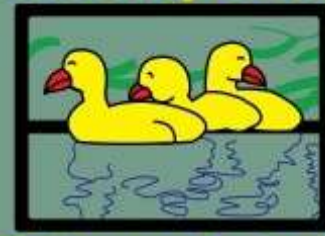


# Fleckney CE Newsletter



## Headteacher update

As we reach the end of a wonderful Easter term, I am delighted to share what a fantastic few months it has been for our school community. It has been a real pleasure to see the children fully engaged in their learning, arriving at school with huge smiles and an eagerness to get stuck in each day. Their enthusiasm and dedication to their education has been truly inspiring.

One of the key highlights this half-term has been the Foundation Stage assembly, 'No, No, Noah's Ark.' It was a joy to see all 70 children come together, learning 9 songs and so many lines. They were an absolute credit to the school and their families, and their performance was a testament to their hard work and enthusiasm. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the generous donations - we raised over £170 in total.

Our new selection of books has also been a big hit this term, with children developing a real love for reading that is contagious throughout the school. Thanks to the generous donations from families through our Amazon Wishlist, we have received over £250 worth of books, which has enriched our classrooms and inspired our pupils to read even more.

Outdoor Explorers, run by Mrs. Warburton, has also been a huge success. The children have enjoyed exploring and learning outdoors, and the school garden has flourished thanks to their efforts. We are also incredibly grateful to the Rotary Club for their generous donation of £750.

Year 5 have had a brilliant residential trip this week, and I had the privilege of accompanying them. The children did our school proud with their behaviour and manners throughout the entire trip.

I'd also like to thank the Year 2 and Year 4 parents for signing up to the new parental engagement app we are trialing - 'Seesaw.' This app will be a valuable tool for giving you an insight into school life and I appreciate your support as we introduce it. If you need any assistance with accessing the app, please don't hesitate to contact the office. Seesaw is available to download on smartphones and tablets, or can be accessed via a laptop or desktop.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone for your continued support in ensuring that all children are wearing the correct school uniform. We've seen a significant improvement in this area, and it's fantastic to see the pride our children take in representing the school.

As we head into the Easter holiday, I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back for the final term of the academic year, which is always packed with exciting events including sports days, trips, and the all-important leavers' shows!

Thank you once again for all your support.

**~~Demon Headmaster~~**

Mr Richards



## Spring 2 Edition

# Foundation Stage



## Fleckney CE Primary School



Calling all parents seeking an extraordinary educational experience for their child.  
Look no further than our exceptional school!

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# Dojo Termly Winners

As we come to the end of another busy and exciting half-term, we are delighted to celebrate our Dojo winners for Spring 2! This half-term, our focus has been on our Christian value of fairness, and our pupils have worked incredibly hard to demonstrate what it truly means to be fair in both their learning and play.

From the classroom to the playground, we have seen wonderful examples of fairness in action—children including others in their games, taking turns, listening to each other's ideas, and working together as a team. It has been inspiring to see them embrace cooperation and kindness, ensuring that everyone has a voice and a chance to shine. Of course, hard work and positive choices never go unnoticed. Our pupils have been earning Dojos throughout the half-term, and we are so proud of all their efforts. Congratulations to our Dojo winners, who have consistently shown fairness in their words and actions. Their commitment to treating others with respect and making sure everyone feels valued is something to be truly celebrated!

As we look ahead to the next half-term, we will focus on 'aspiration' as our next value.



## Kindness Cup

Sienna has been chosen for the kindness award for her caring, gentle nature and thoughtfulness towards others. Sienna always shows consideration. This does not go unnoticed.

She has been a positive and kind-hearted member of year 5, always ready to listen and participate. She is able to respect others and shows care and courtesy when working in teams.

Sienna has a sympathetic understanding of other children's needs and is happy to work and play with any of the children in her year group. Sienna never pushes herself before others, but has a calm and positive approach in all she does.

Sienna is always hard working and conscientious. Her manners are impeccable and she has a good sense of responsibility. She embodies the school's values of kindness, not only with her friends but with all others. In many ways this year, Sienna has demonstrated kindness, empathy and a caring spirit. Sienna always aspires to do her best and is always a pleasure to teach. Well done Sienna, you are a credit to the school.

