

Galleywood Infant School

Wednesday 5th April 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that we have finally seen an end to the cold, wet weather and that the children, families and staff can all enjoy some spring sunshine over the Easter holidays.

We wish you all a lovely Easter break.



School re-opens on Monday 17th April at 8:45am.

Change to the school day

In **April 2023** when we come back to school after the Easter break, our school day will start 10 minutes earlier. Your child's classroom door will open at **8:45** and we expect all children to be in classrooms by **8:50** for the morning register. The school day will end at 3:10pm- this will not change in April.

September 2023

The Government require schools to offer 32.5 hours a week from September 2023, and to achieve this we need to open a few minutes earlier and close a few minutes later each day. From **September 2023** our school day will be as follows:

In the morning doors will open at 8:40 and close at 8:50 for the register. Gates will be closed and locked at 8:50, ten minutes earlier than they are now.



In September 2023 all children will come out of school at 3:15pm, 5 minutes later than they do now. We realise that this will mean parents meeting older children from St Michael's need a prompt finish every day, in order to be at the junior school for 3:20pm.



Easter egg hunt

A big thank you to the GIPA team who braved a cold wet morning to hide 9 clues for the children to find. Children explored our school field, the forest area, tree house, pirate ship and quiet area to collect letters and unscramble them! Nobody noticed the showers or the mud, and everyone was thrilled to take home a chocolate egg. We are very grateful to GIPA for arranging this event.



Clubs

For the summer term we will be offering an extra after school club led by Premier Sport, bookable online.

Clubs offered for this term are:

Tuesday: FS Spanish at lunchtime, gymnastics after school (Yr's 1 & 2)

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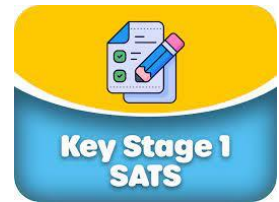
Thursday: Yr1 and Yr2 Spanish at lunchtime, dodgeball after school (Yr's 1 & 2)

Friday: Tennis after school (Yr's 1 & 2)

We will be running teacher led clubs again this term for children in Yr1 and Yr2. The clubs will be on Mondays June 12th, June 19th, June 26th and July 3rd from 3:15-4pm. There is no cost for these clubs and all children in Yr1 and Yr2 will be offered a place at one club. A choice of 4 or 5 clubs will be offered in May.

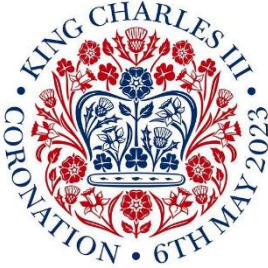
SATs information

We always hold a short meeting for parents and carers with children in Yr2 to explain the end of Key Stage 1 assessments that are completed during May. The meeting lasts 30-40 mins and the content will be the same at each session. You do not need to book for this and children can accompany you if they are happy to sit quietly with a book or some drawing. The meetings will be on Tuesday 2nd May at 2:30pm and 5:30pm.



Celebrating the Coronation

The coronation of King Charles III will be an important occasion for the United Kingdom and the additional bank holiday on 8th May is included in the dates list below. On Friday 5th May we will be inviting children to wear red, white and blue and to make a crown for our Coronation parade and tea party. Each class will decorate a large tray bake cake, so that we can share these with family visitors from 2:30pm, following our special Coronation Assembly. We hope this will mark a historical moment, be a fun occasion, and will give children an understanding of the events they may see on television over the weekend and throughout May.



School visits

We have included in the dates list below details of the year group visits linked to our learning themes.

Foxes and Badgers classes will travel to Danbury Outdoors Centre for a Pirate Day on Thursday 25th May. We hope everyone will dress up for the occasion!



All children in Year 1 and Year 2 will visit Hedingham Castle; Owls and Hedgehogs on 15th June, Rabbits and Squirrels on 16th June. The cost of coach travel has unfortunately made our visits a little more expensive than last year, with the Pirate Day costing £14:50 per child and the Hedingham day £16:50 per child.

Electronic links will be sent in May to collect contributions for these trips, together with details for any parents who would like to join us. We know the trips will be brilliant and memorable days for everyone!

Parent Lunches

Mrs Bond has arranged some dates in May, June and July when parents are invited to join their child for a delicious school dinner.

We want to give parents as much notice as possible for this and will send details of the menu choices for each day with a booking link in the first week after the Easter break.

Year 2 classes:	Tuesday 23 rd , Wednesday 24 th and Thursday 25 th May
Foundation Stage classes:	Thursday 15 th and Friday 16 th June
Year 1 classes:	Tuesday 4 th , Wednesday 5 th and Thursday 6 th of July

PE days

Changes to PE days have already been notified, but to keep information in one place:

Year 2 classes will have outdoor PE on Wednesdays and dance on Thursdays

Year 1 classes will have outdoor PE on Tuesdays and yoga in the hall on Wednesdays

Foundation Stage classes will have Forest Fun on Wednesdays and outdoor PE on Fridays.

Please make a note of the following dates- there are several additions from the list sent in September.

Diary Dates for the Summer term at Galleywood!

APRIL	17	Monday	8:50 am	School reopens for Summer Term
MAY	1	Monday		May Bank Holiday- school closed
	2	Tuesday	2:30 and 5:30pm	SATs information sessions for parents & carers (30mins)
	5	Friday	2:15pm	Assembly and tea party to celebrate the coronation of King Charles.
	8	Monday		Coronation Bank Holiday- school closed
	10	Wednesday	9am	Class photographs
	11	Thursday	9-10am	Curriculum and Coffee for Foxes and Badgers parents
	11	Thursday	6:30pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
	18	Thursday	6:30pm	Welcome meeting for parents of new Sept 2023 intake
	19	Friday	3:15-5pm	GIPA children's disco- details to follow
	25	Thursday	9am-3pm	Foundation Stage visit to Danbury Outdoors Centre
	26	Friday	3:10pm	School closes for Half Term (Fri 26 May – Mon 5 June inc)
JUNE	5	Monday		Staff training day- school closed to pupils
	6	Tuesday	8:50am	School re-opens
	8	Thursday	9:30-11:45	Yr2 classes to mini-Olympics at Chelmsford Athletics Stadium Family members welcome to attend and support!
	12	Monday	3:15-4pm	Staff led clubs commence- 4 Mondays, Yr1 and Yr2 children Club choices to follow
	15	Thursday	9am-3:10pm	Yr1 visit to Hedingham Castle
	16	Friday	9am-3:10pm	Yr2 visit to Hedingham Castle
	22	Thursday	9-10am	Curriculum and Coffee for Foxes and Badgers parents
	29	Thursday	1:15pm	Children's Challenge Sports Afternoon- visitors welcome
JULY	1	Friday		Reports (FS classes) and Progress Summary (Yr1 and Yr2 classes) sent home
	3	Monday	3:15-4pm	Final staff led club for this term
	6	Thursday	6:30pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
	8	Saturday	11am-3pm	GIPA Galleyfest (details to follow)
	11	Tuesday	1:30pm	Children's first visit to their new classes
	14	Thursday	4-6pm	Open evening to see your child's work, talk with the teachers and for children in FS and Yr1 to meet their new teachers.
	18	Tuesday	1:30pm	Children spend the afternoon in new classes
	20	Thursday	10am	Yr2 Leavers' Assembly- parents/carers & families invited
	20	Thursday	3:10pm	School closes for Summer Holiday
	21	Friday		Staff Training- school closed for pupils