



KILLIGREW NEWS

13th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome you to our Christmas performances over the past two weeks. I do hope that you enjoyed them.

Don't forget that as next Friday (20th) is the last day of term, school finishes one hour earlier. Don't let your child be the only one left behind!

Kindest regards,

T. Mylotte
Head teacher

Attendance

This table shows the attendance figures for the past two weeks. Very well done Goldfinches and to all the highlighted classes. This is so much better than a few weeks ago. Thank you for your support with our drive to improve attendance.

Class	Attendance
Goldfinches	98.7%
Skylarks	98.3%
Kingfishers	98.2%
Puffins	98.0%
Macaws	97.0%
Firecrests	96.7%
Nightingales	96.5%
Pelicans	96.3%
Peacocks	96.3%
Toucans	96.3%
Bluejays	95.9%
Parakeets	95.5%
Hummingbirds	95.3%
Eagles	95.0%
Cardinals	94.8%

Sweets and Treats

If you give your child sweets/treats to share for a birthday or other celebration, please ensure that these are handed out after school. Please remind your child that sweets must remain sealed until they are with an adult and have left school premises.

A number of families prefer to donate a book to their child's class instead of buying sweets. Here are the links to the class wish lists.

Nursery Link:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/V1EPRJBUB8Y?ref=wl_share

Reception Link:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2SG9C288IN1YX?ref=wl_share

Year 1 Link:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2OVOBAIQJ4KCD?ref=wl_share

Year 2 Link:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2010IKHUL2QI0?ref=wl_share

Year 3 Link:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/PGHAFG6AI0GX?ref=wl_share

Year 4 Link:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/Y5KHCPXW2CKP?ref=wl_share

Year 5 Link:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/72NBQBBNS32O?ref=wl_share

Year 6 Link:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3NDPWW770JFGI?ref=wl_share

Reading Books

Please can you return all guided reading books (these are marked in the corner of the front cover with a letter i.e. GG) by Thursday 19th December. Your child will be given a library or 'Read With' book to bring home for the Christmas break.

Make Up

This is a new topic for the newsletter! A small, but growing number of Y5 and Y6 girls are either wearing make up to school or are applying make up between arriving at school and lunchtime. This mainly includes lipstick and mascara. Please can you check that your child is make up free on arrival and perhaps check your make up bag for any missing items! Any children wearing make up will be instructed to wipe it off.

Cheerleading Success

Jessica (Y5) and Sadie (Y4) travelled to Disneyland Paris recently to compete in their first international cheerleading competition.



Their team ('Blanche') put on an excellent performance and managed to 'Hit Zero' which means that everything was executed without deductions. This also led to them becoming the winners of their category- taking first place. Well done girls!

Is Your Child Safe Online?

Please follow this link to a digital toolkit from the internetmatters.org website. It starts with a questionnaire then gives age-specific advice about how to ensure children are being safe with technology at home.

<https://shorturl.at/mUz6p>

Kickboxing Competition

Eshana (Y5) completed her first ring fight for her Shaolin Kickboxing School inter club competition. She did very well, and it ended as a draw. Well done Eshana!



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

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.

Sport Update

Samuel Ryder vs Killigrew A Team, 25th November 2024

On a very pleasant day at the iconic Killigrew field, Killigrew overcame tough visitors Alban City School in a resounding victory. After a short warm-up, we were straight into the action where their skilful midfielder played an inch-perfect ball through to their striker who calmly slotted it past Clayton. Nothing Clayton and the defence could have done about that.

Killigrew weren't happy and Alban City then faced non-stop pressure from our attack. At last, Killigrew found the back of the net and went on to score another. Two brilliantly dispatched goals from Finn and Thomas!

Now Killigrew were on the front foot, but Alban City had a few moments that almost tied the scoring, but Clayton pulled out some fine saves. At half-time, though, we were winning, and Charlie (our coach) said that we had to be less selfish in the final third. We took that as motivation as we went on to score two more amazing goals, by Kayden and Jacob! The final whistle went, and we did our three cheers (and one for luck) and our player of the match, named by Alban City, was Kayden! Overall, it was a great day as we continued our winning start in the league as the full-time score was 4-1 to Killigrew!

By Clayton

Samuel Ryder vs Killigrew A Team, 2nd December 2024

It was a fine day at the outstanding facilities of Samuel Ryder School. Unlike the match against Alban City, Killigrew got the breakthrough with an unstoppable team move, which was finished off by Kayden. Soon after, it was two as Finn lashed the ball in off the crossbar from close range!

Just before half-time, Killigrew's clean sheet bid was off the cards as Clayton could only parry the shot, which fell on to the laces of their striker whose tap-in got Samuel Ryder back in it.

As the half-time whistle blew, we were informed that we were playing very well and that if we kept it up, we would for sure win the game. We wanted to take the game away from Samuel Ryder as we applied constant pressure, but we just couldn't convert. Then at the other end Clayton saved the day with a series of fine saves in the space of a few minutes to keep us on top.

