



Whitchurch  
Weekly

School  
News

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## Meet the Team!

**Name:** Stephen Burt

**Role:** Communications and Marketing Officer



**About me:** I am Harrow born and bred - in fact I went to school just up the road at Stanburn and remember when Whitchurch was built in the 1990s! You can sometimes find me in the area as I have family here, although I now live in Hertfordshire in my very own quirky, converted flat (I have always fancied having bathroom with a pitched roof and two steps down!) Alongside the day job I work as a freelance designer so I'm often busy working on one project or another - with plenty of tea and coffee at the ready!

**Hobbies and interests:** Ok, so here I confess that I am a big kid with a thrill-seeking edge and passion for rollercoasters! This year I am especially looking forward to experiencing *Hyperia* at Thorpe Park, which is already looking magnificent in its construction. Much of my free time is spent out and about, keeping active and blowing away the cobwebs with long walks in the countryside or along London's South Bank, where I also enjoy seeing the occasional play at the National Theatre. One of the best plays I have seen here is *Standing at the Sky's Edge* - I have seen it three times already and I'm all set for it coming to the West End soon!

**Best part about my role:** That's tricky - there are many parts of my role that I get satisfaction from such as our newsletter, website and events. It is a varied, creative role which I love. We look forward to introducing some new features soon including social media, so watch this space! As a long-standing member of staff it is safe to say that I enjoy working here and have made some good friends over the years. The children are, of course, what make Whitchurch so special - they are friendly and fun with excellent personalities and they turn up to school with an open mind and readiness to learn. This is an exciting time for Whitchurch and I'm proud to be a part of the school community.

Instrumental  
timetables  
have been sent  
out via School  
Spider



Please  
remember  
to book your  
child's lunches  
via ParentPay

Universal  
Free School  
Meals extended  
to July 2025  
(for all)

Welcome  
to new teaching  
staff Mrs Hunter  
(2AR), Mrs Amar  
(2HD) and  
Mrs Istratoaie  
(6EH)



## Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd January

5SK and 5ET visit to the Science Museum

Thursday 25th January

January Tea & Talk (8.45am-9.45am)  
1ST and 1BP visit to Windsor Castle

Friday 26th January

5PA and 5SC visit to the Science Museum  
1SM and 1CL visit to Windsor Castle

Tuesday 30th January

6AS and 6EH visit to Natural History Museum  
HMS Guitar Festival

Wednesday 31st January

6HH and 6MO visit to Natural History Museum

Tuesday 6th February

Year 2 visit to Belmont United Synagogue (9.30am-12.30pm)  
Year 5 Theatre visit to Bentley Wood

Wednesday 7th February

Soloists Music Concert (9.15am)

Please note change of date for Year 2 visit to Belmont Synagogue

Please note change of classes for Year 6 visit to Natural History Museum

Staff Training Day Friday 9th February (no children in school)

Spring half term 12th to 16th February



- 23rd January - 1SM
- 30th January - 2HD
- 6th February - 3MS
- 5th March - 2AR
- 12th March - 3SM
- 19th March - 1CL
- 23rd April - Lions
- 30th April - Tigers
- 7th May - Leopards
- 14th May - Jaguars
- 21st May - Nursery

**Infant Class Assemblies**  
Tuesdays  
9.05am

- 1st February - 5SC
- 8th February - 6MO
- 7th March - 5ET
- 21st March - 4SF
- 11th July - Year 6

**Junior Class Assemblies**  
Thursdays  
at 9.05am

# STARS of the Week



Well done to our stars of the week, who have been selected for excellent work and demonstrating our school values

Respect  
Responsibility  
Resilience  
Honesty  
Generosity  
Aspiration

This week's  
Infant Stars

- RRA Tigers** Khush
- RNW Leopards** Ayaan
- RRV Lions** Nathan
- RPS Jaguars** Mikhail
  
