



KILLIGREW NEWS

28th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you had a good half term break.

Following the Parent Forum meeting this week, I have included information about the birds that appear on Marvellous Me badges in this week's newsletter.

At Killigrew, we promote a learning culture where the children use 'learning powers' to help them learn to the best of their ability. Our learning powers represent the values that we feel are especially important to be a successful life-long learner. We chose these learning powers after asking for feedback from the whole Killigrew school community.

Each of the learning powers is assigned a bird as a motif to tie in with our class names. We wanted our motifs to represent traditional British birds so that the children could see them every day to remind them of our values. We made sure that the birds we chose epitomised the learning power they represented.

The learning powers and associated birds are outlined below so hopefully this will help you to understand why your child has been awarded a badge.

Kindest regards,

T. Mylotte
Head teacher

Online Safety

This week, we have attached a useful information leaflet about WhatsApp as we are aware that a number of children use this messaging service.

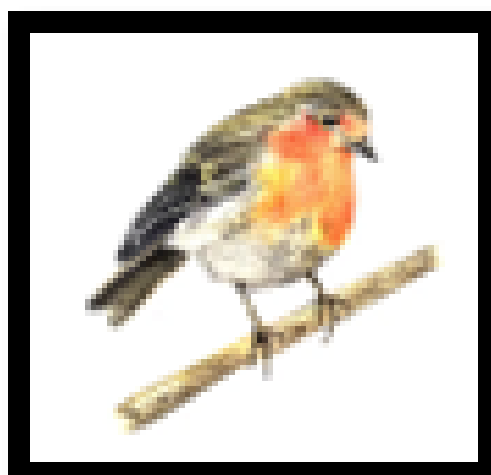
Attendance

This table shows the attendance for the first half of the Spring Term. Very well done to Cardinals for an excellent half term's attendance. The nine classes highlighted green have done an excellent job! Amber classes-you are nearly there. Red classes-let's try really hard to come to school every day this half term.

Class	Attendance
Cardinals	98.9%
Goldfinches	98.1%
Nightingales	97.2%
Toucans	97.1%
Bluejays	97.1%
Parakeets	97.1%
Puffins	96.9%
Hummingbirds	96.6%
Pelicans	96.3%
Peacocks	95.9%
Kingfishers	95.7%
Macaws	94.8%
Eagles	94.0%
Skylarks	93.7%
Firecrests	93.4%

Learning Powers

Capable learners (Robin) –we use the resources we have in the classroom and what we already know to improve our learning.



Curious learners (Magpie)—we ask questions about our learning because we want to find out about the world around us.



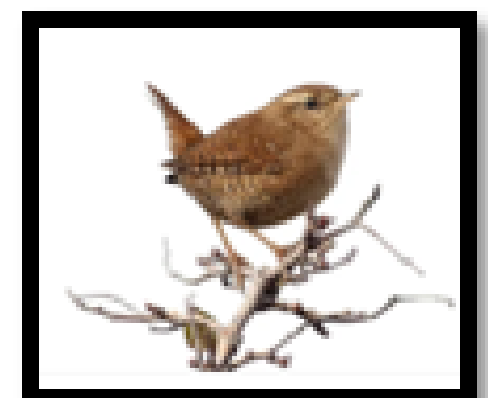
Collaborative learners (Swallow)—we enjoy working kindly with our friends and our adults to improve our learning. We communicate with each other respectfully to support our learning.



Conscientious learners (Owl)—we work hard, we reflect on what we know, and we are resilient in the face of challenge.



Creative learners (Wren)—we make good choices about how we display our work, and we enjoy being creative in all subjects.



World book Day

Don't forget that World Book Day is taking place next Thursday (6th March). To celebrate, children are invited to come in on that day dressed as their favourite book character. This could be a character from a comic book, a novel or a picture book.

Please remember that the children will continue to be outside at playtimes and lunchtime so will need appropriate clothes, footwear and a coat. Nursery and Reception children will be using their outside areas so please ensure that costumes are appropriate for outdoor play. Please do not send in accessories such as swords and truncheons as the children can get very excited!

