



KILLIGREW NEWS

27th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic week of sporting activities this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching, joining in with and posing questions to our three sporting visitors. I hope that you enjoy reading the children's reports in this week's newsletter.

Kindest regards,

T. Mylotte
Head teacher

Attendance

Nightingales-you are the attendance champions for last week-great job!

Class	Attendance
Nightingales	100.0%
Goldfinches	99.3%
Puffins	99.3%
Peacocks	99.3%
Eagles	99.0%
Toucans	98.5%
Pelicans	97.4%
Cardinals	97.1%
Kingfishers	97.1%
Hummingbirds	96.5%
Firecrests	95.6%
Bluejays	95.0%
Macaws	94.3%
Parakeets	91.7%

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached the latest HfL online safety newsletter for parents. It includes reviews and details about:

- Smartphones v feature phones
- The ABC online safety checklist
- Gaming tips for parents of neurodivergent children
- Dischord chatroom

Home School Agreement & Parent Contract

At Killigrew, we work in partnership with parents and carers to create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for pupils, staff and parents/carers. As a school team we model appropriate, respectful, polite and kind behaviour to all members of the school community.

To help us work together with parents, we have reviewed our Home School Agreement and Parent Contract. This now details our aims and values and sets out guidelines for kind, respectful and appropriate behaviour. In this agreement we use the term 'parents/carers' to refer to anyone with parental responsibility for a pupil and/or anyone caring for a child (such as grandparents or childminders who are in contact with school staff).

A condition of enrolment in Killigrew Primary and Nursery School is that all parents/carers read the Home School Agreement and Parent Contract and follow the link on the document to confirm that they agree to abide by the terms of the agreement and understand the implications of breaching this contract. Please therefore complete the agreement form by 18th October 2024.

Neurodivergent Handbook

HCC and the NHS have shared a new 'Supporting your Neurodivergent Child' handbook that has been developed for Hertfordshire parents and carers. The [Neurodiversity Handbook](#) has resources, support and signposting on a whole range of items related to Neurodiversity.

The Houses of Parliament

(Written by Emma and Simran)

Last week, we went to the Houses of Parliament. First, we left at 9:00 in morning and we went on a 1-hour trip on the bus. When we got there, we had our lunch with amazing statues and monuments. After that, we went through a security check as the building is very important and after we went through, we got a lanyard to put around our necks. Amazingly, we had to put on earphones so that we could hear our tour guide from far away.

We went to the House of Lords and the House of Commons. We also saw Queen Victoria's throne. Then in the next room we saw Queen Victoria's statue. Fun fact: Queen Victoria's husband made the statue, but she did not like it because her foot was in front of her dress and in those days, it was unlady like.

We also joined in with a workshop and learnt that in order to make Bills into laws, they must pass through the House of Commons, Lords and then finally to be signed off by the reigning monarch. Sadly, we had to leave, but we saw amazing things and we all had so much fun.

Sports

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 had a great start to the week when we welcomed Peacock Fitness into our school for a Zumba session.



We closed the curtains, turned off the lights and waved our giant glow sticks in the air all whilst moving our bodies to the music! It was great fun and all the children joined in and had a fantastic time.

Football freestyle session

(By Joni and Lexi Year 6)

On Tuesday 24th of September, a football freestyler, Jamie Knight, came into Killigrew to show off his outstanding tricks. We had a brilliant assembly about an amazing football freestyler called Jamie Knight and we had the pleasure of later having a special individual class training session.



A freestyle footballer is a person who does tricks with a football. Jamie Knight has won 2 Guinness World Records and is in the top 10 in the world! He demonstrated lots of fantastic tricks with the football. After his awesome performance in the assembly, all of the classes in our school got an experience of a lifetime to have a 30-minute workshop with him and his brilliant skills.



He taught many tricks that left us gob-smacked, a few of these tricks are: the blind heel flick, the neck flick and the famous skill used by most football players to show off around the world.

The After School Football Masterclass

(By Clayton and Theeran Year 6)

After school, Jaimie Knight was running a football masterclass session where 30 children across KS2 attended a one off lesson with him where we learnt all kinds of cool tricks even more advanced than the workshop that everybody got to do. Also, there was a chance to get Jamie's autograph along with purchasing a signed skill up ball.

Georgia-Mae Fenton

(By Joni and Lexi Year 6)

We were all delighted when we found out we were having an assembly with a British and famous Olympian Gymnast, Georgia-Mae Fenton.

