



Oak Lodge Newsletter

28th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see so many pupils receive certificates for all their hard work during this term at our achievement assembly this morning. Well done to all and a big well done to all staff and TA's for their hard work in supporting pupils to achieve their best.



Well done to all the pupils who took part in the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra performance this week, they did an amazing job. Thanks go to the staff who accompanied pupils and a massive thank you to Mr Bedford for coordinating the schools contribution to the event.

Pupils have had great fun this morning with Easter egg hunts organised by pastoral teachers and the residential team yesterday evening.

This has been a very busy and short term and we are all ready for a well-earned break over the next few weeks. I wish all students and staff a relaxing break and we look forward to seeing you on the 15th April at 10am for the start of the Summer term.

Best wishes

Caroline Rowlandson

Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

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| Last day of Spring term 2 | Thursday 28th March 2024 (school ends at 1.30pm) |
| First day of Summer term 1 | Monday 15th April 2024 (Pupils start 10.00am) |
| May Bank Holiday | 6 May – School Closed |
| School Prom | 18 June 2024 , Oak Lodge / The Bedford, SW12 9HD |
| Sports Day | 25 June 2024 |
| Parents Evening | 12 June 2024 |
| Summer Fair and Awards | 11 July 2024 |



PHOENIX HOUSE
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

25th-27th March

We had a short but busy week in residential. We had lots of Easter baking, along with culinary life skills. On Tuesday we celebrated Natasha's 11th birthday! And four students were awarded Easter eggs for achieving the most tokens this term. We wish all the students a well-deserved two week break!



Wandsworth Music Festival

On Tuesday night some KS3 pupils performed at Fairfield Halls in Croydon.



We rehearsed with three other Wandsworth schools.



We were very proud. They loved our performance!



We performed in front of thousands of people!



We Signed our poem.

‘Music is...’ a song by KS3

Music makes me sing.
Music makes me cry.
Music makes me smile.

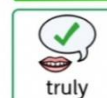
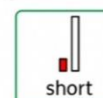
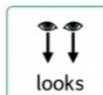
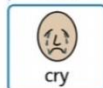
Wide awake.



Music looks colourful.
Short, sharp...
smooth and shiny.

Music makes me feel calm...
Dizzy and excited...

Truly happy and peaceful.

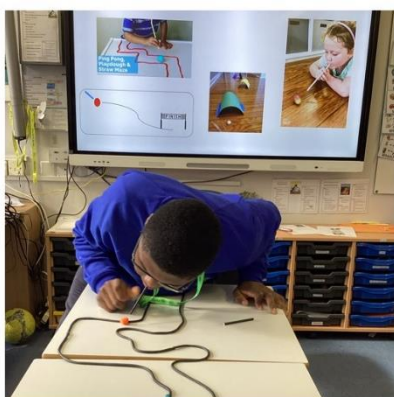
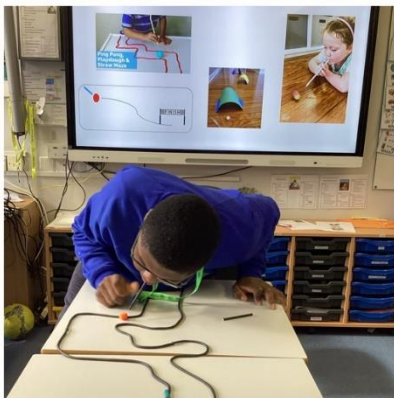


Q (short for Quincy) has had another lovely few days visiting Oak Lodge with his owner, Becky (Language and Communications Team). He has been taken for a walk, had his Mohawk re-done, had plenty of treats, chilled out in lessons and had lots of attention. He had to go and check out his competition, the cute rabbit in the residential lounge!