We are aware that not all children enjoy dressing up, and some children would prefer another option to celebrate World Book Day. If you would prefer, your child may create a 'World Book Day Potato' and bring this in for the. Your child can dress their potato as any book character they would like. Children are welcome to dress up and bring in a book character potato.

If you have any questions regarding costumes (or potatoes) for World Book Day, please speak to your child's class teacher.

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](#)

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.

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/>

Dates for the Diary 2024-25

Spring Term 2025	
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (dressing up)
w.b. 10 th March	Bling Your Bike
Friday 7 th March (after school)	PTA doughnut sale
Saturday 8 th March	Y6 netball tournament
10 th March	Science Week Science show for EYFS/KS1 Y4 'ecosystem explorers' science workshop Y6 'epic electricity' science workshop
Tuesday 11 th March	Y5 visit to STAHS (science) Y3 'lights, colour, action' science workshop
Friday 14 th March 9:00am	Y3 Bluejays class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Tuesday 18 th March	Y1 local walk
Tuesday 25 th March	Y5 Volcano workshop
Friday 28 th March 2:30pm	Mr Mitchell's concert (parents and grandparents welcome) Classes TBC Non uniform day for PTA Easter chocolate donation.
Monday 31 st March	Alban Arena concert (choir) 7:00pm
Tuesday 1 st April	Y2 trip to St Stephen's Church
(Spring Term 2025 date TBC)	Y5 Mini Police assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Thursday 3 rd April	PTA Easter event (after school)
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 School nursing team (YR screening checks for younger children)
Wednesdays /Thursdays	Y3 & Y4 weekly tennis lessons begin
Friday 25 th April 9:00am	Y2 Parakeets class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome) Y2 Scooterbility
3:20pm-3:45pm	Y1-Y6 Book Look (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 28 th -Wednesday 30 th April	Y5 residential school journey
Friday 2 nd May 9:00am	Y5 Toucans class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Thursday 8 th May	Y3 trip to St Albans Cathedral
Friday 9 th May 9:00am	Y1 Nightingales class assembly (parents/grandparents welcome)

Monday 12 th -Thursday 15 th 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 6 th June 9:00am	Y4 Macaws class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Tuesday 3 rd -Friday 13 th June	Y4 multiplication tables check
Monday 9 th -Friday 13 th June	Y1 phonics screening check week
Monday 16 th June	Class photos
Wednesday 18 th June	Y4 Egyptian Day
Friday 20 th June 9:00am	YR Skylarks class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Thursday 26 th June	YR trip to the Roald Dahl Museum & Story Centre
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 10 th July	Transition day (meet the new teacher)
Friday 11 th July 9:15am 2:30pm	Infant Sports Day (parents and grandparents welcome) Mr Mitchell's concert (parents and grandparents welcome) Classes TBC
Friday 18 th July	Last day of term (school closes at 2:15pm)
Monday 21st July	INSET Day (school closed)
Tuesday 22nd July	INSET Day (school closed)
Wednesday 23rd July	INSET Day (school closed)
24th July 2025-3rd September	Summer holiday (school closed)

Term Dates 2025-2026	
Autumn Term 2025	
Wednesday 3 rd September	INSET day (school closed)
Thursday 4 th September 2025	Term begins
Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October 2025	Half Term (school closed)
Monday 3 rd November 2025	INSET Day (school closed)
Friday 19 th December 2025	Term ends (finish one hour early)
Spring Term 2026	
Monday 5 th January 2026	INSET day (school closed)
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Term begins
Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February 2026	Half Term (school closed)
Friday 27 th March 2026	Term ends (finish one hour early)
Summer Term 2026	
Monday 13 th April 2026	INSET day (school closed)

Tuesday 14th April 2026	Term begins
Monday 4th May 2026	May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026	Half Term (school closed)
Monday 1st June 2026	INSET Day (school closed)
Wednesday 22nd July 2026	Term ends (finish one hour early)
Thursday 23rd July 2026	Occasional Day (school closed)

Feedback Form

Please add any positive comments, concerns or suggestions:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPnqbCwRs9svUSsaXKhIrJlleIKv0S9UNURUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpCN0lWQy4u>

Name:

Child's Class: