



KILLIGREW NEWS

15th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

The diary is getting very busy in the run up to Christmas so please look at the dates below as there are several new events coming up including non-uniform day next Thursday. Your child may wear anything you choose on that day, but please can you opt for appropriate clothing for the weather as the children play outside at lunchtime. Please ensure that shoes are suitable for all the usual school activities (not party shoes or mermaid outfits) and that hair is tied back-see this week's item about head lice!

I hope that you have an enjoyable day next Friday (22nd November) when school is closed for the Occasional Day.

Kindest regards,

T. Mylotte
Head teacher

Attendance

Well done Puffins and Peacocks-you jumped right up the table last week!

Class	Attendance
Puffins	99.7%
Peacocks	98.7%
Pelicans	97.7%
Skylarks	97.5%
Nightingales	96.9%
Hummingbirds	96.7%
Goldfinches	96.0%
Toucans	95.9%
Bluejays	95.7%
Firecrests	95.0%
Kingfishers	93.2%
Macaws	92.9%
Parakeets	92.6%
Eagles	89.0%
Cardinals	87.1%

Staff News

Mrs Holmes will be leaving Killigrew at the end of the month as she is relocating to Canada with her family. I am sure you join me in wishing her well and thanking her for all the hard work that she has put in both as a class teacher and key stage leader.

Class Birds

William in Nightingales class has been busy at home-he created this fabulous poster of all the class birds. Well done, William!



Head Lice

We thought it was about time to remind everyone about the dreaded head lice. They are a common issue in primary school-aged children, and early detection is key to preventing their spread.

We encourage you to regularly inspect your child's hair and scalp for any signs of lice or nits (lice eggs). If you notice any signs at all, please treat the infestation promptly and notify us. For more information on prevention and treatment, please see the link to the NHS website guidance.

Please look carefully at the information about wet combing and the period that it takes to guarantee the removal of all eggs. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

School Admissions 2025

If you or anyone you know has a child who was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, the online admissions application system is now open as you need to apply for a school place for them. Please see the attached leaflet for further information.

We currently have spaces in our current YR and Y2 classes so if you know any families who are moving into the area do let them know.

Snacks

Junior children may bring in a piece of fruit for breaktime. This includes larger fruit that has been cut up and put in a container, a box of raisins or a vegetable such as tomatoes. Any other snacks such as sweets, biscuits, crisps or fruit winders will be sent home. Please do not send in sweets and biscuits for after school snacks as these often contain nuts.

Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone who bought beautiful books for the class libraries. We really appreciate you buying these.

Dancing Success

Evie in Y6 performed with Bovingdon Dance Academy on stage at Disneyland Paris during half term.



The 'Disney Squad' rehearsed for the past 6 months then performed an energetic, 20-minute performance with 53 dancers in front of a packed audience. They danced with passion and enthusiasm! The dance academy reported that 'Evie has been professional throughout the entire experience and has grown in confidence during the many rehearsals. She shone on the stage with energy and style.' Well done, Evie!

SEND Coffee Mornings

The DSPL7 parent coffee mornings are taking place later this month:

- The next Emotionally Based School Avoidance coffee morning is on Thursday 21st November.
- The next SEND coffee morning is on Wednesday 27th November.

Please see the attachments for further information.

Sports News-netball report

Killigrew hosted a league game against MPL School today. It was a fast-paced game and Killigrew were on fire! Beautiful passing between the team saw them take an early lead. MPL school worked hard to battle back, but Killigrew were unstoppable today clinching an 11-1 win.

Goals from Amelie F and Daisy. Daisy was the opponent's player of the match, which was well deserved. Great result, lovely team work. Well done Team Killigrew!

By Willow

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.

Competition

Commissioner launches Christmas card competition for Hertfordshire children

With just weeks to go until Christmas, Hertfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner Jonathan Ash-Edwards is launching a competition for the county's children to design his Christmas card. The winning card will be sent to some of the most important figures in policing and community safety nationally as well as communities across Hertfordshire.

Children aged 11 and under are invited to put pen or pencil to A4 paper and submit their creative Christmas designs by **Thursday 28th November**. The only rules are no paint or glitter please! The theme for the Commissioner's first competition is '**helping people at Christmas**'.

Paper pictures are preferred but email entries will be accepted although the original may be requested by the PCC's office.

