



KILLIGREW NEWS

5th July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

The year is certainly flying by so as discussed at the latest Parent Forum meeting, I have included details about the classes for next academic year in advance of the 'meet the teacher' day next Thursday.

I hope that this helps you to prepare your child for the changes ahead. On Thursday, the children should go to their usual class in the morning as they will meet their new teacher part way through the day.

Kindest regards,

T. Mylotte
Head teacher

Attendance

Well done Macaws-you are certainly trying to keep the top spot for excellent attendance! Well done to all the classes with over 96% attendance.

Macaws	96.8%
Nightingales	96.5%
Puffins	96.4%
Peacocks	96.1%
Kingfishers	95.8%
Hummingbirds	95.8%
Eagles	95.8%
Firecrests	95.6%
Toucans	95.5%
Pelicans	95.5%
Cardinals	95.0%
Goldfinches	94.6%
Parakeets	94.5%
Bluejays	94.4%
Skylarks	93.7%

Sports Day

We had a fantastic junior sports day last week. Well done to Shaftesbury who were the overall winners.



Timings of the school day

Further to our earlier communication, in September, 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.

Junior children have demonstrated that they are capable of and enjoy having the independence of making their own way from the gate to their classrooms. Please encourage your junior child to do this after the first day of term once they are familiar with the entry points. Infant children should, of course, be escorted to their classroom door every day.

Infant children will still finish school at 3:15pm and junior children will still finish school at 3:20pm.

Staff Update

We are sorry that Miss Keen and Miss Choudhury will be leaving at the end of term. Miss Keen has a new job at a school in Welwyn Garden City and Miss Choudhury is moving out of the area. We would like to thank them for their service to Killigrew and wish them well for the future.

Summer Reading Challenge

Get ready for a summer of imagination and creativity at your local Hertfordshire Library! The Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge is here to spark the joy of reading and creative arts, while addressing the dip in reading levels that can often occur during the summer holidays.

This year's challenge is an open invitation for children to explore books and stories, while taking part in free activities. From poetry and music to arts and crafts, there's something for every young creator.

The challenge begins at all Hertfordshire libraries from Saturday 6th July and continues until Saturday 7th September. Children are encouraged to read six library books and collect stickers along the way. All children who finish the challenge will receive a medal and certificate, and a chance to win tickets to an interactive poetry workshop with the celebrated poet, Joshua Seigal.

Keep an eye out for pop-up Maker Stations at selected libraries during the summer holidays, offering simple, engaging and free activities designed to unleash the creative spirit in every child.

Herts library service is visiting the children on Monday to talk about the summer reading challenge. Curious to learn more? Click on this link for details about the challenge and discover some marvellous makes to create at home.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/SummerReadingChallenge

Parenting when Separated

The Parenting When Separated Programme is a practical and positive evidence-based course for parents who are preparing for, going through, or have gone through a separation or divorce.

It is a six-week course that highlights practical steps parents can take to help their children cope and thrive, as well as coping successfully themselves. Topics include:

- Solving co-parenting problems in a positive way that focus on the needs of children.
- Coping with the emotional impact of separation and learning stress management techniques.
- Helping your children cope with the impact of the separation both emotionally and practically.
- Enhancing communication with their children and with their children's other parent.

The course is free to attend and is open to separated parents from all backgrounds. Both parents of the same children are welcome to attend though they recommend you attend separate groups.

You can self-refer here

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/5SHI7N/>

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 too ill for school?

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

Classes for 2024-25

Current class	New class	New teacher/s	New Teaching Assistant
Firecrests	Goldfinches	Miss Linney	Mrs Harper
Skylarks	Nightingales	Mrs Wicks/Miss Connolly	Mrs Montgomery
Goldfinches	Parakeets	Miss Size*	Mrs Collison
Nightingales	Cardinals	Miss Heffernan	Mrs Pick
Parakeets	Bluejays	Miss Murphy*	Mrs Cresswell
Cardinals	Puffins	Miss Child	Mrs Field/Mrs Prenci
Bluejays	Macaws	Mrs Kerner	Miss Doyle
Puffins	Kingfishers	Mr Lockwood/Mrs Holmes	Mrs Unsworth/Mrs Maurimootoo
Kingfishers	Pelicans	Miss Tagg	Mrs Patrick
Macaws	Toucans	Miss Avery*	
Toucans	Eagles	Miss Norris/Mr Kyne	
Pelicans	Peacocks	Miss Pepper	

We are delighted that all our new teachers* will be in school next week to meet their new class.

Feedback Form

Please add any positive comments, concerns or suggestions:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPnqbCwRs9svUSsaXKhrJlleIKv0S9UNURUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpCN0lWQy4u>

Name:

Child's Class:

Dates-Academic Year 2023-24

SUMMER TERM 2024	
Date	Event
Monday 8th July	St Albans library service visit-the Summer Reading Challenge. PTA Year 5 Bake Sale
Tuesday 9 th July 9:00am	Y6 play (parents and grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 10 th July 9:00am	Y6 play (parents and grandparents welcome) Y5 distraction workshop
Thursday 11 th July	Transition day-meet the new teacher Y5 distraction workshop
Friday 12 th July 9:00am	Infant sports day (parents and grandparents welcome) Mr Mitchell's music assembly (pm) Annual school report sent home
Tuesday 16 th July	Legal Eagles (Y6) Tennis taster (EY & KS1)
Wednesday 17 th July	Y5 Greek Day
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

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)
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)
24th July 2025-3rd September 2025	Summer holiday (school closed)

*Please note that we will add 4 **INSET days** and 1 **Occasional day** (when the school is closed) for 2024-25 later in the year.