





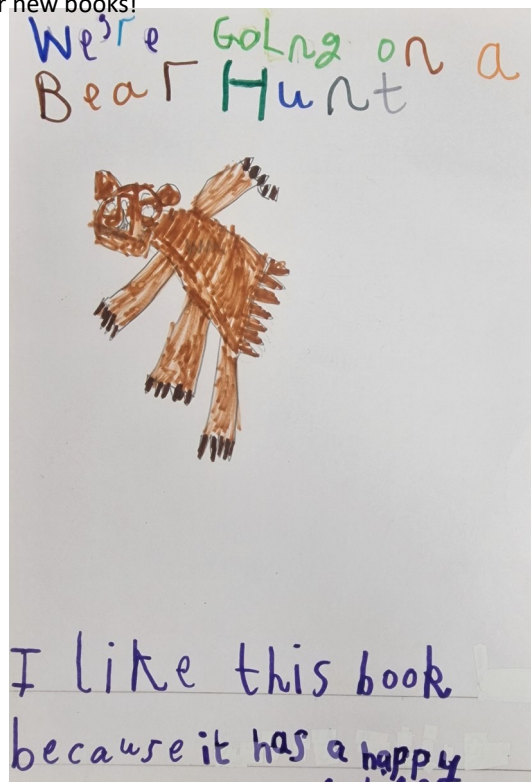
Book fair competition winners!

Congratulations to the winners of our book fair competition– these 5 entries won a £5 voucher to spend at our book fair.

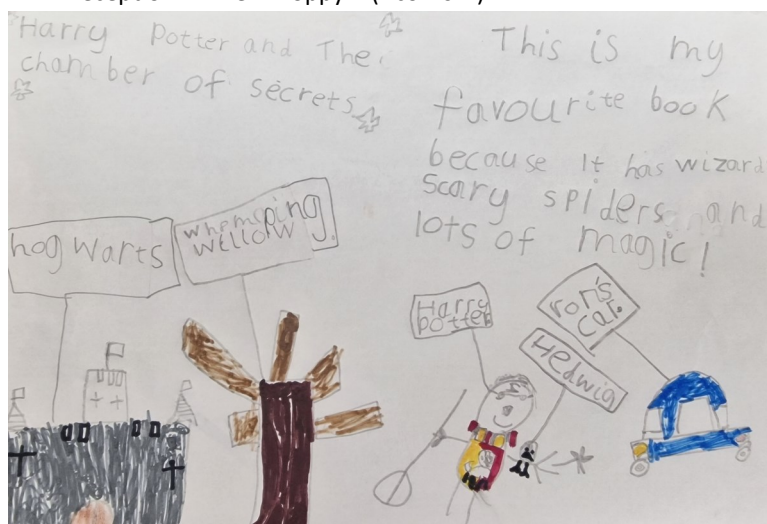
Well done and enjoy your new books!



