

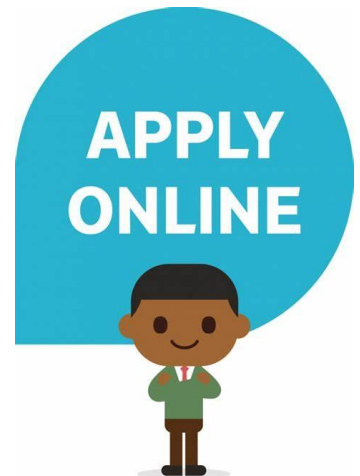
A very warm welcome back to everyone at the start of the spring term 2024; I do hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. On behalf of all the staff in school, a huge **thank you** for your kind wishes, Christmas cards and thoughtful gifts at the end of term, they were very much appreciated by us all.

This term we have some busy times ahead of us and a spring term diary date list is available on the school website and included at the end of this week's newsletter too. We have also set the term dates for 2024-2025 so if you are looking to book holidays, please use these to make sure you avoid school days, **particularly the start of new terms when attendance is vital.**

Reception places 2024

Parents wishing to apply for a Reception place commencing September 2024 are reminded that the **deadline for applications is Monday 15th January 2024.**

Copies of our SIF (Supplementary Information Form) can be collected from the office or downloaded from the website. Please note that applications **MUST** be done using the Hertfordshire online system as well as our paper form.



ROOF UPDATE

Weather permitting, the roof works will be commencing on Monday. Classes 3 and 4 will still be able to use their doors in the morning for the time being, but please do supervise children closely, especially little ones. Please also be aware of the impact on parking because staff will now have to park off site until the works are complete.

IMPORTANT FOR EARLY BIRDS:

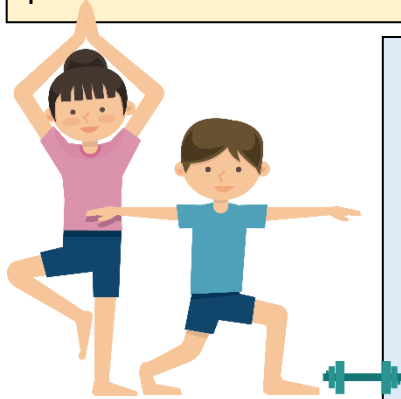
If your child attends Early Bird Club and you arrive later than 8am, please make sure you **accompany them all the way onto the playground** and not wave them off from the gate while we have site fencing and equipment in place. A reminder that if the weather is poor, Early Birds will be in the library – please use the doors by Class 5/6. Many thanks.

SPRING TERM CLUBS: IMPORTANT

Today, children in Years 1-6 will bring home a paper copy of the clubs on offer this term. Please return this by next Tuesday 9th January. Clubs will then start the following week, from Monday 15th January. Young Worship will continue as before so there is no need to sign up for this club again; the choir group will also continue although there are some spaces available in both choir and Young Worship.

You will note from the sheet that two of the clubs will be taking place at the village hall. Please only sign up to these if you can arrange collection directly from the hall at the end of clubs.

Y5 and 6 children: if you give permission for your child to walk home independently after clubs, please write this on the form. Many thanks.



PE at the Village Hall this term

We have arranged to use the village hall for indoor PE lessons whilst the hall is unavailable.

Please make sure that your child has both indoor and outdoor kits.

When they get ready for PE, they will put their indoor kit on, and then their outdoor kit over the top for walking to the hall.

Whole school theatre trip Wednesday 28th February 2024

Excitement is growing for our forthcoming trip to see 'Shrek the Musical' at Milton Keynes Theatre.

Last term you should have received all the information via Arbor. Please make sure you give consent and payment if you have not already done so.

This trip has been made possible by the amazing generosity of the PTA who have paid for all the tickets and refreshments, so a huge thank you to them!



Year 6 Parents: a date for your diary

On Wednesday 14th February, Miss Walker will be holding Y6 consultations to discuss your child's progress towards their SATs in May. These meetings, designed to have parent and child attending together, will take place during the day and after school. You will receive booking information in a couple of weeks, but for now if you could make a note of the date, that would be very helpful.

Bag2School collection

Wednesday 17th January



Collection bags were sent home last term, but do remember that you can also use bin bags if you have more to donate. We get paid by the weight, so the more we collect, the more we raise!

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Items that are NOT accepted:

Duvets and blankets
Pillows and cushions
Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
School uniforms with and without logo
Corporate clothing and workwear
Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Leave your bags on the village green by 9am on the morning of Wednesday 17th January. Thank you!

For your diaries: PTA dates this term

Please be aware that the disco is dependent on having the hall back in use by then.

17th January: Bag2School Collection

2nd February: Class 4 Cake Day

1st March: Disco 5.30pm - 7pm

7th and 8th March: Book Fair

8th March: Class 3 Cake Day

11th March: Easter Crafts

25th March: Movie and Munch



New games or devices for Christmas?

It is not unusual for children to want to access material that is not suitable for them, particularly in gaming and social media.