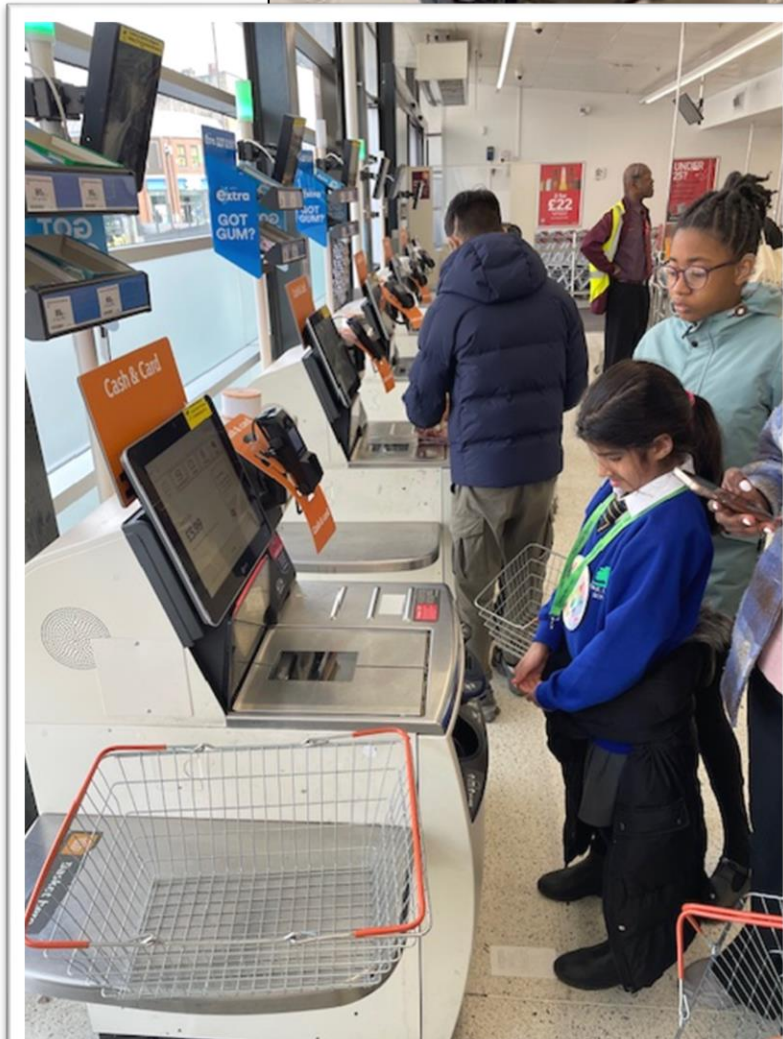
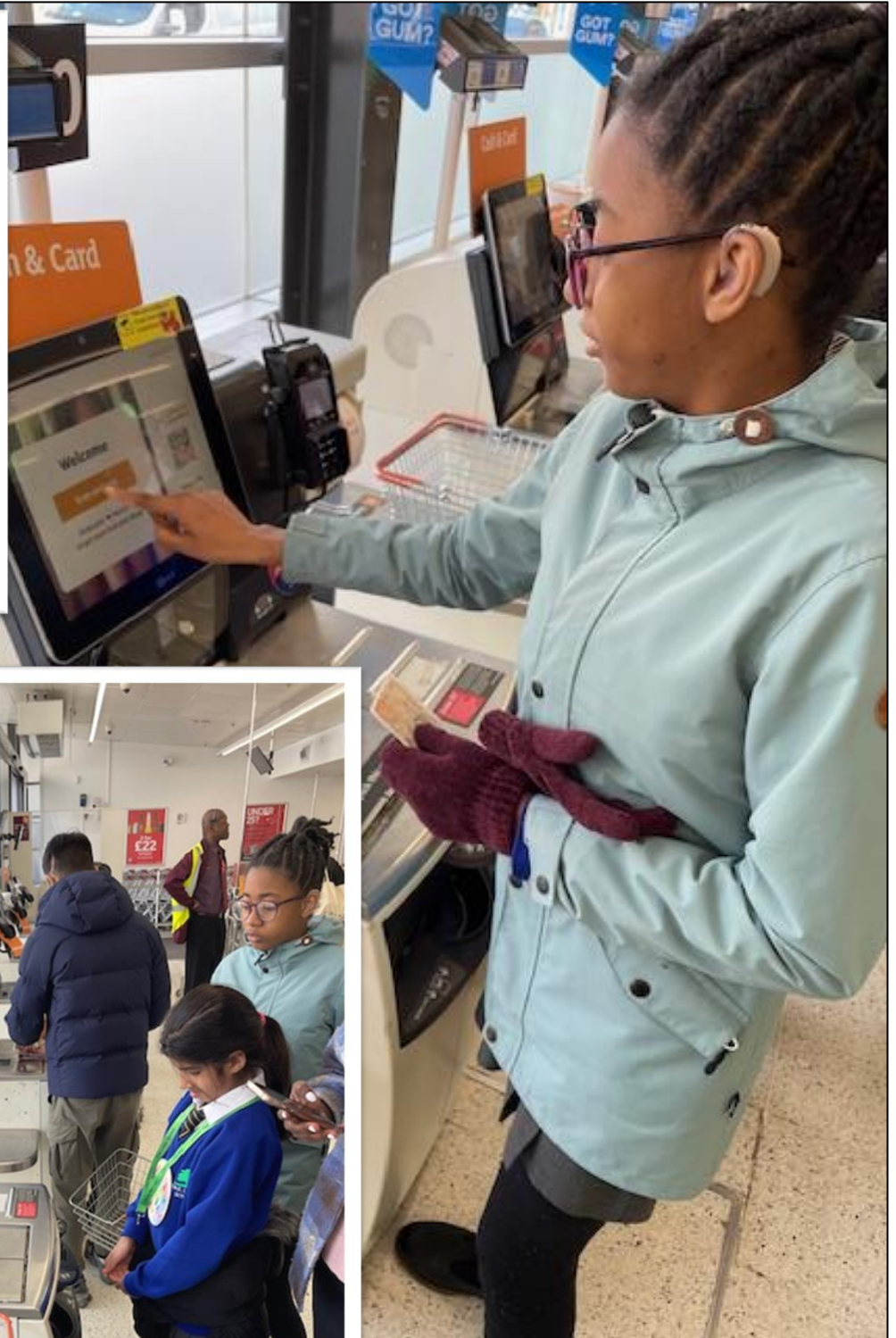
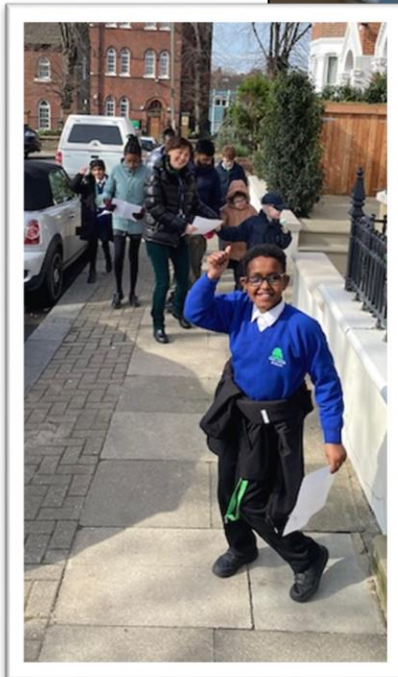




