



KILLIGREW NEWS

19th July 2024

Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a very busy year for the school in many ways. Our aim is to deliver a broad and enriched curriculum, that not only focuses on maths and English but also gives great depth to science, sport, music, history and culture. The children in Y6 had their SATS results two weeks ago, and they have done brilliantly. Not only does Killigrew attain the highest results that we can, but we are also very proud of the progress children make across all areas. Results have been excellent this year and all the children in Y6 should be proud of themselves. Now they are all ready to 'Spread their Wings.'

Goodbye

We say farewell to Miss Keen, who leaves us after seven years, to take up a new post in another school. She has been a real support for many Y6 children over the years. We are grateful for the brilliant way she has prepared them for transition. We also say farewell to Miss Choudhury, who leaves us to relocate to Maidstone, in Kent. We wish her all the very best for what will be a very bright future. Miss Hardy and Miss Watts will sadly be leaving as the children they work with are moving onto secondary school. We wish them the very best for the future.

We have four new teachers joining us in September, with their induction taking place over the past two weeks during our Ofsted visit!

OFSTED Visit

Nothing like a busy end to the term.....Thank you to all our school community, for positively taking part in our recent visit on Wednesday

and Thursday this week. The inspector spent some valuable time with us. The final report will be written over the summer holidays, and we expect to get a version to share with everyone by October.

A personal thank you

My sincere thanks go to all the fabulous Killigrew staff-the teachers, TAs, lunchtime assistants, admin team and of course, Mr Borley. You make our community school a place to be proud of. Enjoy your break and come back with renewed energy. The PTA has also made a substantial contribution this year. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated team, which enhances our school in so many positive ways.

To my fellow parents, thank you for speaking highly of Killigrew in the greater community and choosing us in the first place to educate your children. Such simple tasks on paper, such as getting children to school on time, brushing teeth and following up on homework, all help set up our young people for success.

I would also like to thank my team of Governors, who give up their time to come to meetings, support the school and utilise their skills. I appreciate the support that you have given me. I'd also like to thank Steve Green, Alison Game and Anna Iskander, who all step down as their term has come to an end. Each of them has worked very hard in driving standards in the school, to the highest level.

And finally to our brilliant children. You have worked very hard this term and you leave school for the summer break as the sun has finally decided to come out. Have a lovely break, keep reading books and be excited to return in September.

Giles Fry
Chair of Governors

Next Term

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd September. Don't forget that infant children (YR-Y2) will be registered at 8:45am and junior children (Y3-Y6) at 8:50am. Junior children may go into class from 8:40am.

Thank you

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who have supported us in so many ways this year by everything from gardening, hearing children read, tidying the library, accompanying on trips and participating in workshops. We really do appreciate it.

Attendance 2024-2025

As discussed at the latest Parent Forum meeting, there are important changes to attendance from September. **Please find attached essential reading for all parents/carers to avoid being fined.**

Reading Book Search

Please can you search your cupboards, drawers and under beds and return all reading and library books asap so that we have full sets in September.

Community Impact Project

Over the past few weeks, Y6 children have been busily engaged in a Community Impact project. After getting into small groups, children were allocated a class from YR to Y5. The groups had to complete an observation on the teacher before devising their own lesson to deliver to the class.

On Friday, the groups presented their projects. They were overwhelming in their positivity about the project and it's clear to see that, with the skills they have developed, our Y6 children are ready to take the next step in their education. We are excited about what the future holds for this cohort of young people.

Computing

Please find attached a leaflet about trolling.

Taekwondo Competition

Well done to Ollie, Kyle and Yunus (Y3) who took part in the recent Impact Taekwondo competition in Haywards Heath.



They faced stiff competition against competitors from across the country. The boys all did very well, and Ollie secured a gold medal in the Special Techniques event.

Summer Holiday Activities

Parent Forum reps asked if we could provide some holiday activities for the children. You may find these useful:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/summer/how-to-beat-the-summer-slump/>

[Summer Reading Challenge | Hertfordshire County Council](https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/news-archive/fifty-thirty-summer-2024)

<https://rb.gy/hzj3v3>

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/news-archive/fifty-thirty-summer-2024>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/leisuretime/summer-and-holiday-learning>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zyrsvwx>

Pupil Leadership

We have some exciting pupil leadership opportunities for Year 1 to Year 6 in September, including (for the first time) Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy positions. We have posted information about all the opportunities on your child's Google Classroom account.

We write proper job descriptions so the children can see what these look like in the 'real world' so please encourage your child to have a read and see whether they could be the perfect candidate for the job! We are happy for parents/carers to scribe for their child and if they would like help in school we will of course assist too.

If for any reason your child cannot access Google Classroom, just email back and we'll attach the information in an email or provide paper copies in September.

Sports Kits

If your child has represented Killigrew in a sporting event this year, please can you check for any kits that may be in drawers at home. This includes black shorts and socks! Please ensure that you hand the kit back in with the zipped bag to help with kit organisation for the next season.

Legal Eagles

On Tuesday, Y6 had a fascinating visit from Legal Eagles. These are magistrates who come into schools to talk about their role in the legal system. Firstly, we had a quiz about the law. After break, the magistrates arranged our room into a court and we were all given parts to act out in a mock trial. Everybody was really engaged, and we really enjoyed it.

