

3rd November 2023



November

Mon 6th	Poppy Appeal – British Legion – see below
Tues 7th	Whole school nasal flu vaccinations – email sent
Thurs 9th	Year 1 Weston Museum trip – letter emailed
Thurs 9th	Year 3 and 4 Invasion Festival – letter emailed
Frid 10th	PTA Quiz night
Thurs 16th	Bubble Bach performance – see below
Thurs 16th	Children in Need – Wear something spotty – see below
Frid 17th	School closed – inset day training
Mon 20th	Open day for new Reception children 2024 – 2pm
Thurs 23rd	Year 2 Bench ball – letter to follow

December

Frid 1st	Rainbow mufti day – details to follow
Mon 4th	Nativity dress rehearsal – 2pm
Tues 5th	Year 5/6 Touch Rugby – letter to follow
Wed 6th	Nativity 2pm – school hall
Wed 6th	Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day – see below
Wed 6th	Christmas dinner
Thurs 7th	Open day Reception 2024 – 9.30am
Thurs 7th	Nativity 6pm – school hall
Wed 13th	KS2 Pantomime – letter to follow
Thurs 14th	Christmas Celebration Assembly – 2pm – school hall – all invited
Frid 15th	End of Term 2

All the dates are also published on the Federation website. Additions or changes will be in bold

School News

Ducklings

As part of our Reading for Pleasure programme, the children in Ducklings enjoyed a 'Room on the Broom' day on Tuesday. The children were invited to dress as their favourite character from the book and they enjoyed lots of fun learning activities designed to help immerse them in the story, such as a visit from the witch who was looking for her lost hat, potion making and baking delicious star biscuits.



Kingfishers

Children in Year 6 have been on residential camp at Mill on the Brue this week, and we received this message from their teacher, Mrs Lambert –

Another packed day of activities and we haven't stopped yet! We've been:

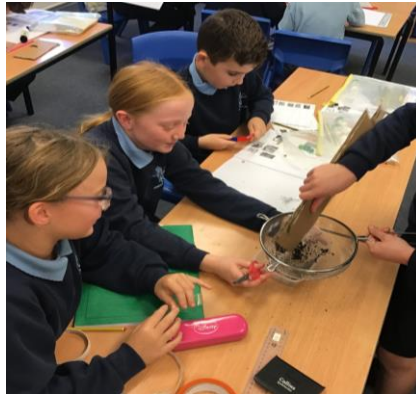
Tower jumping, axe throwing, tunnelling, night walking, egg dropping, river saving, climbing, sustainability touring and meeting the animals and it's been great!

Another school also commented on how well behaved our pupils are so we're extra super proud.



Swallows

Year 5 enjoyed their challenge of separating out different materials without using their hands in their science lesson this week.



Operation Christmas Child

We still have some pre printed shoeboxes left in the office. If you would like to fill a shoebox for a child who is ill or in a war torn country, please pop in to pick one up.

- Please bring your filled boxes to the school office before Friday 10th Nov



For details of what to include etc please go to the charity website: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>

Attendance Focus

We are aiming for all our classes to have an average of above 96% attendance this year. Please use and bookmark this NHS advice if you are unsure about sending your child to school with a minor illness <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



[Is my child too ill for school?](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/)

Find out when it's best to keep your sick child at home and when it's OK to send them to school or nursery.

www.nhs.uk

Please also find attached an introductory letter from Jan Thomson, Education Welfare Officer for our school, with more information.

British Legion Poppy Appeal

All next week, children in Year 6 will be selling poppies and other items at break time in the school playground. Please give your children a donation if you would like them to purchase an item.

Suggested donation prices are 20p for a poppy, 30p for key rings, pencil sharpeners and rulers, 50p for snap bands. Thank you.



Bubble Bach Performance

The PTA have very kindly organised a performance for all the children on Thursday 16th November.

'Bubble Bach' is a stunning combination of the music of JS Bach and jaw-dropping bubble art; this live music performance promises to be great fun for all!

Children In Need

Children may wear something spotty to school on Thursday 16th November for a £1 donation to this charity. Parentpay have listed a free donations page if you would like to donate online. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper day

On Wednesday 6th December, we will be supporting Save the Children. Children may wear a Christmas jumper to school for a £1 donation to this charity. Thank you.

This is also our school Christmas dinner day. Please order as usual on Aspens.

Open days

Our second open day for Reception 2024 will take place on Monday 20th November at 2pm. **We have added an additional open day on Thursday 7th December at 9.30am due to demand.** Please pass to anyone you know that has a child who will be starting school next year. To make an appointment to visit, please contact the school office.

After school clubs – Term 2

If your child is in receipt of benefit-related free school meals they may attend the after school clubs we offer free of charge (this does not include the daily wrap around care to 6pm). Please contact the office to sign up.

