



# Newsletter

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your fantastic support with the school Spring discos this week - they were a huge success! The PTA raised £651.49, which will go towards football kits for our school football teams and wet play equipment.

We are incredibly grateful for your continued generosity and involvement.

This week Lions class had a wonderful visit to Southwark Cathedral and thoroughly enjoyed their day exploring such a historic and inspiring setting. Today, Year 2 had an exciting trip to the Golden Hinde, thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this experience possible. They had a lovely day.

Looking ahead to next week, Year 1 are very excited about their upcoming visit to the London Eye! We're sure it will be a memorable experience for them.

A reminder that parents' evenings will take place on Monday and Tuesday next week. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress. In addition, our book fair will be set up by the main entrance, please do come along and have a look, world book day vouchers can be redeemed against books too.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

*Ms. Auja*

Head of School



# Dates for your diary

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
YR6 Swimming  Parents Evening Book Fair	YR6&YR5 Swimming  Parents Evening Book Fair	YR4 Swimming  Book Fair  KSI Drama Club YR1&2 Forest Club	Nursery Open Afternoon  YR 3 Swimming  <b>Boys</b> Football Training	YR1 London Eye Trip  YR4 & SRP Swimming

Please note that we are closed for polling day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Attendance % & Number of Children Lates

### W/E 20th March

Ladybirds	89.7%	3
Butterflies	93.7%	1
Dragonflies	95.3%	3
Owls	91.2%	4
Squirrels	92.2%	4
Koalas	94.8%	2
Kookaburras	94.3%	2

Narwhals	91.7%	7
Penguins	93.1%	0
Dolphins	92.0%	2
Sharks	98.3%	2
Whales	94.6%	3
Giraffes	99.2%	3
Lions	98.3%	4
Zebras	89.6%	6
Eagles	90.4%	5
Falcons	93.8%	3
Hawks	97.7%	1

Challenge– Let's hit the 96% mark for all classes. Those classes who have had the biggest improvement will win a prize!



# Term dates & Lunch Menu

## Illuminateminds Trust - Term Dates 2025/26

September 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
37	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
38	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
39	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
40	29	30					

October 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40			1	2	3	4	5
41	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
42	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
43	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
44	27	28	29	30	31		

November 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44						1	2
45	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
46	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
47	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
48	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
49	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
50	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
51	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
52	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	29	30	31				

January 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1				1	2	3	4
2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
4	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
5	26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
5							1
6	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9	23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
9							1
10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
12	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
13	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
14	30	31					

April 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
14			1	2	3	4	5
15	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
16	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
17	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
18	27	28	29	30			

May 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
18					1	2	3
19	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
22	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
23	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
25	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	29	30					

July 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27			1	2	3	4	5
28	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
30	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
31	27	28	29	30	31		

August 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31						1	2
32	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
33	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
34	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
35	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
36	31						

INSET DAYS

HOLIDAYS

\*School finishes at 1pm on 19/12/25 & 17/07/26



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b>	<p>Chicken Pie 1 Pesto &amp; Pea Pasta 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Crushed Potato Cauliflower, Carrots</p> <p>Strawberry Mousse 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Bean Biryani VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rainbow Pasta 1 Seasonal Vegetables</p> <p>Toffee Apple Pudding 1 VG &amp; Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Roast Gammon &amp; Gravy Broccoli Tot 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rustic Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Peas</p> <p>Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Beef Bolognaise Pasta Bake 1,7 Loaded Bean Chilli Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Green Beans Grated Carrots</p> <p>Parsnip Brownie 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Pork Sausages 1,6 Vegetable Sausage VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Chips, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans Cucumber Sticks</p> <p>Oaty Cookie 1,15 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG</p>
<b>WEEK TWO</b>	<p>Caribbean Brown Chicken Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rice, Carrots, Peas</p> <p>Chocolate Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Cheese &amp; Broccoli Pasta Bake 1,7 V Buffalo Cauliflower Wings &amp; Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables</p> <p>Plum Pudding 1VG &amp; Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Roast Chicken &amp; Gravy Ratatouille Puff 1,3 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots</p> <p>Crispy Cake 1,3,7,16 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Beef Stew &amp; Dumpling 1 Pesto Pasta Bake 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Cauliflower, Green Beans</p> <p>Apple &amp; Cinnamon Pinwheel 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Salmon Bites 1,8 Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Coleslaw 9</p> <p>Marble Cookie 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG</p>
<b>WEEK THREE</b>	<p>Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V Sweet Potato &amp; Chick Pea Curry VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rice, Green Beans, Mixed Salad</p> <p>Peach Crumble 1 VG &amp; Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Chicken Noodles 1 BBQ Vegetable Burrito 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Sweetcorn, Peppers</p> <p>Chocolate Rice Pudding 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Roast Pork &amp; Gravy Vegan Sausage Roll 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Rustic Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots</p> <p>Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Beef Cottage Pie Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Seasonal Vegetables</p> <p>Beetroot Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>	<p>Fish Fingers 1,8 Cheese, Carrot &amp; Tomato Swirl 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Grated Carrot</p> <p>Caramel Flapjack 1,7,15 V Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG</p>

