



Have a wonderful half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 3rd March 2025

Dates for the Diary

24th – 28th February – Half Term

Monday 3rd March – First day of Spring term 2

Wednesday 5th March – Y3 and Y5 Hancock Museum Visit (further details to follow)

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day (further details to follow, there will be a number of options for ways to get involved so no need to buy costumes.)

Friday 7th March – Y1 and Y6 Forest School

Friday 14th March – Y1 and Y6 Forest School

Friday 21st March – Y1 and Y6 Forest School

Friday 28th March – Nursery and Reception Forest School

Monday 31st March – Friday 4th April – Y6 Mock SATs week

Friday 4th April - Nursery and Reception Forest School

Friday 11th April - Nursery and Reception Forest School

Friday 11th April – Last Day of Spring Term 2

14th – 25th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 28th April – First Day of Summer Term 1

PE Days

Nursery – Tuesday

Reception – Tuesday

Year 1 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 2 – Monday and Thursday

Year 3 – Monday and Tuesday

Year 4 – Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday

Year 5 – Tuesday (PE or swimming for those who have been notified) and Thursday (PE)

Year 6 – Wednesday and Friday

Fidget Toys

Led by Miss Hackney, staff have worked together to create an overview of the types of sensory resources (including what are sometimes referred to as fidget toys) which work in school and those children in school who currently benefit from them. Look out for an information pack on our school website which will be uploaded and shared via email. In addition to the information contained in the post, there will be a clear plea – please leave personal sensory/fidget resources/toys at home.



No class news for: Reception GD and Year 2 FN

Parent Governors

We are pleased to share that Jill Hutton and Helen Thomson have been appointed as Parent Governors. We thank them for the hours they gift to school in this role.

World Book Day 2025 will soon be here!

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Thursday 6th March (that's the first Thursday back after half term).

To help make the day special, we have created a 'jigsaw' of options for you and your child to choose from, depending on what you feel you would like to do. You can opt in to any, and as many, of the pieces of the jigsaw as you wish!

As you can see (in Mr Firth's beautifully created design), the options are to:

- 1 - Dress up as a character from a book**
- 2 - Bring in a favourite book and share a section with the class**
- 3 - Send in an Extreme Reading photo (children reading in weird and wonderful locations)**
- 4 - Send in a Book Review (which can be audio, video or written)**

We look forward to sharing what you decide to do on World Book Day, when we will all come together to celebrate the power that books and reading have to enrich our lives.



After school clubs

This term we only have music club available after school for Year 3 to Year 6. The club will run every Thursday 3.15-4.15pm. If you would like a place reserved please contact the school office on highspen@gatedu.org - places are definite after payment is received and are given first come first served. The cost is £18.00. Your consent and payment request will be added to School Gateway. Thank you

Nursery – SG – Saint George Greetings from nursery. Thank you for taking the time to attend parent meetings this week. We enjoyed having the chance to catch up and chat with you about your child's progress. Next term we will be continuing our Kalma Life Yoga sessions on our designated PE mornings which will continue to be Tuesday. Enjoy the Half Term Break and we will see you soon. Much Thanks.

Year 1 – TY – Thomas Young

Thank you for a fab half term!

When we come back, we will be back to Muddy Monsters on a Friday morning. Please send your child to school dressed in appropriate clothing for spending the morning at the woods, and a change of shoes/extra dry clothing for the afternoon. We will be at Muddy Monsters on the **7th, 14th and 21st March**.

Year 3 – MLK Martin Luther King

Thank you for attending parent's meetings this week, it was lovely to see so many of you and chat to you all about the wonderful progress your children are making. I hope you all have a fantastic half term and I'll see you in Spring 2 where our PE days are now Monday and Tuesday.

Year 4 – FWD – Fredrick William Dobson

The announcement everyone has been waiting for, all of Year 4 will be coming along to our swimming sessions when we return after half term. Please ensure everyone comes to school with their swimming costume, towel and goggles. As we will be leaving first thing it may be easier to wear the swimming costume under their uniform, so it is quicker to get ready for the pool.

After several issues with personal belongings going missing and broken, can I please remind everyone that we shouldn't bring toys or personal belongings into school, either to give away or swap with friends. There has also been a rise in personal pencil cases coming into class. Each child has been issued their own pencil case and all relevant equipment needed for their day-to-day work. Could I please ask to keep their own at home, as we don't want any getting broken or lost, as has been the case in the past?

I have been really impressed so far this year with the huge effort that has been put into homework and I will remind everyone that homework folders go home on a Tuesday and can be returned on a Monday, this allows a full week of having their reading book and reading record, this is so we can see all the great reading that is being done. Thanks again for all the effort you are making at home.

Any questions about school please get in touch.

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson

Thank you for a fab half term!

It was great catching up with so many of you at the parent/carer meetings. If you were unable to get there this week, and would like to meet up after the holidays, please do get in touch and we can arrange a time to talk through your child's progress.

Please note: there will be no PE on Thursday 6th due to World Book Day.

Year 6 – MY – Malala Yousafzai

We hope everyone has an amazing half-term. Look forward to seeing you all after the break for the next step of the journey. No homework for the holidays! Just rest. Thank you to parents/carers who were able to come to parents meetings this week. It is always lovely to celebrate the wonderful things that children have been doing. Remember the door is always open.

Forest School – Friday 7th, 14th and 15th March (afternoon session)

Please can children come to school in appropriate clothing and footwear (suitable for weather conditions). We will have lunch in school and leave around 12:30pm and return to school for 3:15pm. Thank you 😊

SATs Meeting change –

The SATs meeting will now be at 3:15pm on Friday 7th March due to Forest School. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. Your child is welcome in the meeting. A handout will be given to any parents/carers who cannot make the meeting. Any questions, please pop in to see us.

If you would like a paper copy of this letter for your fridge please call to the office and collect one.