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So that's the end of another term.

We will be back for all children on Tuesday 16th April. Put it in your calendar!

Today we saw some amazing, *eggcellent* creations for the annual Easter parade. The imagination that the children have for the hats never ceases to amaze me. The school Captains had the hard task of choosing the winners. They did a much better job than I could have done as there really were some wonderful hats on show.

In this newsletter there are some ideas of things that you can do during the Easter break. Many of our families will be preparing and celebrating Eid during the holidays—wishing you all a Happy Eid.

Thank you to the parents who attended the **coffee mornings**. Unfortunately, beezees were unable to attend but Ms. Foxcroft spoke about ultra processed foods and for a healthy, balanced diet these should be kept to a minimum. Parents were asked to share healthy, simple cost effective recipes that can be printed in the newsletter and shared on the website; hand them into the office if you have one. We talked about attendance and some parents were not aware that taking a child out a lunch for the rest of the day impacted on their child's attendance or their lateness. The children get a morning and afternoon mark and if their attendance is below 95% a request for time off will be unauthorised. One parent requested we reinstate the half termly home project sheet which we will look to bring back after the Easter break.

That doesn't mean that there isn't loads of things that the children can do this holiday getting prepared for next term.

The annual **Spelling Bee** is back!

The children should have brought home the words to learn for the heats. They are also on the app and website.



### **Nursery Concerts**

Thank you to the Nursery team and the children for such lovely concerts this week. Both sites performed brilliantly and thank you to the parents for supporting them.

Thank you to Richard the guitar teacher for the end of term music concert. We have some extremely talented children at MG.

Have a great bank holiday weekend and a wonderful Easter break.

Miss Jennings



For Earth Day 2024 on April 22nd, [EARTHDAY.ORG](https://www.earthday.org) is unwavering in its commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of **ALL** plastics by 2040. Which this space for MG involvement.

## SPECIAL DATES

### PIOTA APP

Please make sure that you have signed up to the school app.

#### Tips for users

1. Start at the Home page and tap the menu tiles to find your way around the app.

2. The Timeline tile contains a record of the alert messages you have been sent by the school. The Badge counter will alert you to messages from school.

3. On the Settings page (reached via 'More' tile on Home page, then scroll to bottom of menu), you can filter the alert messages you receive. Please select 'Urgent alerts' – these are urgent messages intended for everyone. Please also select the year groups/ classes your children are currently in.

4. It is a good idea to turn the app off when not in use. This allows content to refresh and you will not miss anything urgent since alert messages will pop up on your phone even when the app is off.

### March

29th School closed Good Friday

### April

2nd April—12th April Holiday club

Monday 15th April school closed—staff training

Reception 2024 places announced

Tuesday 16th April Children return to school.

Spelling Bee Heats start

17th Reception height & weight

Sign up for summer after school clubs

18th Tottenham football club working with some children

22nd Clubs and enrichment re—start

Year group Spelling Bee

Grouse & Goldcrest Ragged school

EARTH DAY

23rd Year 3 & 4 Tennis competition—selected children

Goose & Goldfinch Ragged Museum

24th—26th Year 5 Camping

26th Mallard Class Assembly

KS 1 tennis competition—selected children

30th Spelling Bee Final

### May

1st Roman Workshop Year 3—Come dressed as a Roman

2nd May Polling Day South site

Year 2 National Army Museum

3rd Sparrow Class

3rd—8th Book Fair South

## JOIN THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 2024

Back for its ninth year, the Great British Spring Clean is the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign.

The Great British Spring Clean and [Great Big School Clean](#) 2024 will take place from 15 - 31 March, and you can [pledge to pick up a bag of litter](#) – or more.

The eco council in school have already started doing their bit and more classes will be getting involved next week.

## THE ENVIRONMENT BELONGS TO EVERY-ONE

This year we are spreading the word that the environment belongs to everyone! We are proud that hundreds of thousands #LitterHeroes from many different communities are uniting to help tackle litter – some of which has been in our environment since we were founded 70 years ago.

Many of our volunteers regularly find 'retro rubbish' that was dropped many years ago but is still causing harm to our environment today, releasing greenhouse gases as it slowly breaks down in our soil and water, which contributes to the climate crisis.

The good news is that litter-picking is a simple action that anyone can do. It makes an immediate and visible difference to the environment where we live, work and play. In fact around 95% of people surveyed after 2023's campaign agreed they felt they had made a difference to their local area, and 91% said they felt part of a national movement that is taking action to tackle litter.

