



Hughenden Primary School

Working together, Empowering Lives, Enriching Minds

Newsletter – October 2023
SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Parents,

It was lovely joining together last week to celebrate Harvest Festival; all the pupils sang beautifully and those who had speaking parts, read clearly for all to hear. Donations for the One Can Trust will remain open until Friday – thank you for those who have donated.

As you are aware, we are working collaboratively with the SENDCO team from Great Kingshill School both working remotely and on-site. The role of the SENDCO is to work alongside the class teachers to ensure appropriate provision is in place to ensure all children learn. Over the next few weeks, if your child has SEND needs, we will be contacting you to see if you need any further guidance or if you have any questions or queries about the provision for your child. In the meantime, if you need support before this then please contact your class teacher or myself, either face-to face or via Class Dojo or email.

Mrs Messenger is running the Phonic workshop in school on Wednesday evening from 5:30pm – this is suitable for parents of children in Foundation and Year 1. Our first 'Coffee and Chat' is taking place on Thursday morning; all are welcome including younger siblings.

We are running our first opening morning for prospective parents on Thursday 12th October from 9:30am. This is an opportunity for us to showcase the school for pupils who will be starting school in September 2024 – please share the date and our contact details.

To help share and promote the good work we do, we are pleased to announce that we have a Facebook Page – the address link is:

[Hughenden Primary School Facebook Page](#)

Please 'Like' the page and do share with local friends and family.

I want to remind parents of year 6 pupils that the portal for applying for secondary school is open until 31st October; please ensure that you complete your application before the deadline.

And finally, we have some good news to share that Mrs Messenger is expecting her first child and the baby will be due to arrive in early Spring 2024. This is wonderful news and we, as a school community, send well wishes to both her and her husband.

Kind regards,
Katherine Mann

Attendance

Why is it important for children not to miss school?

We know that as parents, you want the best for your child and for them to get on well in life. Having a good education is important to ensure that they have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school, and your child's future may be affected by not attending school regularly.

If they do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with school work. In a busy school day, it is difficult for schools to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- Miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up.

Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, from nursery through primary school, will also help your child later on in their life. Children who have a poor school attendance record may have less chance of securing a job when they are adults.

Attending school every day = 100% attendance
Attending 4½ days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year
Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year.

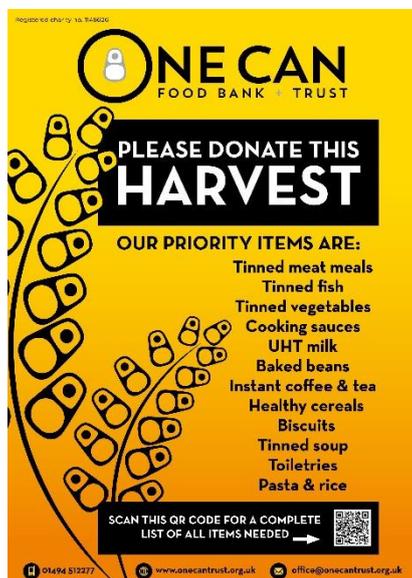
An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.

Punctuality is just as important. Make every minute count!

Being late for school reduces learning time. If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year. If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

Why is punctuality so important?

Being on time is vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, their teacher and the other children in the class. It is important that children understand the importance of time keeping and being organised. There may be times when you are finding it difficult to ensure that your child attends school regularly. If this is the case, it is important to talk to us as soon as possible.



The One Can Trust

The One Can Trust held an assembly in school on the 18th September as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations.

As part of our Harvest Festival we are accepting donations on behalf of the One Can Trust. The One Can Trust Foodbank helps local people, giving out food aid to adults and children across High Wycombe and South Bucks.

In some areas of Buckinghamshire 1 in 3 children live in poverty. Providing food to those who find themselves in times of crisis brings hope and relieves pressure on other services. Please could you hand in all donations by **Friday 6th October**.

Their current needs are mentioned on their website, click here: <https://onecantrust.org.uk>

Class Dojo

All families should now be connected to their new classes. If you haven't received an invite to be added to your child's new class, please email the school office to request this. It is important to make sure you have the most up-to-date version of the App to ensure you receive all notifications.



Children in Need

Friday 17th November 2023 – save the date, more details to follow separately.

Data Collection Sheet

We have sent home your child's Data Collection Sheet for checking and/or amending and would be grateful if you can make any necessary changes ensuring all contact information; phone numbers and email addresses are correct. Please return this to the school office as soon as possible.

If there are no changes, please simply sign, date and return and we'll know the information we hold on file is still current.

GDPR

Thank you to everyone that has completed and returned their GDPR form. If you haven't done this, we ask you to do this by Friday 6th October. Forms are available from the school office if needed.

Road Safety & School Travel Plan

Mondays and Fridays, we will continue with the crocodile trail. As parents please can you reinforce the importance of wearing seatbelts as this is a legal requirement to keep children safe, the importance of crossing the road safely and using the crossing patroller.

Permission to walk home

If you have given permission for your KS2 child to walk home please note this does not apply to the after-school clubs. We will need parents to email to give consent as there is no crossing patroller with night's drawing in and getting darker earlier.



Collection times and arrangements

We wanted to email with an important message about informing school of changes to collection arrangements to ensure we receive your message in time and to give you the reassurance it's been received and communicated to class.

For any change to collections, please ensure you email office@hughendenprimary.co.uk before 2.30pm. Any notifications after this point, must be followed up with a phone call to the school office.

We have noticed a handful of children who are consistently late in being collected, sometimes as long as 30-40 minutes which is impacting on staff. We are monitoring this and will speak to the individuals should it continue. We fully appreciate the local roadworks aren't helping this situation and also understand that emergencies arise sometimes with no prior warning. It maybe you are doing a secondary school run first and collecting from Hughenden last.

However, this can't continue and we would ask, where ever possible, to make arrangements for a friend or family member to collect your child/ren on your behalf if you can't get here on time, putting a password in place for adults we haven't met before. If this isn't possible, consider booking into ASC making sure you have registered ahead of time. The online booking facility will quickly advise you if there are spaces available. Here is a reminder of the collection times which we ask you to respect.

Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2: 3.10pm

Hoppers preschool: 3.15pm

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6: 3.20pm

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Parent Pay, School Grid and Hot School Meals

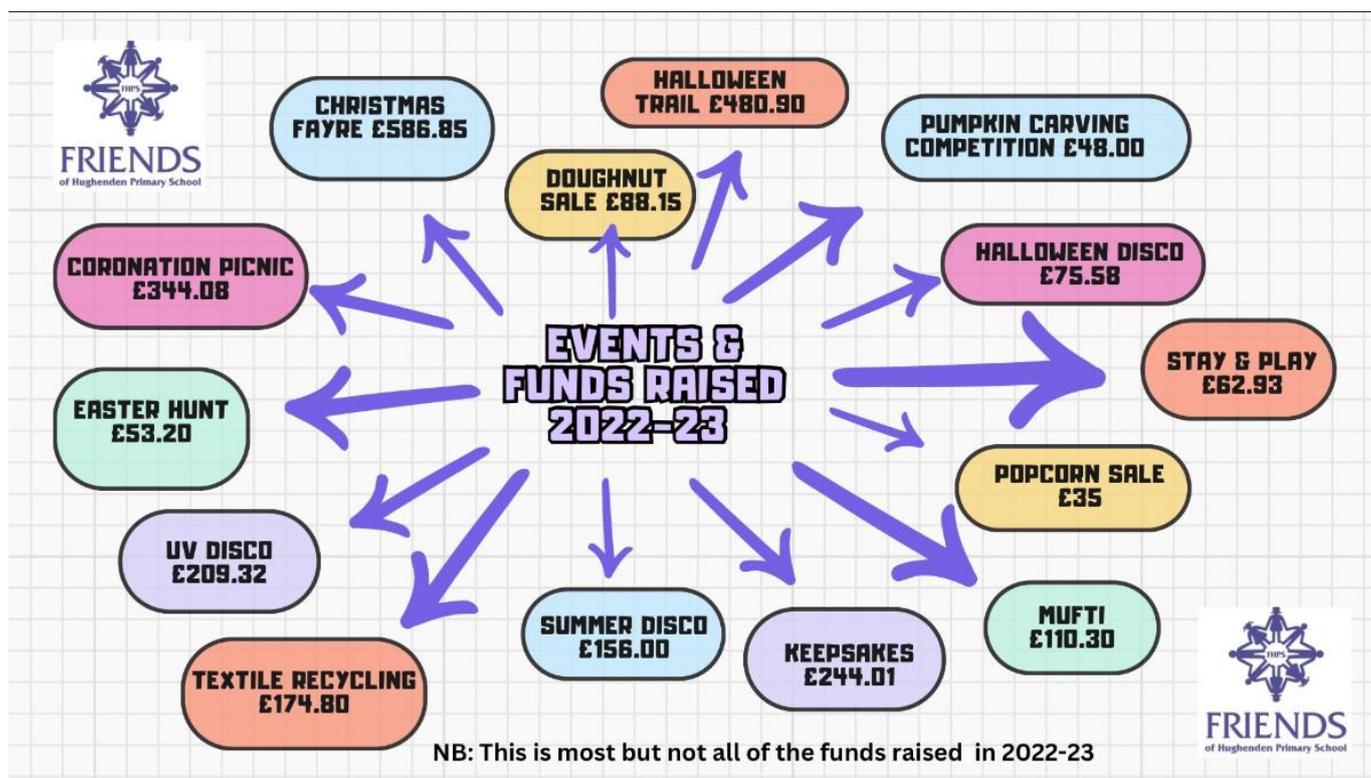
There has been some confusion over which platform cater for which service apologies for any confusion. I'm unable to archive the hot lunch payment on Parent Pay but have annotated NOT IN USE. To clarify:

Hot lunches - for all payments related to hot lunches, please log in to your Schoolgrid account. Alternatively, you can call Dolce Customer Services to make a payment over the phone – the number to call is 01942 707709.

School Trips - for school trips over the value of £10, we offer parents the facility to pay online using Parent Pay. The reason for this is because we get charged a transaction fee per item and it needs to remain cost effective for us.

Friends Fundraising Update

Below is a precis of how much each event has raised – with 14 separate events, this wouldn't have happened without the help and dedication of our committee and volunteers. Please do all you can to help, however small.



Please see below the dates for the Friends Open PTFA Meetings for this year.

<u>Autumn Term:</u>	<u>Spring Term:</u>	<u>Summer Term</u>
AGM 3rd October 7:30pm @ School 2nd November 7:30pm @ School	11th January 7:30pm @ School 7th March 7:30pm @ School	25th April 7:30pm @ School 13th June 7:30pm @ School

School Immunisation Update July 2023

MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella) & Pre-School Booster

You may be aware that we have had several cases of measles in Bucks over the past few weeks. Cases of measles continue to rise across England in those that are not fully vaccinated. All three diseases can be very serious and are highly infectious.

Please ensure your child has received 2 doses of the Combined MMR vaccine since their first birthday. The vaccine is routinely given at 1 year and approximately 3 years 4 months in the UK, usually at the same time as their pre-school booster. This information can be found in your child's Red Book or from your GP.

If you believe your child still requires their MMR and/or pre-school booster vaccination, please either contact your GP or the School Immunisation Team to make an appointment for vaccination.

Any queries regarding school age vaccinations please contact us:
The School Immunisation Team
Telephone: 01494 323000
Email: buc-tr.BucksChildImms@nhs.net

Flu Vaccination Programme Autumn Term 2023

Once again, the School Immunisation Team will be visiting your child's school in the Autumn term to administer the flu vaccine.

Please keep an eye out for the online consent form which will be sent to you via your child's school as part of an email approximately 1 month prior to vaccination session.

We request that you complete a consent form whether you wish your child to have the vaccine or not stating a YES or NO consent.

Check your child's MMR status!

Helpful Links:

[The complete routine immunisation schedule from February 2020 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - A-Z \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

[MMR for all: general guide - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The Oxford Knowledge Project

is a very helpful, independent source of information for all vaccines. It also contains a language translation facility (top right of the site home page).
[Home | Vaccine Knowledge](#)



Upcoming Holiday Camps

NEW for 2023



SPRINGBUCKS
GYMNASTICS CLUB

At Hazlemere Youth Centre (HP15 7UB):

Tues 24th and Wed 25th
October

Wed 20th and Thurs 21st
December

Open to children of all abilities &
experience aged 4-12 years

Timings: Mornings 9am - 12 noon (£16)
Lunch Club 12 - 1pm (£3)
Afternoons 1pm - 4pm (£16)
Full day 9am - 4pm (£35)



At Court Garden Leisure Centre (SL7 2AE):

Thurs 26th October

Thurs 21st and Fri 22nd
December

Book in today at
www.springbucks.co.uk

friends at play

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you and your children have enjoyed the first few weeks back at school and everyone is now feeling settled and back into their routine.

I wanted to write to you to share important information about the club.

Firstly, I would like to thank all those children who have been using the club so far, I have very much enjoyed getting to know your children and spending time creating a play-based learning environment for them to thrive in. The feedback we have received so far has been very positive from both parents and children.

Below I have shared a few pictures to give you some idea as to what your children have been busy getting up to whilst in our care.



Whilst we have had such nice weather the children have really enjoyed getting outside and playing on the field.

Some of the new toys/equipment have gone down very well, sand and playdough are a big hit with all age groups!

The children have been really enjoying the variety of food on offer at snack times, these snacks consist of the following.

- Croissants
- Wraps
- Crackers
- Toast
- Sandwiches
- Crumpets
- Pancakes

The children are also given some fruit and a biscuit as they arrive at the club.

I am aware that parents have been used to using a booking system in the past to confirm their child's attendance at the club. On reflection of the last two weeks and having gained a better understanding of how parents use the club I have taken the decision to move my bookings to an online portal.

Hopefully this will make booking a place for your child much easier as you will be able to log in and manage your own bookings. Parents will also be able to see how many spaces are left each day, if no spaces are available your child will be put onto a waiting list, if the club receives any cancellations the first person on the waiting list will be allocated a place, you will receive confirmation of this via email.

To start using the booking system please click on the link below to register. I would like parents to start using the booking system straight away.

[Schedule for Friends at Play \(supersaas.com\)](http://supersaas.com)

Please be aware that club spaces are filling up! In particular on a Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon, this may mean we are unable to accommodate last minute ad hoc bookings. I am in the process of trying to recruit more staff to allow us to increase our club places. Please beware with me during this transition phase.

Finally, we will be running a holiday club over half term from 23rd-27th October 8am - 5pm.

Places for this can be booked through our online booking system.

If you have any issues when using the booking system, please let me know.

I look forward to continuing to get to know all your children and building upon the foundations we have created at the club.

All feedback is very much welcomed, please feel free to get in touch at all times.

Kind regards

Florrie and the Team

florrie@email.com

Florrie personal number 07725400974

Club number for drop offs and collections 07477116720

friends at play



October Half Term Holiday Day

Based at Hughenden Primary School
HP14 4LR

Available to all children ages 3 to 11

Full Session: 8 AM – 5 PM
School Session: 8:30 AM – 3 PM

Opening Dates:
23/10/23 – 27/10/23

£34 for a full day or £30 for a school day
*10% Sibling discount if booking more than one session.

Breakfast and Snacks will be provided.
Please bring a packed lunch and water bottle along with you.
*Dietary Needs can be catered for. Please state on booking.

Activities to Include:
Arts & Crafts, Cookery, Film Club, Team Games & Free Play.

We are always led by the children's interests.

To book your place please tick on the below link and sign up to our online booking system.

[Schedule for Friends at Play \(supersaas.com\)](https://www.supersaas.com)

OUR AWARD-NOMINATED HOLIDAY CAMPS ARE BACK!

9am Drop Off (£4) - 4pm Pick Up (£4.50)
25% Sibling Discount At All Camps - Indoor/Outdoor Facilities Available
*Early Bird Offer Ends Monday 16th of October

<p>LIONESSES FOOTBALL CAMP!</p> <p>24TH-26TH OCT @ MAGNOLIA PARK, HUGHENDEN, HP14 4LA.</p> <p>£50 FOR 3 DAYS (EARLY BIRD OFFER) £60 FOR 3 DAYS (AFTER EARLY BIRD) £22 PER DAY</p> <p>SCAN ME </p>	<p>BRAND NEW AYLESBURY MULTI-SPORTS CAMP!</p> <p>24TH-26TH OCT @ BROUGHTON JUNIOR SCHOOL, HP20 1NC.</p> <p>£50 FOR 3 DAYS (EARLY BIRD OFFER) £60 FOR 3 DAYS (AFTER EARLY BIRD) £22 PER DAY</p> <p>SCAN ME </p>	<p>LONGWICK FOOTBALL CAMP!</p> <p>23RD-27TH OCT @ LONGWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL, HP27 9SJ.</p> <p>£88 FOR 5 DAYS (EARLY BIRD OFFER) £95 FOR 5 DAYS (AFTER EARLY BIRD) £22 PER DAY</p> <p>SCAN ME </p>	<p>MULTI-SPORTS CAMP AT GREAT KIMBLE!</p> <p>23RD-27TH OCT @ GREAT KIMBLE COFE SCHOOL, HP17 9TH.</p> <p>£88 FOR 5 DAYS (EARLY BIRD OFFER) £95 FOR 5 DAYS (AFTER EARLY BIRD) £22 PER DAY</p> <p>SCAN ME </p>
--	---	--	--

