



We wish all our families who will be celebrating Eid-UI-Adha today, Eid Mubarak! We hope you

have a lovely time celebrating with your families. There are actually two Eids; Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha. 'The word 'Eid' means 'feast' or 'festival' So why are there two Eids and what is the difference? In Islam there are two Eids; Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha. Eid al-Fitr – which means 'festival of the breaking of the fast – is celebrated at the end of Ramadan, a month when many adult Muslims fast. Eid al-Adha – which means 'feast of the sacrifice' – is celebrated just over two months after Eid al-Fitr.

Thank you to the PTA for organising events on Thursday to help celebrate. The PTA are organising some gifts for Father's day that will be on sale next Friday. Then the next big event will be the summer fair. Thank you to everyone who has put their name forward for an estate agent board. We are looking for more people to help volunteer at the summer fair. This includes manning and running a stall for a couple of hours on the day. Staff at school are great at giving up their time but it would be great if more parents could get involved. If you would like to have a stall, not food, toys or sweets then please give your details to the office.

Please let the office of the PTA or office know if you can help. It is on the 12th July 11 am to 3pm.

**We still have a couple of vacancies for the parent & child gardening club. It is free!**

Next Wednesday is sports day. Nursery South children will be coming to the North site to have a joint sports day with north site Nursery. The rest of the school will be heading to the Douglas Eyre sports ground. The children will be trying to earn points for their house teams, so if they can be wearing a t-shirt or sash in their house team colour for the day. They all need to be in PE kits, with running shoes. Family and friends are welcome and we suggest you bring a picnic, sun cream and a sun hat.

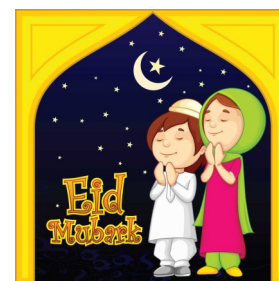
If you would like the school to provide a healthy packed lunch for your child, please complete the form on the app.

Thank you to Ms Klonowska & Chiff Chaff for their assembly yesterday.

Have a great weekend–  
Miss Jennings



The Olympic motto, in Latin:  
"Citius, Altius, Fortius";  
which means,  
"Faster, Higher, Stronger"



## **PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**

Four parents joined me for a tour of the school. We looked in classrooms, at books, observed some lessons and saw areas that are in desperate need of maintenance –it was a 'warts and all' tour. If you want to be on the parent council you just need to turn up at the meetings. The next one won't be until September now. We try to meet on the first or second Tuesday after a holiday.

## **Summer Holiday provision**

There will be a 4 week scheme during the summer holidays. The cost will be increasing due to the increase in salaries and consumables.

The new price will be £25 for the normal daily session 8.45– 16.45.

The cost of lunch will be £3.00 per day. **Bookings are being taken now.**

## SPECIAL DATES



The raffle tickets are on sale from next week. They will be sold to children in classes next week. You can get them from the office or hopefully we will have some being sold in the playground. 50p for one ticket and £2.50 for a booklet. A Nintendo Switch is one of the prizes.

### Poetry Slam!

We will be having our now annual poetry slam happening in the next few weeks. The children will need to perform a poem in front of their class and then a wider audience. The final will be the 7th July.

### BBC Musicians in school!

On Thursday the year 5 children had the fantastic opportunity to listen and join in with a musical extravaganza **Shirley (violin)**, **Peter (viola)** played for the children and spoke to them about their jobs as musicians. It was inspiring.

## JUNE— Article 24— Health, water, food, environment

5th—18th Book Fair North

9th—13th Year 1 phonics screening

10th Year 4 Multiplication test

11th Sports Day @Douglas Eyre all day

12th Curriculum Governors

13th KS1 Quad Kids

PTA selling cakes & Father's day cards at the end of the school day

16th—20th National Sports week

16th—27th Year 6 swimming

17th Value Games

19th Nursery open day

20th Merlin & Kinglet Assemblies

23rd—Film week

24th Value Games

25th Tour de Waltham Forest

27th Governors afternoon

Cuckoo class assembly

30th—4th July PGL

30th Nursery open days

30th Skylark & Sparrow @Camley Street National Park

## JULY—Article 29 Aims of education

1st Nursery Open Day

Year 6 Ice skating

Swan @ Camley Street National Park

2nd Year 5 @ Little Theatre

Mission Globes



You will have seen that we have various different ways to help raise funds for the school.

1 easyfundraising is linked to online shopping that you do. It doesn't cost you anything and it is all to do with the number of searches/hits a shops web-site gets. The link for that is

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mission-grove-primary-school](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mission-grove-primary-school)

2 my school fund is one that we have had for quite a while. This one earns you and the school credits for Argos and Sainsbury's. Again it doesn't cost you anything at all but you get a reward as well as the school. The link for that is [www.myschoolfund.org](http://www.myschoolfund.org). Thank you to the 51 parents who are already signed up.

3 Our gofundme page is still active, although the last payment was 3 months ago  
[gofund.me/0ecc9f31](https://gofund.me/0ecc9f31)

We also an option on parentpay for you to sponsor another child on a trip.

The money that we raised from fundraising events last year helped to fund

- 1- The refurbishment of the playgrounds
- 2 -Theatre trip for all year 5 & 6
- 3- Pantomime for all Reception , year 1, 2,3 & 4
- 4- The coach for the Year 6 residential
- 5- New reading AR reading books
- 6—medals for sports day and mile run
- 7-Contribution to trips
- 8—new speaker on south

This year we are raising funds for some new laptops and up to date ipads, Theatre trips, pantomimes and Residentials.

## ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE BY CLASS

Nursery South AM	88.38%
R Cuckoo	88.72%
R Chaffinch	89.59%
R Chiff Chaff	90.03%
3 Wagtail	90.18%
1 Magpie	91.05%
Nursery North AM	91.08%
R Crow	91.12%
2yr North AM	91.41%
1 Merlin	91.66%
1 Mallard	91.71%
6 Goldcrest	91.78%
4 Sparrow	92.11%
2 Kestrel	92.29%
5 Barn Owl	92.33%
3 Waxwing	92.74%
Nursery North Full Time	93.04%
Nursery North PM	93.04%
6 Goldfinch	93.22%
2 Kittiwake	93.27%
Key Stage 1-4	93.48%
3 Woodpecker	93.52%
Nursery South PM	93.64%
6 Grouse	94.18%
4 Swan	94.28%
5 Blackbird	94.41%
2 Kingfisher	94.43%
5 Buzzard	94.49%
4 Swallow	94.65%
3 Wren	95.10%
4 Skylark	95.31%
1 Moorhen	95.50%
6 Goose	95.52%
2yr North PM	95.75%
2 Kinglet	96.13%
Nursery South Full Time	97.18%



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## Dear Parent or Guardian,

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn to play an instrument, develop life skills, have fun, gain confidence, and boost their wellbeing. As they progress through the Rocksteady curriculum, they will collect up to 300 different instrument, musicianship, and performance skills along the way.

### Here's what you need to know:

- Lessons are held during the school day. There's no experience necessary and all instruments are provided, so it's very inclusive and accessible.
- Your child can choose from **drums, vocals, keyboard, electric or bass guitar** (subject to availability). They'll join their band mates for a weekly 30-minute lesson, where together they'll learn to play their favourite songs.
- You can proudly watch as your child performs in their end of term performance, showing you and their friends just how far they have come, and how far they could go. You can also **follow their musical journey** in your **Parent Timeline** from your Backstage account.
- Loved and trusted by thousands of schools, lessons are taught by experienced professional musicians who make music education fun. Your child's band leader will support and **inspire** them, while making sure they progress at their own pace.
- Your child will become either a **Mini Rocker** (Reception to Year 2), **Rock Hero** (Year 3 and Year 4) or a **Rock Icon** (Year 5 and Year 6).

Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Selecting different instrument options will also give you the best chance of getting a place.

For more details on availability and cost, visit [rocksteadymusicschool.com](https://rocksteadymusicschool.com) and find your school on the sign up page or call 0330 113 0330.

Best wishes,  
**Rachel Hawker** | Director of Education



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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.

### Birthdays

For birthdays we ask that you do not send in goodie bags or sweets and that you think about donating a book or a game for wet play to the class. It is not the class teachers role to hand out party invitations either.

### Lateness

Lateness is creeping back up and this is not acceptable. Please remember the gates close at 8.45 on South and 9am on North. If you child is sneaking in at this time they are late.

### Uniform

Please make sure your children are wearing the correct uniform and footwear—High top trainers are **NOT** part of the school uniform.

### Well-Being Coffee mornings.

Remember our fabulous learning mentors are running coffee mornings. They are a chance for you come and chat with other parents in a relaxed atmosphere and ask for support or guidance if you want. There won't be one next week due to sports day, but we will start again on the 18th.

### Transition day—Monday 14th July

This is the day that the children will meet their new teacher. So we have a few weeks yet.





 Search [gofundme.com](https://gofundme.com) for

Playground refurbishment

**Mission Grow**

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Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org) to sign up for free and link to your child's school



### Step 2

Register your credit/debit card to your account



### Step 3

Spend at participating retailers



### Step 4

Start receiving your eGift Cards!



# We're part of the My School Fund initiative.

## Together we can boost our school's budget, plus your own!

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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 🍷 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

### SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

### RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

### MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍃 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌸 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

### NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥🍷 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like [emojipedia.org](https://emojipedia.org) or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

### CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

### ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🧑 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

### PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.

## EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples — please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

### COMMON EMOJIS:

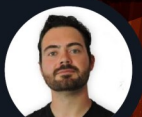
🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around	🥰 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
😬 (Cold face) Cool, stylish or ruthless	👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
😍 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement	🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
😐 (Moai) Stone-faced, unbothered	💅 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great	🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag: a warning sign about someone's behaviour

### POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

🍌 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)	🌸 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine	🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use	🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis	⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse	🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

### Meet Our Expert

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**Day:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June to 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Where:** Mission Grove Primary School

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For further information about the ALS

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