



KILLIGREW NEWS

18th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you enjoyed the Early Years and KS1 performances last week. The children worked incredibly hard and certainly sang their hearts out-what fabulous performers!

Don't forget that school closes at 2:15pm/2:20pm on Wednesday 20th December for the Christmas holiday. I look forward to seeing you and the children on Thursday 4th January. I wish you a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Kindest regards,

T. Mylotte
Head teacher

Attendance

As we come towards the end of term, here is the attendance for the whole of the autumn term. Well done Nightingales for the highest attendance across the school!

Class	Attendance
Nightingales	97.8%
Macaws	97.1%
Pelicans	97.1%
Cardinals	96.5%
Kingfishers	96.5%
Peacocks	96.4%
Puffins	96.4%
Firecrests	95.9%
Toucans	95.8%
Goldfinches	95.6%
Parakeets	95.5%
Eagles	94.8%
Hummingbirds	94.0%
Skylarks	93.4%
Bluejays	93.1%

Breakfast Club

From January, Clubkidz will be running breakfast club. The sessions will start earlier at 7:30am. Your child will bring home a leaflet with more information this week.

YR Topic Day

Children in the Reception classes are having their 'Traditional Tales' topic day on Friday 5th January. Please send your YR child to school dressed in warm pyjamas (on top of other clothes) and with a story book in their bag. Thank you.

What's On

We have attached information about 'festive community feasts' and events taking place at local Children's Centres.

Hannukah

Last week, Year 1 were joined by Mrs Cooper and Mrs Miller who spoke to us about the Jewish festival of Hannukah.



This links with our RE curriculum focus of celebrations and festivals linked to light. We learnt all about how their families celebrate Hannukah and why.

E-safety

We have attached a leaflet about Disney+ and a leaflet about having a tech free Christmas!

Music Opportunities

Fantastic musical opportunities from January 2024

All activities take place at St Albans Music School, based at Townsend School, High Oaks, St Albans AL3 6DR. Rehearsals commence from 9th January 2024.

Ukulele Bandits-Tuesdays, 4:30-5:15pm an opportunity to learn from scratch, or develop ukulele playing skills

Fife Club - Wednesdays, 4:30-5:15pm an affordable gateway into woodwind playing-learn to play fife (a small flute) together with others, in a fun, ensemble setting

Musical Voices-Thursdays, 4:30- 5:15pm a regional choir for children across the area to sing, develop confidence and make new friends.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

For more information and to sign up, please visit

www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/st-albans-music-school . For enquiries, contact stalbanmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Governors Update

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Wonderful Children,

As the final term of 2023 draws to a close, it brings me great joy to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared at Killigrew. On behalf of the Board of Governors, I am honoured to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for making the 2023 year a tremendous success.

First and foremost, I would like to express our deepest appreciation to the dedicated and talented teaching staff at Killigrew. Your unwavering commitment to fostering a love for learning, and nurturing the potential within each child, is truly commendable. The positive impact you make in the lives of our students does not

go unnoticed, and we are grateful for your tireless efforts.

A special thank you goes out to our fantastic teaching assistants, who play a crucial role in supporting both students and teachers. Your patience, kindness, and enthusiasm, create an inclusive and supportive learning environment that allows every child to thrive. Your dedication is truly valued, and we recognise the invaluable contributions you make to our school community.

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) has been a beacon of strength and support throughout the year. My last newsletter, asked for a call for all budding parents to step up and volunteer and now we have a fabulous PTA that has raised so much money this year. To the hardworking members of the PTA, your commitment to enhancing the overall school experience through fundraising events, community engagement, and countless other initiatives has been remarkable. The sense of unity and collaboration fostered by the PTA has enriched our school community, and we are immensely grateful for your time and dedication.

As we celebrate the achievements and milestones of our children, it's important to acknowledge the collective effort of our entire school community. The positive relationships between parents, teachers, support staff, and the PTA create a nurturing environment that empowers our students to reach their full potential.

