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Dashwood News: 20th January 2022



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A note from the Acting Principal...

*Welcome back to term 3! Although a little late, I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. This term our condition for learning for this term is: **Heroes**, which goes with our value of **respect**. Through the history focus this term, the pupils will study a variety of historical heroes from Florence Nightingale and Neil Armstrong to a variety of World War 2 war heroes; Year 6 study Vera Lynn in music and look at the impact she has on the service men and women.*

One thing we know about our Dashwood pupils is that they are very curious and have developed into competent historians, asking thought provoking questions and challenging others thinking. Although we study historical heroes, we also talk about real life heroes that have an impact on our lives now. These may include: the emergency services, friends, teachers and family members; we also talk about the qualities that make people a hero for example, kindness, support, encouragement and resilience to name a few. Ask your child who their hero is and why? Get them to think of the qualities that make them a hero. How can they be a hero to someone else?



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Developing Dashwood's Historians

We are developing the skills the pupils need to be historians this term. They are looking, in depth, at different periods of history, using both secondary and primary resources to develop their understanding. All classes will be looking at the impact the period of history has had on today, whether it be through the life of a child; a particular important event or a significant person. Year 3 have been on a field trip this week to Hill End where they made Stone Age tools, fires and shelters. Year 1 will visit the Banbury Museum later on this year to support their topic about toys in the past. If your child likes to talk about the past, why not visit Banbury Museum, or even venture down to Oxford to the Pitt Rivers Museum or The Ashmolean? Why not visit in half term? Here are the links to all three museums.

<https://www.banburymuseum.org/whats-on/events/>

<https://www.prm.ox.ac.uk/>

<https://www.ashmolean.org/>



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EYFS - Nursery

Cherry class have welcomed some new children this term and have been busy getting to know each other. They have started their new topic looking at materials and learning words to describe textures.



Plum class have been talking about families and starting to make sense of their own family history, such as who was born before and after them. They have also been looking at the present and people in society who help us, such as firefighters. They have been exploring these occupations through role play.



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EYFS - Reception

In **Reception**, we started the term looking at recent events in our own past by discussing what we did over the winter holidays. Many of us shared some photos on Tapestry and spoke confidently during our presentations.

We have started our Space topic and have been reading stories written by real life astronauts about their experiences of life in space and previous expeditions landing on the moon.

We will also be looking at signs of the past in some traditional Chinese folktales for Lunar New Year.



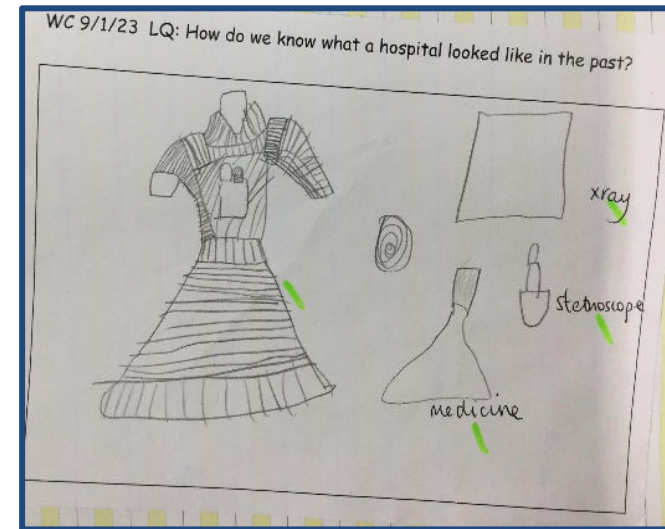
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Year 1

Year 1 have been immersing themselves in the topic of people who help us. Our significant person is Florence Nightingale, so far we have learnt about who she is and what her job was. This week, we have even been lucky enough to have a surprise visit from her so that we can ask some questions. We can't wait to find out more about why she is significant and the changes she has made to the world we live.



