

29th January

Newsletter



SPINFIELD SCHOOL

Welcome to our January newsletter and the first one of 2021. It certainly hasn't been the start to the term that we had hoped for but I know that everyone is doing a fantastic job with the home-learning activities that are being set. The children are producing an excellent standard of work and I wanted to thank parents and carers for supporting their children alongside juggling the demands of their own jobs. You are all amazing!

On Wednesday the Government announced that schools could begin to return from 8th March. Please be assured that I will communicate with you as soon as I receive confirmation from the DfE regarding how schools will return. It's also important for you to know that when your children do return to school, the teachers will plan for, and support, the needs of all pupils to cover the required learning for their age.

Cancellation of assessments:

The DfE has confirmed that the following assessments have been cancelled for this academic year:

The early years foundation stage (EYFS) profile
Phonics screening check (Year 1)
KS1 teacher assessments (Year 2)
KS2 tests and teacher assessments (Year 6)

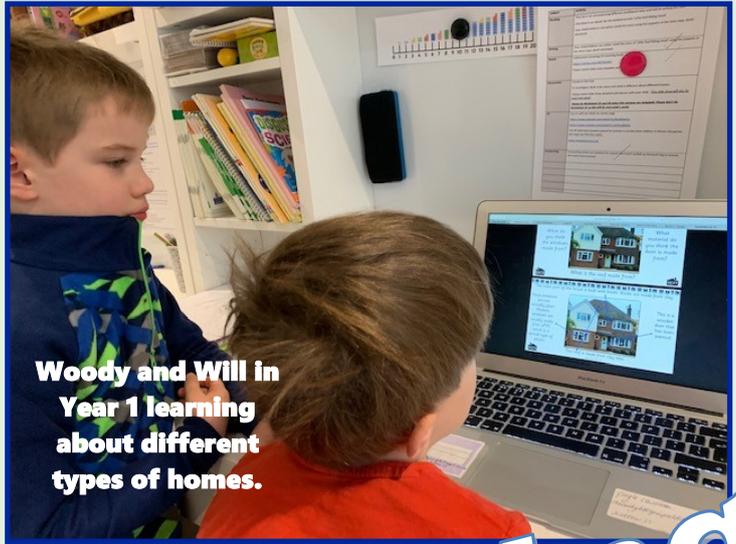
We will keep you updated about our plans for assessment within school.

Communication going forward:

We are aware that, at times, school sends out a high volume of communication and in, particular, this year this has had to be through emails. We try to limit communication for the whole school to a Friday update, but there will be occasions when information needs to be sent immediately. Going forward, when we send a whole school communication, we will inform you whether the content is for "action" – this is a high priority read and action needs to be taken, or if it is for "information" – not such a high priority read. If there is a combination of both aspects, we'll ensure the "For Action" is at the beginning of the email. The PA will, as far as possible, combine their communication within the Friday updates and newsletters. Communication from the class emails will be up to teachers and this may vary from class to class.

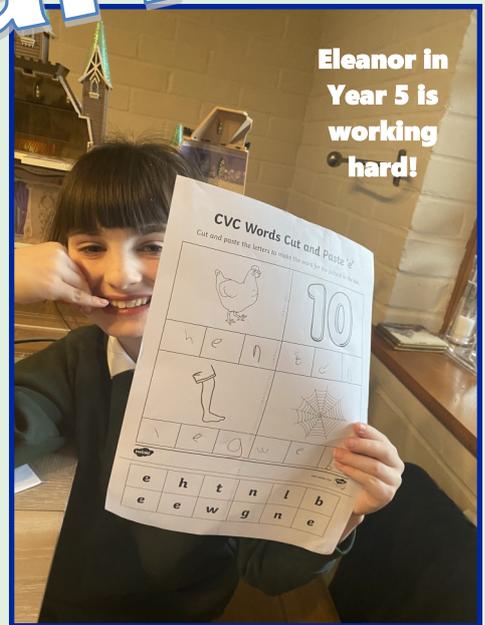


Abby in Year 1 has been busy!