- 1ST** Parin
- 1BP** Abdullah
- 1SM** Lucas
- 1CL** Daria
  
- 2HD** Austin
- 2KB** Habib
- 2SA** Adhithri
- 2AR** Whole Class
  
- 3NL** Jeyshan
- 3MS** Niam
- 3LA** Adam
- 3SM** Arjun

This week's  
Junior Stars

- 4BS** Yusuf
- 4CM** Nada
- 4XL** Jay
- 4SF** Alex
  
- 5PA** Giulia
- 5SK** Kahini
- 5SC** Adrian
- 5ET** Diyen
  
- 6HH** Saisha
- 6AS** Juhi
- 6EH** Alesia
- 6MO** Sianna

## Class Attendance this week

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>AM</b> 87.3%		<b>PM</b> 98.61%	
<b>Reception</b>	<b>RRA</b> 91.11%	<b>RNW</b> 95%	<b>RPS</b> 89.31%	<b>RRV</b> 90.33%
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>1CL</b> 96.67%	<b>1BP</b> 87.33%	<b>1ST</b> 95.33%	<b>1SM</b> 93%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>2AR</b> 92.5%	<b>2HD</b> 96.67%	<b>2KB</b> 90%	<b>2SA</b> 91.61%
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>3LA</b> 94%	<b>3MS</b> 95.33%	<b>3NL</b> 93.33%	<b>3SM</b> 96.33%
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>4CM</b> 96.92%	<b>4SF</b> 89.63%	<b>4XL</b> 92.86%	<b>4BS</b> 96.67%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>5ET</b> 89.66%	<b>5PA</b> 96.21%	<b>5SC</b> 88.67%	<b>5SK</b> 89.64%
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>6AS</b> 91.92%	<b>6EH</b> 90.67%	<b>6HH</b> 87.93%	<b>6MO</b> 94.64%

This week's  
Attendance  
Stars are **PM**  
Nursery!

Whole  
School  
**92.59%**

## Notices

### Spring 2 Parent Workshops

We are excited to be able to start offering parent workshops from Spring 2. These will be delivered in person and online.

We would like to invite parents and carers to share topics for the school to consider. Please email your suggestions to [head@whitchurchps.co.uk](mailto:head@whitchurchps.co.uk)

### Stationery Items (Years 3 to 6)

Children in Years 3 to 6 must bring in the following equipment to enable them to carry out their classroom learning. Please ensure all items of stationery are labelled with your child's name and class.

- Pencil case (these must not be big and bulky as they will need to fit in classroom trays)
- 3 HB writing pencils
- 2 Writing pens (blue only)
- Pencil sharpener
- 30cm clear ruler (not bendy or in two sections)
- 15cm clear ruler
- Glue stick
- Green biro pen (no felt tips or gel pens)
- Colouring pencils (optional for Years 5 and 6)
- Dry wipe board pen
- Green highlighter (Year 4)
- Protractor (Years 5 and 6)



### Tea & Talk

Live Q&A session

Come along to Tea & Talk with Mr Pine this month on  
**Thursday 25th January, 8.45am-9.45am**

To reserve your place please email:  
[office@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:office@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk)

### Early Years Morning Drop Off

Reception and Nursery children should come to class in the mornings via the Nursery gate (**Nursery 8.30am-8.40am, Reception 8.40am-9am**).



### Staff Vacancies

We are seeking an exceptional **Learning Support Assistant** to work as part of our team to provide both 1:1 and group support within the classroom.

We are also looking for a **Midday Assistant** to work as part of our team in securing and maintaining the safety, welfare and good conduct of pupils during the lunchtimes.

Please see the Vacancies page of the school website for more information and to apply:  
[www.whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk/page/vacancies](http://www.whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk/page/vacancies)



# Year Group Highlights

## Polar Bears

This week Nursery have been learning about polar bears and Winter. We learnt different facts about polar bears, their habitat and what they eat. We felt different materials and explored the world globe too. We especially enjoyed going on a Winter walk around the school.

