



KILLIGREW NEWS

8th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you enjoyed seeing the children perform so enthusiastically at our Poetry Busk. Thank you for your donations-we raised £475 which we will use to purchase reading celebration resources and new guided reading book sets.

Kindest regards,

T. Mylotte
Head teacher

Harvest Thanks

St Albans and District Foodbank sent us the following message. 'We'd like to thank everyone at Killigrew Infants School for supporting us this Harvest. Your generous donation of 154.6kg alone will allow us to provide 368 meals for people and families in need and we are incredibly grateful for your contribution. We can't do what we do and continue to help so many without the support we receive from organisations such as yours - so thank you for your continued support.'



From all of us at St Albans and District Foodbank!

Attendance

This table shows the total attendance figures for last half term. We aim for over 96% attendance so well done to all the highlighted classes.

Some children's attendance was so poor last half term (less than 90%-the equivalent of taking a day off every week) that they are considered 'persistently absent' from school. There were so many children in this category that our persistent absence rate is now higher than the national average which is unheard of at Killigrew.

Although chickenpox took hold in many classes, the high persistently absent figure is also due to several families taking term time holidays. This needs to change-these children are missing out on their education and just one or two days absence has a significant impact on children's attainment and progress. We can see the impact that term time holidays have on these children as well as disrupting the rest of the class when the teacher tries to catch up the missed learning. Please take time to read our attendance policy-we will be working with the local authority to issue fixed penalty notices.

Class	Attendance
Goldfinches	97.6%
Toucans	97.3%
Cardinals	97.3%
Skylarks	96.9%
Nightingales	96.7%
Firecrests	96.3%
Eagles	96.2%
Pelicans	96.1%
Peacocks	96.0%
Puffins	95.9%
Parakeets	95.3%
Kingfishers	95.0%
Hummingbirds	93.5%
Macaws	93.1%
Bluejays	92.2%

Staff update

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Rosson and Miss Tait who have joined our teaching assistant team from this half term.

Maths Parent Workshop

All parents/carers are invited to attend a maths workshop on Wednesday 27th November from 9:00-9:30am in the Junior Hall to look at progression in mental maths strategies. We are rerunning the presentation from the workshop in the summer term as many families said it was so useful.

The maths team will share five mental maths strategies that are used throughout the school and give examples of what each strategy looks like in practice within each Key Stage.

This workshop is a great opportunity to talk about the strategies and to gain an insight into maths at Killigrew whether your child is in Reception, Year 6 or anywhere in between.

Communication

I hope that you found your parent teacher consultation meeting useful. If you have any queries about or wish to raise a concern about your child, their class teacher is always the best person to speak to.

If after having spoken to the class teacher you need further support, please contact a member of the leadership team via admin@killigrew.herts.sch.uk

EY leader: Mrs Digweed (YN & YR)
KS1 leader: Mrs Wicks (Y1 & Y2)
LKS2 leader: Mrs Holmes (Y3 & Y4)
UKS2 leader: Miss Child (Y5 & Y6)
SENCo: Mrs Pita
Behaviour lead: Miss Walsh

If you have any positive comments, worries or suggestions please send them to us at any time via the feedback form on the bottom of the newsletter.

Odd Socks Day

As part of anti-bullying week, children are invited to wear their usual uniform but with odd socks on Tuesday 12th November.

Emotional Resilience

Please find attached a leaflet that shows 10 top tips for building children's emotional resilience.

Sports News

Match report- Football

On Monday before half term, the Killigrew B's faced a tough Skyswood team in a tight match. Killigrew kicked off the game with a few chances, with striker Charlie's efforts either being saved or skimming the post.

Meanwhile at the back, defenders Lucas and Oran made several quick tackles and played well from the back to feed through balls to Rory, who burst past the Skyswood defence many times.

Killigrew's time eventually came with right winger Arthur hammering the ball into the back of the net from an amazing ball through into the box. In goal, keeper Seeley made a string of saves to prevent any attempts from making the net bulge. Half-time score: Killigrew 1, Skyswood 0.

