

The Horsley School Bag

Friday 26th January 2024

Newsletter 9 from Mr Price, Head Teacher

Our value this term is: **Forgiveness**



Young Voices

On Friday 12th January, a dedicated choir of young singers jumped onto a coach bound for the NEC in Birmingham, to unite in song with over 5,500 children from schools around the country. Having spent the afternoon rehearsing with a live orchestra, we sang our hearts out for all the parents who came to watch the evening concert. We were also treated to performances from critically-acclaimed jazz singer-songwriter, Natalie Williams, and the incredibly talented and inspirational young drummer, Nandi Bushell (only 13 years old!)

We were REALLY proud of our small, but enthusiastic, choir, who remained keen and focused throughout the day, and late into the evening. You were all AMAZING! We hope to hear a little more of them at our Chamber Concert on the 6th February!



More photos on next page!

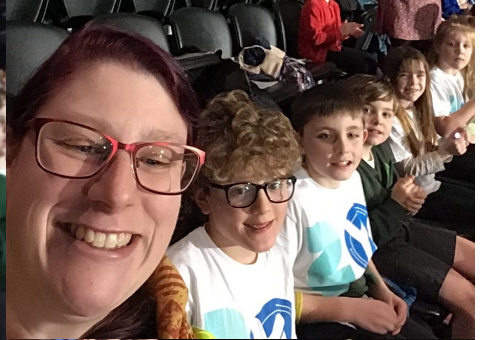


MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL
2022 - 2023



We're working
towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts
Council England





Congratulations to our latest Special Award Winners

Ayoub, Vanessa, Martha, Tilly, Laurie, Alfie, Juno and Oliver



Betsy, Maks, Tobi, Hugo, Flynn, Alice, Erin and Lottie



**The latest 'In it to win it' winners are
Kitty, Maggie and Ayoub**



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

I wanna dance with somebody!

A massive congratulations to Jago and Kobi, who entered their first dance competition last weekend, winning trophies and medals for both their individual and paired dances.



Hey, hey, I wanna be a rock star!

As we re-launched our app, Times Table Rock Stars, this morning in assembly, we were visited by some (slightly wrinkly and creaky) rock stars. Even Mr Price (more of a BAROOCKStar!) had a go at smashing up a guitar (no children were harmed in the wielding of this blow-up item)!



All children between Years 2 and 6 will be given a login, and can use the app at home or school, to practise their multiplication facts.



Look out! Here comes the SPIDERMAN!

Foxes children were stunned at the arrival of our local superhero last week, as he leapt into their classroom to answer their questions.



Diary Dates

Spring Term 2024

Feb

- 6 Chamber Concert, in church,
6.00-7.00pm
- 9 End of Term 3, 12.15pm



Mar

- 7 World Book Day
- 12 Parents' Evening 3.30-5.00pm
- 14 Parents' Evening 5.00-7.00pm
- 15 Comic Relief
- 21 iRock Concert, 2.30pm in church - all welcome!
- 22 Easter Passion assembly. All welcome.
End of Term 4, 12.15pm

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
- 9 KS2 End of Year production, 6.00pm
- 10 KS2 End of Year production, 6.00pm
- 12 Sports Day
- 16 Move-up morning
- 17 Sports Day (reserve date)
- 19 Leavers' Assembly, 11.00am. All welcome.
End of Term 6, 12.15pm
Annual water fight on the field & FHS Garden Party

Advance Notice:

From the end of Term 3 (Feb 9th), we will be finishing school at 12.15pm at the end of every short term, to allow time for staff training and preparation. Please see the above diary dates for the exact dates.



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

Office hours

Please be aware that the office is open from 8.30am - 4.00pm daily; any issues need to be addressed within office hours. There may be staff in school outside of these hours (for example, engaged in meetings), but the school is closed.



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	79.47	0	0
Badgers	92.08	2	0
Otters	96.21	3	1
Owls	95.93	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	
Tues	5	12	19	26	Tues	3	10	17	24	31	Tues	7	14	21	28	
Wed	6	13	20	27	Wed	4	11	18	25	Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thur	7	14	21	28	Thur	5	12	19	26	Thur	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	Fri	6	13	20	27	Fri	3	10	17	24	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	Sat	7	14	21	28	Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	3	10	17	24	Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	5	12	19	26	
DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY						
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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		Inset Days	


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Term 3: Mon 8 th Jan - Fri 9 th Feb 2024	25 days
Term 4: Mon 19 th Feb – Fri 22 nd Mar 2024	25 days
Term 5: Mon 8 th April – Fri 24 th May 2024	34 days
Term 6: Mon 3 rd June – Mon 22 nd July 2024	36 days
Total	195 days*

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 th December 2023
	26 th December 2023
New Year Bank Holiday	1 st January 2024
Good Friday	29 th March 2024
Easter Monday	1 st April 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	6 th May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 th May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 th 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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**Read
with
me**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN STROUD!

Can you spare 1-2 hours a week?

Our volunteers hear children read on a
one-to-one basis, during school hours.

Full training is provided.



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