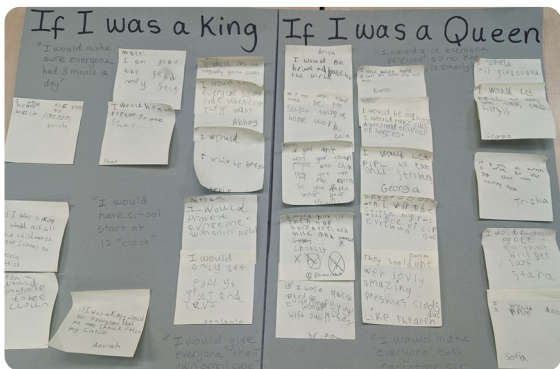


Nursery

Year 1

## Monarchy

In History, Year 1 are learning all about the monarchy ahead of their trip to Windsor Castle. We learnt about the role of a king or and queen and then imagined what rule we would make everyone obey if we were king or queen! We also arranged royalty in chronological order on a timeline.



## Winter

This week Reception have settled back into school with great independence. We have started our new topic all about Winter, exploring lots of ice themed sensory activities and experiments as well as listening to stories about Winter!



Reception

Year 2

## Fire Brigade

In History this half term, Year 2 are learning about The Great Fire of London. This week we welcomed Stanmore Fire Brigade who came to visit us. It was great to meet the firefighters and explore the fire engine!



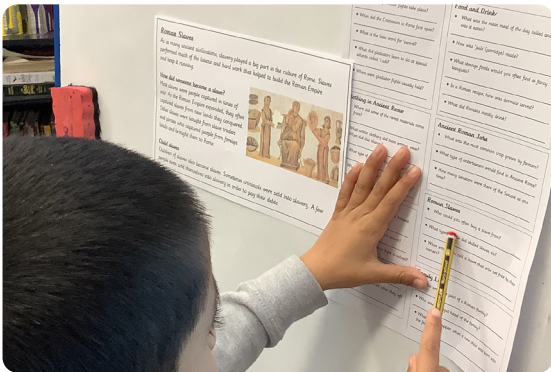


Year 3

Year Group Highlights

**The Romans**

Year 3 are learning all about the Romans. This week we went for an knowledge hunt around the classroom, looking for information cards to help us find facts about the Romans and answer questions. We loved getting up and out of our seats!



**African Art**

Year 4 are learning all about journeys including migration. This week we participated in a wonderful art workshop led by artist James Gakonga. We started with a Kenyan dance to inspire us on our journey and we enjoyed creating our own Kenyan inspired fabric/stencil art.

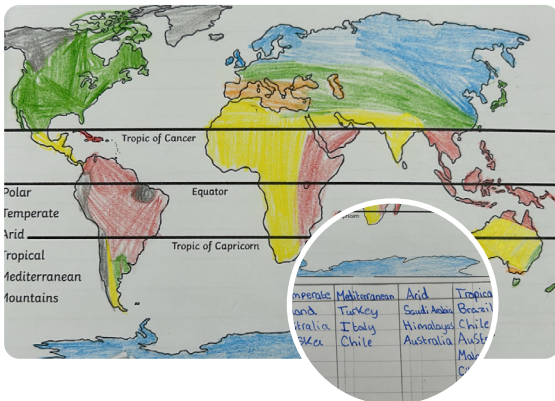


Year 4

Year 5

**Climate Zones**

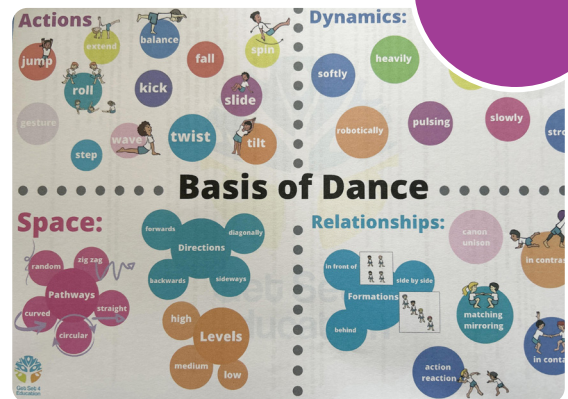
This week in Geography, Year 5 have been exploring the different climate zones of the world. Using maps, atlases and iPads, we recreated the climate map of the world and researched different types of climate zones - including arid, temperate, polar and tropical climates.



