

# The Horsley School Bag

Friday 15th March 2024

Newsletter 12 from Mr Price, *Head Teacher*

Our value this term is: **Compassion**



## Retro Toy Morning

More for the parents than the children, let's face it (!), parents were invited to spend time with their Badgers, investigating retro toys, as part of their current history topic.



MUSIC MARK  
SCHOOL  
2022 - 2023



We're working  
towards Artsmark  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England





### Anyone for tea?

Mummies (and some Grannies) were invited to attend a Mothers' Day Picnic last week, to be spoiled, and to spend some special time with their Fox or Badger. The weather being typically British (soggy), the original plan of a playground picnic was quickly adjusted, and picnic blankets were laid out in the church instead. The children handed out hand-decorated biscuits, read stories with their grown-ups, and sang a specially-prepared Mothers' Day song.



### Red Nose Day

Silliness abounded today, as everyone came to school wearing crazy clothing in order to raise money for Comic Relief. The School Council judged the Red Nose design entries, with red noses and certificates being presented in assembly. Please see the text link sent out in your feed, if you wish to donate.





## Congratulations to our latest Special Award Winners

Martha, Kobi, Alana, Kitty, Sam, Benji and Romi



Lenny, Rory, Ozi, Jess, Etta, William and Ruby





**The latest 'In it to win it' winners are  
Marcello, Joseph, Joe and Alice**



**Congratulations to everybody else who achieved 100%  
in their spellings this week!**



### **The came, they saw, they conquered!**

Otters children channelled their inner Julius Caesars last week, on their trip to Cirencester Corinium Museum. They explored the history of Cirencester in Roman times, trying on armour, testing the weight of weapons and admiring intricate mosaics. The children also found time to explore Cirencester Park, looking out for signs of the Romans that are still in evidence today.





# THE GREAT

# WASHPOOL



# DUCK RACE

**FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2024**

**12.15PM ONWARDS AT WASHPOOL**

PLEASE HEAD TO THE BOTTOM OF WORMWOOD HILL  
PARKING IS LIMITED SO PLEASE WALK DOWN FROM SCHOOL

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

**PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE**

**TICKETS ON SALE DAILY AFTER SCHOOL**

**PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN CHILDREN**

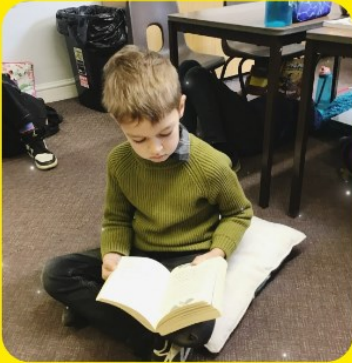
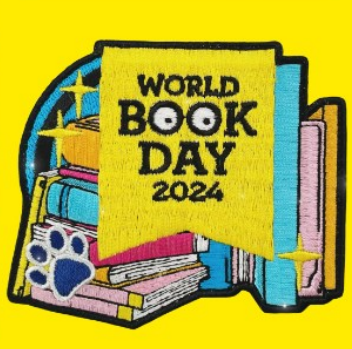


**World Book Day**

Everyone loves World Book Day, and this one was no exception. Everyone, including the staff, came to school dressed as a literary character, from pirates to princesses, gladiators to goblins, dragons to ducklings, all looking resplendent in their imaginative costumes. Badgers were visited by a mystery reader, while Otters made cosy dens around the classroom, where they snuggled down and read books together.



The Hungry Caterpillar was sorely missed.....