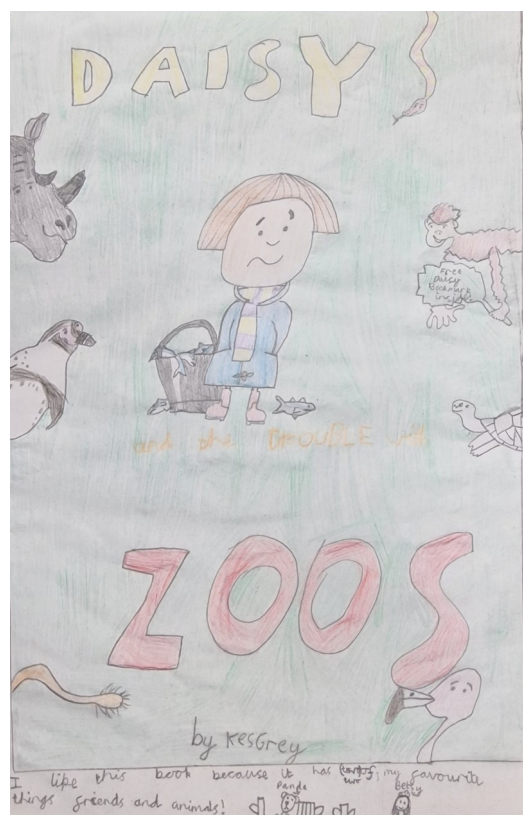
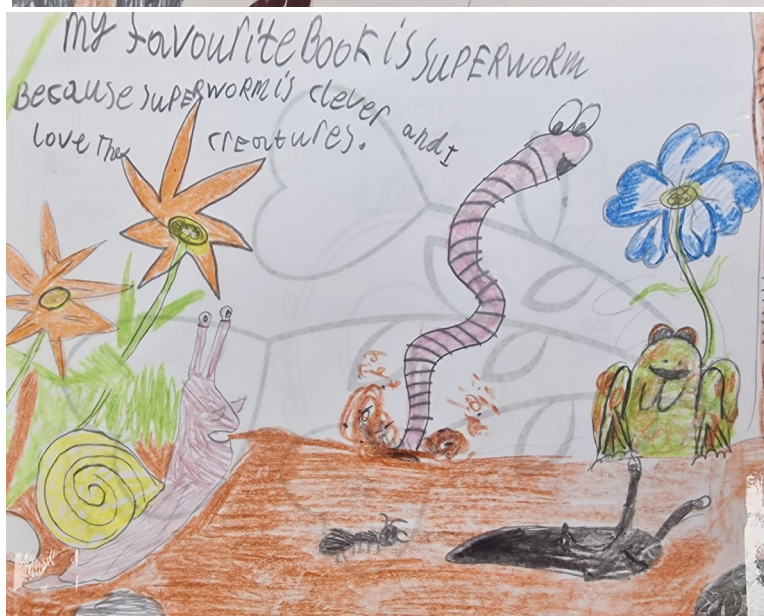
Reception winner– Poppy B (Acorns N)



Year 1 winner– George T (Maple)



Year 2 winner– Imogen L (Rowan)



Year 4 winner-Imogen N (Oak)

Year 3 winner– Layla-Rose D (Cherry)



Mrs Montandon's Tea Party

Mrs Montandon invites a child from each class to have a drink and cake with her each half-term.

This is to celebrate consistently good behaviour and good manners in class.

The children joined Mrs Montandon today and really enjoyed their experience as we think you will see from the picture below.

Claire and her team made special cake which was enjoyed by all and the children were given a goody bag and a 'Good as Gold' badge which they can wear all year.



500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run till Friday 10 November.

Since the competition was first launched in 2011 by Chris Evans on the Radio 2 Breakfast Show, it has received over one million stories from children throughout the UK.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to **write a story they would love to read** without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Our brilliant 500 Word judges are back; award-winning and best-selling authors **Frank Cottrell-Boyce**, **Francesca Simon**, **Charlie Higson**, and former children's laureate, **Malorie Blackman**. We are delighted to say that this year there will be a new addition to the panel, TV legend, children's author and World Book Day ambassador, **Sir Lenny Henry**. The judges will be casting their expert eyes over the final 50 stories.

We are also very lucky that once again the competition has been given the royal seal of approval and has the support of her Majesty, the Queen.

This year, BBC Breakfast will be hosting the competition supported by us on BBC Teach. The winners will be featured in a special 500 Word programme with **The One Show**, on World Book Day on **7 March 2024**.

For more information, follow the link below:

[Information page: 500 Words 2023 - BBC Teach](#)



Forest school news.



We have made homes for our cuddly forest creatures.



We have made natural art, safely used the building materials and even had s'mores by the fire!



Year 1 have enjoyed many Autumn activities including leaf art, leaf rubbing and making clay impressions with natural materials. We have talked about celebrating Harvest and Bonfire night.



We practised team firework displays and used coloured ribbons to represent fireworks. We were so good at making the sound effects too!





Holly class enjoyed hot chocolate at snack time as a class reward.

Year 2 have enjoyed many building projects this month as part of their materials topic. They have worked well in small teams and were challenged with building sturdy and water tight houses, which we tested for strength and pored water on them to test waterproofing. Year 2 worked out that building out of only one material is tricky, and it is easier with many types of material.





Year 3

We made miniature volcanic scenes and had a brilliant time watching our volcanoes erupt.



We worked together to make a layered sedimentary rock'. Which just need a few million years for it to turn into proper rock!

We have been helping with lanterns for our lantern walk event.



Year 4—This month we have been using many tools. Some of us have helped with gardening, we have used the bow saw to cut fire wood, and have used bradawls and screwdrivers to finish our latest recycled art. Conkers have been useful for many crafts and we have used hand drills to make holes in them. We know what each tool is called, how to use it safely and what we can use it for.