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Year 2

Year 2 have kicked off the term by looking at significant people and understanding what it means to be significant. From this, we have then focused on Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus as significant explorers. We couldn't believe how much has changed and how our lives are different because of these explorers from Columbus bringing back potatoes and tomatoes to food packaging being developed from Neil Armstrong's mission. We can't wait for our trip to space centre later on this term to enhance our understanding and bring our learning to life!



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Year 2

11.01.2023 LQ: Who is Neil Armstrong and why is he a significant person?
GG-KL

Neil Armstrong Amber


Date of birth: 1930 5th of August

Nationality: American

date of death 26th of August 2012








Neil Armstrong was significant because he was the first American man on the moon.

A picture of Neil Armstrong



Interesting Facts
He flew over 200 different aircrafts in his career.

03.01.2023 LQ: What makes someone a significant person?
GG-LB

Significant Person	Name	Why are they significant?
	Queen Elizabeth the II	She represented the UK.
	Greta Thunberg	She is an environmental activist.
	Barack Obama	He was the first black president.
	Emmeline Pankhurst	Helped women win the right to vote.
	Marcus Garfield	He campaigned against racism, homelessness and child hunger.
	Albert Einstein	He won a Nobel prize for his work about physics.
	Nelson Mandela	He protested for all Africans to be treated equally.

06.01.2023 LQ: Who is Christopher Columbus and why is he a significant person?
Name Estelle


Christopher Columbus

Date of birth: 31st of October 1451

Date of death: 20th of May 1506

Christopher Columbus
He is a significant person because he wanted to discover countries around the world.

Christopher Columbus



Interesting Facts
The sailors ate stew made with salt, meat and bones. His first trip was when he was 13 years old.



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Year 3 - Hill End Field Trip

Year 3 had a fantastic trip exploring the Stone Age at Hill End. They started by making shelters and practised their hunting skills by throwing spears. They cooked bread on fires, and ground wheat to make flour, make an axe and experienced sitting in a round house. It was 'the best day ever'.



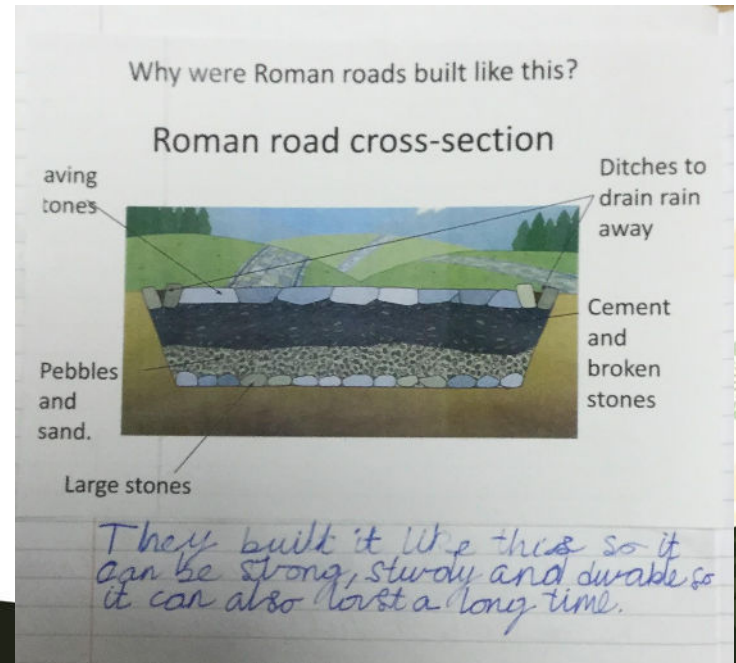
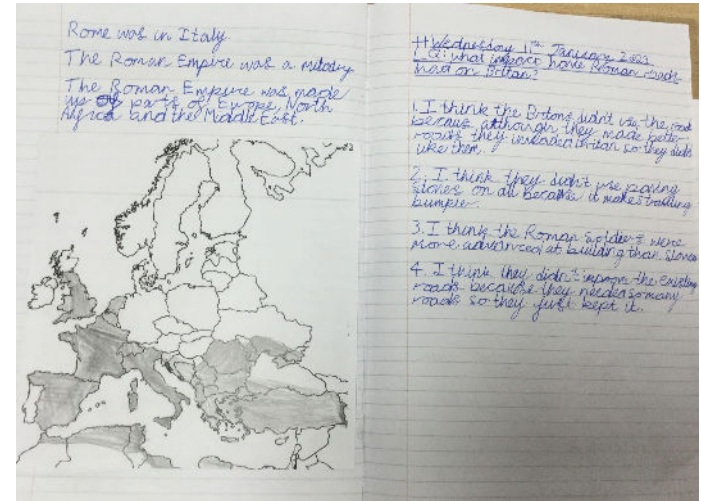
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Year 4

