



Friday 20th May 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Dates for next week

Monday 23 rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS1 SATs and Teacher Assessments continue
Tuesday 24 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups of Reception children visiting Forest School • School journey meeting for Y6 and Y5 parents: 2.30pm • PE for Year 4 (swapped with Y3 for this week only) – Please can Year 4 children come to school in their PE kit
Wednesday 25 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexa's Year 1 Class Assembly: 2.40pm. All parents / carers of children in Alexa's class are warmly invited to attend • Year 3 class going out to see Matilda Please note, they will be returning at <u>6.00pm</u> • Groups of Nursery children visiting Forest School • Y5 taking part in a seven week science project at KAA secondary school
Thursday 26 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura's Year 1 Class Assembly: 2.40pm. All parents / carers of children in Alexa's class are warmly invited to attend • Y4 out to Peacock Theatre to see the Children's Ballet performance of 'Anne of Green Gables'- returning to school at <u>4.30pm</u> • PE for Year 3 (swapped with Y4 for this week only) – Please can Year 3 children come to school in their PE kit
Friday 27 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of school before Half Term • Jubilee Day at Avondale Park and St Anne's • Jubilee lunch! • Decorate a cake for the Jubilee!

Y3 and Y4 changes next week due to trips

P.E swapped:

Year 4 P.E on Tuesday

Year 3 P.E on Thursday

Year 4 trip: Anne of Green Gables

No longer required packed lunch having normal lunch at school earlier
Back late 4.30pm

Y4 Thursday Clubs cancelled

On Thursday, the Year 4 Times table club with Laura and Kay's support for success Year 4 Reading are both cancelled.

Year 3 Trip to Matilda

Y3 trip to see Matilda will be returning to school at 6.00pm on Wednesday.

Y2 SATS

Most children have now completed their SATs tests – there are just a few who have been absent who still need to catch up next week. We are so pleased with how well the children have approached the tests and assessments – they have shown a real determination to show off all that they can in Maths and Reading and we are really proud of them all. Congratulations to the Year 2 team and all the children- and to the parents for remaining calm and supportive!

Future important dates

May	
Sat 28 th May- Sun 5 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Half Term Holiday
June	
Mon 6 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y1 children taking part in Phonics screening check over this week• Y4 Multiplication check starting this week• Russell's Y6 Class visiting Into University
Tues 7 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mary and Tim's Class to The Royal Institution

Weds 8 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 Classes going to see 'Wicked' in the West End • Y4 Classes going to see The Lion King in the West End- Returning at 6.20pm
Monday 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 Multiplication Tables check in small groups (continued)
Tuesday 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Memorial Assembly in the Playground (weather permitting) for the 5th Anniversary of the Grenfell Fire- 9.30am
Weds 15 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 children leaving for School Journey to Marchants Hill • Y6 children not going to Marchants Hill – going to see performance of 'Wicked' in the West End
Fri 17 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 children return from Marchants Hill • Green for Grenfell Day at our schools. Children and staff will be asked to wear anything green to commemorate the 5th Anniversary of the Fire in Grenfell Tower
Mon 20 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment week 1 for Y1, Y3,Y4 and Y5 • Awareness Academy Workshops for all year groups • My Bank Workshops for Y6 children
Mon 27 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment week 2 for Y1, Y3,Y4 and Y5 • Awareness Academy Workshops for all year groups (cont.)
July	
Friday 1 st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Fair- 3.30-5.00pm
Thurs 7 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception Graduation- 2.00pm Parents of children in Reception are invited
Fri 8 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inset Day. School closed to children
Mon 11 th - Weds 13 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Evenings
Weds 13 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 Leavers Assembly for parents of children in Y6: 2.00pm
Mon 18 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports day for Nursery, Reception and KS1 children • My Bank Workshops for Y6
Tues 19 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports day for KS2
Weds 20 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's end of year parties in the afternoon
Thurs 21 st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of term for children
Fri 22 nd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inset (training) day for all staff
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P3 will be running a Playcentre here for 4 weeks over the holiday
Fri 22 nd July – 2 nd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School holidays for children
1 st and 2 nd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inset days for all staff
Mon 5 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children return to school for Autumn term 2022

Jubilee Day – Friday 27th May

This is the day that we shall celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The children will be learning about one of the seven decades that Queen Elizabeth has been our monarch and we will have a special Jubilee Lunch. Children and staff may wear red white and blue.