BOOK NOW | 07878988550 | contact@jrsportsgroup.com
www.jrsportsgroup.com/holiday-camps

WYCOMBE MUSEUM

OCTOBER HALF TERM

22nd - 29th October

Pumpkin Hunt Trail

Available daily except Monday & Saturday • 10am - 4pm • £3 per child
Hunt for pumpkins and solve our puzzle for a prize!
Book online or drop in.

Seasonal activity trail • Best for ages 3-11

24th & 25th October, Tuesday & Wednesday

Discover & Make: Clay Creations

Starts 10.30am • £4.50 per child
Design your own coins in clay as you learn about money through the ages.

Crafts • For ages 3-11

29th October, Sunday

Halloween Ghost Hunt

Starts 2pm • £6.50 per child
Come dressed to scare & join in with ghoulish games and creepy crafts in this after-dark experience.

Family fun day • Best for ages 4 - 11

01494 957110
info@wycombemuseum.org
www.wycombemuseum.org.uk

@WycombeMuseum
@WycombeMuseum
@WycombeMuseum

For adults
For children
For all

Scan me to book

BRAND NEW LOCATION

Let Me Play

FUN | INCLUSIVE | EDUCATIONAL

OCTOBER FUN WEEK

MULTI SPORTS, PERFORMING ARTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, NERF WARS, SWIMMING, CLIP 'N' CLIMB
LASER TAG, BOUNCY CASTLE, ESPORTS, LEGO BUILDING & MORE!

Open between Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Wycombe Leisure Centre
Handy Cross, High Wycombe HP11 1UP
9.00am – 4.00pm
Early drop off from 8am, late pick-up until 5pm

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 (SCHOOL YEAR 1) - 12
FROM £20 PER DAY!
YOUR CHILD'S FIRST DAY IS FREE!
25% sibling discount available - please see website for details.

We accept Childcare Vouchers, Tax-Free Childcare & we are OFSTED registered!
Please bring: Lunch, Snacks, Waterproof Clothing & A Refillable Drinks Bottle.

For more information,
call 01344 508008 or email letmeplay@play-sport.co.uk
Book online: www.letmeplay.uk

[f @LetMePlayUK](https://www.facebook.com/LetMePlayUK) | [i @LetMePlay_UK](https://www.instagram.com/LetMePlay_UK) | [t @Let_Me_Play_UK](https://www.tiktok.com/@Let_Me_Play_UK)

We have amended the jewellery section of our Uniform Policy slightly, please see below

School Uniform

Our uniform supplier is Ultimate Incentives, based locally in Great Kingshill, Bucks. Our school uniform has been chosen for comfort and practicality.



Hughenden Hoppers Preschool

White or pale blue polo shirt
Preschool logo cardigan or sweatshirt – or plain green which is widely available
Preschool logo book bag

Hughenden Primary School

KS1 (Foundation - Year 2)

Pale blue polo shirt
School logo sweatshirt or cardigan
Grey skirt or grey pinafore dress or smart grey trousers
Checked blue/white dresses during the Summer Term - optional
White or navy socks, grey or black tights
Headscarves can be worn for religious reasons in plain blue or grey.

Whilst it is desirable for children to wear the logo uniform, we accept this may not be affordable to all our families. As such, children can wear a plain navy sweatshirt or cardigan which is available widely.

Our PTA have a selection of 2nd hand uniform available, please email them on

friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com

KS2 (Years 3-6)

White shirt (long or short sleeved)
School tie
Navy blue V-neck jumper with the school logo
Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
White, grey, navy or black socks
Blue/white checked dress in the Summer
Headscarves can be worn for religious reasons in plain blue or grey.