Primary 3

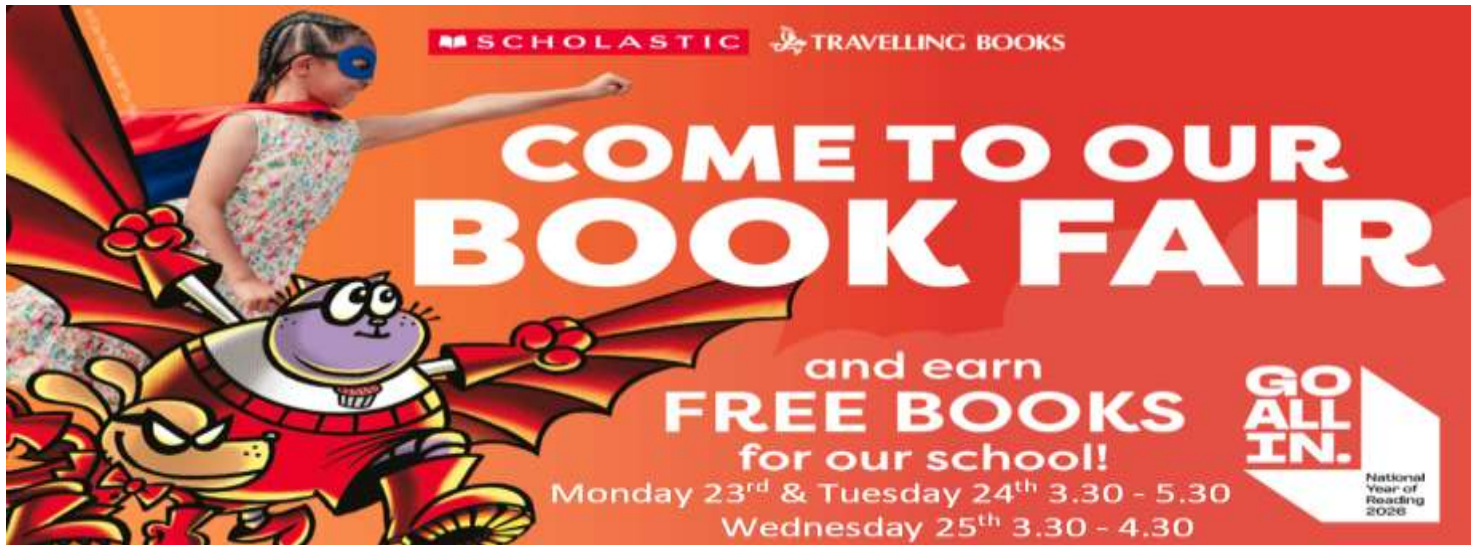
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AVAILABLE DAILY

Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.



# Information



**SCHOLASTIC** TRAVELLING BOOKS

## COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

and earn **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 3.30 - 5.30  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 3.30 - 4.30

**GO ALL IN.**  
National Year of Reading 2020



**FAB**

### THE FAB MUSIC MAKER CHALLENGE!

Where Creativity Hits a High Note!

**Category 1: The Fairford Anthem**  
Write a song or jingle about Our school! Think playground, and being "Happy and Bright!"  
Submit: Lyrics, Score OR Audio Recording

**Category 2: The Future Instrument**  
Design a NEW instrument! Be inventive!  
Submit: Detailed Detailed POSTER/Drawing OR a 3D MODEL

Open to all students! Let's get musical!

**DEADLINE: Friday, 27th March**  
Hand all entries to Mrs Howes

**BEST ENTRIES ON DISPLAY IN THE MUSIC ROOM!**

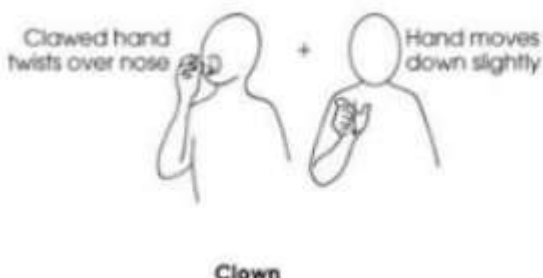
## Local Elections

Our school building will be in use on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May** for local elections. Therefore, school will be closed for all year groups.

School will be open again on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May** for all year groups.



## Sign of the week



# Information



Attached is #WakeUpWednesday's guide exploring how viral trends and violent content on social media can influence young people's safety, wellbeing and behaviour.

**Attention Year 5 Parents**

Bexley selection test registration is now open and closes on 31<sup>st</sup> March. If you would like your child to take this test, please register here <https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/selection-tests/register-secondary-selection-test>.

**Attention for Nursery Applications**

Bexley Nursery applications for September 2026 are now open and closes on 6<sup>th</sup> April. If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2023, please apply here <https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/nursery-schools/starting-nursery>

If you would like to speak to a member of the leadership team please contact: [fairfordadmin@illuminateminds.org](mailto:fairfordadmin@illuminateminds.org)