## Diary Dates

### Spring Term 2024

#### March

- 21 iRock Concert, 2.30pm in church - all welcome!
- 22 Easter Passion assembly, led by Otters Class  
All welcome.  
End of Term 4, 12.15pm  
Duck Race

### Summer Term 2024

#### April

- 12 Otters class swimming starts

#### May

- 3 May Day celebrations
- 6 May Day Bank Holiday
- 13 SATs Week (Year 6)
- 24 End of Term 5, 12.15pm

#### June

- 3 Multiplication Test Check Week (Year 4)
- 10 Phonics Screening Week (Year 1)
- 25 New Reception parent info evening, 6.00pm
- 27 Parent Drop-in evening, 3.30-5.00pm

#### July

- 1-4 Owls class residential to Viney Hill
- 5 Sports Day
- 8-10 Y6 SWR Transition Days
- 10 Y6 New Parent Info Evening SWR
- 11 Sports Day (reserve)
- 11 Y6 Deer Park Induction Day
- 12 Y6 Deer Park Induction Day
- 16 Move-up morning
- 16 KS2 Performance 6pm in church
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- 19 Leavers' Assembly, 11.00am. All welcome.  
End of Term 6, 12.15pm  
Annual water fight on the field & FHS Garden Party

**PLEASE NOTE THAT  
THERE ARE SOME DATE  
CHANGES FOR EVENTS  
IN JULY, DUE TO THE Y6  
TRANSITION DAYS!**



## Term Dates



### 2023/2024 Academic Year Dates

**Term 1:** Wed 6 Sep - Fri 27 Oct 2023

**Term 2:** Tues 7 Nov - Fri 22 Dec 2023

**Term 3:** Tue 9 Jan - Fri 9 Feb 2024

**Term 4:** Mon 19 Feb - Fri 22 Mar 2024

**Term 5:** Tue 9 Apr - Fri 24 May 2024

**Term 6:** Mon 3 Jun - Fri 19 July 2024

### INSET days this year

Mon 4 Sep 2023

Tue 5 Sep 2023

Mon 6 Nov 2023

Mon 8 Jan 2024

Mon 22 July 2024



See next page for calendar dates for 23-24 and 24-25

### Future Olympian?

Our very own Ivy-Mae has been selected to join the England Rhythmic Gymnastics Squad! Training at Junior Level, she will be developed to compete for England on an international front. We are all so proud of you, Ivy-Mae!



### Attendance and Safeguarding

Below are the attendance figures for all classes for this academic year to date.

Our Local Authority attendance threshold for persistent absence is 95%.

	Attendance (%)	Lates (after 8.55am)	Unauthorised Absence
Foxes	97.74	2	0
Badgers	97.5	3	0
Otters	90.34	5	0
Owls	93.46	1	1



# Term Dates and INSET Days 2023-2024

## SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2023/24



SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER						
Mon	4	11	18	25	Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27	
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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		Inset Days	

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Term 6: Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	36 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>195 days*</b>


Christmas Bank Holidays	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
	26 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
New Year Bank Holiday	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024
Good Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Easter Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 <sup>th</sup> August 2024

\*195 days are defined as "School days". In the school year 2023/24 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days in the year are INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend).

Please Note: Schools considering alternative dates or considering changes to their school opening times may wish to contact our Transport Team to discuss transport implications and contact local childcare providers to discuss what impact this could have.



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# NAILSWORTH FESTIVAL 2024

## Eco Fancy Dress Competition



**Costumes: Recycled or Upcycled / Hand-made**

**Saturday 18th May 11.15 – 11.45am**  
**in Mortimer Gardens**

*Gather at far side of Mortimer Gardens in advance*

*Judging starts at 11.15am*

**Open to individuals or groups, ages 0-7 and 8-100.**

### Prizes

*Overall Best aged 8-100:* A family day for four at adventure park 'Cattle Country'.

*Overall Best aged 0-7:* A family day for four at Slimbridge, including Welly Boot Land.

*Also prizes for both age groups, 1st, 2nd and 3rd:* Amazon Gift Tokens.

Rosettes for all entrants. Special prizes for Judges' choices.

All costume ideas welcome, no specific categories.

**Entry Forms** Fill in below and give in to Town Information Desk at  
Nailsworth Library or enter by email: [fancydress@nailsworthfestival.org.uk](mailto:fancydress@nailsworthfestival.org.uk)

Name .....

Age .....

Costume title .....

School .....



**Key Stage 2 girls...**  
**Join us for Stroud High School**  
**Open Morning**  
**9.15-11.30am Friday 26 April**  
**or Friday 28 June 2024**  
**Register online at**  
**[stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk](http://stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk)**



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