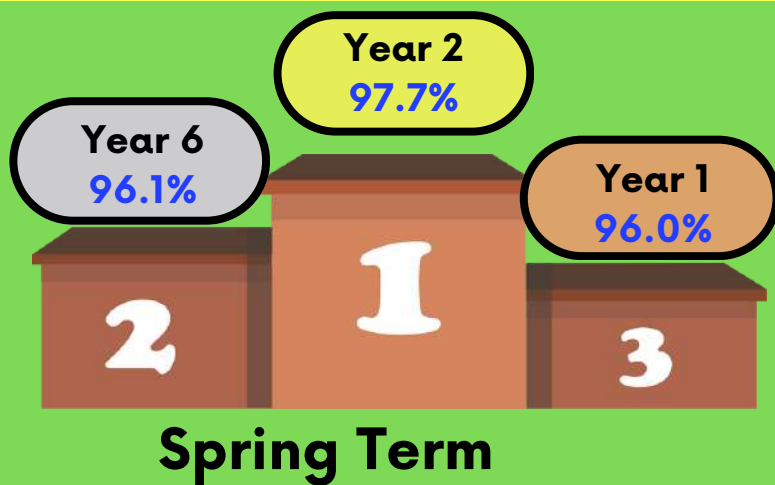


# Celebrating Excellent Attendance

At Fleckney, we are always striving to achieve our aspirational target of 96% attendance for all of our children. We are pleased to report that our current attendance is very close to this goal, and we are proud to be above the national primary average of 94.5% for the 2023-2024 school year.

We know that regular attendance is key to helping our children succeed in all areas of their development. There is a direct correlation between good attendance and academic achievement, as well as child happiness and social-emotional development. When children are in school regularly, they are more likely to engage with their learning, build stronger relationships with their peers, and feel more confident in their social and academic abilities.

We continue to encourage all families to prioritise school attendance, as every day counts in helping our children reach their full potential. Thank you for your ongoing support in making sure our students attend school regularly and make the most of the opportunities we offer here at Fleckney. Together, we can continue to aim for excellence!



## Attendance League Tables

### Overall

1. Year 2 - **96.2%**
2. Year 6 - **96.0%**
3. Year 1 - **95.9%**
4. Year 3 - **95.7%**
5. Year 5 - **95.6%**
6. Year 4 - **94.7%**
7. Year R - **94.5%**

### Persistent Absence

1. Year 2 - **3.0%**
2. Year 6 - **6.8%**
3. Year 5 - **7.2%**
3. Year 1 - **7.4%**
4. Year 3 - **9.5%**
5. Year R - **10.6%**
7. Year 4 - **12.1%**

*(% of children less than 90% attendance, national is 15.2%)*

# Sport @ Fleckney



We had some well-placed runners in the cross-country races at Market Harborough. They earned a place at the county event at Mallory Park. Running against the very best cross-country runners in the whole county, Ralph finished in a very pleasing 50th place and William finished 72nd. A super result and very well done!

On Tuesday 27th February, a group of year five children took part in a Dodgeball tournament at Robert Smyth Academy. Each game was only a few minutes long with a very short break in between. This made for a fast-paced event, which was full of energy. The team won, lost and drew matches. The children all played well, developing a real sense of team spirit. They encouraged and supported each other throughout. Well done to all who took part.

Two teams of year six footballers travelled to Market Harborough football club on Tuesday 4th March to play in tournaments against local schools. It was a cool, clear and sunny afternoon, which made for ideal playing conditions. They communicated well with each other and demonstrated great teamwork. They made some great passes, had many shots on goal and the goalies made some amazing saves. The first team to play drew in the first match and won their second two. The other team played well against closely matches opponents, drawing their first match and losing the next two. Thank you to Mr Freeman, who gave great tactical advice and very well done to all who took part.

On Tuesday 20th March, a group of eight year three children took part in a Tag Rugby Festival at Market Harborough Rugby Club. The afternoon began with a series of fun activities to help develop their rugby skills. Following this, they played friendly mini games against other schools. The children were all really enthusiastic and the weather was perfect. Well done to all.

Year five have been taking part in Bikeability training in and around our school this month. Their first session was on the playground, riding between cones to develop their bike handling skills. Under the close eye of the qualified instructors, they then progressed to riding on the roads near to school. They learned how to maintain an awareness of their surroundings and to make safe turns at junctions. The instructors really praised the children's ability to follow instructions and the kind way in which they helped and advised each other along the way.