Year 4 have had an amazing time learning about the Romans. They have looked at the Roman empire and discovered the impact that they had on our lives today - development of roads and heating systems. They became Roman centurions when they made shields and marched into battle!



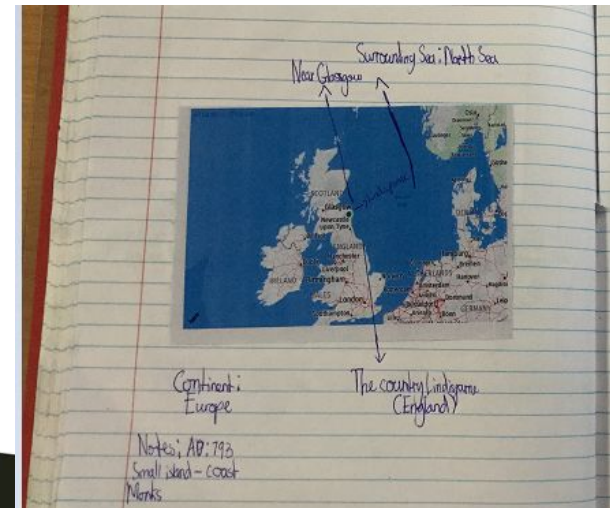
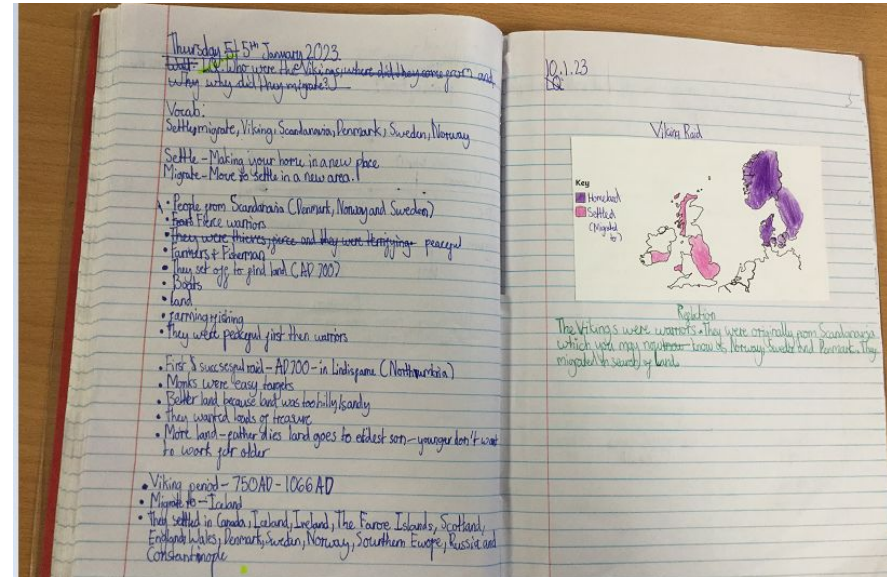
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Year 5

Year 5 have kicked off the term looking into the history around The Vikings. They have already discovered who they are, where they came from and key points they invaded in a Britain. Children have enjoyed discovering where they fit into in history and are excited to continue learning about the Vikings and the Saxons this term!



