, these should be completely black, with no logos or white soles. It is important that we take pride in our uniform and look as smart as possible.



Nursery	Lyela
EYFS	Ashanti
Year 1	Elise
Year 2	Louie
Year 3	Arihant
Year 4	Poppy
Year 5	Zachiah
Year 6	Kesinachi

Attendance

EYFS	88.33%
Year 1	90.18%
Year 2	88.33%
Year 3	93.75%
Year 4	95.76%
Year 5	93.38%
Year 6	94.84%
Whole School	91.64%

The winning class this week was Year 4 gaining 2 stars in the space race.

Unfortunately, no class won 1 star this week as they did not achieve over 97%.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Word Mania

Congratulations to Year 5, who participated in Word Mania 2022, where pupils from across the world battled it out to build over 103 million words. I am proud to announce that Year 5 came 2nd in the whole of the United Kingdom! Look at the results table below.

	WINNERS	2nd PLACE	3rd PLACE
YEAR 1	Broadclyst Community Primary School	Fir Ends Primary School	Monkerton Community Primary School
YEAR 2	Uxendon Manor	Fir Ends Primary School	St Bernard's Catholic Primary
YEAR 3	St Bernard's Catholic Primary	Salisbury Primary School	Paddock Junior Infant & Nursery School
YEAR 4	Bishopton Primary School	Southmead Primary School	St Bernard's Catholic Primary
YEAR 5	Simonside Primary School	St Peter And St Paul Catholic Primary Academy	Yeo Valley Primary School
YEAR 6	Uxendon Manor	Merchant Taylors' Prep	Littletown Primary Academy
YEAR 7	Bickley Park School	George Pindar School	Granville Academy
YEAR 8	Cardinal Allen Catholic High School	Amery Hill School	Shiplake College

Year 2 Scadbury Nature Reserve

On Wednesday, Year 2 enjoyed a walk along the Acorn Trail in Scadbury Park Nature Reserve, which surrounds our school. Scadbury Park provides a home to many plants, animals and ancient trees, which have been growing at Scadbury for hundreds of years. Whilst admiring the beautiful bluebells, young Ash, Birch, and 400 year old Oak trees, listening to the noisy green ring-necked parakeets and the occasional hammering of lesser spotted woodpeckers, the children took part in a litter pick. Any litter removed from a natural ecosystem helps wildlife and creates a better space for humans too. By doing our bit, we will ensure that this wonderful, natural space that we are privileged to have surrounding our school and homes, will continue to thrive in the future.



Diary Dates

Please note the lists of dates below are subject to change and we encourage you to look each week for any changes.
Amendments are in **Blue** and Cancellations are in **Red**.

Summer Term 1 2022

Monday 25 th April 2022	Jungle Book Day – dress as a jungle animal for £1 – Jungle Book Theatre Performance
Tuesday 26th April 2022	Harrison Queen's Platinum Jubilee Lunch
Friday 29 th April 2022	INSET Day – Non Pupil Day
Monday 2 nd May 2022	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 4 th May 2022	Crowning of Our Lady – Year 2 Parents Invited – More information to Follow
Thursday 5 th May 2022	Polling Day. Gym used as Polling station – Academy open
Monday 9 th May 2022	Start of Key Stage 2 SAT's week
Saturday 21 st May 2022	Year 3 and 4 Inter-Schools Cross Country
Thursday 26 th May 2022	Jubilee Celebration Day. Parents invited from 1:30pm. More information to follow. Last day of half term - Stars finish at 4.30pm.
Friday 27 th May 2022	May Replacement Bank Holiday for Queen's Jubilee

Summer Term 2 2022

Friday 27 th May 2022	Start of half term break
Monday 6 th June 2022	Pupils return
Monday 6 th June 2022	Year 6 School Journey - Thriftwood
Friday 22 nd July 2022	Last day of term - Stars finish at 4.30pm