Year 8AL had a very fun day playing Easter games.



8AL Humanities Trip



Achievement Assembly

Well done to all pupils and to all teaching staff and TA's for their hard work and support



Happy Holidays to Everyone

March 31 – Easter

On Easter Sunday, Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead after three days. Easter is one of the most important Christian holidays

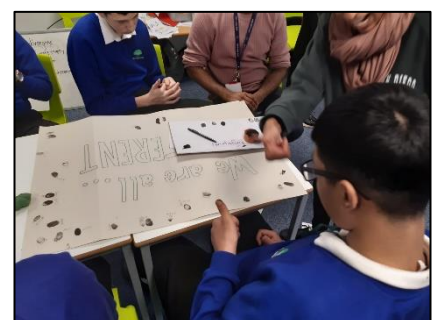
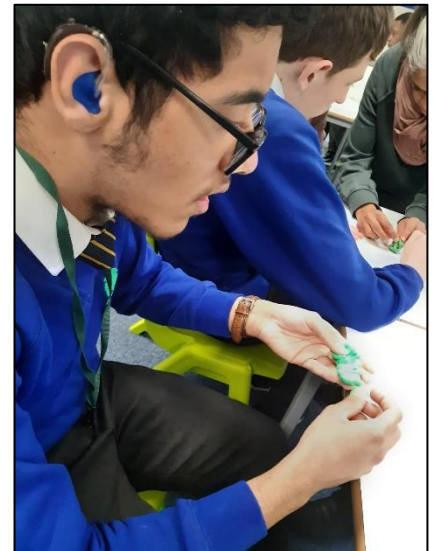
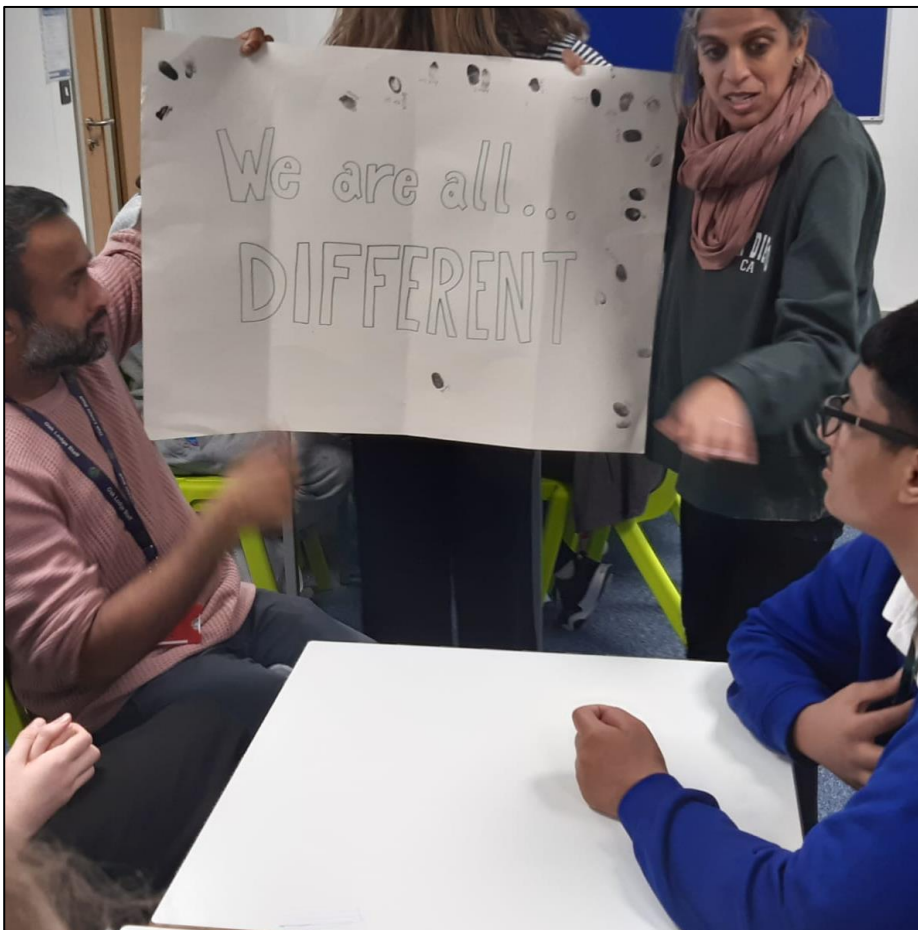


April 9/10 – Eid al-Fitr

Eid is one of the most important Islamic holy days. A big meal is enjoyed to mark the end of fasting during Ramadan and celebrations go on for two or three days.



