



# KILLIGREW NEWS

10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year-I hope that you had a good break over the Christmas holiday and that 2025 is a good year for you. Thank you very much for the cards and gifts that you sent in for everyone- we are most grateful.

If you are interested in joining our governing body, please return your nomination form by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January.

Kindest regards,

T. Mylotte  
Head teacher

## Attendance

This table shows the attendance for the whole of the autumn term. Very well done to Goldfinches for the highest attendance and to all the classes highlighted green.

All children with attendance above 96% for the autumn term will receive an attendance certificate to celebrate their achievement.

Class	Attendance
Goldfinches	97.1%
Skylarks	97.0%
Puffins	96.8%
Peacocks	96.8%
Toucans	96.7%
Nightingales	96.5%
Kingfishers	96.3%
Pelicans	96.0%
Cardinals	95.5%
Parakeets	95.3%
Eagles	95.1%
Hummingbirds	94.1%
Firecrests	93.5%
Bluejays	93.4%
Macaws	92.9%

## Staff Update

We warmly welcome Mr Bate who has joined our teaching team. He will be teaching Kingfishers class. We also warmly welcome Mrs Bhurtun who has joined our MSA team.

## NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to access healthcare advice and treatment for seven common conditions without having to wait for a GP appointment?

Accessing the service may mean that children feel better and return to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting you to get better if you are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; you can pop into your local Boots pharmacy with your child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply)

Common condition	Patient eligibility
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

## Safeguarding

Schools have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children who are their pupils. The Children Act 1989 places a clear responsibility on schools to ensure that they work with other agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children. The local authority requires head teachers to report any obvious or suspected cases of child abuse, which includes non-accidental injury, physical neglect, emotional abuse and/or sexual abuse. This procedure is intended to protect children at risk. As a result, if concerns are raised within school, we have a legal obligation to report them to Children's Services.

Miss Mylotte is the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' (DSL) for child protection and is happy to discuss any questions or concerns related to child protection. Miss Norris, Mrs. Morley and Mrs. Wicks are the deputy DSLs. In line with our Child Protection Policy, all adults working in school undergo a thorough vetting procedure, including an enhanced DBS check.

Killigrew is part of a project that runs jointly between schools and Hertfordshire Police. Operation Encompass (OE) is the notification to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, of incidents where a child has experienced or been exposed to any domestic abuse. OE ensures that the DSL is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared in confidence. They also ensure that the school can make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or families who have experienced a domestic abuse incident.

If you want to report concerns about a child or request support, you may call Herts County Council anytime on 0300 123 4043.

## Police Presence

Don't be alarmed if you see police vehicles in school this term as the Y5 children are participating in an 8-week 'Mini Police' project. The police may also take the opportunity to carry out parking patrols during this time too.

## Grapes

Grapes can be a choking hazard for young children. Please cut grapes in half lengthways.



## Winter Water Safety

You may not associate water with winter, but it still poses the same dangers as it does in the summer months. Make sure your family is water aware!

- Plan your route if you're going out and about near waterways in winter
- Look out for the signs and warnings.
- Stay off the ice and frozen waters as they will not be able to hold a person's weight
- Keep away from the edge and be aware that snow and leaves may obscure the banks.
- Supervise children around ice and waterways.
- Never go in after anybody who has fallen in. Call 999 and try to stay calm.

Further information on Winter Water Safety can be found on RLSS Winter Water Safety webpage [Winter Water Safety | Royal Life Saving Society UK \( RLSS UK \)](#)

## Communication

If you would like to discuss your child, the best person to speak to is their teacher as they know them better than anyone else. The admin team are drawing up appointments for the parent teacher consultation meetings that are taking place before the February half term holiday.

If there is an urgent matter that you need to discuss before then, please email [admin@killigrew.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@killigrew.herts.sch.uk) and mark it for the teacher's attention. All email communication should be directed to the admin email address, and it will be forwarded to the most appropriate person. Please do not contact staff via any other email address.

If after having spoken to the class teacher you need further support, please contact the key stage leader via [admin@killigrew.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@killigrew.herts.sch.uk)

KS leaders		
EY leader	YN & YR	Mrs Digweed
KS1 leader	Y1 & Y2	Mrs Wicks (Tue-Fri)
LKS2 leader	Y3 & Y4	Miss Child
UKS2 leader	Y5 & Y6	Miss Pepper
Additional support		
SENCo	Mrs Pita	(Tue & Thu)
Behaviour	Miss Walsh	
Deputy Head	Mrs Morley	(Mon-Wed)

## Reception Admissions 2025

Don't forget that the deadline for Reception applications for next academic year is Wednesday **15th January 2025**. Parents need to make an application by the closing date to ensure the application is considered as on-time.