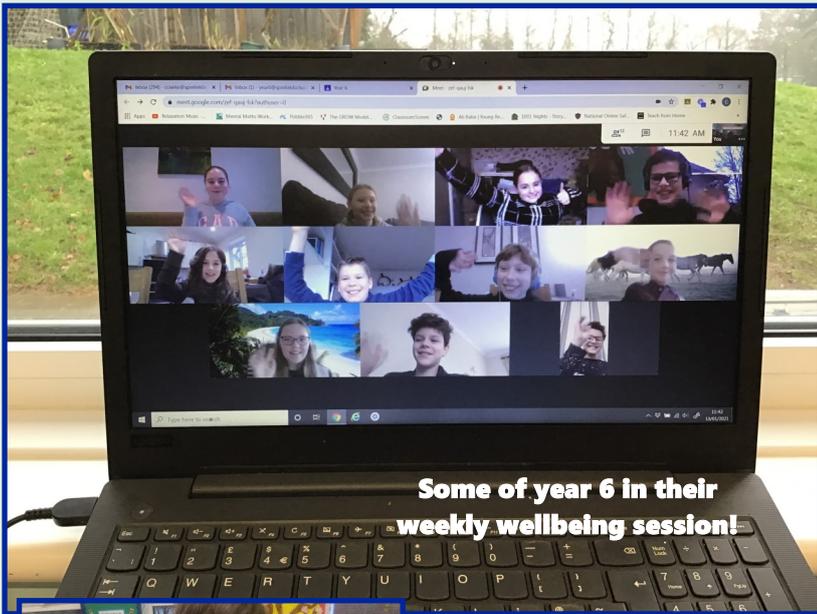


Woody and Will in Year 1 learning about different types of homes.

Home Learning



Eleanor in Year 5 is working hard!



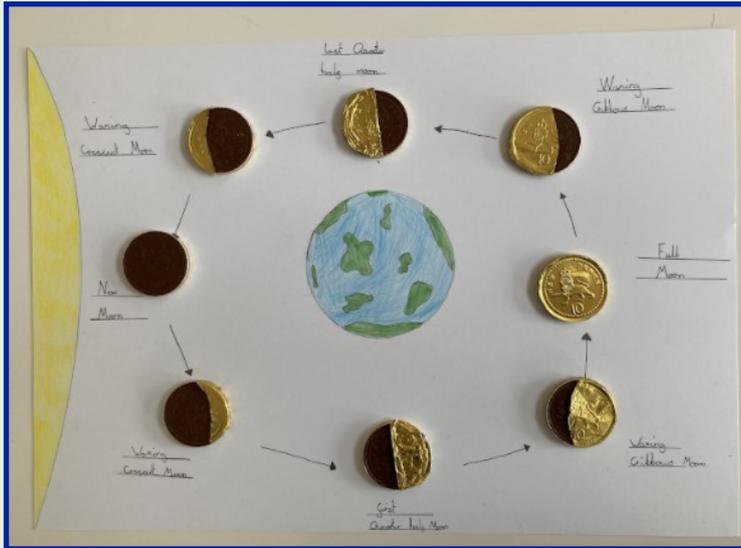
Some of year 6 in their weekly wellbeing session!



An eco shopper designed and made by Emma in Year 6.



Tom in Year 5 enjoying a hockey lesson!



