



# KILLIGREW NEWS

24th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Poetry Busk tomorrow morning. The children have been busy practising their poems and when I visited the classrooms, they sounded fantastic!

I hope that you have a very enjoyable half term break-we look forward to seeing you and the children on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Kindest regards,

T. Mylotte  
Head teacher

## Attendance

Goldfinches and Kingfishers- you had amazing attendance last week-nearly 100% for everyone. Well done!

Class	Attendance
Goldfinches	99.3%
Kingfishers	99.3%
Cardinals	98.6%
Firecrests	97.6%
Eagles	97.0%
Macaws	96.8%
Puffins	96.3%
Nightingales	96.1%
Toucans	95.4%
Parakeets	95.0%
Skylarks	94.6%
Pelicans	94.1%
Peacocks	92.0%
Bluejays	82.7%
Hummingbirds	82.5%

## Collection from school

Most children know who is collecting them from school, but if there is any change to this, please let the school office know in good time and before 2:00pm. This ensures that the message can be shared before the end of the day.

## Winter Reads Challenge

Winter Reads is returning from Friday 1st November to Saturday 31st January. This initiative aims to encourage people of all ages to engage with reading during the winter months through a series of fun challenges and fantastic events.

The goal of the Winter Reads Challenge is to complete six different reading challenges over the winter. As reading preferences vary, the challenges are designed to be adaptable.

For less avid readers, the challenges are simple and achievable e.g. complete two challenges with one book. For those who love a challenge, there is the Wild Card challenge, where children can create their own reading goals. The challenge is open to all ages, so families can take part in the Winter Reads together.

Those who complete all six challenges by Saturday 31st January will be entered into a prize draw to win an iPad. The challenge is FREE, you just need to be a library member.

We hope that the challenge will not only foster a love of reading but also provide a fun and engaging activity for all during the winter months.

[www.Hertfordshire.gov.uk/WinterReads](http://www.Hertfordshire.gov.uk/WinterReads)

## Lost Property

We have acquired a huge amount of lost property that is mostly unnamed. It is stored in the lobby in both the infant and junior buildings. Please pop in to see if any of it belongs to your child as we would far rather you get it back than it being recycled.

## Help your Y4 child with maths

We are pleased to offer a times table workshop for Y4 parents on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30pm. The session will focus on sharing practical ideas and strategies to help support your child learning times tables at home.

As you may know, by the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all the times tables up to 12x12. The session will provide an opportunity to:

- Explore fun and engaging ways to practise times tables at home.
- Learn about resources and activities to make learning easier.
- Discuss any challenges your child may be facing and how we can work together to overcome them.

Your involvement is crucial in helping your child gain confidence with their multiplication skills, and we look forward to sharing ideas that can make a real difference. We hope to see you there!  
(Year 4 Team)

## Secondary Transfer 2025

Don't forget that the deadline for applications to secondary school for 2025 is Thursday 31st October 2024. **We recommend that parents complete the application by tomorrow**, so that any queries can be dealt with by the admissions team ahead of the deadline.

Please apply online at

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

Any applications received after **Thursday 31st October 2024** will be considered as '**LATE**' applications and are considered after all the on-time applications.

This information applies to children who are currently being educated outside of their normal cohort, i.e. those in Y5 but are chronologically Y6. Parents/carers may need to make an application now with a request to delay the application to September 2026.

## Times Tables Rock Stars

If your child is using Times Tables Rock Stars, it is important that you use the latest versions of the app and website to ensure your child has the most secure, feature-rich and enjoyable experience.

If you use the website, please visit [play.ttrockstars.com/reset](http://play.ttrockstars.com/reset) to load the latest version in your device's browser. If you use the Times Tables Rock Stars app please update it via the app store.

## Communication

There are many exciting opportunities for pupils in school each week and the office team aim to give you all the relevant information in the email communications that are sent out. At this busy time of year, it would be really helpful if you could read the entire communication before contacting the school office team with questions.

## Half Term Challenge

Do you know how to juggle? Do you want to learn how to juggle? Use this half term to give it a go. All you need is either 3 small balls or use pairs of socks rolled into balls instead.

Please send in a video of your attempt at juggling via Google Classroom (Tapestry for Nursery and Reception). I will create a reel to showcase our juggling skills across the school. Don't worry if you can't use 3 balls. Can you do it with 2?

I would love to see all your videos but will only use videos of children who have permission to be on our Instagram page. Please use Arbor to check your consent for this.

If you would like any tips on how to do this challenge, head to our school Instagram page (@killigrewprimaryschool) where you will find our resident expert Mrs Raynes with a very helpful video!

Please send in any videos by Friday 8th November. Happy juggling! (Miss Walsh)

## Sports News

On Tuesday, eight Y5 and Y6 girls had a great afternoon playing in a tag rugby festival. For many of us, it was the first time we had played a tag rugby game. We were very lucky that it was a crisp, autumnal day and the sun was shining!



Young leaders from Roundwood School ran a round robin of activities linked to the different rules and skills used in a game. We then went into a small tournament where we put these skills into practice in a game. The children played so well and used their pace and dodging skills to score tries. Well done Evie, Matilda, Joni, Verity, Elsie, Lexi, Willow and Alice.