**Dance**

Year 6 are exploring Dance for Indoor P.E. This week we have recapped the basis of dance (actions, dynamics, space and relationships) and look forward to developing our dance skills for performance.

Year 6

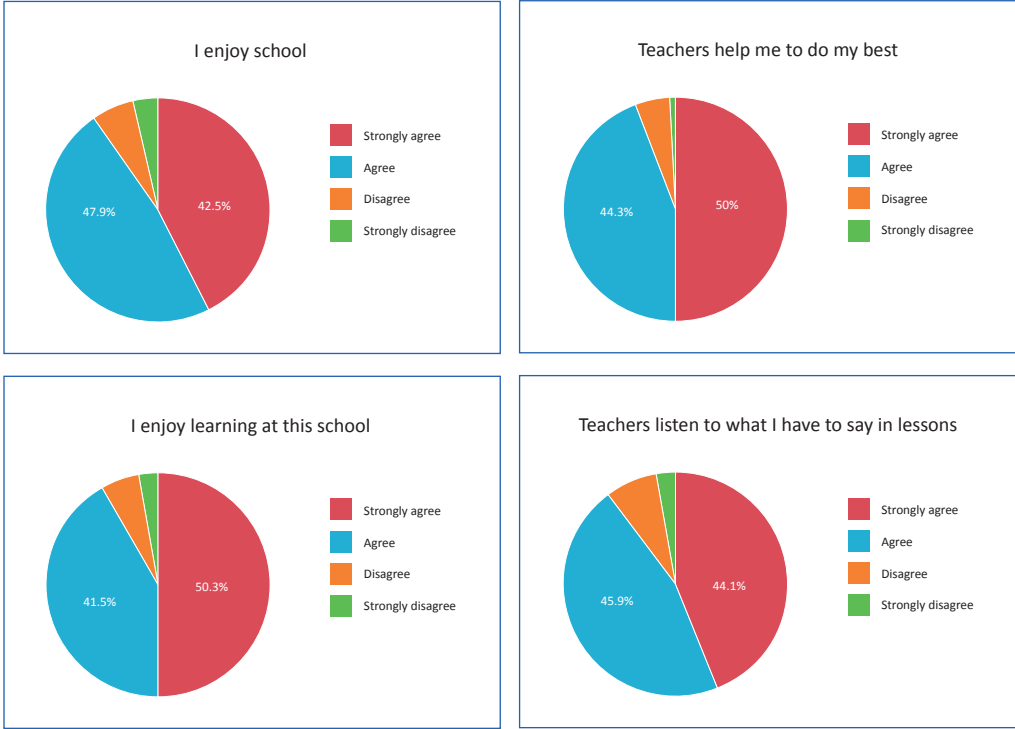


# Pupil Feedback



## Pupil Survey Snapshots

Thanks to all our pupils who responded to our survey last term. Here are a some of the findings:



388 responses

More to follow next week

## Autumn LAMDA Results



Well done to all our pupils who took LAMDA exams in the Autumn term, successfully achieving Distinctions and Merits - we are very proud of you! Many thanks to Jayne and her team for coaching and preparing our children for these.

