



## Welcome Back!

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We hope you had a wonderful holiday filled with fun and relaxation. It's certainly been a chilly start to the year, so thank you for wrapping up warm and staying safe during the frosty weather. As we begin this exciting new term, we're looking forward to seeing all the amazing learning, creativity, and achievements that lie ahead. Here's to a fantastic start to 2026!

### New PE Days – Spring term 1

**SG** - Tuesday (Morning)  
**GD** - Wednesday  
**TY** - Monday and Thursday  
**FN** - Monday and Wednesday  
**MLK** – Tuesday and Friday  
**FWD** - Tuesday (swimming) and Tuesday (coach)  
**BR** - Tuesday (swimming) and Thursday  
**MY** – Wednesday and Friday



**No Class news for:** Reception GD, Year 1 TY and Y4 FWD

### After School Clubs



We still have some spaces on all of our after school clubs. After School Clubs for Spring 1 are:

- **Tuesday – Football – Y2 to Y6 - 7 weeks £21.00**
- **Wednesday – Waste Warriors with Pickle Palace – Y1 and Y2 - 6 weeks £18.00 (no club 07.01.2026)**
- **Thursday – Music - Y3 to Y6 - 7 weeks £21.00**

**All clubs run 3.15pm-4.15pm**

Please email school on [highspen@gatedu.org](mailto:highspen@gatedu.org) as clubs are first come first served.

All Clubs must be paid for in advance.

If your child would like a place on any clubs, a payment request with consent will be sent via School Gateway.

Thank you

### SEND Coffee Afternoon

We're hosting a SEND & Additional Needs Coffee Afternoon for parents and carers on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in school.

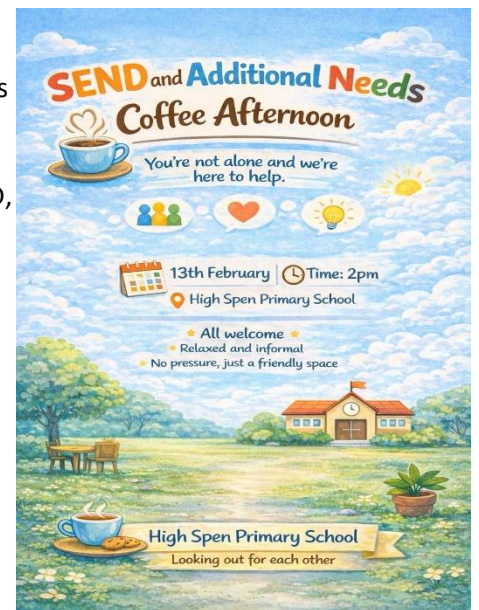
Following our session with Daisy Chain back in September, we wanted to offer a further opportunity for parents and carers who are supporting children with SEND, and/or Additional Needs. The feedback from this session was overwhelmingly positive, and we are committed to continuing this support for our families within school. This is a relaxed, informal and pressure-free opportunity to come along, enjoy a hot drink, meet other parents and carers, and chat with staff in a friendly, supportive space. Supporting a child with additional needs can sometimes feel overwhelming and a bit lonely— you don't have to do it alone.

There's no pressure to talk — just come as you are.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to seeing you.

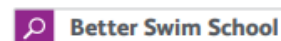
Mrs Nesbitt and Miss Hackney



We are pleased to share this leaflet with a **SCHOOLS50** discount code. This will allow children who are signing up to swimming lessons with Better to get 50% off the first membership payment. This equates to a substantial saving when new customers are joining lessons.



Join weekly lessons with Better Swim School and get 50% off your first payment with code **SCHOOLS50**.



Terms and conditions apply. Offer open to new customers only for school children aged between 4-12 years. Offer ends on 07/08/2026. Full terms at [better.org.uk/offer-terms](https://better.org.uk/offer-terms). Better is a registered trademark and trading name of GLL (Greenwich Leisure Limited), a charitable social enterprise and registered society under the Co-operative & Community Benefit & Societies Act 2014 registration no. 277938. Registered office: Middlegate House, The Royal Arsenal, London, SE18 6SX. Inland Revenue Charity no. XH43398.



**Nursery – SG – Saint George - Mrs Bainbridge**

Happy New year and greetings from Nursery, we have had a brilliant first week back this term seeing old friends and welcoming some new friends. Our class newsletter and term map will be posted to our web page for further information from the term. If you would like a paper copy, please ask one of our staff and we will provide you with a copy. Enjoy your weekend and see you next week.

**Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale- Mrs Coates**

Happy New Year and welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope you all had a wonderful rest and enjoyed time as a family. Thank you so much again for all of the lovely Christmas wishes, cards and gifts. It really is so kind and generous of you all, a huge thank you! A separate Y2 Class newsletter will be sent with key information for this term so please look out for this in your child's folder or bag. However here are a few key points:

**PE** this half term will be every Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

**Homework folders** and **reading folders** are to be returned every Thursday please.

**Library books** are to be returned every Friday please.

**Pickle Palace** will be working with Y2 this half term. Please see the Y2 Class newsletter for your child's date to cook and we hope you will be able to join us for the session. Please let me or the office know if you're able to join the allocated session. Thank you.

**Year 3 – MLK Martin Luther King – Miss Murray**

Happy New Year!

The half termly newsletter for Y3 should have made its way home to you this week, if you haven't received this, just let me know and I can send another copy to you. Homework tasks will be coming home to you on Monday, including the new optional homework tasks as well as the weekly maths and spelling. Homework is due back in on a Friday please.

Forest school will be continuing next Friday and the following Friday – the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

Thank you!

**Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson – Mr Cradock**

Happy New Year everyone 🤗

It's been lovely catching up with Y5 after the holidays and your children's enthusiasm to learn this week has really compensated for the dark days and chilly weather!

You will hopefully have seen the latest class newsletter that went out on Wednesday. If all goes to plan, everyone will also bring home a book by our next Featured Author, Michael Morpurgo, ready for the weekend. Class homework will start up again next week on Wednesday as usual.

**Year 6 – MY – Malala Yousafzai – Mrs Heron/Mrs Lawson**

Happy New Year! Thank you for our lovely Christmas cards, kind messages and generous gifts!

Children have settled straight back into school and have been raring to go.

This week children started looking at complete SATs papers and we are aware that this may mean they come home talking about SATs more. Please rest assured that we keep this as low key as possible and that over the next few weeks they will be seeing more full papers but that these are done in a supportive environment where they can ask for help, work with friends and there is no clock ticking. In March, children will experience a MOCK SATs week where they complete the 2025 papers in timed conditions to gain a feel of what this involves and helps us to understand what revision needs to be done and what additional support children need. It is absolutely not death by SATs paper as we are still working on the Y6 curriculum. There will be a SATs meeting for parents to give you more information. As always, if there are any questions, please come and see us.

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

Date	Event
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day of Spring term 1
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception vision screening
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of Spring term 1
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	First Day of Spring Term 2
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Wear a Hat day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last day of Spring Term 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term 1
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3 – That History Bloke
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thur 14 May	SATs week
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Last day of Summer Term 1
25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term Holidays
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	First day of Summer Term 2
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day (School closed)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Occasional Day (School closed)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Safety Works and Quayside Visit
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Strawberry Teas
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Summer Term2