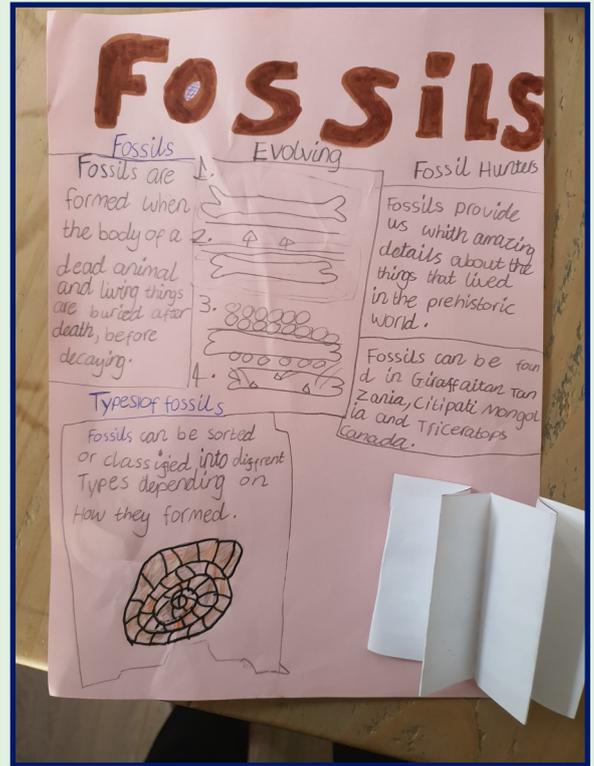
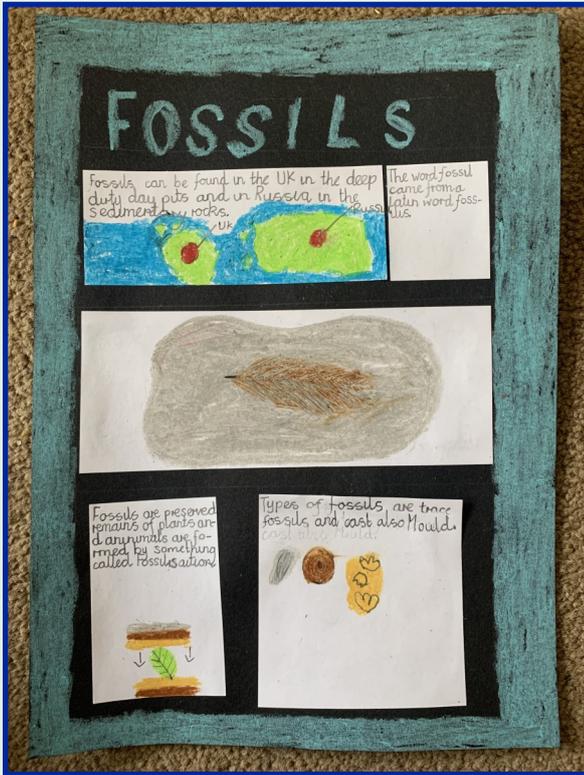
Y5 have been creating Edible Astronomy! Their task was to create a model of The Moon Phases.

This model was created by Holly.

Emma (year 4) is making a simple circuit at home using tin foil for wires and a bulb from a torch.



Zaid has made this fabulous tote bag from a tee shirt— instructions overleaf!



The dinosaurs were extinct and now they have turned into fossils.
 A fossil is where they are formed by something called fossilization.
 Fossils are found in sedimentary rocks near rivers.
 A baryonyx is dead in the UK. The skull contains a large jaw with 96 teeth, twice as many as a Tyrannosaurus.
 A Coelacanth is a bony fish with thick scales.
 If a fossil is seen and examined, the archeologists will know what the fossil ate and when it was alive.
 Fossils can come from living things. (For example: A spider became trapped in a resin).
 One of the the baffling fossils is a Dickinsonia.

FOSSILS



**Some examples
 of Year 3
 science work
 on Fossils**



Olly, Darcy & Eva have made colour spinners as part of their year 6 science lesson - spin and merge to make them white!

Jess and Jasmine and year 1 have been making home made bird feeders today— There will be some very round birds to look out for!!



We are very excited to tell you about an exciting new reading opportunity for the children, called ***Reading Planet Online***.

Each child at Spinfield has a user name and password, which is the same as their Purple mash login details.

Teachers will also create e-books for your child to read online. Within each e-book are quizzes for the children to complete as they read.

Teachers are able to track their reading to ensure progress is made, even whilst learning at home. **Please read the attached user guide carefully before logging on.**

Please note you do not need a "Centre ID" and the first time you log-in you will need to tick the terms and conditions page before proceeding.

The website is: www.my.risingstars.co.uk

If you have any questions, please email your class teacher who will forward your query onto me.

Mrs Clarke—Assistant Head

Remote Learning

Thank you for the many positive comments that you have shared with us regarding the Remote Learning Provision, the requirements from the DfE are that we provide a curriculum that mirrors learning that children would receive if they were in school. Therefore, it is important to keep up with as much of the learning as you can and in particular maths and English.