Year 6

There is a buzz in Chestnut and Oak class at the start of this term, as we have started our World War 2 topic. All children have come back from the winter break refreshed and they are excited to get stuck into all learning tasks. Mrs Bunn and Mr Shaw have been so impressed with general knowledge around key issues from World War 2 and some of the facts being shared are incredible! Year 6s have already written their own persuasive speech, informing Britons about the need to ration food (look out for these as we will be recording some of them to share with you!). In our history lessons we have spent some time looking into how World War 2 started. Pupils have researched which countries were part of the Allies and Axis powers and have researched key figures from each side.

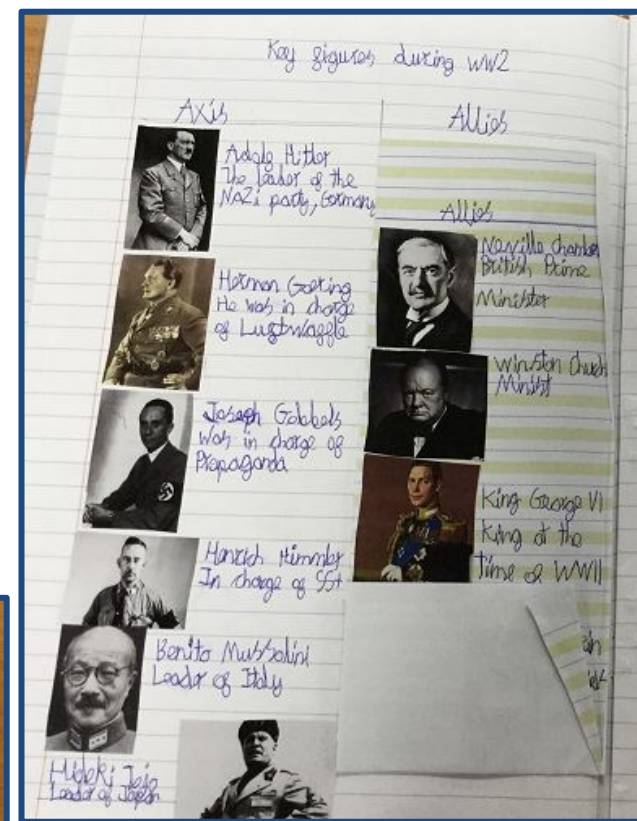


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Year 6 continued...



Winston Churchill the leader

Winston the child

Winston was born on 30th November 1874 at Blenheim (the seat of his grandfather, the 7th Duke of Marlborough) in Oxfordshire, when he was 13 he only managed to go to the lowest class at Horsham School.

Winston the soldier

He commenced his army career when, as a cadet in 1893 at Sandhurst, he eventually became a cavalry officer and war reporter. He spent his 21st birthday working in Cuba.

Winston's beliefs

Winston sought for what he thought was right. ^{one} of his famous quotes is "we shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be; we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the land grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

Winston's end politics

At the 1900 general election, he became MP for Oldham and he made his first speech in Parliament in 1901.

Adolf Hitler

Hitler the child

Hitler was born in Braunau Austria in 1889. Hitler had a brother Alois Jr who was 13 when he ran away from his abusive father and ended up in prison. This also happened to Adolf at the age of 7.