# Foundation Stage

Foundation Stage have been learning about planting and growing this term, making a healthy meal, taking part in pancake day racing and of course rehearsing for their performance of Noah's Ark! The children have surprised us all with their enthusiasm to sing, learn lines and take an active role in the story.

We have also been using our senses to describe objects and items hidden in a jar and feely bag! We had "smooth", "soft" and "bumpy" things using our sense of touch and sight. We wrote down what we could see, wearing silly glasses!

World Book Day gave the youngest children in our school the opportunity to share a book with the children in Year 6. As we have moved on this term, we are also learning about the meaning of Easter and why it is special to Christians. The children have spent time making Easter baskets and going on an Easter egg hunt around the classroom!



# Year 6



In English lessons, having designed maps of their own imaginary kingdoms, the children have written some exciting and adventurous Quest stories. They have also written formal and informal letters of complaint because their classroom chairs went on strike! This writing was based upon the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. We finished off this topic by visiting the year 6 restaurant where children were less than impressed and wrote some fantastic formal letters of complaint. Maths lessons this half-term have focused on measurement and statistics. The children have learnt how to calculate the area of triangles and parallelograms as well as how to draw pie charts and line graphs. They have also been working really hard to improve their fluency in our morning Maths sessions during registration. Science lessons have been based on the topic 'living things and their habitats'. The children have learnt about different types of vertebrates and invertebrates and even had a look around the school grounds to see which living things we could find under rocks and in the trees. In Art, we have been designing and making dragon eyes out of clay.

# Year 5

Year 5 have been working incredibly hard this half-term. Many of our children took part in bike ability where the instructors were incredibly impressed with the children's determination and manners.

We have all been thinking abstractly in Art, creating pieces based on illusions. We have been introduced to the artist Escher and based our work around his creations. We have explored the book "Mirror" by Jeannie Baker. We have considered how people from different countries and cultures have similar but different lifestyles.

In science this term, we have been finding out more about the properties of materials. We have investigated which materials conduct electricity, which are good thermal conductors and which materials dissolve in water. Recently, the children impressed us by using their knowledge of magnets, dissolving, sieving, filtration and evaporation to separate a mixture of sand, gravel, salt and iron into its individual parts.

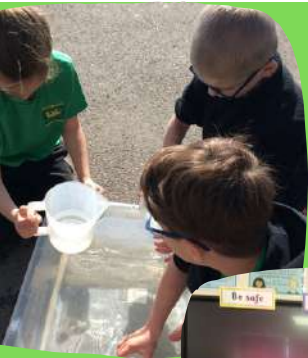
In PE, the children have been practicing their throwing and catching skills in Tag Rugby. They learned to pass quickly to one another, keeping their eye on the ball and communicating well with their team mates. They developed this further so they could pass whilst running and learned to reposition themselves for the next pass.

As year 5 will be travelling to Norfolk to explore rivers and waterways, year 5 have been studying rivers from the source to the sea. The children have been researching the journeys of rivers, how they are formed and following their path towards the sea. This information will be very useful to their residential.

This half-term, has been a busy and productive one. We are very proud of what our year 5s have accomplished.



# Year 2



In Year 2 we have had a very busy half-term. In Science we have been learning about plants and growing. As part of our investigations, the children learnt about what plants need to grow healthily. The children then designed and made their own greenhouses planting a runner bean seed.

In Maths, we have been learning about mass, weight, volume and capacity. On a sunny Monday morning we went outside and used a variety of jugs and containers to look at comparing and measuring volume and capacity. We had a lovely day on World Book Day, enjoying sharing books with our friends as well as reading with Year 6.

Finally, as part of our English lessons, the children wrote their own version of 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes'.

# Clubs!

We are thrilled to announce a fantastic range of new clubs starting this summer term! Our students have enjoyed a variety of after-school activities, and we're excited to offer even more options this time around. Here's what we have in store:

**Friday Film Club:** Due to its huge popularity, we are keeping our Friday Film Club for Years 1-4. It's a fun, relaxed way to end the week!

**Cricket:** New for Years 5 and 6, this club is perfect for those who want to improve their batting, bowling, and fielding skills.

**Rounders:** A favourite in the summer, our Rounders club will be available for Years 3-5. Get ready for some fun games and friendly competition!

**Multi-Sports:** For our younger sports enthusiasts in Years 1 and 2, the Multi-Sports club will offer a mix of activities, from basketball to football and more!

