

Academy Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024
Spring Term
Issue: 5



It was good to get back to normal this week after the school closure on Thursday and Friday. There was some fantastic home learning that took place – I was particularly impressed with the Year 1 structures that they built!

On Monday, Year 3 made their visit to Sidcup library. We also took some of the choir to perform at Young Voices at the O2 arena. It was a long day, but it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who went – even the adults!

Thursday was also a busy day. Year 4 attended Mass at Our Lady of the Crays along with the Year 3 children of St Philomena's. Year 5 visited Tate Modern as part of our aim for all classes to visit an art gallery this year.

Next week, on Monday and Tuesday, we have our parent consultation meetings. Please sign up with the links that were sent out earlier in the week. Appointments will be in person in the school halls.

Have a fantastic weekend.



A Message from Your Chair of Governors

This year one of our parent governors has changed roles. Please see the message below:

It has been an honour to serve as a parent governor on the governing board. I am currently the chair of governors and foundation governor and will continue to work with the school to the best of my abilities. I still have children in the school (EYFS and Year 3). As I am no longer a parent governor, there will therefore be an opportunity for one of you to serve as a parent governor. Please apply.



Half Term Tech Club – Cancelled

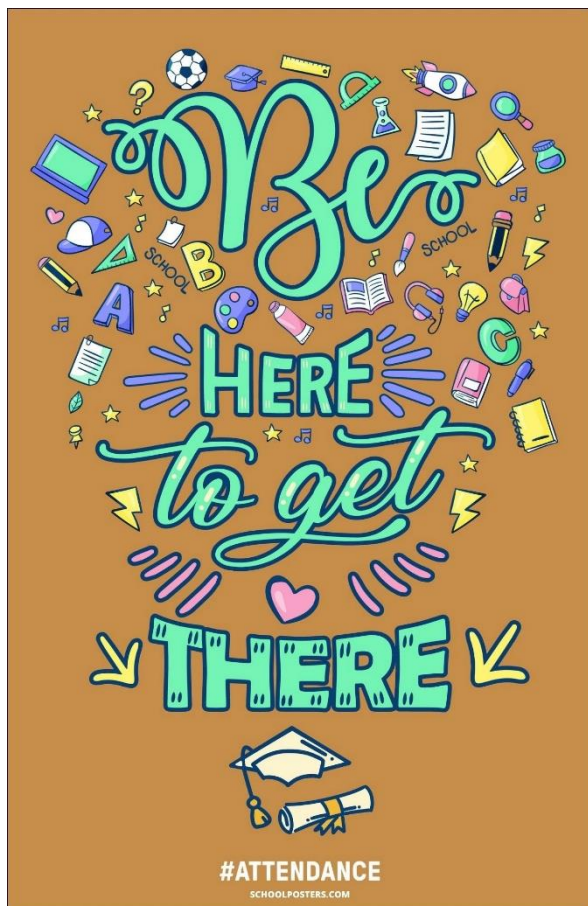
Unfortunately, Next Thing Education has cancelled the half-term tech club due to insufficient numbers taking up the places.

If you have booked a place or made an enquiry through the company, they should be in contact with you to arrange a refund.

Apologies to those who had signed up or who were intending to sign up, however the company couldn't take the risk of running the club with a minimal take up.

Tech Club will be in touch with the school in the future to potentially run an Easter holiday camp. If this is the case, please register your interest early to avoid disappointment.





★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Lukas – EYFS
Zianne – Year 2
Jason – Year 1
Matilda – Year 5
Alice – Year 1
Missy- Nursery
Melody – Year 5
Sara – Year 4



VIRTUES AWARD – VIRTUES TO LIVE BY



You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” Matthew 22:37-39

EYFS	Levi
Year 1	Cydney
Year 2	Grace
Year 3	Victoria
Year 4	Leon
Year 5	Whole Class
Year 6	Freya

Attendance

EYFS	92.8
Year 1	94.4
Year 2	96.7
Year 3	96.4
Year 4	99.5
Year 5	94.6
Year 6	95.1
Whole School	95.38

The winning class this week was **Year 4** gaining won star for achieving over 97% attendance.

How many children were late for school this week?



Nursery Star of the Week



Daniel



Year 5 – The Tate Modern Museum



TATE
MODERN



Young Voices





Our Lady of the Crays School Trip – Year 4



Cubist inspired

FEBRUARY'S ART CHALLENGE

Cubism is a style of art that was invented in 1907. Cubist artists try to break an object or person up into different parts. This often makes the painting look like they are made up of geometric shapes like cubes. Pablo Picasso was one of the first artists to explore Cubism. He was born in Spain but later moved to Paris, France. He wanted to paint things that he felt, remembered and saw all in one painting.



Pablo Picasso worked closely with a French artist called Georges Braque. In 1908, Braque painted one of the first Cubist landscapes.

It was called 'Houses of L'Estaque'.

An art critic who saw the painting said that it looked like it was made of cubes. This style of painting then became known as cubism.

Decide on some warm colours to use to complete each section of the heart and cold colours for the background.

Your challenge is to create a piece of artwork that is inspired by Cubism.

Equipment:

- heart template of your choice
- black marker or pen
- ruler
- pencil
- watercolour or acrylic paints
- cup of water
- paintbrush
- black paper or card for mounting your artwork



Hand in your creation to **Mrs Lee** by **Monday 26th February** for a chance to win an amazing arts and crafts prize!

Look out for the new monthly art competition in the newsletter at the beginning of every month.

