

Stars of the week

Stars of the Week for last week were:



Marcus Bartulans	Jacob Kutny
Hannah Scandrett	Shnay Outen
Jensson Meen	Edward Atkins
Selina Kerney	Bianca Galvao
Kasia Starosciak	Freddie Royal
Max Morse	Carolyn Nunn
Billy Williamson	Charlie Adams
Lonny Philpot	Mitchell Hendry

Teampoints

Last week's results were:

- 1st: Yellow**
- 2nd: Green
- 3rd: Blue
- 4th: Red



Congratulations to **Yellow** team for being this week's winners. Yellow are still in the lead for this term!

Attendance results

Wrens 1:	78.9%	<i>Inadequate</i>	
Wrens 2:	94.7%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>	
Magpies:	98.6%	Outstanding	WINNER
Swallows:	96.1%	Outstanding	
Robins:	91.8%	<i>Inadequate</i>	
Skylarks:	98.6%	Outstanding	WINNER
Hérons:	89.6%	<i>Inadequate</i>	
Kestrels:	98.2%	Outstanding	

Last week's attendance: 94.2%
Requires Improvement (mainly due to Wrens 1)

Attendance since September: 93.6%
Inadequate

Parents' Evening

Our Parents' Evenings this term are on Tuesday 25th March (3.30 - 5.30pm) and Wednesday 26th March (3.30 - 7.00pm).

You may be aware that there is strike planned by the National Union of Teachers for 26th March which may impact on this Parents' Evening. We are seeking clarification on this and if the date has to be changed, we will inform you later this week. We won't send letters out until we know if the date has to be changed. Further details on the strike are overleaf.

Mothers' Day Lunches

We will be holding 2 special lunches to celebrate Mother's Day later this month. We have 20 places available on Thursday 27th March and 20 places available on Friday 28th March.

The cost of a meal is £3.32, to be paid in cash to the school office. Please note that this lunch is for mums only. We will have other days for dads and grandparents at a later date. If you wish to have lunch with your child, they must also have a school meal that day.

Sport Relief

To raise money for Sport Relief, we will be holding a non uniform day on Friday 21st March. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite sportsman or sportswoman, or wearing an outfit from their favourite sport. We are asking for £1 per child, with all money going to Sport Relief.

The best outfit from each class will win a special Sport Relief balloon and sticker.



NUT strike

The National Union of Teachers are likely to hold a one day strike on Wednesday 26th March. This may mean that your child's class is closed that day. At the moment, I am not aware of which teachers intend to strike, but as soon as I am informed, I will inform the relevant classes.

The NUT have planned this strike in response to changes to government policy and have provided this guidance as to why they are striking.

1. Ensure every classroom has a qualified teacher. Academies and free schools are now allowed to employ unqualified teachers.
2. Allow councils to open new schools where they are needed. There is a huge pupil place shortage but councils are not allowed to open new schools. Many councils are driven to putting portacabins on school playgrounds to cope. The Government only allows new "free" schools and these are often in the wrong place.
3. Make sure changes to the and exams are positive and planned. Rushed changes are stressful for children as well as their teachers. The Government should start listening to what teachers and education experts say. It should work with them to develop an exciting and inspiring curriculum.
4. Ensure there are enough new teachers – stop picking fights with the ones we've got. Michael Gove keeps criticising teachers. Morale is plummeting. Five years after qualifying, 2 in every 5 teachers are no longer teaching. On top of that, the current system of training teachers is under-recruiting. Instead of dealing with this, Michael Gove keeps attacking our teachers, who are forced to strike to defend themselves and education.
5. Get our schools working together and fund them properly. The evidence shows that schools working together is best for all children. Financial scandals at free schools show the dangers of privatisation. On top of this fragmentation, school 6th forms and 6th form colleges are facing 20% cuts while £1.7 billion has been allocated to free schools.

Building work

The swimming pool is now down. Thank you for putting up with the disruption of getting lorries and diggers in and out of school.

The extension of the back playground starts today and will cause further disruption. There are 500 tonnes of soil to remove and so heavy duty tracking needs to go down along the entrance path and across the playgrounds. This will cause a trip hazard for pedestrians, so please take extra care when walking on the school site.

The playground extension work will take a couple of weeks after which, we should have a back playground, nearly twice as big as we currently have. After that is completed, the main work of building the extension will begin. You can follow the building work on our Facebook page.

