



KILLIGREW NEWS

18th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a few queries about uniform so I thought it would be helpful to answer them all here.

Footwear

Children may wear black, brown, blue or red leather type shoes. These should have a T-bar, ankle strap, Velcro or laces so they do not fall off. No trainers please. Children may wear wellington boots outdoors when it is wet/there is snow. These must be taken off and school shoes put on once the child is in the classroom. Children may wear short ankle boots (that finish at the ankle), but not calf or knee length boots.

Socks

These should be grey or white.

Art

Children should wear an apron for art so that their uniform is protected. An old shirt is ideal for junior children. If the sleeves are altered to make elasticated sleeves, they are perfect!

Jewellery

Any earrings should be flat to the ear please. The children need to remove these themselves for PE or have them taped.

Necklaces may only be worn for religious purposes. These also need to be removed or taped for PE.

The school cannot take responsibility for any valuables that are lost or broken so please consider what you send in.

kindest regards,

T. Mylotte
Head teacher

Attendance

Wow-you couldn't have done any better this week Cardinals-top of the table!

Class	Attendance
Cardinals	100.0%
Puffins	99.3%
Toucans	98.5%
Skylarks	98.3%
Pelicans	97.8%
Goldfinches	96.7%
Kingfishers	95.4%
Peacocks	95.3%
Firecrests	95.2%
Nightingales	94.3%
Eagles	94.0%
Parakeets	91.5%
Hummingbirds	91.3%
Bluejays	89.3%
Macaws	88.9%

Packed Lunches

If your child has a packed lunch, please send in any cutlery they will need and send in a drink in their packed lunch box/bag.

Clubs

We have some very exciting clubs with availability after the half term break. These are run by an experienced company called GameOn who support our sports offer at Killigrew. If you would like your child to join one of the clubs below, please email the admin team for more information.

Mondays after school Year 3 and Year 4 netball/basketball

Tuesdays lunch time - Year 3 and Year 4 multisports

Tuesdays after school - Year 5 and Year 6 hockey

Wednesdays after school - Year 1 and Year 2 multisports

Secondary Transfer 2025

Don't forget that the deadline for applications to secondary school is fast approaching. Parents/carers need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Thursday 31st October 2024**. We recommend that parents complete the application by Friday 25th October, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the admissions team ahead of the deadline.

Please apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions
Any applications received after **Thursday 31st October 2024** will be considered as 'LATE' applications and are considered after all of the on time applications.

Please be aware that this information applies to children who are currently being educated outside of their normal cohort, i.e. those in Year 5 but are chronologically Year 6. Parents/carers may need to make an application now with a request to delay their application to September 2026.

Herts Parent Carer Involvement

Herts Parent Carer Involvement, the independent parent carer forum for Hertfordshire, has asked us to share their annual survey with you. They want to hear from Hertfordshire parent carers of children and young people (age 0-25) with any Special Educational Need and/or Disability. Your child doesn't need to have a diagnosis or EHCP for you to take part. The survey is open until **Sunday 3rd November** and can be accessed here:
<http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HPCISurvey2024>

If you would like to know more about HPCI or to become a member, you can visit their website: www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk or call 07840 360 245.

Neurodiversity Support

Please find attached a flyer advertising the Neurodiversity Support offer for parents/carers and young people in Hertfordshire. The HCC and ICB offer consists of various resources including group courses, webinars and a live web chat for young people as well as the support hub and digital webinars for parent/carers.

Sports News

On Thursday, nine Y6 children took part in the second Cross Country Match of the season. It was a beautiful sunny day which was in stark contrast to our first match a few weeks ago.



The children showed super resilience as the course had a steep hill to tackle. Well done to everyone who ran- Lucy, Amelie, Nishi, Lexi, Theeran, Finn, Samuel, Lucas and Thomas. A big well done to Thomas who had to work hard to keep his winning streak.

PTA fundraising

The PTA has arranged for the children to create a piece of Christmas/winter art which can be created into various products such as mugs and notebooks.

The finished art, mounted on the 'student details' form, will be sent home with the children next week. The artwork must be kept clean and flat.

If you would like to place an order, please return your child's 'details' form, which doubles up as an order form, together with payment to the school office (in the infant building), or hand it to a member of staff and we will take it to the office for you. Please do not leave the form in bags as the artwork could become creased and staff do not look through bags. All orders must be placed by **Friday 8th November** as they will be posted on that day by the PTA.

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.

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=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPnqbCwRs9svUSsaXKhrJlleIKv0S9UNIJRUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpCN0IWQy4u>

Name:

Child's Class:

Dates for the Diary 2024-25

Autumn Term 2024	
Wednesday 23 rd October 3:30pm-6:00pm	Parent Teacher Consultation meetings (parents welcome)
Thursday 24 th October 3:30pm-6:30pm	Parent Teacher Consultation meetings (parents welcome)
Friday 25 th October 8:50am-11:30am	Poetry Busk (parents and grandparents welcome)
28 th October-1 st November	Half term holiday (school closed)
Thursday 31 st October	Deadline for secondary school transfer applications

Tuesday 12 th November	Y2 trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
Friday 15 th November 9:00am	Y4 Kingfishers class assembly (parents/grandparents welcome)
Tuesday 19 th November	Flu vaccinations (all year groups)
Friday 22 nd November	Occasional Day (school closed)
Wednesday 27 th November 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)
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	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 31st 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)
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)
3:20pm-3:45pm	Y1-Y6 Book Look (parents and grandparents welcome)
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 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)