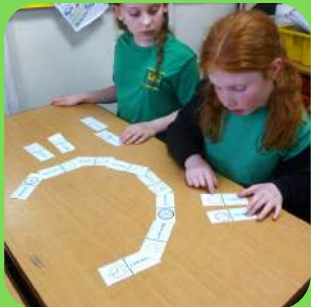
**Archery:** If you've ever wanted to try your hand at hitting a bullseye, our Archery club for Years 3 and 4 is the one for you!

**Each club is priced at just £15, making them affordable and accessible for all children.**

We are proud to say that over 80% of our students have taken part in after-school clubs this year, and we can't wait to see even more children joining in the fun this summer term! Don't miss out - sign up today!



## Year 3



We have had an exciting half-term which included a trip to the Leicester Botanical Gardens for a 'Plants Wow!' day. The children had a fantastic day learning about a huge variety of plants from all around the world. The activities were fun and exciting and the children learned a lot from their day out. The weather was amazing and we even had a lovely picnic lunch on the lawns. We were very proud of our children's behavior and how they represented our school.

We had a fun day for World Book Day. 3JS went swimming but we still managed to find time to share our books and costumes, complete a story and make rosettes of our favourite book characters. We also enjoyed wearing our own clothes for Comic Relief Day and being able to contribute to such a brilliant cause.

We have studied the beautiful book, 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' in English and worked hard on our grammar. We've investigated 'money' and 'time' in maths, learned lots more about forces and magnets in Science and studied The Bronze Age and The Iron Age in our History lessons we shared our thoughts and ideas about how people of the Islamic and Jewish faiths show what is important to them through festivals and family life. We have continued with our Japanese art theme and created some wonderful Hokusai-style prints and Koi carp kites.

Our Year 3s have had an extremely busy half-term. They have worked so hard and we are extremely proud of all they have done and achieved.

We have been extremely lucky to have Alison Giles and Rusty coming in to school to hear readers every week since September. Every week, the children look forward to reading to Rusty and having cuddles. Rusty is the most adorable, gentle and patient dog and thanks to the amazing charity 'Pets as Therapy', Alison and Rusty give their time for free to volunteer and support children with their reading and mental health. A massive thank you to Alison, Rusty and the Pets as Therapy Charity



## Seesaw

Seesaw

I'm a Teacher

I'm a Student

I'm a Family Member

This term, we are excited to be trialing a new platform for parental engagement called Seesaw, with Year 2 and Year 4 parents. Seesaw is a user-friendly app that will give you an insight into what your child is learning each week, providing you with updates on their classroom activities, projects, and achievements.

The platform will also allow us to send class specific messages, ensuring that important updates reach you quickly and efficiently.

One of the most exciting features of Seesaw is the ability to set 'push notifications'. This means that whenever something new is posted to your child's journal - whether it's a photo, video, or message - you will receive a notification on your phone, just like a text message or phone call, keeping you instantly informed.

We are hopeful that this new system will enhance communication between home and school, and if successful, we plan to roll it out across the school next academic year. We look forward to hearing your feedback and hope that Seesaw helps strengthen our partnership in supporting your child's learning and development.

Seesaw  
Keeps everyone in the learning loop

# Fleckney Breakfast and After School Club

On Wednesday 13th November we had our Ofsted inspection!

We are absolutely thrilled with our result of GOOD!!!

The inspector was so impressed by the children's behaviour and excellent manners. We would like to thank the parents who took the time to speak to our inspector. If anyone would like a copy of the report, please ask.

A huge well done to everyone!

Mrs Bottrill, Mrs Burgoine, Mrs Tudor, Mrs Bishop, Mrs Martin,  
Mrs Philp, Mrs Craven, Miss Barklamb & Mrs Foster.



## Outdoor Explorers



← We need your vote!

What an absolutely brilliant first term we've had at Explorers@School! It truly has been the highlight of our week coming in to teach such enthusiastic, polite and curious learners. They have worked so hard transforming the garden space into an incredible hive of exciting outdoor learning areas with an allotment, fire circle, mud kitchen, bug hotel, slackline, rope swings, tyres... It really is rather fabulous.

Foundation Stage and key stage one have been green-fingered gardeners this term, we have completely refreshed the allotment area and planted in potatoes, carrots, strawberries, radishes, broad beans, peas, pumpkins and cauliflowers. In fact, last week, being ahead of schedule, we even made a start at the wildflower garden and our Explorers got busy digging, weeding and making seed bombs in preparation. Now to nurture all that veg and keep everything alive...