<b>Year 1</b>	Diyan (1BP); Bela, Dhanushka (1CL); Nyla (1SM); Dua, Erika, Avni, Harshiv (1ST)
<b>Year 2</b>	Stefania (2AR); Tej (2HD); Aylan (2KB); Rihaan (2SA)
<b>Year 3</b>	Jayden, Jia, Riya, Param (3LA); Daniel, Zakariyah, Neil, Viha (3MS); Siyana, Viyaan (3NL); Ava, Eduard, Viya (3SM)
<b>Year 4</b>	Dylan, Elliott (4CM); Kiara, Neil (4SK)
<b>Year 5</b>	Emily, Kian, Veer (5ET); Amrita, Gesa (5PA); Kiya, Kiyon, Avir (5SC)
<b>Year 6</b>	Kira (6EH); Steven, Anishka, Aryan, Avni, Gareth, Trisha (6HH)

Support for Families



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## Dinner - Nurturing Family Connection

Often, dinner can feel like such a chore, even a mission, that you just want to get through. However, studies show that having dinner together as a family is a top predictor for how well children will do in school and in adolescence. The ritual of sharing food with those we love offers children the security of belonging, being nurtured and a space to talk and share.

### How can parents and carers help?

Try to have at least a few nights a week when you can all eat together. Keep that space sacred, safe and positive; most importantly, switch off the TV and all devices - including your own phones! It is helpful to keep dinner fun and playful and to engage everyone in preparing the meal and/or setting the table. Think of rituals you can put in place and try to make the discussions interesting for everyone. The first secret is to keep the food healthy but simple: look after yourself and save your energy for connecting with your family.

### Reach Out

Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to. If you would like to meet Tom for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child, or any other worries, he is available on **Wednesdays at 9am-10am**. You can contact Tom on **07799 028 461** or email **tom@schoolscounsellingpartnership.co.uk**

## Workshops and Activities



### Triple P Discussion Group: Brilliant Parents

Various workshops run from **Monday 15th to 22nd January**.

### Family Learning Hub: Parenting Programme

10 week course **starting Tuesday 16th January (9.45am to 11.45am)**.



Other workshops include **'Positive Parents, Positive Kids' Tuesdays, 12.30pm to 2.30pm** and **'Gaining Family Cooperation' (Monday 22nd January, 7pm to 9pm)**.

Visit the **Support for Families** page of the school website (in the Parents & Community section) for further details on workshops and activities

Elms Tennis Club runs on Friday 9th February (staff training day)

For more details and to book a place visit the **Support for Families** page of our website: <https://www.whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk/page/support-for-families>





## P.E. Days - Spring

P.E. lessons will take place on the following days this term. Please remember to send your child to school wearing their P.E. kit on these days. These days may change if any other school events take place.

<b>Reception</b>	RNW, RRA, RPS, RRV - Tuesdays
<b>Year 1</b>	1ST - Tuesdays and Fridays; 1BP, 1CL and 1SM - Thursdays and Fridays
<b>Year 2</b>	2HD, 2KB, 2SA and 2AR - Wednesdays and Thursdays
<b>Year 3</b>	3SM - Monday and Friday; 3LA - Tuesdays and Fridays; 3NL and 3MS - Wednesdays and Fridays
<b>Year 4</b>	4XL and 4SF - Mondays and Tuesdays; 4BS and 4CM - Tuesdays and Wednesdays
<b>Year 5</b>	5SK and 5SC - Mondays and Wednesdays; 5PA and 5ET - Wednesdays and Fridays
<b>Year 6</b>	6HH and 6AS - Mondays and Thursdays; 6MO and 6EH - Mondays and Fridays

## Netball

Well done to Vaishna (6AS) Olivia (6HH) Sobia (6MO) Krisha (6MO), Tasnim (5SC) Mila (5SC) Argh (5PA) Martha (5ET) who make up just some of our school netball team. They participated in the first two matches of Netball League, where they won the first match 2-1 and lost their second match 3-1. They all played incredibly well and showed excellent resilience and teamwork throughout both matches.



Miss Byrne



## Life Skills - Dressing and Personal Care

We are back for 2024 with life skills sessions and our new focus for this half term is 'Dressing and Personal Care'. This week for our activity we identified items of clothing and enjoyed arranging these to create outfits for people. There were some very creative ideas!