Gardening Club

This half term, gardening club has been for the Year 1 and Year 2 children.



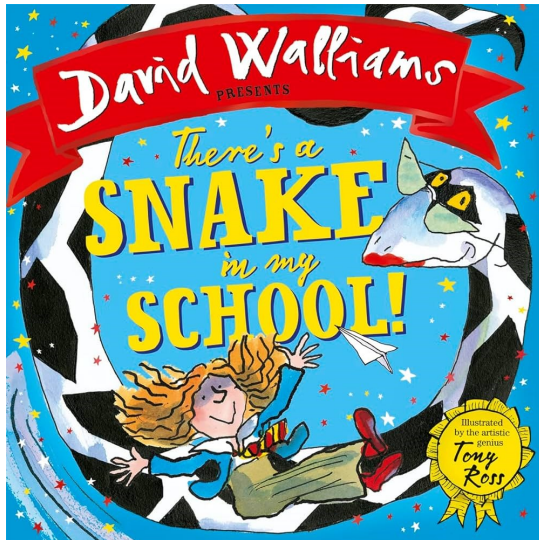
We have had a fantastic term helping to create a beautiful garden next to our trim trail. We have planted seeds in our vegetable bed, sprinkled wild flower seeds, planted daffodil bulbs and other plants. We have propagated and planted a house plant to take home and kept the area tidy by sweeping up the leaves.





Book Review— Cedar Class

Thank you Gracie-May in Cedar class for your fabulous review on David Walliams' book "There's a snake in my school"!



Book Title:

There's a snake in my school!

Main Characters:

penelope, Miranda,
Miss Bloat and
Mr Bright.
Also the children.

Plot:

The children bring
their pets to school
Miss Bloat confiscates
all pets so penelope
the snake eats her!

This book was a BLAST because:

David walliams wrote it
and it has a snake in it



Sharing Day 2023

We're delighted to be able to welcome you back into our school to join us for our 'Sharing Day'.

Parents and carers are invited to join us for the event which is taking place throughout the day on **Thursday 9th November**.

The Sharing Day is an exciting opportunity for parents / carers to come in to our school and to share in an activity with your child. Each class teacher will have a lesson planned for you to be involved in. The sessions will be held in the classrooms, please note due to limitations on the space inside the classroom, Rowan Class will have their Sharing Day in the hall and Beech Class will be split across the two Year 2 classes.

The sessions will run as follows:

Session Time	Class	Arrive to school at:
9.00am – 10.00am	Beech and Rowan	Front Playground entrance
10.40am – 11.40am	Hazel and Oak	Back Playground entrance
11.30am – 12.30pm	Cedar and Cherry	Front Playground entrance
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Holly and Maple	Front Playground entrance
2.00pm – 3.00pm	Acorns C and Acorns N	Front Playground entrance
2:30pm-3:10pm	Willow	Front Playground entrance

Please arrive at least 5 minutes before your session is due to begin. A member of staff will then guide you through to your child's class.

Unfortunately, due to the limited space within classrooms we must strictly restrict the number of adults attending these sessions to one adult per child.

We appreciate that some parents / carers will be unable to attend due to work or other commitments, **please do not worry**, we can assure you that your child will not be left out and will still be involved in the activities.

If someone **other** than a known parent / carer will be attending the session with your child, please inform your child's class teacher before the event so they know who to expect.

As space in the class rooms will be very limited, we must ask that other children do not attend the sessions as we are unable to cater for them.

We look forward to seeing you on the 9th November!



Free School Meals

We would encourage anybody who thinks they may be eligible, to apply for Free School Meals, even if your child receives the Universal Free School Meals (Reception—Year 2). Children eligible for Free School Meals also get additional support - e.g. help towards paying for school trips and uniform, and as long as the Government is still doing it, £15 per child per week of certain school holidays. It also helps the school as we receive extra money so that we can put in more support if your child needs it.

We just want to make sure that all our families get everything that they are entitled to.

It doesn't take long to apply, and you can do so here:

[https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/
applying for free school meals](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals)



Juniper Club (before and after school club)

All bookings for Juniper Club need to be made and paid for using the School Gateway app. Please make sure you book at least 7 days in advance otherwise the app will not allow you to. This is to ensure we can plan in advance with staffing etc. Unfortunately we cannot accept bookings after this cut-off point.

Those who wish to pay using Childcare Vouchers, including the Government Tax-Free Childcare Account, please email juniper@millfields.worcs.sch.uk so we can adjust the settings on the app for you. This means you can book, but won't have to pay immediately at time of



Cool Milk

Every child under the age of 5 receives a free daily carton of milk in school. When your child turns 5 you can choose for your child to continue to receive milk in school, for a small fee, by registering them at the Cool Milk website. For more information/ to register your child follow this link:

<https://www.coolmilk.com/>.

Sensory Room– Donations

We are looking for donations for our sensory room and play area at Millfields. If anyone has any of the below items that you are about to throw away, we would be extremely grateful for them! We are in search of the following:

Lego

Duplo

Cars/trucks/trains

Games

Preschool toys/ fine motor skills

Sensory toys/lights

Construction or building play.

magnets

letter/numbers

Household items for our real-world section

Old clocks

Cameras

Keyboard

Telephones

Remotes

Keys /locks

door handles

hoover

light switches



fidget wall

fidgets and spinners

door handles

doorbells

locks

zips

tubes

musical instruments



Outside area

Water play

Sand play

pallets

Orbeez

Sea animals /figures for water play

Cosy area

Cushions

Blankets

Rug

lights

Childs Sofa

Armchair

Times Table Rock Stars weekly Champions!

13th October

The winners this week with **100%** active players and an accuracy of **96.46%** are...

Hazel Class!



Cedar were a close second with 93% active players and 91.28% accuracy!

20th October

The winners this week with **86%** active players and an accuracy of **87%** are...

Rowan Class!



Rowan won by quite a distance with the next class only having 59% active players! I wonder who will beat them next week?



Stars of the Week!

Each week we celebrate children that have produced exceptional pieces of work, or have given of their best in class. Well done to all our stars that have worked hard during October 2023



Reuben R
Kobi F
Fern C
Lewis M

Holly

Luke
James P
Kasima H
Ivy M

Maple

Freddie
Mia
Sonny
Rowan

Beech

Ollie
Imogen
Tommy
Delilah

Rowan

Robyn B
Noah H
Ted J
Harry H

Cedar

Archie S
Darcie-Rae B
Teddy R
Bella R

Cherry

Archie S
Jasmine
Myles
Harry S

Hazel

Dilyn B
Elsie H
Charlie C
Tyler H

Oak

Tyler- Oak
Jaxson- Rowan
Sabariyah- Maple
Ronan, Bella &
Phoebe- Beech

Forest School

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 6th October 2023

Holly: Georgina M for always being a kind and caring friend. You are a fantastic role model to others! Keep it up!

Maple: Luke for always being so warm and friendly to everyone in your class. You are such a pleasure to have in Maple class. Keep up the good work!

Beech: Lucy for always being ready to learn, on task and focused in your learning. You work with brilliant independence.

Forest School: Finley in Holly for respecting what the adults said, for listening and following instructions to keep safe by the fire.

Oak: Betsy H for always having a wonderful attitude to school, always working hard and always positive. Thank you Betsy,

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 6th October 2023

Hazel: Harry S for working hard to be more independent and keeping his work space tidy and ready. Super effort Harry!

Rowan: Bella for an improved attitude to learning and staying focused on her independent tasks. Well done Bella, keep this up.

Cedar: Ali D for being kind and considerate with others. You work well with others and help support them with their learning. Thank you Ali.

Cherry: Laila C for always being polite and well mannered. Laila sets an excellent example to her peers!

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 13th October 2023

Holly: Rosie-May H for always being a brilliant role model to others. She always tries her hardest and makes us very proud! Thank you Rosie-May!

Maple: Lilly May B for always being kind and polite, showing respect to adults and his peers. Keep up the great work!

Beech: Edith H for always being happy, kind and helpful. You always have a huge smile on your face and it is lovely to see!

Forest School: Ruby in Beech for being a brilliant role model; always working hard, following rules, listening well and sharing knowledge during discussions.

Oak: Alaska A for listening carefully and for doing what she has been asked to straight away. Well done Alaska.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 13th October 2023

Hazel: Elijah, Edward, Elsie, Hattie, Jasmine and Charlotte for overcoming their fears when learning to ride a bike yesterday. You were all superstars!

Rowan: Fletcher for always being polite in class and showing a good attitude to his learning.

Cedar: Matilda B for always offering to help and supporting others. You've also been kind and caring to those on the playground. Thank you Matilda.

Cherry: Oscar B for showing resilience when the going gets tough! Take these challenges and grow from them! Keep it up Oscar!

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 20th October 2023

Holly: Georgia R for always setting a fantastic example to others. You always try your best and you are a pleasure to have in Holly class! Thank you Georgia!

Maple: Esme H for always trying her best and helping others. Well done!

Beech: Florence for always being focused, engaged and ready to learn in every single lesson!

Forest School: Harry C in Oak for being kind and thoughtful when he adjusted his obstacle course to make it safer and more suitable for younger children.

Oak: Olivia J for always giving her best and for trying really hard with a smile on her face. You're a star Olivia.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 20th September 2023

Hazel: Macey for always listening, being ready and trying her absolute best. What a superstar!

Rowan: Roman for a great attitude to learning in D.T this half term and applying skills learnt to make your fire engine. You then shared your knowledge and helped your friends also. Well done!

Cedar: Evan H for being a lovely member of Cedar class and always happy to volunteer his ideas during class discussions. Thank you Evan.

Cherry: Ferne B for always trying her absolute hardest, regardless of the task set. Ferne is determined to achieve, always!

A special mention to the 16 KS2 children who competed for our school in a cross country event this week. They all ran extremely well in the torrential rain!

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 27th October 2023

Holly: Ben C for coming to school with a smile and always trying his best! Keep it up Ben!

Maple: Max H for always being a caring friend and always making a conscious effort to do the right thing. Well done Max!

Beech: Lacey for showing brilliant team work at multi sports

Forest School: Arianne and Emily in Oak for always being caring and kind, and accepting of others.

Oak: Samuel T for settling really well into his new group and for confidence when taking part in class. We are proud of you Sam.

Millfields First School Gold Book
Friday 27th October 2023

Hazel: Lathigan for always being ready to learn and for setting a great example to everyone else. Well done Lathigan.

Rowan: Saffron for having lots of enthusiasm and passion in our history topic this half term. You have shown a great understanding of the fire of London. Well done.

Cedar: Kirat S for being a kind, caring and supportive friend. Thank you for being there for others Kirat.

Cherry: Maisie B for working hard to be more independent with her learning, particularly in maths. Keep it up Maisie.



Reader Of The Week!

Teachers nominate a child in their class to be reader of the week— well done to this months readers of the week who have really impressed us with their reading skills!

6th October 2023



Cedar: Jenson R for superb reading during his reading sessions and enthusiasm. It's been lovely to listen to you.



Rowan: Thea for your love of books and reading. It's great to see you choosing this in your spare time.



Oak: Logan C for taking a real interest in our theme of fables and for reading some from his own fable book in story time.



Maple: Caiden H for his amazing effort in reading fluently. You try really hard during our reading sessions and it is paying off. Well done!



Beech: Edward for always reading at home, keep it up!



Holly: Tate B for his brilliant reading at home! You are reading every night and we are very proud of you! Well done!



Cherry: Flynn for an excellent summary of our guided reading chapter this week. Well done Flynn!



Hazel: Isla for always making a super effort to read at home, well done Isla!

13th October 2023



Cedar: Oliver R working hard to develop his fluency and expression. Great work Oliver.



Rowan: Lola for reading with great expression and enthusiasm.



Oak: Harry S for reading lots of times at home and for enjoying a wide range of books.



Maple: Reggie G for his fluent reading and being able to show a good understanding of the book he is reading. Well done Reggie!



Beech: Monica for always being really enthusiastic to read!



Holly: Adalyn V for her enthusiasm and love of reading! You always listen intently to stories and have lots of interesting questions afterwards! Well done!



Cherry: Eloise C for reading at home and continuing to develop her fluency and intonation.



Hazel: Myles for a fantastic detailed summary of chapter 1 of The Valley of Adventure. Great work Myles!

20th October 2023



Cedar: Lacey C for being a joy to listen to at school and consistently reading at home too! Great work Lacey.



Rowan: Phoebe for always being a keen reader in guided reading and discussing what we have read with great confidence.



Oak: Kim M for reading loads at home and for showing how much she reads in her reading diary. We are very proud of you Kim.



Maple: Abigail R for reading fluently and also having a great understanding of what you are reading. Well done Abi!



