

Welcome back to school

We hope that you all had a lovely half-term break and a well-deserved rest. We have lots of exciting plans for this term, please see below for the calendar with dates and details.



This year we will be supporting the **Royal British Legion** to help raise vital funds for the Armed Forces Community. Poppies will be on sale at lunchtimes throughout next week. If your child would like to purchase a poppy or other item, please send their money in a sealed envelope with their name.
Stock is limited.

After School Clubs

Following on from a successful half-term of after school clubs, we are in the process of sending out invites to the next set of clubs which start next week. Look out for your invites to make sure children don't miss out. By the end of the year, all pupils will have been invited to at least one set of clubs.

Bringing and collecting children from school

Please support us with maintaining a safe system for bringing children to school and collecting at home time. To reduce the number of people on the grounds, can we ask:

- 1) Only one adult per family comes on to the playground.
- 2) Once you have your own children, please move off the playground.
- 3) Keep your children with you when you are leaving the playground.



For Maths Week England, we want to make maths exciting and high profile in our school. We will be taking part in a friendly competition involving schools from England from Monday 8th November to Thursday 11th November. It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7:30AM GMT and 7:30PM GMT on Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th. To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60 minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60 minutes between 7.30am and 7.30pm. Once the player goes beyond 60 minutes of play on a given day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less.

Calendar of Events – Autumn Term 2021

More events will be added to this calendar over the next few weeks.

Date	Event	Extra information
Thurs 4 th November & Tues 9 th November	Parents' Evening held virtually	Appointments between 3:40pm and 5:50pm. These appointments will be on Google classrooms.
Friday 5 th November	Feed the Farm	Please send in a small contribution to the upkeep of our farm.
Thursday 11 th November	Dinosaurs LIVE!	For children in Years 1, 2 and 3.
Friday 19 th November	CHILDREN IN NEED	Children wear their own clothes. This year's theme is 'Together, we can' Donations will be sent to this valuable cause.
Friday 26 th November	Feed the Farm	Animals need extra bedding to keep them warm in the winter.
W/C 29 th November	PANTS focus	NSPCC focus for keeping children safe.
10 th December	Christmas Jumper day	Children can wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform.
15 th December	Christmas Dinner day	School will pay for any child who wish to have a school Christmas dinner.
Final Week	<u>CAROLS on the PLAYGROUND</u> Monday 13 th – EYFS Tuesday 14 th – Y1 & Y2 Wednesday 15 th Y3 & Y4 Thursday 16 th Y5 & Y6	Details to be confirmed.
Friday 17 th December	Feed the Farm BREAK UP for Christmas holidays at 1:30pm	