



# KILLIGREW NEWS

10th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children were delighted to play on the field this week for the first time this year.

As the weather looks changeable next week, please remember to either put sun lotion on your child at the beginning of the day or send them in with a waterproof coat as we try to get outside in all weather conditions.

I hope that you get to enjoy the warm weather predicted for this weekend.

Kindest regards,

T. Mylotte  
Head teacher

## Attendance

Wow, Puffins have retained their outstanding attendance for the second week running, just beating Firecrests into second place. Cardinals-what a fantastic improvement on last week-from bottom of the table to top three!

Puffins	100.0%
Firecrests	99.3%
Cardinals	99.3%
Macaws	98.1%
Hummingbirds	98.0%
Eagles	97.7%
Pelicans	97.0%
Goldfinches	97.0%
Bluejays	96.2%
Nightingales	95.2%
Skylarks	95.2%
Peacocks	94.7%
Parakeets	93.9%
Toucans	93.3%
Kingfishers	93.2%

## Year 3 trip

Year 3 took a trip back in time to experience Roman life. On our trip to St Albans Abbey, we took part in a Roman trail, where the children dressed up, and played a role in the story of St Alban.



The children also learned about how mosaics were made and where they could be found. They then had the opportunity to create their own mosaic tiles which they did carefully. The results were fantastic!

Here's what the children had to say about their day. *"My favourite part was the mosaics because we could express ourselves and be creative!"*

*"It was interesting to dress up as Roman citizens and learn about St Alban."*

## Personal Hygiene

We have been notified of a case of threadworms in school. We have reminded the children about careful handwashing but thought you may find this link useful. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

## School Uniform

Following a couple of questions about uniform this week, here are a few reminders:

- Children should wear shoes, not boots or trainers, even if they are black.
- Children should not wear bracelets or necklaces.
- Earrings should be small and flat to the ear-no hoops please.
- Hair should be tied up with a small hairband/scrunchie-no cats ears or unicorns please!

## Term time absence

We have had a small but increasing number of requests for term time absence since Easter.

Absence from school may be authorised for the following reasons:

- Sickness
- Days of religious observance
- Exceptional family circumstances e.g. close family bereavement/ funeral
- Emergency medical/dental appointments (though these should be made outside school hours whenever possible)

The school will not authorise absence for:

- Holidays
- Shopping
- Looking after siblings or parents
- Birthdays
- Funeral of distant relative involving more than one day of absence
- Pet going to the vet/pet's death
- Car breaking down

We follow HCC's Penalty Notice for unauthorised absence. If a pupil has at least 15 half days of unauthorised absence in the current and/or previous term (including unauthorised holidays), the headteacher may ask HCC to issue a Penalty Notice. The penalty is currently £60 per child per parent if paid within 21 days, rising to £120 per child per parent if paid after 28 days. The penalty notice

fee is increasing from September. There is no right of appeal by parents against a Fixed Penalty Notice. If the penalty is not paid, HCC may prosecute parents/carers for their child's irregular attendance.

To help you to plan, we publicise the term dates for the current and next academic year at the bottom of each newsletter.

## Secondary School Transition

We have secured the services of Vista, the Local Schools' Partnership, to lead a workshop on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 8:45am** for Y6 parents. The focus will be to support you to prepare your child for the transition from primary to secondary school.

## PTA News

Thank you to everyone who supported the Reception cake sale last week. YR raised an amazing £221.60 for the school.

### Save the Date

The Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 29th June. All children are invited to enter our poster design competition (check your class WhatsApp or the PTA Facebook group for details).

### **We need your help!!!**

We are calling on parents to offer us their DJing, balloon modelling and face painting skills. Please get in touch with the PTA, via your class rep or [killigrewpta@hotmail.com](mailto:killigrewpta@hotmail.com) if you would like to help. This year there will also be a stage area so let us know if you have a dance group or band etc. that would enjoy putting on a performance.