So, if you want to protect our wildlife and the places you love this spring, join the Great British Spring Clean and pledge to pick up a bag – or more.

Can we also please remind people to use the bins provided in the school playgrounds. Especially at the start and the end of the school day.

The planting outside the North site is really beginning to take shape. We do not know when it will be finished but we hope it will become a community garden like the planters are outside the south site. A big Thank you to the parents who help maintain those beds. They are looking beautiful at the moment.

## ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE BY CLASS

| Form                    | %      |
|-------------------------|--------|
| R Mallard               | 86.07% |
| R Magpie                | 88.68% |
| 1 Kittiwake             | 89.57% |
| R Merlin                | 90.33% |
| Nursery North PM        | 91.33% |
| R Moorhen               | 91.60% |
| 2 Wagtail               | 91.88% |
| 2 Woodpecker            | 91.93% |
| 3 Swan                  | 92.56% |
| Nursery South AM        | 92.61% |
| 5 Goldcrest             | 92.73% |
| Nursery North Full Time | 92.79% |
| Nursery South PM        | 92.94% |
| 1 Kestrel               | 92.97% |
| 1 Kinglet               | 93.05% |
| Nursery North AM        | 93.21% |
| 4 Barn Owl              | 93.32% |
| 1 Kingfisher            | 93.46% |
| 2 Waxwing               | 93.60% |
| Key Stage 1-4           | 93.67% |
| 2 Wren                  | 93.77% |
| 5 Grouse                | 93.94% |
| 4 Blackbird             | 93.98% |
| 4 Buzzard               | 94.14% |
| 3 Swallow               | 94.20% |
| 5 Goose                 | 94.29% |
| 3 Skylark               | 94.32% |
| 6 Chaffinch             | 94.80% |
| 6 Cuckoo                | 94.91% |
| 6 Chiff Chaff           | 94.98% |
| Nursery South Full Time | 95.11% |
| 5 Goldfinch             | 95.21% |
| 3 Sparrow               | 95.24% |
| 6 Crow                  | 95.70% |
| 2yr North PM            | 96.08% |
| 2yr North AM            | 96.67% |

Just some of the pictures from today—more will be on the website.





The world is full of kind people. If you can't find one, be one.



Help us create a safe and happy environment for everyone. Think before you shout or get angry with staff. **RESPECT YOURSELF, RESPECT OTHERS!**



Shouting & swearing will not be tolerated anywhere in school.

## Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

|   |      |                |
|---|------|----------------|
| 0 days off school                       | 100% | Perfection     |
| Equates to 2 days off school each year  | 99%  | Excellent      |
| Equates to 5 days off school each year  | 97%  | Good           |
| Equates to 10 days off school each year | 95%  | Slight Concern |
| Equates to 20 days off school each year | 90%  | Concerned      |
| Equates to 30 days off school each year | 85%  | Very Concerned |

# Things to do this Easter

[Easter holiday fun for families | Get Inspired | South Bank London](#)

This Family fave venue with views of the Thames is putting on a packed schedule of creativity and colour for the holidays. From magical [stage shows](#) to [free events](#), hands-on [museum](#) visits and [immersive experiences](#), there are plenty of fun activities for all the family happening in South Bank during the Easter holidays. For ideas on [where to eat out with the kids](#), see our [family-friendly dining guide](#).



## [Bluey | Kew](#)

The hit animated television series Bluey is coming to life at Kew Gardens this Easter!

Bluey, the loveable Blue Heeler puppy, is joining us at Kew for interactive activities inspired by the show. Perfect for budding adventurers, *Bluey* is guaranteed to deliver laughter, discovery and lots of fun in the beautiful setting of Kew Gardens in spring-time.

Choose from a variety of fun outdoor activities and games inspired by fan-favourite episodes of the show, and learn about the plants and wildlife found at Kew and in Bluey's native Australia along the way.

[Easter trails and Easter egg hunts | National Trust](#)

## Saturday 23rd Thames Boat Race

- 12.40pm - Women's Boat Race coin toss
- 1.15pm - Men's Boat Race coin toss
- 2.46pm - Women's Boat Race
- 3.01pm - Osiris v Blondie Boat Race (women's reserve crews)
- 3.16pm - Isis v Goldie Boat Race (men's reserve crews)
- 3.46pm - Men's Boat Race

For more local events visit [Events | London Borough of Waltham Forest](#)