Eco Council Newsletter

Please find attached the latest Eco Council newsletter.

Worry & Anxiety

Please find attached a leaflet about supporting your children if they are worried or anxious.

ASD/ADHD Support

Here are two resources designed to support children with autism, ADHD, or those awaiting a diagnosis. **The Toolbox Live Chat**, available at

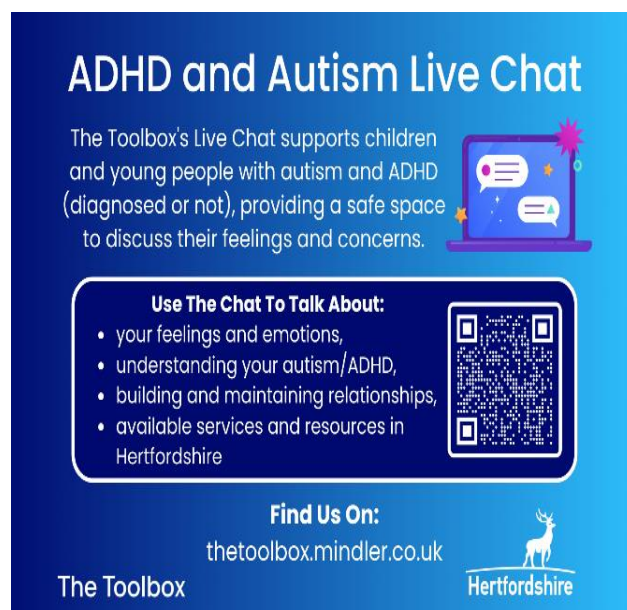
<https://thetoolbox.mindler.co.uk/>

offers a safe and supportive environment for individuals to discuss their feelings and concerns with a live person. It can be used to talk about:

- Feelings and emotions
- Understanding autism/ADHD
- Building and maintaining relationships
- Available services and resources in Herts

The Cogs app serves as a personal mental well-being coach, helping children to manage challenging situations and develop positive habits.

Both resources may be beneficial for children who need someone to talk to about their experiences and challenges.




ADHD and Autism Live Chat

The Toolbox's Live Chat supports children and young people with autism and ADHD (diagnosed or not), providing a safe space to discuss their feelings and concerns.

Use The Chat To Talk About:

- your feelings and emotions,
- understanding your autism/ADHD,
- building and maintaining relationships,
- available services and resources in Hertfordshire

Find Us On:
thetoolbox.mindler.co.uk

The Toolbox 

Free Relationship Courses

Disagreements are a normal part of life. How you approach them can make all the difference to you, your partner and your children. Learn skills to navigate changes in your relationships, develop positive communication skills and learn practical steps that you can bring into your child's life to help them cope during and/or after a separation or divorce. OnePlusOne's online courses are aimed at new parents, intact parents and separated parents.

Arguing Better

For all parenting journeys
Disagreements are a normal part of life.
How you approach them can make all the difference to you, your partner, and your children.

Me, You and Baby Too

For new parenting journeys
Learn how to navigate the changes that happen in a relationship when a baby arrives.

Getting It Right for Children

For all co-parenting journeys
Learn how to develop positive communication skills that enable you to parent co-operatively and work out solutions together.

The course can be completed at your own pace independently or with support from staff at your local Family Centre or Local School Partnership. You can get started with this digital course as soon as you register for a free OnePlusOne account.

<https://www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents>

All courses and further support can be found here: <https://rb.gy/xq44aj>

Mental Health support

Please find attached information about two opportunities that the St Albans Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are providing over the summer.

Interactive story sessions

The St Albans MHST would like to welcome you to St Albans Library, where we'll be exploring lots of different thoughts and feelings throughout the summer holidays. These interactive story sessions are perfect for children to enjoy with their parents/carers.

Discussion Group

Would you like a chance to chat with other parents and professionals about your child's mental health and wellbeing? Each week in August the St Albans MHST will be offering a 'give yourself a break' discussion group at Marlborough Science Academy.

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](#)

Don't forget that children who move from Y2 to Y3 are no longer eligible for 'universal infant free school meals' so you may wish to check your eligibility.

Is my child too ill for school?

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

Dates-Academic Year 2024-25

Term Dates 2024-25 (Next academic year)	
Monday 2 nd September 2024	INSET Day (school closed)
28th October 2024-1st November 2024	Half term holiday (school closed)
Friday 22 nd November 2024	Occasional Day (school closed)
23rd December 2024-3rd January 2025	Christmas holiday (school closed)
17th February 2025-21st February 2025	Half term holiday (school closed)
7th April 2025-21st April 2025	Easter holiday (school closed)
26th May 2025-30th May 2025	Half term holiday (school closed)
Monday 2 nd June 2025	INSET Day (school closed)
Monday 21 st July 2025	INSET Day (school closed)
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	INSET Day (school closed)
Wednesday 23 rd July 2025	INSET Day (school closed)
24th July 2025-3rd September 2025	Summer holiday (school closed)