The second half

After a successful first fifteen minutes, substitutions were made by both sides. In midfield, Archie dominated the centre and used his physicality to fend off the visitors and regain possession and control of the game. William protected the goal from any threats well and Kiko pressed the right winger from Skyswood effectively, but a surprise counter attack with a beautiful and smooth movement got the equaliser for the opposition. A bunch of world class saves by the visitor's keeper kept the opponent's game alive. Zachary's shot was denied with a wonderful stop from the last line of defence. One last chance was halted with the full time whistle. Full time score: Killigrew 1-1 Skyswood.

By Lucas Jones

Match report- Netball

On Monday this week, Killigrew played in a competitive netball match against Park Street School. From Killigrew, the players were Daisy, Juliette, Lexi, Joni, Alivia, Evie, Verity, Millie and Willow.

At the beginning of the match, Killigrew scored the first goal closely followed by an equaliser. Both teams continued to score throughout the game ending in a draw at 5-5. We had a brilliant second half in the game to make sure we caught up! Well done to Joni for player of the match.

By Juliette

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=UKgBZMCcg0yzyPnqbCwRs9svUSsaXKhlrJlIeIKv0S9UNIJRUFM2MTYzODILUEk5MVNMOVpCN0IWQy4u>

Name:

Child's Class:

Dates for the Diary 2024-25

Autumn Term 2024	
Friday 8 th November	PTA discos
Tuesday 12 th November	Y2 trip to Hertfordshire Zoo Wear odd socks for anti-bullying week
Thursday 14 th November	Times tables tips for Y4 parents 2:30pm
Friday 15 th November 9:00am	Y4 Kingfishers class assembly (parents/grandparents welcome)
Tuesday 19 th November	Flu vaccinations (all year groups)
Friday 22 nd November	Occasional Day (school closed)
Wednesday 27 th November	9:00am Maths workshop (parents/carers/grandparents welcome)

	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 9:00am	Y5 Pelicans class assembly (parents/grandparents welcome)
3:20pm-3:45pm	Y1-Y6 Book look (parents/grandparents welcome)
Tuesday 3rd December 9:00am	LKS2 Christmas concert (parents welcome) (No swimming)
Tuesday 3rd 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 10th December 9:15am	YN & YR Christmas Play (parents welcome)
Wednesday 11th December 9:15am	YN & YR Christmas Play (parents welcome)
Wednesday 11th December 2:15pm	KS1 Christmas Play (parents welcome)
Thursday 12th December	Y5 trip to STEM Discovery Centre
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 20th December	Last day of term -school closes at 2:15pm
Spring Term 2025	
Monday 6th January	Children return to school
Wednesday 8th January	School nursing team (Y6 questionnaire)
Friday 10 th January 9:00am	Y5 Mini Police 8-week project begins Y3 Puffins class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 13 th January	School nursing team (YR screening checks for older children)
Friday 17th January 9:00am	Y2 Cardinals class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 24th January 9:00am	Y1 Goldfinches class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 31st January 9:00am	YR Firecrests class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 7 th February	Y1-Y6 Book look (parents/grandparents welcome)
Wednesday 12th February 3:30pm-6:00pm	Parent Teacher Consultation meetings (parents welcome)

Thursday 13th February 3:30pm-6:30pm	Parent Teacher Consultation meetings (parents welcome)
17th February -21st February	Half term holiday (school closed)
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (dressing up)
Saturday 8 th March	Y6 netball tournament
Friday 14th March 9:00am	Y3 Bluejays class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
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)
(Spring Term 2025 date TBC)	Y6 Mini Police assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 4th April	Last day of term (school closes at 2:15pm)
7th April -21st April	Easter holiday (school closed)
Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday 22nd April	Children return to school
Friday 25 th April 9:00am 3:20pm-3:45pm	Y2 Parakeets class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome) Y1-Y6 Book Look (parents and grandparents welcome)
Friday 2nd May 9:00am	Y5 Toucans class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 9th May 9:00am	Y1 Nightingales class assembly (parents/grandparents welcome)
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)
Friday 6th June 9:00am	Y4 Macaws class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
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 20th June 9:00am	YR Skylarks class assembly (parents and grandparents welcome)
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)