### Netball Match Killigrew v St Bernadette's (10.10.24)

The team did amazingly well for our first match. Verity played GK (Goalkeeper); she was excellent at blocks and passing. For the first two quarters, Lexi played as GD (Goal Defence); she was outstanding. She was always spreading out and making good passes. After that, Millie was in for the last two quarters as GD. She was fabulous- blocking people and looking to see where to go. Alivia, Lexi and Leila were WD (Wing Defence), Leila was in the first quarter and Alivia was in for the second and third quarter, and Lexi took the last quarter. Lexi was great; constantly looking for space and calling for the ball. Leila was making the right

passes and decision about where to go. Alivia was marking her player and calling for the ball. The WAs (Wing Attacks) were Darcey and Leila; they were both spectacular looking for space and doing wonderful blocks. Joni was C (Centre), she was running up and down fighting for the ball and making the right decisions on where to go. Juliette was playing GA (Goal Attack)-she was making amazing shots and she scored a goal for the team. Lastly, Daisy was playing GS (Goal Shooter), and she scored two astonishing goals. Sadly, we lost 11-3 but it is the team's first game, and we are positive that we will do better the next couple of games and hopeful that we will win!

Thank you for reading. **By Alivia F**

On Monday 14th October Killigrew played netball against How Wood. We played at Killigrew and won. The match ended 10-0 to Killigrew. Daisy was the captain of the team and got player of the match. The people who played were Millie, Alivia, Daisy, Darcey, Joni, Lexi, Verity and Evie. We had one player off the court at all times and swapped every quarter way through. The Killigrew team all played much better than when we played against St Bernadette's earlier in the term.

**By Millie Price**

## 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=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPnqbCwRs9svUSsaXKhrJlIeIKv0S9UNIJRUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpCN0IWQy4u>

Name:

Child's Class:

### Dates for the Diary 2024-25

Autumn Term 2024	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 8:50am-11:30am	Poetry Busk (parents and grandparents welcome)
28th October-1st November	<b>Half term holiday</b> (school closed)
Thursday 31st October	Deadline for secondary school transfer applications
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA disco
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Y2 trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Times tables tips for Y4 parents 2:30pm
Friday 15th November 9:00am	Y4 Kingfishers class assembly (parents/grandparents welcome)
Tuesday 19th November	Flu vaccinations (all year groups)

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Occasional Day (school closed)</b>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 1:30pm	Abbey Carol Concert Rehearsal (for readers-see below)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 10:30am	Advent Carol Service at the Abbey (Choir-parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 9:00am	Y5 Pelicans class assembly (parents/grandparents welcome)
3:20pm-3:45pm	Y1-Y6 Book look (parents/grandparents welcome)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 9:00am	LKS2 Christmas concert (parents welcome) (No swimming)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2:15pm	UKS2 Christmas concert (parents welcome)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 9:00am	UKS2 Christmas concert (parents welcome)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2:15pm	LKS2 Christmas concert (parents welcome)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 9:15am	YN & YR Christmas Play (parents welcome)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 9:15am	YN & YR Christmas Play (parents welcome)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2:15pm	KS1 Christmas Play (parents welcome)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December  9:15am	Y5 trip to STEM Discovery Centre  KS1 Christmas Play (parents welcome)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2:15pm	Mr Mitchell's concert (parents and grandparents welcome) Classes TBC Christmas jumper day (wear a Christmas or winter jumper)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Christmas parties
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Junior Christmas parties
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term -school closes at 2:15pm
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School nursing team (Y6 questionnaire)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 9:00am	Y5 Mini Police 8-week project begins Y3 Puffins class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	School nursing team (YR screening checks for older children)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 9:00am	Y2 Cardinals class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 9:00am	Y1 Goldfinches class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 9:00am	YR Firecrests class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1-Y6 Book look (parents/grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> 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	<b>Half term holiday</b> (school closed)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (dressing up)
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 netball tournament
Friday 14th March 9:00am	Y3 Bluejays class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	School nursing team (YR screening checks for younger children)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2:15pm	Mr Mitchell's concert (parents and grandparents welcome) Classes TBC
w.b. 31 <sup>st</sup> 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	<b>Easter holiday</b> (school closed)
<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	
Tuesday 22nd April	Children return to school
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 9:00am  3:20pm-3:45pm	Y2 Parakeets class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome) 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 <sup>th</sup> -Thursday 15th May	KS2 SATS week
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 9:00am	KS2 Sports Day (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 26th-Friday 30th May	<b>Half term holiday</b> (school closed)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 13th June	Y1 phonics screening check week
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Egyptian Day
Friday 20th June 9:00am	YR Skylarks class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1-Y6 Book look (parents/grandparents welcome)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 9:00am	Y6 play (parents and grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 9:00am	Y6 play (parents and grandparents welcome)
Thursday 10th July	Transition day (meet the new teacher)

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET Day (school closed)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET Day (school closed)
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET Day (school closed)
24th July 2025-3rd September	<b>Summer holiday</b> (school closed)