



2023

Diary Dates Week Commencing 15th May

Mon 15th May	- Fimo Afterschool Club
Tues 16th May	- Ali Heath Sewing Club 1
Wed 17th May	- Sports Afterschool Club
Thurs 18th May	- Chess Afterschool Club KS2
Fri 19th May	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
	- Photography Afterschool Club
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club 2
	- 9:00 Running Club
	- Forest School for Little Lambs & Merlin Class
	- Lego Afterschool Club
	- Celebration Assembly
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club

Diary Dates Week Commencing 22nd May

Mon 22nd May	- Fimo Afterschool Club
Tues 23rd May	- Ali Heath Sewing Club 1
Wed 24th May	- Sports Afterschool Club
Thurs 25th May	- Chess Afterschool Club KS2
Fri 26th May	- Stencil & Spirograph Afterschool Club
	- Photography Afterschool Club
	- Ali Heath Sewing Club 2
	- 9:00 Running Club
	- Forest School for Kestrel & Eagle Classes
	- Lego Afterschool Club
	- Pyjama Day in support of 'The Pied Piper' Appeal
	- Celebration Assembly
	- Mad Hatters Reading Afterschool Club
	- Board Games Afterschool Club



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12th May 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week's newsletter brings you photographs of our recent whole school trip to Bristol to visit The Matthew and the M Shed Museum. We hope that you enjoy looking at them. The feedback from the children and staff was overwhelmingly positive and the staff team at The Matthew were especially impressed with the knowledge our children already had and the questions they asked to further their understanding. A particular mention has to go to Holly in year 3 for her passion for all things historical - it was noted by everyone she spoke to on the trip! We would also like to thank the parent volunteers who came with us on this trip - we couldn't have done it without you, so thank you very much.

Music wise Samba band sounds amazing already even in week 2 in Eagle Class and in Merlin Reception and Little Lambs - gosh what a talented school of children we have! Little Lambs have the choice whether to join in or not and lots of them do. The classes that are continuing with violin are also making fabulous progress and we are looking forward to later in the term when you will be able to come and see them all play (date to be arranged). The Jazz concert that Eagle and Kestrel classes went to was great (the children came back wanting more) and so was the Opera for years 3 and 4 at Rendcomb last week. We are so delighted to be able to offer these experiences for your children.

We have recently welcomed 2 new trainee teachers to our school from the University of Gloucestershire for this term and next. They are Mr. Matthew Bennett in Year 1 and 2 and Miss Emily Lewis in Little Lambs and Reception. We hope that they enjoy their time with us. Coming home today is a list of forward dates running up to the end of the summer term in July. We hope this helps with your planning and will send updates as other things are added or if things change.

This week the Year 6 children have been busy taking their SATS tests. We are very proud of them all for the maturity they have shown taking part in these and the resilience they have displayed. We don't put our children into exam situations very often but they've all coped brilliantly. Next week the year 2 children will begin their SATS tests but these are not quite so strictly timed and can be done in chunks where needed, so these are more akin to the assessments we do each term in school - and we call them booklets, not tests.

As usual at this time of year we share some thoughts with you, about children about SATS. We know that SATS measure something of a child's learning, but certainly not everything and we liked this poem from another school:

SATs don't measure sports, SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music, or the kindness in your heart.
SATs don't see your beauty, SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons you were put upon this earth.
SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly you can run a mile.
SATs don't hear your laughter, or see you've come so far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse of who you really are.
So sitting at your table, with a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are, remember you're the best.

We hope that you all have a lovely weekend,
Vicky Dangerfield



'The Matthew' Trip