Accessing material that is not age appropriate can be distressing and damaging for children, exposing them to sometimes violent, explicit content and offensive language. This can negatively affect their behaviour, moods, ability to concentrate at school and their sleep patterns. Not only can it impact the child themselves, but also their relationships with other children, especially through inappropriate online messaging and bad language which can spill into school life.

The following pages outline some of the age restrictions you need to be aware of as parents. We do hope that you find it a useful resource for knowing what your child should and should not be accessing.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

Under 13



Roblox

PopJam

FaceTime

13+



Twitter

Facebook and Messenger

Viber

WeChat

Monkey

Yubo

Dubsmash

Instagram

TikTok

Skype

Google Hangouts

Reddit

Snapchat

Pinterest

16+



WhatsApp

Telegram Messenger

Tumblr

17+



Line

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Tellonym

Age Restrictions for Video Games

3

PEGI 3

Games with a PEGI 3 rating are suitable for all ages.

They may have:

child-like settings

comical violence

language more suitable for young children

For example:

Just Dance

FIFA

DiRT Rally

Animal Crossing

For further information regarding the video game age restrictions mentioned in this resource, please see the official [PEGI](https://www.pegi.info/) website.

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PEGI 7

Games with a PEGI 7 rating are suitable for ages 7 and above.

They may have:

some scenes or sounds that could be frightening

mild forms of violence (non-realistic or with no detail)

For example:

Minecraft

Roblox

Among Us

Lego Series



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Age Restrictions for Video Games

12

PEGI 12

Games with a PEGI 12 rating are suitable for ages 12 and above.

They may have:

violence of a slightly graphic nature involving fantasy characters

suggestive activities or language

gambling

mild bad language

For example:

Sims

Fortnite

Dragon Ball FighterZ

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate

For further information regarding the video game age restrictions mentioned in this resource, please see the official [PEGI](#) website.

16

PEGI 16

Games with a PEGI 16 rating are suitable for ages 16 and above.

They may have:

violence and adult content that looks like real life

bad language

scenes demonstrating the use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal substances

For example:

Marvel's Avengers

Battlefield 2042

Halo Infinite

Marvel's Spider-Man



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Age Restrictions for Video Games

18

PEGI 18

Games with a PEGI 18 rating are suitable for ages 18 and above.

They may have:

extreme violence

explicit adult content

the glamorised use of illegal substances

For example:

Call of Duty: Warzone

Grand Theft Auto V

Far Cry 3 Blood Dragon



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Spring Term 2024

Date	Event	Information
JANUARY		
4 th	Spring Term begins	
5 th	PE at the village hall begins	All children need both indoor and outdoor kits
15 th	After school clubs start	
15-17 th	Arts Days	
17 th	PTA Bag2School Collection	Bags on the village green by 9am please
26 th	Class 5 Assembly	9.15am in church for Class 5 parents
29 th	Choir: Young Voices at the O2	
FEBRUARY		
2 nd	Class 4 Cake Day	
5 th	Open Session	3.30-5.00pm, no appointment needed
9 th	Class 4 Assembly	9.15am in church for Class 4 parents
13 th	Shrove Tuesday	
14 th	Y6 Parent Consultations	
16 th	Finish for half term	Usual time of 3.15pm
26 th	Back to school	
28 th	Shrek Theatre trip	
MARCH		
1 st	PTA Spring Disco	<i>Depending on whether the hall is available</i>
7 th	World Book Day	Costume needed!
7 th - 8 th	Book Fair	Before and after school
8 th	Class 3 Cake Day	
4 th – 15 th	ASSESSMENT WEEK	Years 1-6, avoid absence please
18 th – 22 nd	Parent Consultations	Face to face appointments available on Monday 18 th . The rest of the week will be video and telephone calls.
22 nd	Class 3 Assembly	9.15am in the hall for Class 3 parents
25 th	Movie and Munch	
27 th	Easter Service	
28 th	End of term	Early finish 2pm

SUMMER TERM 2024	
16 th April	Summer term begins for children
27 th – 31 st May	Half term week
18 th July	END OF TERM 2pm
19 th and 22 nd July	<i>INSET Days, no school for children</i>
23 rd July	<i>Occasional Day. School closed to staff & children</i>



Term dates 2024 – 2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024	
2nd September	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
3rd September	Autumn term begins for children
28th Oct -1st Nov	Half term week
20th December	END OF TERM 2pm
SPRING TERM 2025	
6th January	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
7th January	Spring term begins for children
17th – 21st February	Half term week
4th April	END OF TERM 2pm
SUMMER TERM 2025	
22nd April	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
23rd April	Summer term begins for children
26th – 30th May	Half term week
18th July	END OF TERM 2pm
21st July	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
22nd July	<i>INSET Day, no school for children</i>
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ALL CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN SCHOOL UNTIL 2pm on 18th July 2025.

No absence will be authorised at the beginning or ends of terms.

Please do not take children out of school for holidays or tag extra days on to school holiday periods.

Very occasionally, term dates and INSET days may need to be changed. We will notify parents well in advance should this be the case.