

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents/carers,

We reach the end of a very busy summer term 1; all children have now had, or have planned trips outside of our local area. Our PE immersion day raised over **£2,000** which is incredible in the current economic climate. It was a huge pleasure for Tilly and Ivy to hand over cheques for Ronald MacDonald House (**£1,367**) and Bromley Start (**£600**). I would like to thank all of the children who ran and the families who sponsored them.

I would like to say Thank you and well done to the PTA for organising a Quiz Night and raising almost **£300** for the school! Our PTA continues to thrive with a range of activities organised for the school community. Please let them know if you are ever able to help out even for a single event; it is wonderful for the school to come together so often with the common purpose of providing the best for our children and families.

Wishing you a restful half term; we will see you again on **Monday 5th June**.

Mr Jamieson
Headteacher



School Class Group Photos

Just a reminder that we have class group photo day on the first day back – **Monday 5th June!**

Please ensure your child arrives at school in full school uniform.



PICTURE DAY

St Mary Cray Primary Academy

Summer Term 1

26th May 2023



Excellence Award Winners – Summer Term 1

Well done and congratulations to all of our Excellence Award winners this half term!



Dates for your Diaries

June

Half Term Holidays 29th May – 2nd June

Mon	5	Summer Term 2 Begins – Children Return to School
Mon	5	Class Group Photos
Wed	7	Year 6 – TFL Citizenship Presentation in school
Fri	16	Reception Class - Trip to Godstone Farm <i>Please provide consent and make payment for the trip via ParentPay</i>
Wed	21	World Music Day
Wed	28	Year 5 – Maths & Science Day @ St Olaves <i>Please provide consent via ParentPay</i>
Fri	30	NCMP & Vision for Reception & Year 6 Children

July

Mon	3	Year 4 Visit to Orpington Library
Fri	7	Sports Day <i>Timings TBC</i>
Fri	14	PTA Summer Fair <i>Details TBC</i>

Summer Holidays 24th July – 30th August

31 August & 1 September – INSET Days – Children not in school

NEW CLUB FOR SUMMER TERM 2!



Cooking Club

£3 PER CHILD PER WEEK (£18 TOTAL FOR THE HALF TERM)

3:30PM – 4:30PM

Cooking Club runs every Wednesday after school from 14 June 2023 up until the end of term.

The cost of this club is £3 per child, per week to cover costs of ingredients (so, £18 total). Your child will learn essential cooking skills, and will make tasty hot and cold treats every week to bring home!

Please book and pay via ParentPay.

Payment due by: Friday 9th June 2023

CURRENTLY THIS CLUB IS OPEN TO YEARS 5 & 6 ONLY.

Attendance Update

Attendance this Half Term:

Well done to Emerald Class, who achieved 95.4% attendance in Summer Term 1!

1st Place	YR5 Emerald	95.4%
2nd	YR6 Ruby	95.2%
3rd	YR4 Diamond	94.9%
4th	YR3 Opal	94.1%
5th	YR1 Topaz	93.9%
6th	YR0 Sapphire	93.1%
7th	YR3 Pearl	93.1%
8th	YR2 Onyx	91.6%

attendance. School attendance is a legal requirement and children under 90% are classed as 'persistent absentees'. I will be sending out letters every half term to make you aware of your child's attendance.

We know that good attendance means good academic progress and makes following routines, maintaining friendships and feeling confident all so much easier. This half term, attendance at St Mary Cray has improved, but we can still do better!

Attendance Reminder:

Please ensure that you call the school **every day** of absence. As a school, part of our safeguarding procedures are around monitoring

Please feel free to contact me via the school phone line or Dojo if you have any questions or concerns.

Miss Coupe - Pupil Support Lead



Volunteers School Refurbishment Project

We are proud to showcase some improvements to the outside areas of the school. On Monday 22nd May we had a team of 14 employees from Telus Health working to build a new fence for our forest school, give our playground train a facelift and clear the garden at the front of school in preparation for further works. Telus Health is an online well-being company, as part of their “days of giving” they aim to send their staff to complete volunteer days in the community, Telus even donated £600 to the cost of resources for the day.

We are so proud of the work that was completed and feel that it has lifted the look of

our children’s outside learning environment already. There are more plans afoot!



BEFORE



AFTER





Breakfast and After School Club

Please be advised that the booking window for sessions *next half term* (5th June – 21st July) HAS NOW CLOSED.

Any sessions required during this time will be charged as adhoc.












Contracted Booking Deadlines for AY 2023-24

Please find below details of booking deadlines for contracted sessions for next academic year:

Term	Term Dates	Booking Window	
		Open	Closed
Autumn Term 1	Mon, 4th Sep to Fri, 13th Oct	05/06/2023	24/08/2023
Autumn Term 2	Mon, 30th Oct to Tues, 19th Dec	04/09/2023	06/10/2023
Spring Term 1	Thurs, 4th Jan to Fri, 9th Feb	30/10/2023	12/12/2023
Spring Term 2	Tues, 20th Feb to Thurs, 28th Mar	04/01/2024	02/02/2024
Summer Term 1	Mon, 15th Apr to Fri, 24th May	20/02/2024	22/03/2024
Summer Term 2	Mon, 3rd Jun to Weds, 24th July	15/04/2024	17/05/2024

Clubs for Next Term

Please see below the most up-to-date list of clubs available to book for next half term:

CLUBS FOR SUMMER TERM 2023					
CLUB		WHEN?	OPEN TO	PRICE	BOOK VIA
MONDAY					
LEGO CLUB <i>From 5 June</i>		AFTER SCHOOL	ALL	£3.99 PER SESSION	WEBSITE KIDSWITHBRICKS.COM
TUESDAY					
ART CLUB <i>From 6 June</i>		AFTER SCHOOL 3:30-4:30	YEARS 1 - 5	£3.99 PER SESSION	WEBSITE ARTIKIDS.CO.UK
WEDNESDAY					
CHESS CLUB <i>From 14 June</i>		LUNCHTIME	YEARS 3 - 6	FREE	PARENTPAY
MINECRAFT CLUB <i>From 7 June</i>		AFTER SCHOOL 3:30-4:30	YEARS 3 - 6	£3.99 PER SESSION	WEBSITE MILITTLEPAD.COM
SKILLS ACADEMY <i>From 7 June</i>		AFTER SCHOOL 3:30 - 4:30	YEARS 1 - 6	£7.50 PER SESSION	WEBSITE SKILLSACADEMYLTD.COM
NEW! COOKING CLUB <i>From 14 June</i>		AFTER SCHOOL 3:30 - 4:30	YEARS 5 - 6	£3 PER SESSION	PARENTPAY
THURSDAY					
SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB <i>From 15 June</i>		LUNCHTIME	YEARS 3 - 6	FREE	PARENTPAY
GIRLS' FOOTBALL CLUB FULL		AFTER SCHOOL 3:30-4:30	YEARS 3 - 6	FREE	NO MORE SPACES AVAILABLE
ROUNDERS CLUB FULL		AFTER SCHOOL 3:30-4:30	YEARS 3 - 6	FREE	NO MORE SPACES AVAILABLE
FRIDAY					
DANCE CLUB FULL		LUNCHTIME	ALL	FREE	NO MORE SPACES AVAILABLE
BOOK CLUB		LUNCHTIME	YEARS 1 - 4	FREE	NO MORE SPACES AVAILABLE

ANIMAL TRAIL

27th May - 4th June

Join in our trail around the farm to find the animals
Follow the clues to find the answers
Collect your prize from the Tea Room





£3 per entry

Open daily (except Tuesday)
from 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Foal Farm Animal Rescue
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX
www.foalfarm.org.uk

SPECTACULAR FUNFAIRS PRESENTS

FAMILY FUN FAIR!

FREE ENTRY!

RIDES ARE TOKEN OPERATED
TOKENS £1.20 EACH OR £10 FOR 10 TOKENS
NUMBER OF TOKENS PER RIDE VARIES

SUNDAY 21ST DINOSAUR INVASION DAY
COME AND HAVE A ROARSOME DAY AND MEET THE DINOSAUR AND HIS KEEPER HERE FROM 3PM-6PM
HOTLINE 0752 7130 890 www.spectacularfunfairs.co.uk email: info@spectacularfunfairs.co.uk

SWANLEY PARK

BR8 7PW

THUR 18 TO MON 29 MAY

OPEN DAILY FROM 12PM CLOSED: MON 22nd & TUES 23rd

WED 24th & THUR 25th HALF PRICE TOKEN DAYS
1 TOKEN = 60p 20 TOKENS = £10

THE FESTIVAL THEATRE

AT HEVER CASTLE

07379 488 477

BOXOFFICE@HEVERFESTIVAL.CO.UK

JOIN US THIS HALF TERM

'This was my 9 and 11 year olds first experience of a live Shakespeare performance. And what a fantastic introduction in the most spectacular setting! They're hooked and I couldn't have asked for more. We'll be coming again.'

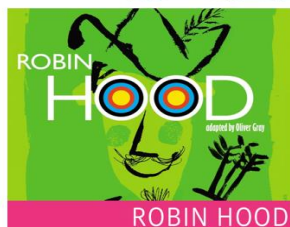


27 MAY – 30 AUG 2023



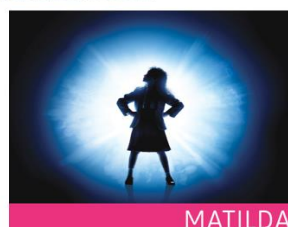
AS YOU LIKE IT

SAT 27 MAY



ROBIN HOOD

FRI 2 JUNE



MATILDA

WED 31 MAY

We have all enjoyed being a part of the most amazing place – The Festival Theatre at Hever Castle.'

#HeavenAtHever

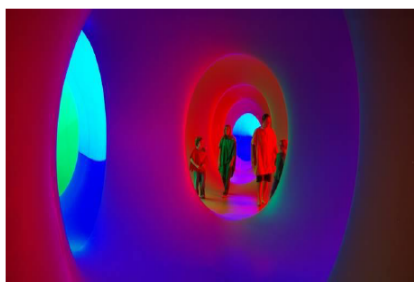
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Colourscape at Nexus School Saturday 17th June – 11am-4pm



On the 17th June an extraordinary experience of colour and light lands at Nexus School in Tonbridge.

Step into a world of radiant colour and evocative sound as Nexus



School hosts Colourscape in 2023. This unique, interactive experience is a feast for the senses, with winding tunnels of intense colour and live music that produce an otherworldly environment for visitors of all ages. A kaleidoscopic journey, illuminated by sunlight, Colourscape is a truly unforgettable experience.

Whether you're an art enthusiast, want to hear some cool new music, or you're just looking for a fun day out, Colourscape is not to be missed.

BOOK TICKETS



£6.50 per adult and £4.50 per child

Nexus School, Upper Haysden Lane, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 8AA



FAMILY FUN DAY
3rd of June 2023

fun activities suitable for children of all ages throughout the day including:

- Bracelet making
- Fridge magnet making
- African Caribbean food
- Film screening
- Colour-in posters to takeaway
- Hands on play with toys

FREE - NO BOOKING
11AM - 3PM

Migration Museum
Lewisham Shopping Centre
London
SE13 7HB

<https://migrationmuseum.org>



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