After a lot of nerve-wracking moments, we at last got a third as Kayden calmly converted a chance. Finally, Killigrew had some breathing space, but we wanted more! A few minutes later we had a Killigrew Goal of the Season contender: Theeran couldn't have hit a sweeter volley as he rifled it into the far right corner. Credit must also go to Samuel for putting his body on the line and deflecting a goal-bound free kick onto the post and out, saving Clayton's blushes after he misread the shot, to keep the score 4-1. The full time whistle blew shortly after, and our player of the match was... KAYDEN! Another brilliant performance and we netted four goals for the third successive league match!

By Clayton

Match report B team away against Samuel Ryder.

The B team were lucky to have a match last Monday against Samuel Ryder on their astro with flood lights. It was a brilliant first half with lots of goals. Kiko scored a powerful match opener with a shot from outside the box. We continued scoring goals in the first half, but the second half wasn't so good.

At halftime, it was five nil with brilliant goals from Charlie, Arthur and Archie. The second half was harder for us as they brought in an extra player. They started getting more chances and eventually scored 3 goals. We did really well to score one last goal and then the final whistle blew. Everyone played really well, and we were delighted to be back to winning ways.

By William

PTA Update



Thank you to all those that attended the Christmas fair we raised an amazing £2,738. We couldn't have done this without our amazing volunteers so thank you.



Congratulations to the winners of elf, treasure hunt and bauble decorations.

-The winner of the giant elf: Stanley in Toucans.

-The winner of the decorate a bauble: Alfie in Pelicans.

-The winner of the elf/snowman trail: Seb in Nightingales.

Thank you once again for the support in 2024 and we will see you with more exciting events in 2025.

Happy holidays from your PTA!

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 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/>

Feedback Form

Please add any positive comments, concerns or suggestions:

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

Name:

Child's Class:

Dates for the Diary 2024-25

Autumn Term 2024	
Wednesday 18 th December	Infant Christmas parties
Thursday 19 th December	2:30pm Nursery Christmas 'sing-along' (parents welcome) Junior Christmas parties
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term -school closes at 2:15pm
Spring Term 2025	
Monday 6 th January	Children return to school
Wednesday 8 th January	School nursing team (Y6 questionnaire)

Friday 10 th January 9:00am	Y5 Mini Police 8-week project begins Y3 Puffins class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 13 th January	School nursing team (YR screening checks for older children)
Friday 17 th January 9:00am	Y2 Cardinals class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 24 th January 9:00am	Y1 Goldfinches class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 31 st January 9:00am	YR Firecrests class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 7 th February	Y1-Y6 Book look (parents/grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 12 th February 3:30pm-6:00pm	Parent Teacher Consultation meetings (parents welcome)
Thursday 13 th February 3:30pm-6:30pm	Parent Teacher Consultation meetings (parents welcome)
17 th February -21 st February	Half term holiday (school closed)
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (dressing up)
Friday 7 th March (after school)	PTA Wonderlicious Chocolate bar sale
Saturday 8 th March	Y6 netball tournament
Friday 14 th March 9:00am	Y3 Bluejays class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 24 th March	School nursing team (YR screening checks for younger children)
Friday 28 th March 2:15pm	Mr Mitchell's concert (parents and grandparents welcome) Classes TBC
w.b. 31 st March 7:00pm	Alban Arena concert (choir)
(Spring Term 2025 date TBC)	Y6 Mini Police assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 4 th April	Last day of term (school closes at 2:15pm)
7 th April -21 st April	Easter holiday (school closed)
Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday 22 nd April	Children return to school
Friday 25 th April 9:00am 3:20pm-3:45pm	Y2 Parakeets class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome) Y1-Y6 Book Look (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 2 nd May 9:00am	Y5 Toucans class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 9 th May 9:00am	Y1 Nightingales class assembly (parents/grandparents welcome)

Monday 12 th -Thursday 15th May	KS2 SATS week
Friday 23 rd May 9:00am	KS2 Sports Day (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 26th-Friday 30th May	Half term holiday (school closed)
Monday 2 nd 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 th -Friday 13th June	Y1 phonics screening check week
Wednesday 18 th June	Y4 Egyptian Day
Friday 20th June 9:00am	YR Skylarks class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 27 th June	Y1-Y6 Book look (parents/grandparents welcome)
Tuesday 8 th July 9:00am	Y6 play (parents and grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 9 th July 9:00am	Y6 play (parents and grandparents welcome)
Thursday 10th July	Transition day (meet the new teacher)
Friday 11 th July 9:15am 2:15pm	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 st July	INSET Day (school closed)
Tuesday 22 nd July	INSET Day (school closed)
Wednesday 23 rd July	INSET Day (school closed)
24th July 2025-3rd September	Summer holiday (school closed)