She showed us pictures of her younger self and explained how she needed to work hard to become who she is today. This inspired us all so much!



Her and her coach (Michelle) showed us a video of Georgia touring the Olympic Village. Michelle -who is a mother of two children at Killigrew- was a fantastic coach who has trained Georgia-Mae for four years. They passed around Georgia's medals.



At the European Championships Fenton helped Great Britain win their first team gold medal. Additionally, she qualified to the all-around final. Did you know she began gymnastics at the age of 5 and now she is 23 years old? That is a lot of dedication and that shows she loves her career.

Online Parenting Groups

Family Lives are delivering online parenting groups and workshops (via MS Teams), funded by Herts County Council for parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire or who have a child attending a Hertfordshire school.

The programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their child reach their full potential.

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children - Online

Tuesday 8 October – 19 November
9.30am – 11.30am

Less Shouting more Cooperation - Online

Monday 11 November to 16 December
9.30am – 11.30am

Dads Together – Online

Wednesday 6 November to 11 December
7.00pm – 9.00pm

Anxiety around ADHD Workshop - Online

Thursday 10 October
7.00pm – 9.00pm

Reducing Conflict Workshop – Online

Tuesday 26 November
9.30am – 11.30am

Siblings Workshop – Online

Thursday 12 December
7.00pm – 9.00pm

To book a place please click here [Referral Form for Family Lives Herts Parenting Groups and Workshops](#)

You can also email services@familylives.org.uk or call 0204 522 8700 for more information.

Cross Country

What a wet and windy start to our Cross Country campaign this year! I am so proud of how resilient the children were and how we turned the miserable weather into a fun afternoon! Well done to everyone involved in the slippery and muddy run!



A special mention to Thomas who came 1st out of 70+ boys in his race.

Well done to Lexi, Darcy, Nishi, Amelie, Lucy, Theeran, Finn, Samuel, Thomas, Lucas and Kayden.

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=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPnqbCwRs9svUSsaXKhIrJlleIKv0S9UNIJRUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpCN0IWQy4u>

Name:

Child's Class:

Dates for the Diary 2024-25

Autumn Term 2024	
Monday 2 nd September	INSET Day (school closed)
Tuesday 3 rd September	Children return to school
Friday 13 th September	School photographer (individual photos)
Monday 16 th September	Y6 trip to the Houses of Parliament
Tuesday 17 th September	Y4 swimming begins

Monday 23 rd September 8:50am-9:20am	Rescheduled Sports Week events (from last week of summer term) Y1 Meet the teacher meeting (parents welcome)
Tuesday 24 th September 8:55am-9:25am	Rescheduled Sports Week events (from last week of summer term) Y5 Meet the teacher meeting (parents welcome)
Wednesday 25 th September 8:50am-9:20am 8:55am-9:25am	YR & Y2 Meet the teacher meeting (parents welcome) Y4 Meet the teacher meeting (parents welcome)
Thursday 26 th September 8:55am-9:25am	Y6 Meet the teacher meeting (parents welcome)
Friday 27 th September 8:55am-9:25am 8:50am-10:00am	Y3 Meet the teacher meeting (parents welcome) Secondary Transfer meeting (Y6 parents welcome)
Monday 30 th September- Friday 4 th October	Y6 residential school journey week
Tuesday 1 st October 9:00am	KS1 Harvest assembly (parents welcome)
Wednesday 2 nd October 9:15am	YN & YR Harvest assembly (parents welcome)
Wednesday 16th October	Y4 River Ver trip
Friday 18 th October 3:20pm-3:45pm	Y1-Y6 Book look (parents/grandparents welcome)
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 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 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	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	Y5 Mini Police 8-week project begins
Monday 13 th January	School nursing team (YR screening checks for older children)
Friday 7 th February	Y1-Y6 Book look (parents/grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 12 th February 3:30pm-6:00pm	Parent Teacher Consultation meetings (parents welcome)
Thursday 13 th February 3:30pm-6:30pm	Parent Teacher Consultation meetings (parents welcome)
17 th February -21 st February	Half term holiday (school closed)
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (dressing up)
Saturday 8 th March	Y6 netball tournament
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)
Friday 4 th April	Last day of term (school closes at 2:15pm)
7 th April -21 st April	Easter holiday (school closed)
Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday 22 nd April	Children return to school
Friday 25 th April	Y1-Y6 Book Look (parents/grandparents welcome)

Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
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)
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 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)