Bake a Cake for the Jubilee!



A reminder about our competition for our children to show off their baking skills.

Children may bake a cake/ cupcakes/biscuits/brownies (anything sweet and delicious) – all with the theme of the Jubilee. They may be Red, White and Blue, gold or silver, they might feature crowns, handbags, corgis or anything else that links them to the Queen.

We will be unable to taste each cake as part of the judging, and so the winner will be chosen based on the decoration. There will be a prize for the best in each class and also we will try to choose some winners from each phase as well.

Any entries should be brought in on Friday 27th May. No cake should contain nuts and if the cake is brought in in a container, please make sure it is named. If you are happy for the class to eat some or all of the cake in the afternoon, please ensure that you list all ingredients (as some of our children have allergies to some food groups). Otherwise we will send cakes home for you to enjoy.

News and Reminders

Leadership Team News!

Interviews were held this week for leadership roles for September. I am very pleased to announce that the two Deputy Headteachers will be: Jo Barclay and Mary Orr Deas and the three Assistant Headteachers will be Dionne Eastwood, Emma Kibble and Rebecca Quinnoy. Congratulations to them all!

Governors' Meeting

Report written by Zaila Rhodes (Governor)

We had a main governing body meeting on 18th May. It was the first time I had been back in school rather than on line and it was so lovely to see everyone again and feel how much energy and activity there is at Avondale and St Anne's. Ben McMullen joined us to help Katy give us an update on the proposed federation with Fox and his expertise and enthusiasm were evident. They were pleased to announce that recruitment for the roles of assistant and deputy heads had gone very well indeed and we were delighted by the outcome. Katy gave us a verbal head teacher report where one of the main concerns was re attendance which has been a significant issue since the Pandemic. This has a huge impact on children's learning and attainment - if children aren't in school every day they struggle far more academically. We have been welcoming Ukrainian families into school and pupils have been great at helping them settle in. Our staff have lots of experience with children with little spoken English and are well placed to help them adjust and learn.

We had updates from the Premises and Finance Committees as well as from our Safeguarding lead Sarah Melville. Cassie gave us an update on Avondale Extra and all the activities they have funded, including the School Journey - places are still available for our Year 6 children to take part in this fabulous residential trip that hasn't been able to happen over the last couple of years- we are looking forward to hearing all about it.

Consultation re changing the times of the school day

This consultation is now closed. Ben McMullen will be looking at the responses and providing feedback in this letter.

News from the schools

St Anne's Nursery

As our exploration of bugs and insects continues, the children in the Willow room have been learning about the world of bees, the lifecycle and the different types of bees. As a result of this they have produced a wonderful 3D display for the classroom which has really captured the children's imaginations and inspired them to do lots of independent drawing and discussion around their new knowledge. Along with this the children continue to find fun and insight in all their learning.

Avondale Park School

Reception

To celebrate the end of our 'Dinosaur Detectives' project, Reception children acted as tour guides and showed their parents round their very own dinosaur museum, showing off all that they had learnt and achieved, as well as all their creativity linked to dinosaurs.



Year 4

On Monday, Emma's Year 4 explored Holland Park at the Ecology Centre looking at habitats. We explored two habitats, pond and woodland, and the animals and plants that live there. We went on a minibeast hunt in the woods and after classified mostly invertebrates into groups, whilst identifying them. We also went pond dipping, where we looked at creatures that live in water.





Stars of the Week



Class	Name
Nursery	Well Done Elm Class , you have enjoyed learning about Bees and have shared some interesting facts and created beautiful art work linked to the project. Well Done, keep up all of the hard work.
Karman's Reception	WHOLE CLASS for being wonderful guides and for all the work you have all done to help make the dinosaur museum a success! Well done!
Kripali's Reception	WHOLE CLASS for working so hard and creating magnificent work for our dinosaur museum! You were such great museum guides and you've made all of the adults feel very proud – well done!
Laura's Y1	ORSON for consistently being a wonderful role model in the class. You are so engaged in every lesson and are always ready to answer challenging questions. No matter what others are doing, you are kind and excellently behaved at all times. What a superstar!
Alexa's Y1	ARLONIS for excellent participation during our Geography lessons this week. You have shown a good understanding and shared your ideas confidently and clearly.
Katie's Y2	WHOLE CLASS for your incredible focus and determination during our SATs fortnight. You are all super stars!
Phoebe's Y2	WHOLE CLASS for their fantastic hard work over the last two weeks with their SATs. We are so proud of their positive attitude and effort. Well done Year 2!
Pippa's Y3	LIBAN for your impressive writing in English, and your positive learning attitude in all of our lessons. Well done Liban!
Joy's Y3	MALIK he always comes to class with a new fact that he has learnt and wants to share with us. Your enthusiasm and passion for learning inspires me

	and others in your class. Keep learning and sharing your creative ideas with your friends!
Emma's Y4	WHOLE CLASS for being superstars on their first trip of the school year. They impressed us at Holland Park Ecology Centre, being amazing representatives of our school. Well done!
Nana's Y4	WHOLE CLASS for a fun and factual day at the Ecology Centre! Thank you for making our first trip together so pleasurable!
Francesca's Y5	IMAD for writing creatively and independently during English this week. You have thought carefully about incorporating exciting vocabulary and your learning has been a pleasure to read- keep it up Imad!
Becky's Y5	NADIR for full embodying the character of The Highwayman in our English Hot Seating lesson. You brought The Highwayman to life in an insightful and highly entertaining manner.
Russell's Y6	MANJA for working really hard on improving your writing. You were focused and determined to do your best!
Tim & Mary's Y6	EMAN for settling into our class so brilliantly. Your calm, friendly, focussed attitude is brilliant to see! We are delighted to have you in our class.

Many congratulations to all our stars of the week!

Attendance

Thank you to those parents who have made every effort this week for their children to be in school on time every day. Attendance is showing improvement so please keep it up next week.

The classes each Key Stage with the best attendance for last week were:

KS1: Kripali's Reception Class : **96.3%%**

KS2: Russell's Y6 Class: **99.2%%**

Congratulations to our winning classes.

The overall attendanceshowed improvement – at 93.9% so keep it up please!

Community News

Health

We have been asked to share the following information:

Increase in Hepatitis (liver inflammation) Cases in Children in England under Investigation

UKHSA continues to investigate a rise in cases of sudden onset hepatitis (liver inflammation) in children, with data and findings on cases resident in England. Information gathered through the investigations increasingly suggests that the rise in severe cases of hepatitis may be linked to adenovirus infection, but other causes are still being actively investigated.

Parents and guardians should be alert to the signs of hepatitis (including jaundice) and to contact a healthcare professional if they are concerned. Normal hygiene measures such as thorough handwashing (including supervising children) and good thorough respiratory hygiene, help to reduce the spread of many common infections. An information leaflet for parents is attached below:



Increase in acute
hepatitis cases in child

Children experiencing symptoms of a gastrointestinal infection including vomiting and diarrhoea should stay at home and not return to school or nursery until 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped.

Grenfell update

Grenfell Tower
Memorial Commission

‘Remembering Grenfell – our journey so far’ – Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission report

In its report, published on Monday 16 May, the Memorial Commission shares the ideas it has heard so far on what a future memorial could look like. The views of more than 2,000 people are reflected in the report.

The report is a significant step towards a memorial to all those who lost their lives in the Grenfell Tower tragedy. The Memorial Commission will be continuing to have

conversations with bereaved families, survivors and the community so that their views on a memorial are heard.

Read more at www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/report

To contact the Memorial Commission:

- Visit www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/contact, or scan the QR code below and click the 'contact' tab
- Email GTMCSecretariat@levellingup.gov.uk
- Call [0303 444 4831](tel:03034444831)

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And finally...

Wishing you a happy weekend.

Best wishes,
Katy Blackler

