



# KILLIGREW NEWS

6th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

*I hope that you had a lovely summer and that you and your children are refreshed for the year ahead.*

*I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families. I hope that you and your children will be very happy at Killigrew.*

*Most of you are aware that we had a busy end to the summer term as we had our Ofsted inspection just before we broke up for the holiday. I am pleased to be able to share the report with you now and have attached it to this newsletter. Your kind messages and words of support were so thoughtful and the goodies that were sent in for the staffroom didn't last long!*

*Everyone plays a really important role in the school, and I would like to thank our wonderful staff team for their hard work not just during the inspection but day in day out. The children were fabulous as ever and some of them made a point of seeking out the inspector to share their views about the school.*

*Kindest regards,*

*T. Mylotte  
Head teacher*

## Thank you

Thank you for the cards and gifts that you sent to staff at the end of term. We are all very grateful.

## Welcome

This year, we are pleased to welcome Miss Avery, Miss Murphy, Miss Parchment and Miss Size to our teaching team.

## School Games Mark

We are delighted to announce that Killigrew achieved the School Games Mark **Platinum Award** for the 2023/24 academic year.



This is a government-led award scheme, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Our key sporting achievements in 2023-24 included:

- Hertfordshire County football champions
- Football league A champions
- Football league H champions
- Netball autumn league champions
- Boys U11 cross country champion

As part of our application, we had to fulfil criteria in participation, competition, workforce and clubs. Special thanks to our sport ambassadors, teaching staff who helped with clubs and fixtures, our dedicated pupils, admin staff for sending out numerous letters and information and to parents/carers for supporting our fixtures. We look forward to applying again in 2025! *(None of this would have been possible without Miss Walsh's hard work-thank you and well done to Miss Walsh too.)*

## Attendance

Don't forget that there are important changes to attendance this year. Please find attached essential reading for all parents/carers to avoid facing a fine.

If you need any support regarding your child's attendance, do not hesitate to contact us. Certificates for excellent attendance will be issued at the end of each term.

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/>

## 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.

## Green Tree Schools Award

Last year, School Council worked with St. Stephen Parish Council on a project linked to St. Julian's wood. As part of this, they worked towards the Green Tree Schools Award which encourages outdoor learning and inspires pupils about trees, woods and wildlife. School Council designed posters to encourage visitors to keep dogs on leads and keep to the paths to protect the bluebells and they are designing new information boards for the woods.

The work they have competed so far has resulted in bronze, silver and gold awards from The Woodland Trust and we have just received a wooden plaque to display in school This year, we will be working towards the Platinum badge.

## Computing

Please find attached a leaflet about tips for creating family rules for using devices.

## Safeguarding

Schools have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children who are their pupils. The Children Act 1989 places a clear responsibility on schools to ensure that they work with other agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children. The local authority requires head teachers to report any obvious or suspected cases of child abuse, which includes non-accidental injury, physical neglect, emotional abuse and/or sexual abuse. This procedure is intended to protect children at risk. As a result, if concerns are raised within school, we have a legal obligation to report them to Children's Services.

Miss Mylotte is the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' (DSL) for child protection and is happy to discuss any questions or concerns related to child protection. Miss Norris, Mrs Morley and Mrs Wicks are the deputy DSLs. In line with our Child Protection Policy, all adults working in school undergo a thorough vetting procedure, including an enhanced DBS check.

Killigrew is part of a project that runs jointly between schools and Hertfordshire Constabulary. Operation Encompass is the notification to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, of incidents where a child has experienced or been exposed to any domestic abuse. Operation Encompass ensures that the DSL is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared in confidence. They also ensure that the school can make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or families who have experienced a domestic abuse incident.

## Reading Books

If you found any of our reading scheme books or library books over the holiday, please can you pop them in your child's reading folder or hand them in to the school office.

## 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](#)

Don't forget that children who move from Y2 to Y3 are no longer eligible for 'universal infant free school meals' so you may wish to check your eligibility.

## General Reminders

### Bikes & Scooters

We encourage children to walk to school. To prevent accidents, please ensure that your child does not use their bike/scooter once they enter the school grounds. Please ensure that your child does not sit or walk on neighbours' garden walls or driveways.

### Parking

If you are taking children to breakfast club or collecting from clubs, please park in the local roads. Please share this information with childminders/grandparents. If you or your child has a disability, you may use the school car park by prior arrangement.

### Sickness & Diarrhoea

If your child suffers from sickness or diarrhoea, please ensure that they remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode to prevent it from spreading to other children and staff. Please wash and return any school underclothes as soon as possible.

### Parking

To maintain positive relationships with our neighbours, please do not park across driveways or grass verges. Please do not park on road junctions e.g. East/North/South Close or by the roundabout. Wherever possible, please park slightly further away.

### E-safety

Children may wear a watch if it does not have a camera or recording device e.g. Smart watch. Any items brought to school are the responsibility of the children and we cannot ensure their safe keeping-please do not send in valuable items. **Please do not use mobile phones in the school building.**

### Lunch

As we have children with life threatening allergies, please do not send in any products containing nuts e.g. peanut butter or Nutella. Grapes can be a choking hazard for young children. Please cut grapes in half lengthways if you send them in. We encourage healthy packed lunches-no sweets or fizzy drinks please.



### Friendships

From time to time, children will fall out with each other. If you are concerned about your child, please inform their teacher immediately so that any concerns can be investigated. We find that if you do this, issues are usually resolved very quickly. If you are still concerned after speaking to the teacher, please contact the key stage leader via the office. **Please do not approach other children or their parents.**

### Smoking

No smoking or vaping on school premises please.

### Social Media

Social media is not the most reliable way of finding out about school policy and procedures. If you are unsure about any aspect of school or are unhappy, please speak to us or complete the feedback form, rather than using social media. An updated home school agreement will be sent out shortly.

### Playground Equipment

Children may use the appropriate size equipment for their age during school hours, once it has been checked by staff. Please ensure your child does not use the equipment before or after school.

### Dogs

Dogs are not permitted on school premises even if they are being held or are in a bag or buggy.

### External Providers

We may send out information from a range of external providers regarding activities that you may find interesting for your child. Although we are happy to provide this service for you, we are unable to comment on the quality or qualifications that the providers hold. We recommend that you check their DBS status, insurance details and qualifications to satisfy yourself that you are happy to leave your child with them.

**Feedback Form**

Please add any positive comments, concerns or suggestions:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPnqbCwRs9svUSsaXKhIrJlleIKv0S9UNIJRUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpCN0lWQy4u>

Name:

Child's Class:

**Dates for the Diary 2024-25**

<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET Day (school closed)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Children return to school
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	School photographer (individual photos)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 trip to the Houses of Parliament
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September-Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 residential week

28th October-1st November	<b>Half term holiday</b> (school closed)
Tuesday 19th November	Flu vaccinations (all year groups)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Occasional Day (school closed)</b>
Monday 9th December	Flu immunisation (mop up session)
Friday 20th December	Last day of term (school closes at 2:15pm)
23rd December-3rd January	<b>Christmas holiday</b> (school closed)
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	
Monday 6th January	Children return to school
Wednesday 8th January	School nursing team (Y6 questionnaire)
17th February -21st February	<b>Half term holiday</b> (school closed)
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
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> -Thursday 15th May	KS2 SATS week
Monday 26th-Friday 30th May	<b>Half term holiday</b> (school closed)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET Day (school closed)
Tuesday 3rd-Friday 13th June	Y4 multiplication tables check
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 13th June	Y1 phonics screening check week
Thursday 10th July	Transition day (meet the new teacher)
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)