If you have a summer born child whose DoB falls between 01/04/2020 and 31/08/2020 who delayed starting Reception and remained in nursery this year, you must make an application by the closing date. Please apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

## Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed, you may be interested in the following information regarding free school meals for your child. [Free school meals](#)

## Tottenham FC Sessions

We are excited to welcome coaches from Tottenham FC to lead a session for each class in Years 1-6. Please see below for the date of your child's session. The sessions will be in school time, and the children will wear their PE kit. Look out on the newsletter and our Instagram page for photos of the sessions.

14 <sup>th</sup> January	Nightingales Goldfinches Cardinals
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Parakeets Bluejays Macaws
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Puffins Pelicans Kingfishers
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Toucans Eagles Peacocks

## Vacancies

If you are interested in joining our staff team, we are currently recruiting for Midday Supervisory Assistants (MSAs). The role is from 12:00pm-1:15pm and involves supervising children on the playground, hall and dining room. It does not involve cooking or serving food.

As part of our safeguarding procedures, a DBS check will be carried out. If you are interested in this position, please contact us and we will provide further information.

## Is my child well enough for school?

If you're not sure whether to send your child to school when they are unwell, this link may be useful.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Dates for the Diary 2024-25

<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	School nursing team (YR screening checks for older children)
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Tottenham FC: Nightingales, Goldfinches, Cardinals</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 9:00am	Y2 Cardinals class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Tottenham FC: Parakeets, Bluejays, Macaws</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 9:00am	Y1 Goldfinches class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Tottenham FC: Puffins, Pelicans, Kingfishers</b>
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 9:00am	YR Firecrests class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Tottenham FC: Toucans, Eagles, Peacocks</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1-Y6 Book look (parents/grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 3:30pm-6:00pm	Parent Teacher Consultation meetings (parents welcome)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 3:30pm-6:30pm	Parent Teacher Consultation meetings (parents welcome)
17 <sup>th</sup> February -21 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>Half term holiday</b> (school closed)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>World Book Day (dressing up)</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March (after school)	PTA Wonderlicious chocolate bar sale
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 netball tournament
<b>w.b. 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Science Week</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 9:00am	Y3 Bluejays class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	School nursing team (YR screening checks for younger children)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2:30pm	Mr Mitchell's concert (parents and grandparents welcome) Classes TBC
w.b. 31 <sup>st</sup> March 7:00pm	Alban Arena concert (choir)
(Spring Term 2025 date TBC)	Y6 Mini Police assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term (school closes at 2:15pm)
7 <sup>th</sup> April -21 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Easter holiday</b> (school closed)
<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Children return to school
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 9:00am 3:20pm-3:45pm	Y2 Parakeets class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome) Y1-Y6 Book Look (parents and grandparents welcome)
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Y5 residential school journey</b>

Friday 2nd May 9:00am	Y5 Toucans class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 9th May 9:00am	Y1 Nightingales class assembly (parents/grandparents welcome)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> -Thursday 15th May	KS2 SATS week
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 9:00am	KS2 Sports Day (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 26th-Friday 30th May	<b>Half term holiday</b> (school closed)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET Day (school closed)
Friday 6th June 9:00am	Y4 Macaws class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Tuesday 3rd-Friday 13th June	Y4 multiplication tables check
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 13th June	Y1 phonics screening check week
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Egyptian Day
Friday 20th June 9:00am	YR Skylarks class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1-Y6 Book look (parents/grandparents welcome)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 9:00am	Y6 play (parents and grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 9:00am	Y6 play (parents and grandparents welcome)
Thursday 10th July	Transition day (meet the new teacher)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 9:15am 2:30pm	Infant Sports Day (parents and grandparents welcome) Mr Mitchell's concert (parents and grandparents welcome) Classes TBC
Friday 18th July	Last day of term (school closes at 2:15pm)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET Day (school closed)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET Day (school closed)
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET Day (school closed)
24th July 2025-3rd September	<b>Summer holiday</b> (school closed)

**Feedback Form**

Please add any positive comments, concerns or suggestions:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPnqbCwRs9svUSsaXKhrJlIeIKv0S9UNIJRUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpCN0IWQy4u>

Name:

Child's Class: