

What's on?

School meals next week

Please don't forget to order school meals for next week, before the deadline of Thursday at 6pm. Order meals [using the link](#).

Celebrating the Jubilee

Next Friday (20th May), we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Children will be celebrating during the afternoon in school and after school The Friends will be running some fund-raising activities and the choir will sing.

To help the party atmosphere, children can come to school dressed in red, white and blue, or some other royal regalia!

Your child will shortly be bringing home a plate, which we are hoping as many of you as possible will fill with cakes and treats that we can sell.

Year 5 performance

Rehearsals for the Year 5 performance at the end of term are now in full swing.

Tickets, one for each performance, will be issued to all Year 5 parents shortly.

Performances will take place on Tuesday 24th May at 2pm and Thursday 26th May at 6pm.

All the children in school will have the opportunity to watch the dress rehearsal next week.

Parent/carer survey

Thank-you to everyone who has already completed our parent/carer survey.

If you have not yet done so, there is plenty of time to respond.

Please complete the short survey by [clicking on this link](#). There is an opportunity at the end of the survey to add any other comments that you wish to.

100 club

The draw for April was made this week, with the lucky winner being the holder of ticket number 36, Fraser Chainey.

Congratulations to Fraser, we hope you enjoy spending your winnings!

Can you help?

We are in need of a small suitcase to act as a Magicians case within our Early Years classrooms. If you have a good quality small suitcase that you think would work well for a budding Magician, please do bring it to the front office.

Noticing all the birds that we have flying around our site, Mr Morris would like to erect some nest boxes. If you have any nest boxes, or any wood that he could use to make some nest boxes, please get in touch with the front office.

Year 1 trip

Our children in Year 1 are planning their first ever school trip, to the Cotswold Wildlife Park, with great excitement. If you have a child in Year 1, please remember to complete and return the permission slip as soon as possible.

Finance Officer role

We did not recruit following our first round and so the advert for this important role within our school is once again live – the closing date for applications is next Monday.

If you, or anyone who you know, would be well suited for this role, please do encourage them to read the paperwork [on our website](#) and apply for the post.

Dates for your diary

The term dates for 2023/24 have now been agreed and are on our [school website](#).

You can also find term dates for next year on our website.

Every day in school is important for children and their learning. When booking holidays or family events, please do make sure that these take place during school holidays.

Parent governor wanted!

Do you want to help steer the future direction of the school? If so, please put yourself forward to be a parent governor.

There are two parent governors on the Governing Body of the school and because I am standing down at the end of the summer term there will be one vacancy.

Parent governors are important as they often bring a different perspective to the Governing Body which helps us in our role of being a critical friend of the school. Importantly, you are not representing the other parents, but are instead a representative parent.

You don't have to be an expert, but you are expected to read the papers before the (roughly) monthly evening meetings and ask constructive but challenging questions! It is also great to see our governors in school, so that they can monitor the school's development priorities first hand.

If you want to know more, either email the school office who can put you in touch with me or stop me and have a chat.

If more than one person puts themselves forward, there is an election in which all the parents of the school can vote. Don't be scared by this – I lost my first election and won my second! If there is an election you just have to write a short paragraph explaining to the other parents why you would make a good parent governor.

Governors initially serve for a four-year term of office.

Meet Our Marvellous Monarchs!

Wednesday 1 June 10am - 3.30pm

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Ages 4 - 16

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9:00 - 12:00 or 12:30 - 15:30
£135

Short Course (ages 4 - 7):
9:00 - 11:00 or 12:30 - 14:30
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Year 4 swimming

The children in 4ZL have been enjoying their swimming lessons. Next week, they need to bring a pair of pyjamas to their swimming lesson – they will be going in the pool in pyjamas. It would be helpful if they could bring an extra bag in which to put their wet pyjamas after the lesson.

The children in 4LR will be swimming on Wednesday mornings after the half-term break, look out for a letter with details, coming soon.