As we look forward to a well-deserved Christmas break, let us carry with us the memories of the laughter, learning, and growth, that have defined this academic term. May you all enjoy a restful and rejuvenating break, and we eagerly anticipate the return of our children for another exciting school term.

Thank you once again for your continuous support, and here's to the bright future that awaits each and every student at Killigrew.

My best wishes, Giles Fry, Chair of Governors

PTA Update

The PTA would like to thank everyone for their support this term. With your help a total of £5,495.76 has been raised for the school. Please see the attached poster for details on how this was raised.

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and remind you to keep a look out for next term's event dates early in the New Year.

Is my child too ill for school?

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

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](#)

Feedback Form

Please add any positive comments, concerns or suggestions:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPnqbCwRs9svUSsaXKhrJlIeIKv0S9UNURUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpCN0lWQy4u>

Name:

Child's Class:

Dates-Academic Year 2023-24

AUTUMN TERM 2023	
Date	Event
Wednesday 20th December	Last day of term -school finishes at 2:15pm/2:20pm
SPRING TERM 2024	
Date	Event
Thursday 4 th January	Spring term begins
Friday 5 th January	YR Topic launch (wear pyjamas and bring a story book)
Monday 8 th January	Read with your child 8:40am
Thursday 11 th January	Y1 trip
Friday 12 th January	Bluejays assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 19 th January	KS2 Speech Cup final
Monday 22nd January	PTA Year 6 Bake Sale
Friday 26 th January	Parakeets assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 24 th January	School Nurse visiting Y6 (TLM health questionnaire)
Friday 2 nd February	NSPCC number day Goldfinches assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 5 th February	Read with your child 8:40am School nurse visiting YR-health checks
Monday 5 th -11 th February	Feel Good Week
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 th February 3.20pm-3.45pm	Book Look (parents welcome) Firecrests assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)

Wednesday 14 th February	Parents evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
Thursday 15 th February	Parents evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
Monday 19 th -Friday 23 rd February	Half term-school closed
Friday 1 st March	Secondary School allocation day
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day (Dressing up)
Friday 8 th March	Eagles assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 11 th March	PTA Year 2 Bake Sale
8 th -17 th March	British Science Week
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day Pelicans assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 22 nd March	Mr Mitchell's music concert (pm)
25 th -27 th March (evening)TBC	Alban Arena Concert-choir & musicians
Thursday 28 th March	Easter hat parade (children to bring a decorated hat to school) Non-uniform day for winning house (KS2) Last day of term-school finishes at 2:15pm/2:20pm
SUMMER TERM 2024	
Date	Event
Monday 15 th April	Summer term begins
Friday 19 th April 3.20pm-3.45pm	Book Look (parents welcome)
Wednesday 24 th April	School nurse visiting YR (health checks)
Friday 26 th April	Kingfishers assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 29 th April	PTA YR Bake Sale
May TBC	Walk to School Week
Friday 3 rd May	Puffins assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday-school closed
Friday 10 th May	Cardinals assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
13 th -16 th May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 17 th May	National Numeracy Day
Friday 24 th May	KS2 sports day (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 27 th -Friday 31 st May	Half term-school closed
Monday 3 rd June	INSET day
Monday 3 rd -Friday 14 th June	Y4 multiplication table checks
Friday 7 th June 3.20pm-3.45pm	Book Look (parents welcome) Nightingales assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
w.b. 10 th June	Y1 phonics screening check week
Monday 10 th June	PTA Year 4 Bake Sale
Friday 14 th June	Skylarks assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 26 th June	School photographer-class photos
24 th June-5 th July TBC	National Fieldwork fortnight
Monday 8 th July	PTA Year 5 Bake Sale
Tuesday 9 th July 9:00am	Y6 play (parents and grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 10 th July 9:00am	Y6 play (parents and grandparents welcome)
Thursday 11 th July	Transition day-meet the new teacher
Friday 12 th July 9:00am	Infant sports Day

	Mr Mitchell's music assembly (pm) Annual school report sent home
Friday 19 th 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 nd & Tuesday 23 rd July	INSET days-school closed