Miss Tunstall

# Spring Menu



Salad bar and bread are available daily

## WHITCHURCH PRIMARY MENU

### MONDAY MAINS

### WEEK ONE

08/01, 29/01, 26/02, 18/03

Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn  
 Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn (V)  
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad  
 Fruity Mousse

### DESSERT

### TUESDAY MAINS

Minced Beef & Onion Pie (H), Mashed Potatoes & Broccoli  
 Cheese & Onion Lattice, Mashed Potatoes & Broccoli (V)  
 Spicy Tomato Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)  
 Fruit Tuesday

### DESSERT

### WEDNESDAY MAINS

Chicken Sausage Toad in the Hole(H), Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Cabbage  
 Vegetarian Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Cabbage (V)  
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad  
 Apple Crumble Cake

### DESSERT

### THURSDAY MAINS

Turkey Bolognese (H) with Spaghetti & Sweetcorn  
 Vegetarian Bolognese with Spaghetti & Sweetcorn (V)  
 Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping & Side Salad (Ve)  
 Melting Moment Cookie

### DESSERT

### FRIDAY MAINS

Fish Fillet with Chips & Mushy Peas  
 Vegetable Burger, Chips & Mushy Peas (V)  
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad  
 Pear & Chocolate Sponge & Custard

### DESSERT

### WEEK TWO

15/01, 05/02, 04/03, 25/03

Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Garden Peas  
 Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Garden Peas (V)  
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad  
 Carrot Cookie

Tandoori Chicken Shwarma (H), Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn  
 Vegetable Nuggets, Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn (V)  
 Neapolitan Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)  
 Fruit Tuesday

Roast Turkey (H), Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Broccoli  
 Cauliflower Cheese Bake, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Broccoli (V)  
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad  
 Jam & Coconut Sponge

Beef Lasagne (H), Garlic Bread & Peas  
 Vegetarian Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Peas (V)  
 Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping & Side Salad (Ve)  
 Cherry Triangle Biscuit

Fish Fingers, Chips & Baked Beans  
 Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Chips & Baked Beans (V)  
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad  
 Toffee Apple Sponge & Custard

### WEEK THREE

22/01, 19/02, 11/03

Vegetable Curry, Pilau Rice, Naan Bread & Peas (V)  
 Cheese Sub, Herby Diced Potatoes & Peas (V)  
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad  
 Flapjack

Chicken Tikka Burrito Stack (H), Potato Wedges & Side Salad  
 Falafel Wrap, Potato Wedges & Side Salad (V)  
 Spicy Tomato Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)  
 Fruit Tuesday

Chicken Sausage (H), Mashed Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Sliced Carrots & Green Beans  
 Vegetarian Cottage Pie, Sliced Carrots & Green Beans (V)  
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad  
 Jelly & Fruit

Cajun Chicken (H) & Sweetcorn Pizza, Diced Potatoes & Peas  
 Vegetable Pizza, Diced Potatoes & Peas (V)  
 Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping & Side Salad (Ve)  
 Orange Drizzle Cake

Fish Cake, Chips & Baked Beans  
 Cheese & Sweetcorn Omelette, Chips & Baked Beans (V)  
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad  
 Raspberry Oat Slice & Custard

Allergen Information: Menu descriptions may not list every individual ingredient. We are aware of the presence of allergens requiring labelling, so please ask a member of the catering team should you require any more details. Vegetarian options are indicated by the symbol (V).

COOMBS CATERING PARTNERSHIP





## Useful Contacts

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Our email addresses are in the process of being updated

If you have any general or learning related enquiries, please speak to the class teacher

If you have concerns about your child's safety or behaviour, please contact a member of our leadership team

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### School Office

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## School Term Dates 2023-2024

### Spring Term 2024

Spring 1st Monday 8 January to Thursday 8 February  
Half Term Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February  
Spring 2nd Monday 19 February to Thursday 28 March

Staff Training Days Friday 9 February (no children in school)

### Summer Term 2024

Summer 1st Monday 15 April to Friday 24 May  
Half Term Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May  
Summer 2nd Tuesday 4 June to Wednesday 24 July

Staff Training Days Monday 3 June (no children in school)

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

Holidays during term time are **not** permitted



Term dates are posted on the school website