Beech: Codie for always trying hard to use your phonics sounds!



Holly: Hugo M for his fantastic effort in the reading groups this week! Well done!



Cherry: Ethan H for showing determination and commitment to his reading. Ethan sticks with books, no matter how long they take to complete.



Hazel: Hattie for using such fantastic expression when reading and bringing the story to life. Well done Hattie!

27th October 2023



Cedar: Mark S for reading with wonderful expression and fluency. A joy to listen to.



Rowan: Esme for developing her fluency in reading. Well done Esme.



Oak: Dominic W for always reading at home and for reading confidently in class. Well done Dominic.



Maple: Ella R for making fantastic progress in her phonics and reading. Well done for always reading at home and trying your best at school too. Keep it up!



Beech: Archee for brilliant engagement in reading sessions and applying your phonics well.



Holly: Adam W for his love of reading and use of expression! Well done!



Cherry: Alfred L for reading his fractured tale of Little Red Riding Hood. Alfred read his work aloud to the class and tried hard to use tone and volume to convey meaning. You should be very proud Alfred.



Hazel: Layla for reading so often at home and for using super expression when she reads. Keep it up Layla!



Dates for your Diary

AUTUMN TERM 2023		
Date	Event	Year group involved
11 th September Monday	Tears and tissues (9.15am)	Acorns
14 th September Thursday	Phonics and Early Reading presentation (5.30pm via Team)	Reception and YR1
20 th September Wednesday	Curriculum meeting (5.00pm via Team)	All
28 th September Thursday	Residential Malvern meeting (6pm in person)	YR4
10 th October Tuesday	Open evening for prospective parent (3.30pm-5pm in person)	
17 th October Tuesday	Open evening for prospective parent (3.30pm-5pm in person)	
20 th October Friday	School photographs	All
23-27 th October	Book fair	All
24 th October Tuesday	Harvest assembly (9am)	YR3 and YR4
24 th October Tuesday	Parents evening (3.30pm-5.30pm via Team)	All
25 th October Wednesday	Parents evening (3.30pm-7pm in person)	All
26 th October Thursday	Harvest assembly (9am)	YR1 and YR2
27th October Friday Break for half-term		
6th November Monday Return to school		
9 th November Thursday	Sharing day (times to be advised)	All
17 th November Friday	Children in Need	All
27 th November Monday	Flu vaccinations	R-YR4
29 th November Wednesday	Lantern walk (5pm-7pm)	All
6 th December Wednesday	Nativity (9am)	Preschool and reception
7 th December Thursday	Nativity (9am)	Preschool and reception
8 th December Friday	Christmas Jumper Day	All
11 th December Monday	Nativity (9.30am-10.30am)	YR1 and YR2
12 th December Tuesday	Nativity (2pm)	YR1 and YR2
14 th December Thursday	Carol Service (9am)	YR3 and YR4
15 th December Friday	Carol Service (2pm)	YR3 and YR4
20 th December Wednesday	Christmas lunch and parties	All
21 st December Thursday	Pantomine – Peter Pan	YR4
22 nd December Friday	Pantomine (Palace Theatre)	YR1-YR4
22nd December Friday Break for Christmas		
9th January Tuesday Return to school		



'Every Child Counts, Every Moment Matters'

Term Dates 2023 / 2024

Term	School Opens on:	School closes at the end of the school day on:
Autumn Half Term 1	Wednesday 6th September 2023	Friday 27th October 2023
School Closed: Autumn Half Term	Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 3rd November 2023	
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 6th November 2023	Friday 22nd December 2023
School Closed: Christmas Holidays	Monday 25th December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024	
Spring Half Term 1	Tuesday 9th January 2024	Friday 9th February 2024
School Closed: Spring Half Term	Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024	
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 19th February 2024	Friday 22nd March 2024
School Closed: Easter Holidays	Monday 25th March 2024 to Friday 5th April 2024	
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 8th April 2024	Friday 24th May 2024
School Closed: Summer Half Term	Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024	
Summer Half Term 2	Tuesday 4th June 2024	Friday 19th July 2024

School will also be closed on the following days:

Teacher Training Days
Monday 4th September 2023
Tuesday 5th September 2023
Monday 8th January 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024

Bank Holidays
Good Friday: Friday 29th March 2024
Easter Monday: Monday 1st April 2024
May Day: Monday 6th May 2024
Whitsun: Monday 27th May 2024