Multi-sports – Akeel will be running a multi-sports club every Tuesday for Years 2-4. Please use this link to book

<https://getsported.org/BishopSuttonPrimarySchoolYears2to4MultiSportsClub2023Term2>

Dodgeball – Akeel will be running a dodgeball club again every Wednesday next term for Years 3-6. If you would like to book, please follow this link -

<https://getsported.org/BishopSuttonPrimarySchoolYears3to6DodgeballClub2023Term2>

KS1 Football – Akeel will be running a new football club for Years 1 and 2 on a Friday starting next term. Please use this link to book: <https://getsported.org/BishopSuttonPrimarySchoolReceptiontoYr2FootballClub2023Term2>

Certificates

Well done to the following children who received certificates (for hard work or positive attitude or great behaviour or good manners etc) in the last two celebration assemblies:



Ducklings	Cygnets	Herons	Wrens
Rowan	Elsie	Florence	Maisie
Jack	William	Mason	Dougie
Matthew	Lola-Mae	Magnus	Olivia
Albie	Fern	Connor	Arlo
	Freddie		
	Jos		
Swans	Swallows	Kingfishers	Headteacher Awards
Ellis	Max	Leo	Noah
Olly	Elliot	Isabell	Isla
Harry	Nellie		Teddy
Rohan	Olivia		
Felix	Hollie		
William	Arlo		

Note: the records are made by Y6 children so apologies if there are any omissions/mistakes

Term Dates for the Academic Year	2023-24
Term 1	Tuesday 5 th September 2023 – Thursday 19 th October 2023
Inset Day	Friday 20 th October 2023
Half Term Holiday	Monday 23 rd October 2023– Friday 27 th October 2023

Term 2	Monday 30th October 2023 – Friday 15th December 2023
Inset Day	Friday 17 th November 2023
Christmas Holiday	Monday 18 th December 2023 – Monday 1 st January 2024
Term 3	Tuesday 2nd January 2024 – Friday 9th February 2024
Half Term Holiday	Monday 12 th February 2024 – Friday 16 th February 2024
Inset Day	Monday 19 th February 2024
Term 4	Tuesday 20th February 2024- Thursday 28th March 2024
Easter Holiday	Friday 29 th March 2024 – Friday 12 th April 2024
Term 5	Monday 15th April 2024 – Friday 24th May 2024
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024
Inset Day	Monday 3 rd June 2024
Term 6	Tuesday 4th June 2024 – Tuesday 23rd July 2024

PTA Newsletter

Quiz Night

There is still time for take part in our Quiz night on Fri 10th November. Tickets are £7.50 each and include a delicious Ploughman's supper provided by our friends at Arthur David. Plus there will be a well stocked cash bar on the night. With our regular quiz master Mr Marriott, this is a great social night to meet new parents and chat to ones you haven't seen for a while. Teams of up to 8, but don't worry if you can't get a team together, there will be lots of teams/tables that you can join on the night.

[BOOK NOW](#)

Christmas Cards

At the beginning of next week, children will be bringing home Christmas artwork that they created at school. You can order cards, wrapping paper, tags, mugs and bags printed with your child's own festive artwork on! Just follow the steps below:

- Visit www.apfsorders.co.uk
- Enter the unique artwork code found on the reverse of your child's artwork
- Select your items and personalise with your children's artwork

Win a PS5 and VR2 prize bundle

Play Your School Lottery, support your school - its that simple! This month Your School Lottery has a HUGE PlayStation bundle up for grabs, consisting of not only a Limited Edition Spider-Man 2 PS5 console but also the BRAND NEW PlayStation VR2 Virtual Reality headset, which comes bundled with Horizon: Call of the Mountain, for an unforgettable Virtual Reality gaming experience!

[BUY TICKETS FOR JUST £1](#)

Birthday books

Instead of bringing in sweets for your child's class on their birthday, why not buy a birthday book instead to help the school grow the library. Plus buy the book from the **Love Reading 4 Kids** bookstore, and not only do you get 10% off RRP's, but 25% of the cover price will be given to our school to buy more books. Mrs Tucker has even created a school '**wish list**' of books to help you decide which book to choose.

[BROWSE BOOKS](#)

Cake sale

Swallow class (Year 5) will be hosting the next cake sale on Thursday 14th December.

Easyfunding

Over 7,000 brands will donate to us for FREE when you shop with them via easyfundraising such as John Lewis & Partners, Argos, eBay, Just Eat, Booking.com, Uswitch and more. If you've not signed up yet, it's easy and makes a huge difference to us. Once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it!

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

Outside Events

Mrs Ware, our Office Manager, also runs an established cake company when not in school. Please take a look at her Facebook page if you would like a cake made...



Paula's Cake Craft
www.facebook.com/paulascakecraft
Tel: 07773 483378



The Valley Arts Fringe Festival runs up until Sunday 19th November and there is still plenty to see for families including **Ernie's Journey** this Saturday [Ernie's Journey - 4 Nov 23 - Valley Arts Centre](#) and **Star Seekers** on 11th November [The Star Seekers - 11 Nov 23 - Valley Arts Centre](#). There are also lots of free workshops including circus skills, beatboxing and improv skills, plus a full day workshop on Shakespeare with Harry Potter actor **Rohan Gotobed** [What's Up with Shakespeare? - 12 Nov 23 - Valley Arts Centre](#)

Head to our [website](#) now for more info and to book tickets.

Sutton Theatre Company's traditional family panto this year is Dick Whittington. Always very popular with the families of Bishop Sutton Primary, it's the perfect run up to Christmas. Tickets are selling quickly - Adults £10, children £5. Come and join the festive fun!