As you'll know, we have requested that work is submitted by 4.30pm each day. It's really important that this is done for maths and English tasks so that teachers can feedback and address any misconceptions which might have an impact on the following day's tasks. If work is not submitted by this deadline, it may not be marked.

Next Thing Education Camps Ltd.

We are pleased to announce our **Tech Holiday Camps** are running **15th—19th February 2021** at **Foxes Piece, SL7**.

We understand the difficulty providing children with a fun and education environment at this current time. As an Ofsted registered provider, we will be providing enriching child-care enabling parents to return to work or have a well-deserved rest from home-schooling. We have 5 days of exciting activities to feed the mind of your inquisitive genius following themes:

Bot Builders and Coders –  Our popular robot programming course

Ingenious Inventors  – Implement circuitry to make anything from an alarm to a FM Radio!

Skilful Scientists   – Booms, bangs, pops and whizzes

Expert Engineers  – Fantastically fun! Discover how to construct and make mechanisms move.

Media Madness  – Have a creative blast, with movie editing and music production

Under guidance from the government, our educational camps will be available to key worker, critical worker and vulnerable children. With only one parent needing to fit the specified requirements listed by the government to be able to enrol.—see attached flyer

Hello

Enjoying your daily exercise?

Why not do a winter Womble while you're out?

Help keep Marlow tidy by picking up litter and protect our wildlife.

It's a great activity for families and Lockdown bubbles; it's good fun and can be addictive!

Take a litter picker and make a difference.

Litter pickers available outside different houses in Marlow: top of Terrington Hill, 35 Mill Road (near the Lock), 35 Trinity Avenue, 40 Newtown Road and The Croft.

Suggested donation of £2 each – money will go to the Marlow Wombles

Please post pictures on Marlow Wombles Facebook page of yourselves in action!

#lovewhereyoulive

Any questions? Contact Marlow Wombles via our FB page and see attached flyer.



Instructions on how to make a Tee-Tote Bag—have a go at this fun activity to support our Global Citizens!



1. Turn the t-shirt inside out.



2. Cut off the sleeves of your t-shirt. Try and make these cuts as straight as possible! These shoulder straps will become the handles for your tote-bag.



3. Next, cut off the collar.



4. Now, cut the bottom of the shirt into strips. Make them about 8cms long and 1.5cms apart from each other.



5. Once you've cut, tie the two ends of each strip into a knot.



6. To seal any holes, by tying the second set of knots. This time by tying each strip with one of the strips next to them.



7. Then tie a double knot on each end to keep it secure.



8. Finally, flip it right side out!



**Here's Zaid's
Tee Tote
Bag! Great
work Zaid!**

Spinfield Puzzle Page!

Have a go at Mrs Baxter's and Miss Childs' trivia questions and school crossword —a point for every right answer! Good Luck! - answers on the last page

*Good
Luck!*

Q: On a common ladybird, what colour are its spots?

Q: What is the largest planet in our solar system?

Q: How many rings make up the Olympic rings?

Bonus points if you can name them...

Q: Who lives in a pineapple under the sea?

Q: What type of animal is Baloo in The Jungle Book?

Q: How many days are in a year?

Q: What is the fastest land animal?

Q: What colour are the Smurfs?

Q: How many sides does a triangle have?