The Wellbeing Team hosted workshops for Neurodiversity Week! These workshops focused on understanding our brains and what it means to be different. We learned about our strengths, how we learn, and how we all think and feel differently. We also had a chance to make and design our own brains! It was great fun!



23 April 2024 • 12pm-5pm
Civic Suite, Wandsworth High St

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2024

Preparing for Adulthood

An event for parents, carers, families, schools and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities

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IS AVAILABLE
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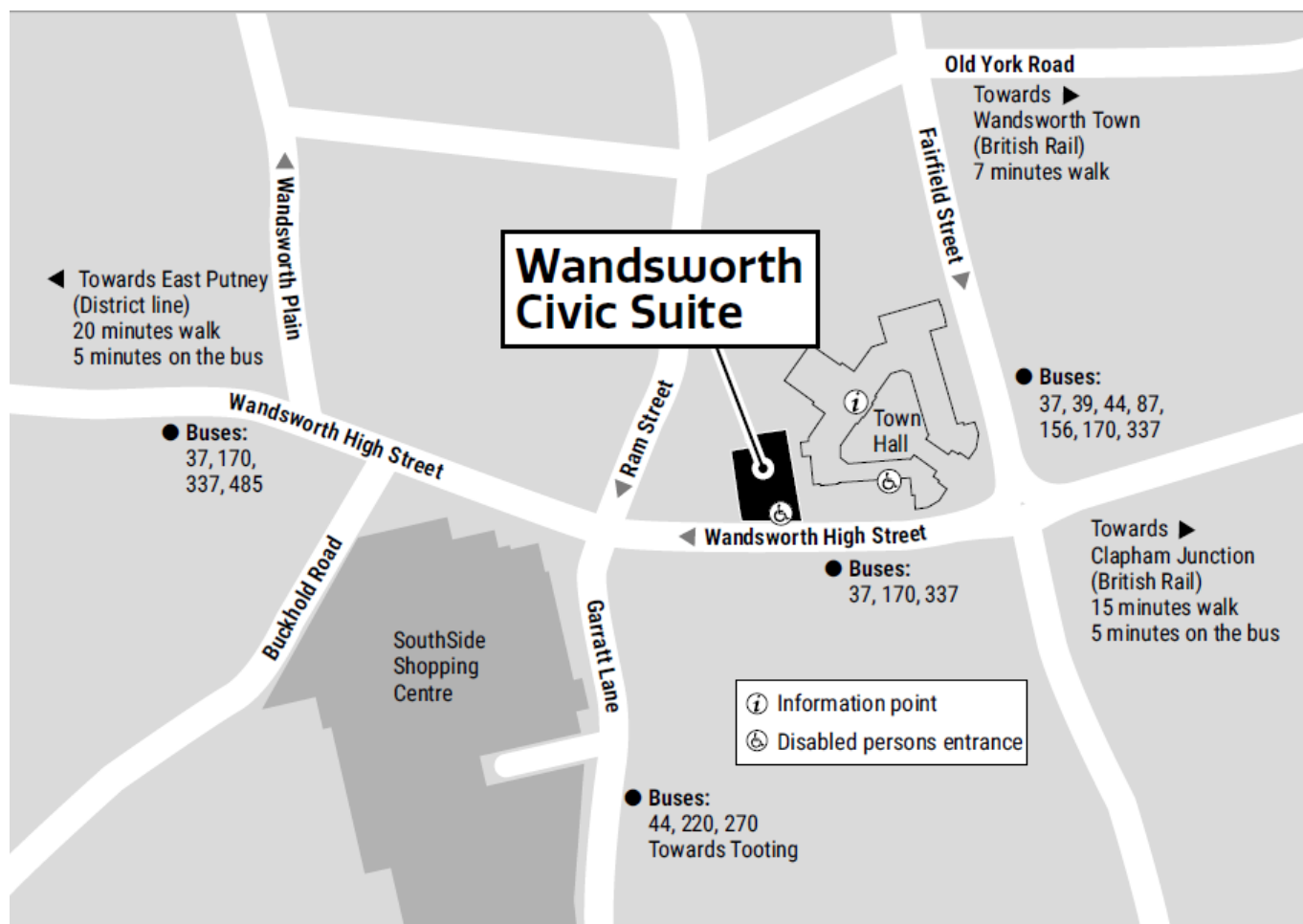
As a
parent, it was
great to speak to the
providers most
relevant to us!