Hitler the artist

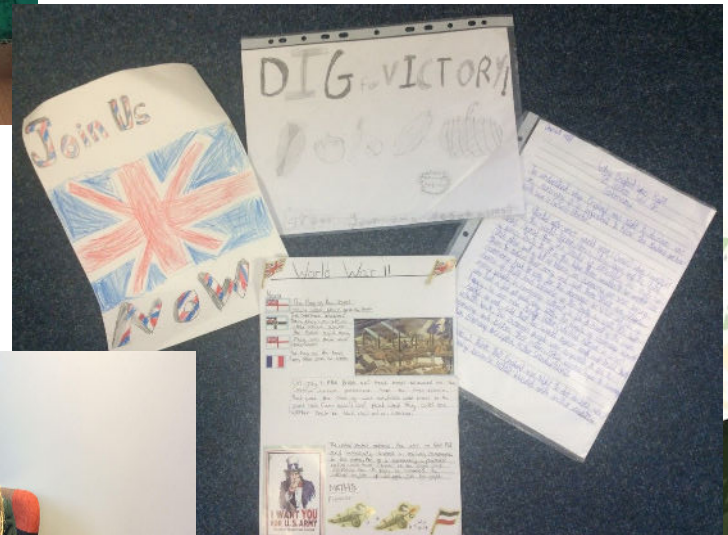
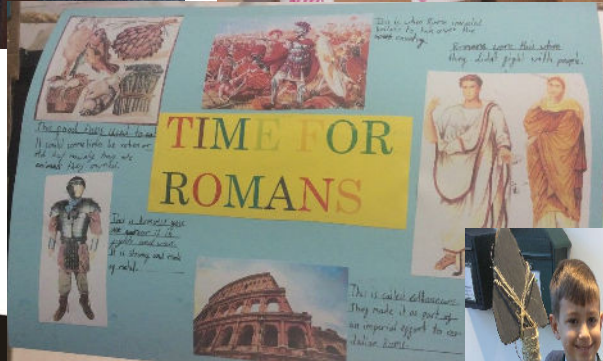
He lived as a tramp in Vienna from the age of 9 years (1904-1913) making a living by selling his postcard sketches, painting caricatures and other peculiar jobs.

Hitler the soldier

Hitler cried when world war I (WWI) ended. He was in hospital when the war temporarily blinded him from a gas attack. He put the blame on the Jews for the surrender (weak politicians). After WWI Hitler stayed in the army as a von (a spy who checked if political groups were dangerous).



History Homework Projects



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Young Voices

It was great to see our Young Voices Choir singing amongst 100s of other children in Birmingham. What an amazing experience! It was a long day and late night but they had a fantastic time singing together and having fun!



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Trip to recycling centre

Our KS2 Eco-Warriors had a super trip to visit the Cherwell District Council waste depot to find out more about how we can be more sustainable and recycle at Dashwood. We have managed to acquire new bins for recycling our food waste and a flimsy plastic bin! Watch out for the Eco-Warriors campaign to learn more!



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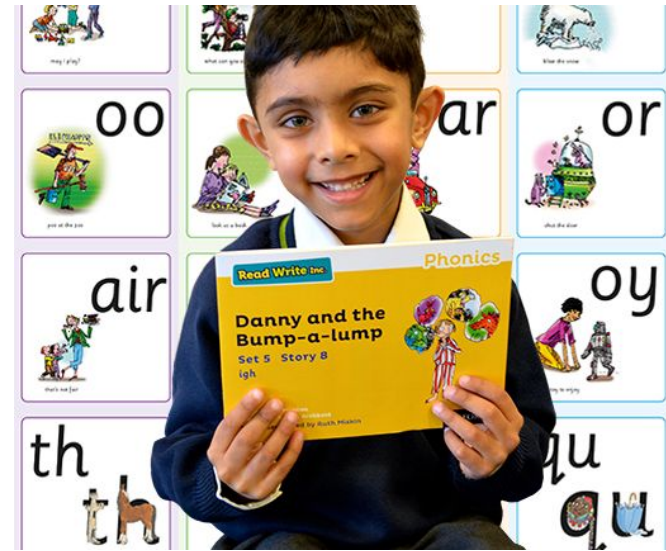


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Phonics: Supporting Early Reading at home

It was great to see so many parents and carers at the Phonics Workshop on Tuesday. This year we have relaunched our phonics programme, Read Write Inc, and we are delighted with the speed that the pupils are learning to read; so much progress is being made and the pupils, and the staff, are really enjoying it.

Ask your child who FRED the FROG is! See what they say?