Our key stage two explorers have shown extraordinary determination, resilience, grit and perseverance in their 'Explorers Ignite' classes. Here they have learnt how to use rod and flint sparkers, created a flame, built 'fairy fires', fire nests, and for our final class they are using all the fire building skills they've developed to make a big campfire to roast some marshmallows on, yum yum!

Next term the campfire is out! Foundation stage and key stage one class is fully booked. However, if you have a budding explorer who is in key stage one or two that likes food, and fire, then get them signed up as there are a handful of final spaces left in our second class of the evening, 4.30pm-5.30pm. Book on through: <http://bookwhen.com/outdoorexplorers123>

Finally, I NEED YOUR HELP! Outdoor Explorers is through to the Muddy Stiletto's 'Best Children's Business' in Northants, Leics and Rutland final. WOW! We are currently battling for the top spot so every vote counts, please could you send me your support and scan in the QR code to send us a vote?

# World Book Day 2025



On Thursday 6th March, all of the classes across the school took part in celebrations for World Book Day. The theme for this year was 'Read your way' and the children were encouraged to choose either a book character, a word or an outfit that represented them. We held two assemblies during the day for the children to share their outfits and many of the classes took part in live lessons or book related activities. The younger and older children across the school came together to share a selection of books and enjoyed reading together, sharing their favourite books and discovering new ones.



# Year 1



Year one have been very busy this half-term learning about Animals in our science topic, writing stories in our own words in English and learning the first steps of Multiplication and Division in maths.

For our Art, we have been taking inspiration from the nature around us in our world. We have studied lots of different birds, looking at how amazing and diverse nature is through the colours and patterns that birds have on their feathers. We have used different media to create our own beautiful birds.

We then looked at how famous artists have also used nature for their inspiration and created our own work in a similar style.



# Year 4

In English this half term, we have finished off our unit on 'Animals – Real and Mythical', learning about Indonesia's Komodo Dragon and the fascinating King Cobra. This culminated in the writing of a non-chronological report. Year 4 then began their unit on Invention and Innovation – focusing on Ted Hughes' The Iron Man. The children have wowed us with their fabulous writing in this unit. Their hard work has certainly paid off!

In PSHE, our focus this half-term has been 'working together and communicating positively'. The children have reflected on how they communicate and have explored ways in which communication skills could be strengthened and improved. In Maths, we have been building on our work on fractions by looking at decimal fractions. The children are also working hard on their times tables, understanding how this underpins many areas of maths. Year 4 children will be carrying out the national times table check in the summer term. A highlight of the half-term has been the paper sculpture unit in Art. The children have explored the Japanese art form of origami and created their own designs using various origami techniques. Well done Year 4! Keep up the great work.



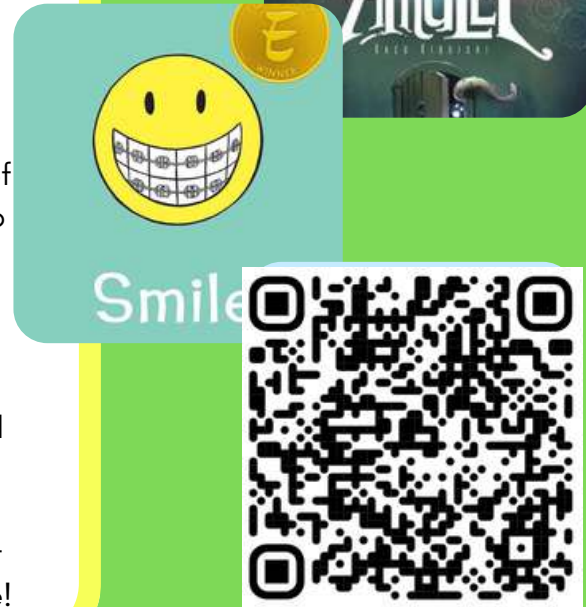
# Reading

It has been a true joy to see our children's love of reading flourish this year, and the excitement around reading for pleasure at Fleckney School is stronger than ever! Over the past four months, the school has invested over £1,500 in new books to ensure that our library continues to offer a wide range of engaging titles for all ages. Thanks to the FSA, we're also thrilled to announce an additional £700 will be used in the coming months to further expand our collection.

The Fleckney Review - our very own book recommendation page - is already proving to be a big hit, with over 120 hits so far. The page, which can be accessed by scanning the QR code, highlights a variety of books suitable for all age groups, encouraging students and families to explore new titles and authors.

