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TERM DATES

School Year 2023-24

Autumn Term

INSET Day: 4th and 5th Sept

First day of Term: 6th Sept

Half Term:

23rd Oct to 27th Oct

Last day of Term: 20th Dec

INSET Day: 21st Dec

Spring Term

INSET Day: 8th Jan

First day of Term: 9th Jan

Half Term:

12th Feb to 16th Feb

Last day of Term:

28th Mar

Summer Term

INSET Day: 15th Apr

First day of Term: 16th Apr

Bank Holiday: 6th May

Half Term:

27th May to 31st May

Last Day of Term:

24th Jul

IN TOUCH



Friday 10th May 2024

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VISION: Delivering excellence, allowing all to flourish
MISSION: Creating a culture of wonder, guided by Christian Faith
VALUES: COMPASSION - ENDURANCE - THANKFULNESS

We have been so fortunate with the wonderful weather this week as children across the school have been involved in a variety of sporting opportunities out in the playground.

We were approached at the beginning of the year by The All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC). Their offer to primary schools across Merton and Wandsworth aims to teach younger children tennis skills and improve fitness through fun exercise. We snapped up the offer and tennis sessions were delivered to EYFS and KS1. Miss McEvoy reported that 'the sessions consisted of the children negotiating space, practising their throwing and catching before leading on to using the racket and having a little rally. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions in the sun! It really was a delight to see the young tennis players of the future developing their skills and having fun. Maybe we have the next Williams, Djokovic or Nadal in our midst!

The older children in Year Five and Year Six continue their cricket coaching with James Watson (Youth Sport Trust) on Friday afternoons. James is setting up a new junior cricket club for boys and girls at Putney CC this season which is funded by Surrey Cricket Foundation and Chance to Shine (flyer has been sent out to parents/carers). Please do sign up if your child is interested! The children love their sessions in school and real skills and talents are emerging in each class. It is great to see!

We were all very envious of Year Four this week as they headed off to the Royal Festival Hall for the Bright Sparks Concert. We thank Ms Fenner for securing us the tickets and the Year Four staff team for taking the children to such a great London event. Miss Dupen said that the children were a real credit to the school. Well done Year Four! As I write Reception are 'walking with dinosaurs' at the Natural History Museum—I am sure they are having a 'roaring' time!

Finally, this weekend is the much anticipated 'Great Gatsby Gala'. We hope you have secured the hottest ticket in town. I am sure it is going to be a night to remember! If you unable to attend please do take a look at the silent auction and raffle tickets on offer. A HUGE THANK YOU to all involved in the event and to everyone for your continued support of our wonderful school and the development of our playground. Amanda Bishop (Acting Head)

View the Silent Auction lots on the Givergy website by [copying this link into your browser: https://uk.givergy.com/FoSMS2024/?controller=home](https://uk.givergy.com/FoSMS2024/?controller=home)
Buy Raffle tickets here: <https://pay.collectiv.com/the-great-gatsby-affle-63496>.



**GREAT GATSBY
SILENT AUCTION &
RAFFLE NOW LIVE**

OPEN TO ALL!

HOLIDAY HOMES IN FRANCE, MAJORCA AND SOUTH AFRICA - FRAMED ARTWORK - EXCLUSIVE TICKETS TO MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS - RESTAURANT MEALS - HAMPERS OF TREATS - HOLIDAY CAMPS & LOTS MORE!

School Attendance 23-24

TARGET	97.0%
Autumn	95.5%
Spring	93.7%
Summer	
Week Beginning	
15/04	95.5%
22/04	94.9%
29/04	96.2%
06/05	96.4%
13/05	
20/05	
Total:	94.9%

Family Points

283

301

308

306