## Sports

On Wednesday 1st May, we took part in the Wix Cup-representing St Albans against the best teams in Hertfordshire (Hitchin, Dacorum and Stevenage). Our first match was against Lordship Farm and an amazing cross from Evan met Finlay's head to put us 1-0 up. After this, we played some effective game management with Theo playing well to go into the next stage

with a two-point lead.

Our next match was against Lime Walk and with some excellent defence from Sammy and Rio tracking back, we were able to keep a clean sheet with another two goals from Evan (penalty) and Finlay.

We went into the last match feeling confident and knowing we were through, but still wanting to win. A 1-0 loss against St Vincent de Paul was therefore disappointing but we regrouped and were ready for the final.

After a full time 0-0 in the final, the match went to extra time with Leo stopping multiple shots to keep us in the game. With still no goals, we knew there would be penalties.

The first penalty was slotted in by Finlay, the second penalty by Sammy put the other team under pressure which caused them to miss their penalty. It was now up to Theo and our superstar Year 4 player, Jacob, to increase our advantage and they did so admirably. The deal was then sealed by Evan who took a cool penalty to make us winners!

Go Killigrew! The best team in Hertfordshire!!



It was then the exciting presentation of medals and lifting of the cup-our second of the season. A fun tournament where every boy played his part with an honourable mention to Jacob stepping up from Year 4. A great end to a great season with special thanks to Miss Walsh who has given up so much time to support us. **By Finlay H**

## **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](#)

## **Is my child too ill for school?**

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

## Feedback Form

Please add any positive comments, concerns or suggestions:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPnqbCwRs9svUSs\\_aXKhrJlleIKv0S9UNURUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpCN0lWQy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPnqbCwRs9svUSs_aXKhrJlleIKv0S9UNURUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpCN0lWQy4u)

Name:

Child's Class:

### Dates-Academic Year 2023-24

SUMMER TERM 2024	
Date	Event
13 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	National Numeracy Day Y5 School Journey assembly
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Y3 healthy eating workshop
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School nurse visiting (health checks for younger YR children)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	YR trip to Roald Dahl Museum
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May (morning)	KS2 sports day (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term-school closed
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET day-school closed
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	PCSO talk for Y5 & Y6 (online safety) SEND coffee & cake morning (9:00am-10:30am in The Hub)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Bikeability
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 multiplication table checks
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 9:00am 3.20pm-3.45pm	Nightingales assembly (parents and grandparents welcome) Book Look (parents welcome)
w.b. 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 phonics screening check week
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Year 4 Bake Sale
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 visit to Capel Manor Gardens
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6-Y7 transition meeting for parents/carers 8:45am Skylarks assembly (parents/grandparents welcome) 9:00am
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 trip to Southend
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	School photographer-class photos
24 <sup>th</sup> June-5 <sup>th</sup> July	National Fieldwork fortnight
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fayre (11:30am-2:30pm)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y4 Ancient Egypt Day

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Music assembly (children who have instrumental lessons) Parents and grandparents welcome (junior hall)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Year 5 Bake Sale
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 9:00am	Y6 play (parents and grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 9:00am	Y6 play (parents and grandparents welcome)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day-meet the new teacher
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 9:00am	Infant sports day Mr Mitchell's music assembly (pm) Annual school report sent home
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 9:00am	Y6 leavers' assembly (parents and grandparents welcome) End of term for children-school finishes at 2:15pm/2:20pm Non-uniform day for winning house (KS2)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET days-school closed

<b>Term Dates 2024-25 (Next academic year)</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024	INSET Day (school closed)
28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024-1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	<b>Half term holiday</b> (school closed)
23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024-3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025	<b>Christmas holiday</b> (school closed)
17 <sup>th</sup> February 2025-21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025	<b>Half term holiday</b> (school closed)
7 <sup>th</sup> April 2025-21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	<b>Easter holiday</b> (school closed)
26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025-30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	<b>Half term holiday</b> (school closed)
24 <sup>th</sup> July 2025-3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	<b>Summer holiday</b> (school closed)

\*Please note that we will add 4 **INSET days** and 1 **Occasional day** (when the school is closed) for 2024-25 later in the year.