As a
service provider,
it was a perfect forum
to promote our latest
SEND offer!

**Lunch and
refreshments
on the day**

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Online Safety Newsletter Tips March 2024

Setting up parental controls on your child's mobile

If you do not have the same mobile phone as your child, and therefore are unable to use Google Family link or Apple Family Sharing, then you can set restrictions on your child's device instead.

Apple devices:

To set up restrictions on your child's device directly (rather than using an app) then follow the instructions on the link below:

<https://support.apple.com/enus/HT201304>

The instructions will show you how to get to the settings on your child's phone and then how to set restrictions such as restrict content, schedule downtime, set time limits for apps. You will need to set a passcode 'use a screentime passcode' to ensure changes cannot be made after you have set them.

Android devices: As with the above link, this link shows you how to set up parental controls on the device itself by creating a PIN:

<https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738?hl=enGB#zippy=%2Cfor-family-memberswho-manage-their-own-accounts>

EE Learn

EE Learn includes an array of information and guidance on how to keep your child safe online, for example tips on how to help your child when they are online.

Find out more here:

<https://ee.co.uk/do-more-with-ee/learn>

PlayStation

Does your child have a PlayStation? If so, have you set up appropriate parental controls? Some examples of the parental controls available are:

- Set age restrictions,
- Set daily limits,
- Control chat and messaging,
- Set spend limits.

How can I block/report other players?

If your child is playing with other players, then please ensure they know how to report/block other players and to tell a trusted adult if they do come across anything upsetting or that they are unsure of. This link details how to do this based on the device they have:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/block-players-psn/>

What games are suitable for my child?

PlayStation have included a list of games along with their age rating to help you find a game that may be appropriate for your child to play. <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/editorial/great-ps4-games-for-kidsand-families/>

Whilst age ratings do allow you to see if a game may be appropriate, it is also important to review the game yourself and see if it includes additional features such as chat. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable and if you need to apply further parental controls.

Further information You can find out more about the controls available here: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/parental-controls/>

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YouTube Shorts

You should be over 13 to post videos on YouTube. YouTube Shorts are short videos which are similar in format to videos you find on TikTok or Instagram Reels.

'Shorts' are available to watch on the YouTube homepage or on the Shorts tab in the app. As they are quick to watch, they can be addictive and lead to excessive screen time. If your child is watching these videos, ensure they know that there is a report button. Further information can be found at the link below.

<https://ineqe.com/2021/07/01/youtube-shorts-need-to-know/>

OAK LODGE TERM DATES

| Spring Term | Date/s |
|---|---|
| First day of Spring term 1 | Monday 8th January 2024 (Pupils start 10.00am) |
| Half-term (school closed) | Monday 12th February– Friday 16th February 2024 |
| First day of Spring term 2 | Monday 19th February 2024 |
| Last day of Spring term | Thursday 28th March 2024 (school ends at 1.30pm) |
| Summer Term | Date/s |
| First day of Summer term 1 | Monday 15th April 2024 (Pupils start 10.00am) |
| May Bank holiday (School closed) | Monday 6th May 2024 |
| Half term (School closed) | Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024 |
| First day of Summer term 2 | Monday 3rd June (Pupils start 10.00am) |
| Last day of Summer term | Friday 19th July 2024 (School ends at 1.30pm) |
| Staff INSET Days | Monday 22 nd and Tuesday 23 rd July 2024 (Staff only) |

The timetable allows for the legal 195 school days. This includes the 190 days when the school must be open to pupils and 4 staff training days. The 5 staff training and development days are decided by the school's governing body according to the school's development planning cycle. Our 5th training day will be made up by 6 twilight sessions after school on a Wednesday.

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