If you missed the session, here is the link to the loom video for you to listen to and refer back to when you are supporting your child at home to read:

<https://www.loom.com/share/24ad23458f7f47aa80ef4fc052a63c1c>



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Reading: Supporting at home

Reading is always a focus here at Dashwood. Staff work to ensure that children have dedicated time in the timetable to read and also to ensure that children are exposed to a range of diverse literature. All children from Years 1 - 6 will have a 'class novel' to enjoy throughout each term. Why not ask your child about the story they are enjoying in their class this term?

Thank you to those that could attend the reading workshops this week. For those of you who couldn't attend here is a link to the loom meeting - which summarises the key points of the meeting:

<https://www.loom.com/share/98d3e02cf228421f8332badf98df9bd8>



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Dashwood's Food Bank

We are delighted to inform you that we are starting our own food bank to support the families of Dashwood. We have been collecting some essential items including breakfast cereals, a variety of tinned foods, pasta, sauces, and toiletries over the last week or so.

To keep this going, we will be putting a permanent box in the school entrance hall if you wish to donate anything for our food bank. We are committed to supporting all of our Dashwood Families so please do not hesitate to come and see us if you would like to come and see what we have to offer.



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Anti-Bullying Ambassador update

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassador Action Group and our Head Pupils delivered an assembly to Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils about what bullying behaviour is, and what it isn't, and how to get support if you experience bullying behaviour. The group have also created an Anti-bullying support area in The Grove with books that pupils may enjoy reading all focused on the theme of support for worries!



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Dashwood Action Committee

As a result of the DAC meeting we have adapted the homework policy. Please see the link here to find out what we will be sending out for each year group moving forward.

<https://dashwood.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2023/01/DAC-Letter-re-homework-Jan-2023.docx.pdf>

The date of the next DAC meeting is **Tuesday 28th February 2023**
9-10am There will be hot drinks and biscuits provided.



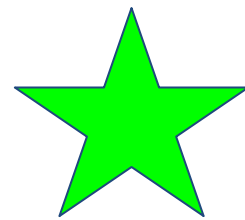
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Up and Coming events



Open Classrooms: We are really looking forward to inviting you to your child's classroom near the end of term to share their learning. It will give you a chance to sit with your child and look at all of the fabulous work they have done.

Here is the link to the dates letter that informs you of the date and time for your child's open classroom event:

<https://dashwood.academies.aspirationsacademies.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2022/12/Term-3-Dates.docx.pdf>



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Teachers Strike Action Update

As you will have heard about or read in the news, the NEU (National Education Union) have voted to take strike action. I wanted to inform you that we are continuing to assess the situation but will communicate well before the first possible day of action on 1 February.



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Parking: Thank you very much to all the parents and carers who are working together to keep all of our children and community safe. A few reminders:



- it is illegal to park on double yellow lines;
- it is an offence to drive on the pavement even for a short distance;
- please do not block local residents driveways; we have had some complaints from people living on Alma Road.

I appreciate that there is limited parking around the school grounds however, it is imperative that we do not park opposite the school gate, on the double yellow lines when dropping and collecting children from school. It gets very busy by the gate, with lots of cars so if you could park further away from the school and walk, that would be preferable and reduce the traffic by the school. I appreciate your cooperation to ensure that we prevent a serious accident from occurring.



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Dates for Term 3

Please see the attached link for a list of all of the events we have planned for Term 3 already including open classroom events in the last two weeks of term.

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Term 3 Tuesday 3rd January – Friday 10 February 2023

NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly

Term 4 Tuesday 21 February – Friday 31 March 2023

INSET DAY: Monday 20th February 2023 - (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 31 March*

Term 5 Monday 17 April – Friday 26 May 2023

NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly

Monday 1 May 2023: May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)

Monday 8th May 2023: Extra Bank Holiday for the Coronation of Charles III

Term 6 Monday 5th June to Friday 21 July 2023

School will close at 1.45pm on Friday 21st July 2023.

INSET DAY: Friday 23rd June 2023- (no children in school)

There will be no after school club Friday 21st July.

2023 - 2024 Term dates:

Term 1 Monday 4th September to Friday 20th October 2023



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