Whilst it is desirable for children to wear the logo uniform, we accept this may not be affordable to all our families. A plain navy sweatshirt or cardigan available widely. Our PTA have a selection of 2nd hand uniform available, please email them on friends.hughendenprimary@gmail.com

All Children: these items are essential please

Sensible shoes – black
Wellington boots
Trainers or plimsolls and socks
Named drawstring PE Bag
Navy tracksuit, top and bottoms, navy shorts, white t-shirt, PE socks
School book bag with logo (for preschool, Foundation and KS1 only)
Drinking bottle for water and lunchbox for KS2 Children if not taking a hot lunch

ALL ITEMS MUST BE LABELLED AND NAMED PLEASE

Long hair should be tied back neatly away from the face. No extreme hairstyles or hair gel is permitted. Any hair accessories should be in school colours. Nail varnish is not permitted.

Jewellery The only jewellery which may be worn to school is:

- A watch
- Plain round ear-studs (gold/silver or clear) if a child has pierced ears (one set only).
- Religious jewellery e.g. cross on a plain chain (tucked inside the shirt) or a Kara (Sikh) bangle.

For safety reasons, jewellery is to either be removed or covered (masking tape/ sweatband) during PE



Here is the complete list of Term Dates and inset days for the 2023/2024 term



2023 – 2024 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2023

Tuesday 5th September – Thursday 19th October – Autumn 1

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October – Half Term

Monday 30th October – Tuesday 19th December (1:30pm finish) - Autumn 2

Wednesday 20th December – Wednesday 3rd January – Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 2024

Thursday 4th January – Friday 9th February – Spring 1

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February – Half Term

Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March (1:30pm finish) – Spring 2

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April – Easter Holiday

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April – Thursday 23rd May – Summer 1

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – Half Term

Monday 3rd June – Tuesday 23rd July (1:30pm finish) – Summer 2

Wednesday 24th July – Summer Holiday

INSET Days – School Closed for all pupils

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Friday 24th May 2024

Friday 5th July 2024

DIARY DATES 2023

29 th September 2023	PTA Quiz - cancelled
October 2023	Black History Month
3 rd October 2023	Friends AGM, 7.30pm in the Year 3 classroom – ALL WELCOME
4 th October 2023	Parents Phonics Workshop
10 th October 2023	Bikeability year 3 & 4 World Mental Health Day
11 th October 2023	Open Classrooms 3.30-4pm
12 th October 2023	Open Day to prospective parents 9.30am
w/c 16 th October 2023	PTA Halloween Disco – date/details to be confirmed
20 th October 2023	INSET DAY – school closed to children
23 rd -27 th October 2023	HALF TERM Friends at Play Holiday Camp – book online: Student Login (supersaas.com)
2 nd November 2023	Friends PTFA Meeting, 7.30pm at school
6 th November 2023	Remembrance Assembly Year 5 Anglo Saxon Day Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm – book on eSchools from 3/10/23
8 th November 2023	Parents Evening – 4.30-7.30pm – book on eSchools from 3/10/23
9 th November 2023	Open Day to prospective parents, 9.30am
10 th November 2023	Diwali Mufti Day – PTA led
w/c 13 th November 2023	Anti-Bullying Week
17 th November 2023	Children in Need – more details to follow
w/c 20 th November 2023	Road Safety Week – more details to follow
5 th December 2023	KS1 Nativity – AM – times to be confirmed
6 th December 2023	KS1 Nativity – PM – times to be confirmed Trenchard Museum Year 6 trip - 9am – 3pm
13 th December 2023	School Fayre
15 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day – 50p donation towards Save the Children Christmas Lunch – pre-order through Schoolgrid Christmas Carols 2.15pm
18 th December 2023	PTA Disco – TBC + Mufti
9 th January 2024	Open Day to prospective parents, 9.30am
11 th January 2024	Friends PTFA Meeting, 7.30pm at school
28 th February 2024	Woodrow Year 5 - 28 TH - 1 ST March 2024
7 th March 2024	Friends PTFA Meeting, 7.30pm at school
11th-15 th March 2024	Year 6 Residential Norfolk Lakes
25 th April 2024	Friends PTFA Meeting, 7.30pm at school
13 th June 2024	Friends PTFA Meeting, 7.30pm at school
24 th -28 th June 2024	Travelling Book Fayre
29 th June 2024	Village Day – rescheduled date from 2023