Prizes of Amazon vouchers will be available for the winner and runners up. The winner will also receive printed copies of their design. If the winning entry is submitted via a school or children's club, that organisation will also receive an Amazon voucher.

Postal entries should be sent to: PCC Christmas Card Competition, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, 13 Vaughan Road, Harpenden, AL5 4GZ

Email entries, using a high resolution scan of the image, should be sent to: commissioner@herts-pcc.gov.uk

All entries will need to include the child's name and age as well as contact details for the child's parent or guardian so contact can be made with the winning entry. If entering via a school, a named contact will also be needed.

We look forward to seeing everybody's efforts.

PTA Updates

Upcoming non-uniform day

There will be a non-uniform day on Thursday 21st November. Please bring a chocolate or sweets donation to school drop off on that day. Donations will be collected at both the front and Greenwood Park gates and used to stock an Edible Treats Tombola at Killigrew's Winter Wonderland. We are not collecting bottles this time, as we still have the stock that was donated in advance of the summer fair, so will be putting those to good use on a Bottle Tombola at the Christmas fair.

Killigrew's Winter Wonderland 2024 (Christmas Fair)

Killigrew's Winter Wonderland is coming up later in the month: Saturday November 30th 12-3pm. As last year, we are offering a SEN early opening at 11.30am. You can

look forward to: Santa's grotto, games and activities, external stalls, hot food and drinks and snacks. Please support this event by coming along and bringing friends and family with you! We require numerous volunteers to enable this event to run successfully. There are two ways you can get involved:

1) Respond to the WhatsApp message sent by your PTA year group rep, so that you can help on a fun game stall

2) Sign up to other roles using this link:
Volunteersignup.org/W3E4F

Thank you in advance for all your support in making this a hugely successful fundraiser for Killigrew and a lovely event to get us all into the Christmas spirit! We look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Treeeasy

Please see the attached leaflet about Christmas Treeeasy, a fresh Christmas tree delivery service that give money to Killigrew PTA with every order. More details can be found at:

www.christmastreeeasy.co.uk

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	
Tuesday 19th November	Flu vaccinations (all year groups)
Wednesday 20 th November	Y1 trip to the British Schools Museum
Thursday 21st November	PTA non-uniform day (in exchange for a donation for the Christmas Fair)
Friday 22 nd November	Occasional Day (school closed)
Wednesday 27 th November	9:00am Maths workshop (parents/carers/grandparents welcome) 1:30pm Abbey Carol Concert Rehearsal (for readers-see below)

Thursday 28 th November 10:30am	Advent Carol Service at the Abbey (Choir-parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 29 th November 9:00am	Y5 Pelicans class assembly (parents/grandparents welcome)
3:20pm-3:45pm	Y1-Y6 Book look (parents/grandparents welcome)
Saturday 30 th November 12-3:00pm (11.30am SEN opening time)	PTA Winter Wonderland Christmas Fair
Tuesday 3 rd December 9:00am	LKS2 Christmas concert (parents welcome) (No swimming)
Tuesday 3 rd December 2:15pm	UKS2 Christmas concert (parents welcome)
Wednesday 4 th December 9:00am	UKS2 Christmas concert (parents welcome)
Wednesday 4 th December 2:15pm	LKS2 Christmas concert (parents welcome)
Tuesday 10 th December 9:15am	YN & YR Christmas Play (parents welcome)
Wednesday 11 th December 9:15am	YN & YR Christmas Play (parents welcome)
Wednesday 11 th December 2:15pm	KS1 Christmas Play (parents welcome)
Thursday 12 th December 9:15am	Y5 trip to STEM Discovery Centre KS1 Christmas Play (parents welcome)
Friday 13 th December 2:15pm	Mr Mitchell's concert (parents and grandparents welcome) Classes TBC Christmas jumper day (wear a Christmas or winter jumper)
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 12th February 3:30pm-6:00pm	Parent Teacher Consultation meetings (parents welcome)
Thursday 13th February 3:30pm-6:30pm	Parent Teacher Consultation meetings (parents welcome)
17th February -21st 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 14th 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 4th April	Last day of term (school closes at 2:15pm)
7th April -21st April	Easter holiday (school closed)
Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday 22nd April	Children return to school
Friday 25 th April 9:00am	Y2 Parakeets class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome) Y1-Y6 Book Look (parents and grandparents welcome)
3:20pm-3:45pm	
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 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 10 th 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 18 th 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)
24 th July 2025-3 rd September	Summer holiday (school closed)