



KILLIGREW NEWS

29th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have had the pleasure of hearing lots of lovely singing this week as the younger children have been busy practising their harvest songs. They are sounding fantastic! You are most welcome to join our Early Years and KS1 harvest assemblies next week.

This year, we are supporting the St Albans and District Foodbank. A leaflet about their preferred donations is attached to this newsletter. Please send in any harvest gifts on Monday 2nd or Tuesday 3rd October so that we can make a harvest display for the assemblies.

In order to make the experience enjoyable for the children and other audience members, we ask you to join us by sitting silently when the children come into the hall and to take any pre school children out of the hall immediately if they become unsettled.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Kindest regards,

T. Mylotte
Head teacher

Images

We are happy for parents and carers to take photos and videos of school assemblies/ plays/concerts for personal use but request that these images are not distributed or put online. This is to protect all members of the school community. Please see the attached leaflet for further information.

Attendance

Well done to Kingfishers and Pelicans for excellent attendance last week.

Class	Attendance
Firecrests	99.3%
Skylarks	95.9%
Goldfinches	94.2%
Nightingales	98.6%
Cardinals	99.3%
Parakeets	96.4%
Bluejays	91.0%
Puffins	98.6%
Kingfishers	100.0%
Macaws	94.8%
Pelicans	100.0%
Toucans	94.3%
Eagles	95.3%
Peacocks	98.7%

House Captains

Well done to all of the children who applied for the position of House Captain. Their letters of application, interviews and presentations were very strong.

Congratulations to our new House Captains:

Aylward : Methara and Natalia

Barnardo: Isla and Michael

Shaftsbury: Evan and Lucy

Wilberforce: Ella and Valentina

Staff Update

Mrs Douglas (teaching assistant) will be leaving at half term as she has secured a full-time position outside education. We are very sorry that she is leaving after 10 successful years at Killigrew. I am sure you join me in wishing her the very best for the future.

School Journey

The Y6 school journey party will be leaving school on Monday morning and returning on Friday afternoon. Please can you park away from the roundabout so that the coach can turn.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Don't forget that the closing date for parent governor applications is Monday 9th October at 9:00am.

KS2 Guitar Lessons

We are delighted to inform you that instrumental lessons on guitar are now available at school for KS2 children.

HOW TO SIGN UP

Visit www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/register

- Choose **'Sign Up for Music Lessons and Ensembles'**
- Choose **step 1 – 'select school'** and choose Killigrew
- Scroll down to **'Step 2 – sign up for courses'**
- Scroll down to the **purple box** and Choose **'Lessons'**
- Click on **the instrument that you are interested in**
- Choose **the lesson length** you wish to have (please note shared (pair)/group lessons are subject to enough children signing up to create a viable group. If they are unable to offer this, they will contact you and offer you an alternative - shared or individual lesson)
- Once you have selected the course type click on **'Add to Basket'**
- Fill in the full details to complete registration.*

If you already have an account with Hertfordshire Music Service, you will then get the opportunity to login with your existing information.

Once you have registered, you will automatically be added to HMS waiting list and contacted once lessons become available.

More information and costs of lessons can be found here:
www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk .

Secondary Transfer

We have added the Y6 secondary transfer meeting slides to Google Classroom in case you were unable to attend.

Cross Country

On Thursday, Killigrew travelled to Colney Heath Primary School for our first meet of the season. The league consists of 5 meets over the year with a girls' league, boys' league and whole school league.

After a soggy week, the ground was slippery, but the sun was shining, and we were ready to get running.

Well done to everyone who represented Killigrew this time round. Well done- Evan (4th), Thomas F (17th), Finn H, Cameron, Michael, Methara, Daisy F (17th), Isla-Rose, Darcey D and Joni.

We are looking forward to our next meet at Fleetville Primary School.

Is my child too ill for school?

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

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](#)

Feedback Form

Please add any positive comments, concerns or suggestions:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPnqbCwRs9svUSsaXKhrJlIeIKv0S9UNURUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpCN0lWQy4u>

Name:

Child's Class:

Dates-Academic Year 2023-24

AUTUMN TERM 2023	
Date	Event
Wednesday 4 th October 9:15am	YN & YR Harvest assembly (parents welcome)
Friday 6 th October 9:15am	KS1 Harvest assembly (parents welcome)
Tuesday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 13 th October 9:00am 3:20pm-3:45pm	Y6 school journey assembly Book Look (parents welcome)
Wednesday 18 th October	Parents' evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
Thursday 19 th October	Parents' evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
Friday 20 th October am	Poetry Busk (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 23 rd -Friday 27 th October	Half term-school closed
Monday 30 th October	INSET Day-school closed
Tuesday 31 st October	Deadline for secondary school transfer applications
Thursday 2 nd November 2:15pm	Parent Forum meeting
Friday 3 rd November	Peacocks assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 10 th November	Toucans assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
13 th -17 th November	Anti-bullying week
Wednesday 15 th November	School nurse visiting Y6-height and weight checks
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Macaws assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 24 th November	Occasional Day-school closed
Tuesday 28 th November 1:30pm	Rehearsal for readers and actors at the Advent Carol Service at the Abbey

Wednesday 29 th November 10:30am-11:30am	Advent Carol Service at the Abbey (Choir-parents and grandparents welcome)
Thursday 30 th November am	Flu immunisations
Tuesday 5 th December 9:00am	LKS2 Christmas concert (parents welcome)
Tuesday 5 th December 2:00pm	UKS2 Christmas concert (parents welcome)
Wednesday 6 th December 9:00am	UKS2 Christmas concert (parents welcome)
Wednesday 6 th December 2:00pm	LKS2 Christmas concert (parents welcome)
Friday 8 th December 3.20pm- 3.45pm	Book Look (parents welcome)
Tuesday 12 th December 9:15am	EY Christmas Play (parents welcome)
Wednesday 13 th December 9:15am	EY Christmas Play (parents welcome)
Wednesday 13 th December 2:15pm	KS1 Christmas Play (parents welcome)
Thursday 14 th December 9:15am	KS1 Christmas Play (parents welcome)
Friday 15 th December	Mr Mitchell's music concert (pm) Christmas jumper day (wear a Christmas or winter jumper)
Monday 18 th December	Infant Christmas parties
Tuesday 19 th December	Junior Christmas parties
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term -school finishes at 2:15pm/2:20pm Non-uniform day for winning house (KS2)
SPRING TERM 2024	
Date	Event
Thursday 4 th January	Spring term begins
Friday 12 th January	Bluejays assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 19 th January	KS2 Speech Cup final
Friday 26 th January	Parakeets assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 24 th January	School Nurse visiting Y6 (TLM health questionnaire)
Friday 2 nd February	NSPCC number day Goldfinches assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 5 th February	School nurse visiting YR-health checks
Monday 5 th -11 th February	Feel Good Week
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 th February 3.20pm-3.45pm	Book Look (parents welcome) Firecrests assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 14 th February	Parents evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
Thursday 15 th February	Parents evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
Monday 19 th -Friday 23 rd February	Half term-school closed
Friday 1 st March	Secondary School allocation day
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day (Dressing up)
Friday 8 th March	Eagles assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
8 th -17 th March	British Science Week
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day Pelicans assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 22 nd March	Mr Mitchell's music concert (pm)
25 th -27 th March (evening)TBC	Alban Arena Concert-choir & musicians

Thursday 28 th March	Easter hat parade (children to bring a decorated hat to school) Non-uniform day for winning house (KS2) Last day of term-school finishes at 2:15pm/2:20pm
SUMMER TERM 2024	
Date	Event
Monday 15 th April	Summer term begins
Friday 19 th April 3.20pm-3.45pm	Book Look (parents welcome)
Wednesday 24 th April	School nurse visiting YR (health checks)
Friday 26 th April	Kingfishers assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
May TBC	Walk to School Week
Friday 3 rd May	Puffins assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday-school closed
Friday 10 th May	Cardinals assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
13 th -16 th May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 17 th May	National Numeracy Day
Friday 24 th May	KS2 sports day (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 27 th -Friday 31 st May	Half term-school closed
Monday 3 rd June	INSET day
Monday 3 rd -Friday 14 th June	Y4 multiplication table checks
Friday 7 th June 3.20pm-3.45pm	Book Look (parents welcome) Nightingales assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
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Friday 14 th June	Skylarks assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 26 th June	School photographer-class photos
24 th June-5 th July TBC	National Fieldwork fortnight
Tuesday 9 th July 9:00am	Y6 play (parents and grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 10 th July 9:00am	Y6 play (parents and grandparents welcome)
Thursday 11 th July	Transition day-meet the new teacher
Friday 12 th July 9:00am	Infant sports Day Mr Mitchell's music assembly (pm) Annual school report sent home
Friday 19 th July 9:00am	Y6 leavers' assembly (parents and grandparents welcome) End of term for children-school finishes at 2:15pm/2:20pm Non-uniform day for winning house (KS2)
Monday 22 nd & Tuesday 23 rd July	INSET days-school closed