We are also delighted by the success of our Amazon Wishlist for book donations. Thanks to your generosity, we have already received over £400 worth of books! Your support has made a huge difference in helping us build a school where reading is celebrated and encouraged every day <https://amzn.eu/2RtzlrB>

We can't thank you enough for your continued support in helping us on our journey to become a school where a love of reading is at the heart of everything we do. Thank you for being part of this exciting adventure!



**Fleckey Review**

## Fleckney School Association



The Fleckney School Association (FSA) continues to play a crucial role in raising funds that benefit our school community. This year, the FSA has generously funded a range of events and initiatives, including a donation towards the History performance during History Week in May and also the exciting art competition rewards that Mrs. Styles is currently running. These contributions have made a real difference in enriching the school experience for our students.

The FSA had a fantastic event last Friday, raising over £1,000 to support our school! We are incredibly grateful for all the hard work and support from parents and volunteers who helped make this happen. Looking ahead, the Summer Fayre is set for Saturday 28th June, running from 11am to 2pm. We're also excited to announce a third disco for the year, happening on Friday 13th June - it's going to be a fun-filled night! In addition to these exciting events, the FSA has agreed to provide £700 over the next term to fund additional books for our ever-growing library collection. This is a wonderful investment in our students' learning and will ensure that they have access to even more exciting reading material.

Thank you to the FSA and everyone who continues to support these initiatives. Your efforts make a huge difference to the life of Fleckney School!

# Collective Worship

This term, our collective worship sessions have been both meaningful and inspiring for the children, as they have learned important values and reflected on key aspects of faith.

In our Tuesday collective worship, the children have been focusing on the value of fairness. Through powerful Bible stories like the Parable of the Vineyard Workers (Matthew 20:1-16) and Isaiah and the Greed in Judah (Isaiah 1:16-18), students have explored what fairness truly means and how it can be applied in their lives. We are proud to share that 31 children were awarded the Fairness Star last week! These children are now proudly wearing their badges for Respect, Compassion, Responsibility, and Fairness on their uniforms as a symbol of their commitment to these important values.

Our Monday whole-school assemblies have focused on the season of Lent. We've reflected on the story of the Temptation of Jesus during his 40 days in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13) and discussed how Lent is a time for self-reflection and growth. We've also explored how we can use other people's talents and skills to inspire our own actions. One such inspiration came from Miss Battersby, the spelling champion of South Leicestershire, who amazed the children with her effortless spelling of the word 'pulchritudinous' in front of the whole school!

This week, the children had the wonderful opportunity to travel to St. Nicholas Church for our Easter service. It was a truly special occasion, with 466 children joining together for the service. The readings and singing were superb, and it was a heartwarming experience to see our entire school community come together in such a meaningful way.

We are grateful for the continued support of our families in helping to foster such a strong sense of spirituality and community at Fleckney School.



## Diary Dates and Term Dates

### **Summer term starts:**

Monday 28th April

### **May day bank holiday:**

Monday 5th May

### **Summer half-term:**

Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May

### **School closes for summer:**

Tuesday 8th July (early 1:30 finish)

### **School opens for 25-26:**

Tuesday 26th August

### **Autumn half-term 25/26:**

Mon 20th Oct- Fri 24th Oct

### **School closes for Xmas 25-26:**

Friday 19th Dec (early 1:30 finish)

**School opens after Easter Holidays** - Monday 28th April

**FS Windmill Park Trip** - Wednesday 7th May

**Year 1 Westlodge Trip** - Thursday 8th May

**Year 1 & 5 Fire service visit** - Friday 9th May

**KS2 SATS** - Monday 12th until Thursday 15th May

**Year 5 Duxford Trip / History week** - Monday 19th May

**Class Photos** - Wednesday 21st May

**KS1 RE Roadshow** - Thursday 5th June

**FSA School Disco** - Friday 13th June

**FS Teddy Bear Picnic** - Tuesday 17th June

**Year 2 Beaudesert residential** - Thursday 19th - Friday 20th June

**Area Sports** - Monday 23rd June

**FS & KS1 Sports Day** - Tuesday 24th June FS - AM; KS1 - PM

**KS2 Sports Day** - Wednesday 25th June PM

**Non uniform day (for the FSA summer Fair)** Friday 27th June

**FSA Summer Fayre** - Saturday 28th June



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