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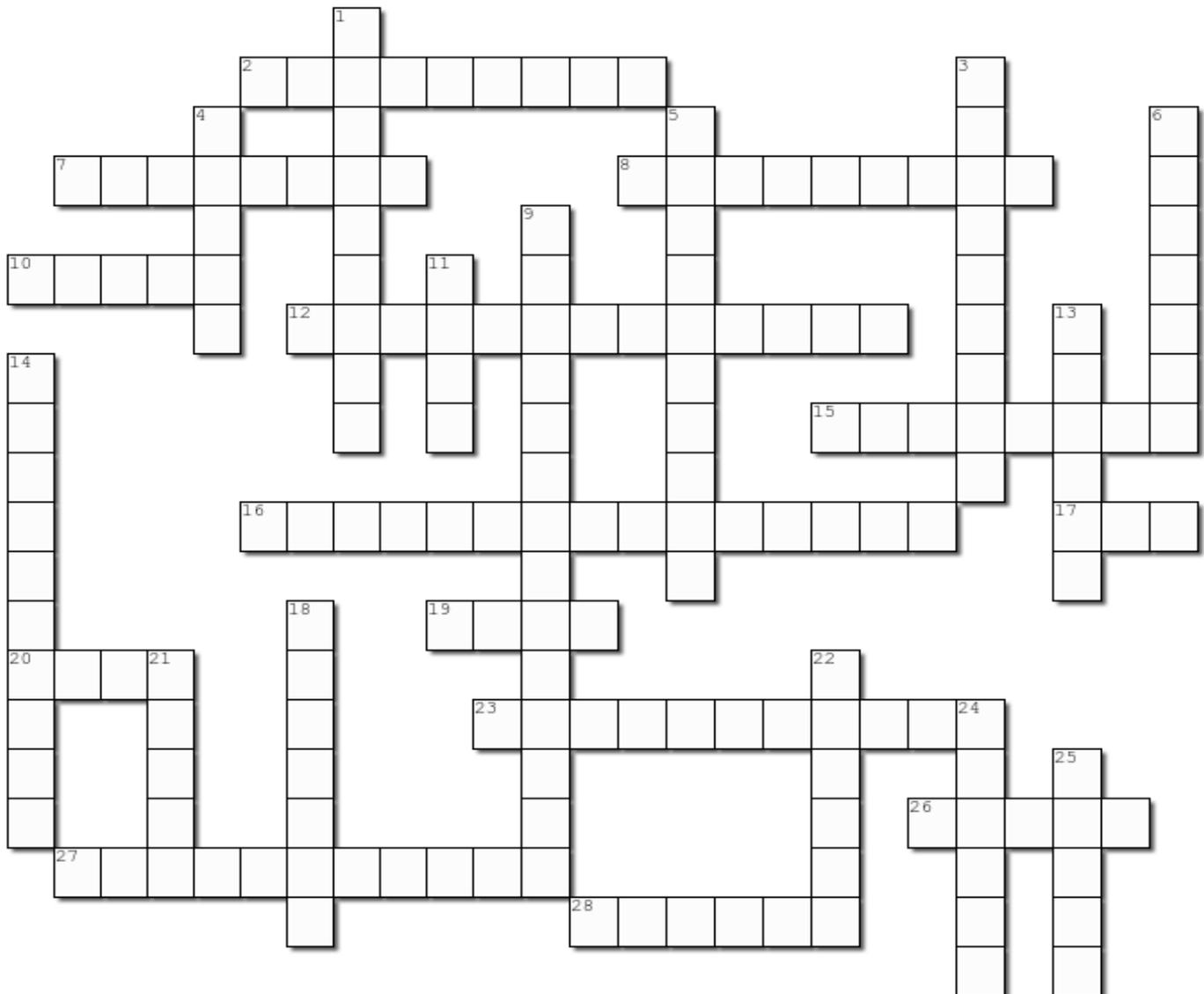
Q: Which movie features two characters called Simba and Mufasa?

Q: What does Paddington Bear keep underneath his hat in case of emergency?

Q: What's heavy when it goes forward but not when it goes backwards?

Name: _____

Complete the crossword puzzle below



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

2. What month did the school first open?
7. Our school logo is a?
8. What is the name of the walkway between KS1 & KS2
10. How many times does the bell ring for wet play
12. Name of the room adjacent to the hall?
15. School meets in the hall on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning for this?
16. Our school is in what county?
17. What house colour is Shelley?
19. What is our most recent Ofsted ranking?
20. What house colour is Tierney?
23. The teachers write on these in the classrooms?
26. What house colour is Hobart?
27. Around the field you find the?
28. What house colour is Eliot?