Parents' Consultation Meeting – NEW Online Appointment Booking

We would like to invite you to attend our Parents' Consultation Meeting on either Monday 5th February or Tuesday 9th February.

These meetings will be in person at the school, however booking will be made using a **Google Calendar** system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and receive an email confirming your appointments. Appointments are scheduled every 10 minutes and will be an opportunity to discuss how your child is progressing this year. **We would prefer this to be an adult only event, however if you are really stuck for child care, please ensure that your children are fully supervised at all times.**

Please use the following links (by clicking on your child's year group) to access each class calendar and select your slot for either Monday or Tuesday. You can also make an appointment with Mr O'Dwyer by clicking on the SNDCO link.

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

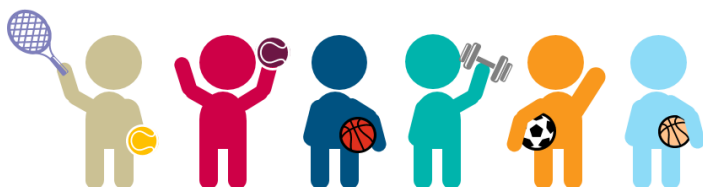
[SEND/CO](#)

As Mrs Sanford is currently on leave, we will schedule a separate parent consultation on her return. **Apologies also to Year 1 parents. Mrs. Dhana will not be in next week (see separate email) so her appointments will be rescheduled after half term.**

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to assist you.

Uniform on Club Days

If your child is attending an after school sports club, please remember to send them into school in their full PE kit for the day. We do not have the staff to change the children at the end of the day and by allowing children to come to school in their PE kit, this will ensure that they get the maximum amount of time at the club.



MON 12TH - FRI 16TH FEB 2024

SPORTACUS HALF TERM CAMPS

EXTENDED DAYS AVAILABLE

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-12

WWW.SPORTACUS.CO.UK
INFO@SPORTACUS.CO.UK
07897932884

Ofsted
Registered

Term Dates
Academic Year 2024-2025



Autumn Term 2024	
Tuesday 27 th August	INSET (non-pupil day)
Wednesday 28 th August	INSET (non-pupil day)
Thursday 29 th August	First day of term (pupils return)
Friday 18 th October	Last day of half term
Monday 21 st - Friday 1 st November	Half Term Break
Monday 4 th November	First day of half term (pupils return)
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term (school closes at 2pm)*
Spring Term 2025	
Monday 6 th January	First day of term (pupils return)
Friday 14 th February	Last day of half term
Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February	Half Term Break
Monday 24 th February	First day of half term (pupils return)
Friday 4 th April	Last day of term (school closes at 2pm)*
Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday 22 nd April	First day of term (pupils return)
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Friday 23 rd May	Last day of half term
Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th May	Half Term Break
Monday 2 nd June	First day of half term (pupils return)
Friday 18 th July	Last day of term (school closes at 2pm)*
Monday 21 st July	INSET (non-pupil day)
Tuesday 22 nd July	INSET (non-pupil day)
Wednesday 23 rd July	INSET (non-pupil day)

INSET 1 – 27th August 2024

INSET 2 – 28th August 2024

INSET 3 – 21st July 2025

INSET 4 – 22nd July 2025

INSET 5 – 23rd July 2025

*No twilight/evening stars

Spring Term

Amendments are **highlighted** and Cancellations are in **red**.

Please note the lists of dates below are subject to change and we encourage you to look each week for any changes.

Monday 5 th February 2024	Year 2 Library Trip
Monday 5 th February 2024	Parent Consultation (more information to follow)
Tuesday 6 th February 2024	Parent Consultation (more information to follow)
Thursday 8 th February 2024	Year 3 Church Visit
Thursday 8 th February 2024	Year 1 Visit to The London Eye
Friday 9 th February 2024	Half Term break begins – Stars 4:30pm finish
Monday 19 th February 2024	Back to School
Thursday 22 nd February 2024	Year 2 Bright Sparks Concert (more information to follow)
Monday 26 th February 2024	Year 1 Library Visit (more information to follow)
Thursday 29 th February 2024	Year 3 Visit to The British Museum
Wednesday 6 th March 2024	Catholic Children's Society Lent Appeal Assembly
Thursday 7 th March 2024	World Book Day – dress as a book character
Saturday 9 th March 2024	Year 3 and 4 Cross Country – Crystal Palace
Tuesday 12 th March 2024	Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Match Biggin Hill Primary
Wednesday 13 th March 2024	Holi Assembly - Nabhi
Friday 22 nd March 2024	Easter Mass – led by Year 3
Monday 25 th March 2024	Eggsibition entries in (more information to follow)
Wednesday 27 th March 2024	Easter Passion – Year 4 (more information to follow)
Thursday 28 th March 2024	School Closes at 2pm – No Twilight or Evening Stars

5-12 years

SCHOOL'S OUT

HOLIDAY CAMPS

from **£17**

Scan me to book

February Holiday Camps at Walnuts Leisure Centre!

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024
8.30am - 5.30pm (half day available)

www.mytimeactive.co.uk/camps

mytimeactive

VALENTINE TRAIL

10th - 18th February

Join our trail to find the pairs of animals

Pick up your entry form at reception.
Find the 10 pairs of animals.
Collect your prize from the Tea Room

Open daily (except Tuesday)
from 1.30pm - 4.30pm

FOAL FARM
Animal Rescue

£3 per entry

Foal Farm Animal Rescue
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX
www.foalfarm.org.uk