Down

1. Our school Name is?
3. Which member of staff lives on site?
4. How many year groups are there?
5. You sit in these and there are Seven of them in school?
6. He was a Poet who lived in West Street?
9. The school road name is?
11. The surname of our caretaker is?
13. He was a Marlow MP in 1628?
14. The surname of our Headteacher is?
18. He built the Suspension bridge?
21. He was a Poet whose house is now the The Old Post Office?
22. Our town name is?
24. What term are we in now?
25. We are linked with an international school in this Country

PA NEWS

- *We're excited that we hope (once all the funds are in!) to have raised over £5,000 from our Christmas fundraising activities. A massive thank you again to everyone who helped organise and support all our activities last term.*
- *Following this great result the School are currently obtaining quotes to make improvements to the KS1 Library and works are expected to commence in the next few months.*
- *We know how full everyone's hands are with the return to home-schooling so we're not currently planning any PA events until at least after half term. However do please get in touch if there's anything you'd like to organise after half term or in the Summer term.*

Finally, we really appreciate you continuing to help raise funds for our lovely School

through <http://www.easyfundraising.org> and [Amazon Smile](#).

If you need help signing up to either of these please let us know.



In addition to the wonderful cream teas that we enjoyed from our parent community a couple of weeks ago, the staff were surprised with a beautiful lunch from SUUM Kitchen on Thursday— This special treat was organised by our well being governor, Mrs Trainer. Huge thanks to everyone for thinking of us.

ONE CAN TRUST COLLECTION

Thursday 4th February 2021

This will be our first collection of 2021 and the Food Bank continues to need our help. In the week to 17.1.21 they supported 571 people in the local area compared to March 2020, when the average number of people they were supporting was 225 per week.

As we are in lockdown and school is closed to most children, it is important that we keep to the following timetable for dropping off donations. Please wear a mask and remember to social distance.

8.45 – 9.00am Key workers' children (only if they attend school that day)
9.00 – 9.45am A – G (by family surname)
9.45 – 10.30am H – M
10.30 – 11.15am N – S
11.15 – 12.00pm T – Z

Here is a list of the current items needed:

UHT milk

Tinned fruit

Tinned meat pies

Tinned potatoes

Rice (500g)

Healthy cereals (e.g. Weetabix and porridge)

Toilet Rolls

Cooking sauce (not tomato)

Jams and spreads (e.g. peanut butter and Marmite)

Sugar

Bars of soap & Deodorant

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Answers:

Q: On a common ladybug, what colour are its spots? **BLACK**

Q: What is the largest planet in our solar system? **JUPITER**

Q: How many rings make up the Olympic rings?

Bonus points if you can name them...

BLUE, YELLOW, BLACK, RED & GREEN

Q: Who lives in a pineapple under the sea?
SPONGEBOB SQUARE PANTS

Q: What type of animal is Baloo in The Jungle Book? **BEAR**

Q: How many days are in a year? **365**

Q: What is the fastest land animal? **CHEETAH**

Q: What colour are the Smurfs? **BLUE**

Q: How many sides does a triangle have? **THREE**

Q: Which superhero can climb up walls and buildings? **SPIDERMAN**

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TIGER

Q: In which football stadium do Manchester United play all their home matches? **OLD TRAFFORD**

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LION KING

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TERM DATES

Academic Year 2020-21

SPRING TERM 2021

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Friday 12th February 2021

Half term: 15 February – 19 February

Monday 22nd February 2021

Thursday 1st April 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19th April 2021

Friday 28th May 2021

Half term: 31 May – 4 June

Tuesday 8th June 2021

Wednesday 21st July 2021

Monday 7th June 2021 Staff Training Day

Academic Year 2021-22

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Thursday 21st October 2021

Half term: 25 October – 29 October

Monday 1st November 2021

Friday 17th December 2021

SPRING TERM 2022

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Friday 18th February 2022

Half term: 21 February – 25 February

Monday 28th February 2022

Friday 8th April 2022

SUMMER TERM 2022

Monday 25th April 2022

Friday 27th May 2022

Half term: 31 May – 3 June

Wednesday 8th June 2022

Thursday 21st July 2022

Wednesday 1st September 2021 Staff Training Day

Friday 22nd October 2021 Staff Training Day

Tuesday 4th January 2022 Staff Training Day

Monday 6th June 2022 Staff Training Day

Tuesday 7th June 2022 Staff Training Day

NB: School finishes at usual time for half-term, but the school day ends at 1.45 pm on the last day of each term.

PLEASE NOTE DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE