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Dear Families,

**Happy New Year! Welcome Back...** I hope you had a good break, we look forward to a New Year and a new term! Our spring term is shorter than usual this year due to the dates for Easter. Please do make sure you have term dates in your diaries, they are published on our website plus also on the last pages of every newsletter. We always publish our term dates well in advance to support families with making future plans!



**Ofsted Report...** Yesterday, a copy of our recent Ofsted report was sent home to all families to read. If you didn't receive it, please contact the school office.

**The Big Ambition...** The Children's Commissioner is running a national survey for children to share their views, it is open until 19th January. If you can, please visit the site and support your child to have their say!  
[https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the\\_big\\_ambition/](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/)



**Dining Hall...** Work on our dining hall continues and we look forward to be able to use this new space as soon as we are able. Since the end of last term internal painting has taken place, doors fitted, further deliveries of key parts have arrived as well as internal wiring and solar panels being fitted to the roof. The kitchen is scheduled to be installed from next week. I will know more about the completion date in the next few weeks. I will write to families when I have more information!



**Finally, Learning Adventure 2024...** One of the highlights of our year is our main learning adventure which invites families to come and share in the results. Our learning adventure will take place this half term and will focus on the theme of sustainability and climate change. Families will be able to join the adventure on Friday 9th February; I will be writing to families with all the details shortly. This year we are trying something new! More details to follow...

With best wishes,  
**Mr. James Simmons**  
Headteacher



## Breakfast Club...

Our breakfast club is now run by [SchoolFriend Clubs](https://www.schoolfriendclub.com/); this is the same company who have run our after school club provision for many years.

If you want your child to access breakfast from January, you will need to book a place by 8pm the night before.



To read more about SchoolFriendClubs, please visit their website using this link...

<https://www.schoolfriendclub.com/>

**To book a place** for your child/children in Breakfast Club, you need to first register with the company through their website. Once registered, you can then book places for the days that you need. You will need to book by 8pm the day before you need a space AND you **MUST** pay for provision IN ADVANCE.

**To register and book a place at Breakfast Club, please use the following link...**

<https://www.schoolfriendclubbookings.com/>

If you have any issues, please contact SchoolFriendClub directly rather than our school office as we do not have access to their booking system. You can contact them in the following ways:

**Telephone: 0333 355 7374**

**Email: [office@schoolfriendclub.com](mailto:office@schoolfriendclub.com)**



***To snow or  
not to  
snow, that  
is the  
question?***

*January always brings speculation of potential snowfall! It is always our intention to remain open; closing the school is always a last resort and only happens to secure the safety of children and staff.*

*We do have a number of staff who travel from further distances and being a school on a hill can make accessing and using our site more challenging than other schools.*

*The decision to close is never taken lightly and is always made by the Headteacher in discussion with the Chair of Governors.*

*Should we need to close the school for any reason we would inform families through our text message system. We aim to make decisions at the earliest opportunity.*

*Please make sure we have your up to date contact phone numbers and email addresses on our system; do let us know any changes.*



**It's Good To Be Green...**

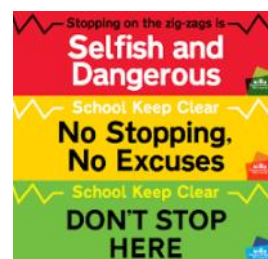
**Don't forget we have a recycling station for batteries in our entrance reception area! Please send them into us rather than putting them in the ordinary bin! Every little bit of recycling helps!**

## Parking Reminders:

Coniston Gardens & Kingsbury Road Remember that **cars should not be stopping or parking on the zig-zag lines** for the safety of our children; nor should they be blocking residents driveways to help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.

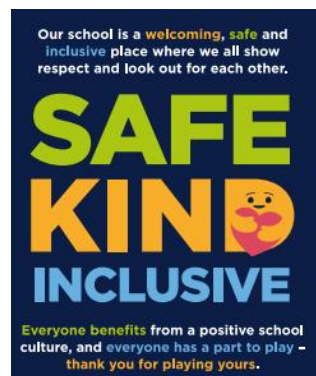
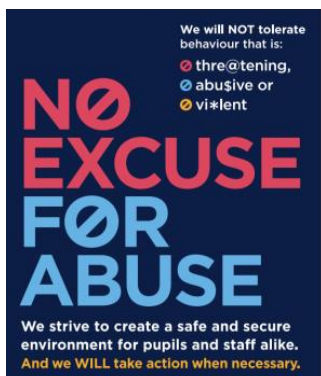
- Cars should **NOT STOP or PARK** on the yellow zig-zag lines **BETWEEN THE TIMES SHOWN**
- Cars should **NOT** be blocking residents' driveways to help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.
- Cars should **NOT** be performing dangerous manoeuvres such as three point turns outside the main gate of the school or end up driving onto the pavement.
- Cars should **NOT** be parked in Holy Innocents Church car park on Kingsbury Road; it is their **PRIVATE PROPERTY AND NOT A PUBLIC CAR PARK**.
- Cars should **NOT** be parking in the disabled bar marked along Coniston Gardens.
- Finally, please switch off your car engine if you are waiting around the school area to help reduce emissions in our local area.

If you do see a vehicle obstructing the pavement, stopped or parked on the yellow lines or blocking a neighbour's driveway, contact **Brent's Parking Enforcement Team 020 8937 4972**.



**Please remember that the school car park and Holy Innocents Church car park SHOULD NOT be used by parents or family members when dropping children off or picking them up.**

**The school car park SHOULD NOT be used by parents or family members when dropping off or picking up children to or from the Breakfast Club or the After School Club.**



## PE Days

Children have TWO PE lessons each week. On the days that children have PE they should wear their PE kit TO SCHOOL rather than their school uniform.

Our School PE kits is as follows;

- Grey or black shorts or grey or black track suit bottoms
- Plain white t-shirt (no logos or designs)
- School jumper or cardigan
- Trainers suitable for being active (these can be any colour)

Here are PE days for Spring Term 2024 - We do our very best to keep to these days, if it needs to change for any reason, we will text families to let you know.

Year Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1M	PE Day				PE Day
1N	PE Day		PE Day		
2B	PE Day				PE Day
2P			PE Day		PE Day
3AV	PE Day				PE Day
3C				PE Day	PE Day
4H	PE Day				PE Day
4L	PE Day				PE Day
5B	PE Day			PE Day	
5R	PE Day			PE Day	
6D		PE Day		PE Day	
6S		PE Day		PE Day	



## Key Dates for the Autumn Term Ahead...

**Please Note - Some dates may change, we will update families with any changes.**

## Key Dates for the Spring Term 2024...

### **Spring Term Part 1**

- Tues 9th Jan: Back to school - gates open at 8.35am as usual
- Mon 15th Jan: OGPS Maths Week Begins!
- Mon 15th Jan: Extra Curricular Clubs begin today
- Fri 26th Jan: Be Bright, Be Seen Day!
- Mon 5th Feb: Spring Learning Adventure Week - "OG Sustainability Champions"
- Tues 6th Feb: Safer Internet Day
- Fri 9th Feb: Learning Adventure Family Visits - more info to come!
- Fri 9th Feb: Break up for half term at 3.15pm

### **Spring Term Part 2**

- Mon 19th Feb: Back to school - gates open at 8.35am as usual
- Weds 6th March: Parents' Evening 1
- Thurs 7th March: Parents' Evening 2
- Fri 15th March: French Learning Adventure Day
- Thurs 21st March: Spring Musical Performances - "Jungle Book"
- Mon 25th March: Y4 Assembly - Easter & learning reflections (letter to come)
- Thurs 28th March: End of Spring Term - Children finish at 1.30pm

**Where new events are added, we will update newsletters, send letters and send texts to keep families up to date.**



## Key Dates for the Summer Term 2024...

**Please Note - Some dates may change, we will update families with any changes.**

### **Summer Term Part 1**

- Mon 15th April: Back to school - gates open at 8.35am as usual
- Tues 16th April: Y5 Activity Week - Residential to Gordon Brown Centre
- **Thurs 2nd May: Local Elections/London Mayor Election: SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Mon 6th May: Bank Holiday
- Mon 20th May: Walk to School Week
- Weds 22nd May: Y1 Assembly - Vesak & learning reflections (letter to come)
- Fri 24th May: Break up for half term at 3.15pm

### **Summer Term Part 2**

- Mon 3rd June: Back to school - gates open at 8.35am as usual
- Mon 10th June: OGPS Proms Week
- Fri 14th June: Y5 Assembly - Eid & learning reflections (letter to come)
- Fri 21st June: Reception Assembly - (letter to come)
- Fri 28th June: Summer Learning Adventure Day  
"OG Neuro-Diversity & Disability Champions"
- Mon 1st July: EYFS Sports Day (to be confirmed)
- Fri 5th July: KS1/KS2 Sports Day (to be confirmed)
- Weds 10th July: Performing Arts Concert
- Tues 16th July: Transitions Day - meet new teachers/class
- Thurs 18h July: Y6 Leavers Assembly - (letter to come)
- Fri 19th July: End of Summer Term - Children finish at 1.30pm

**Where new events are added, we will update newsletters, send letters and send texts to keep families up to date.**



## Key Dates for the future...



### **Please Note:**

- Requests for leave of absence are only granted in exceptional circumstances.
- Holidays or visiting sick relatives are not considered an exceptional circumstances.

### **A Reminder of school timings:**

- 7.45-8.35am Breakfast club (only if booked in advance)
- 8.35-8.45am Soft start time - drop off time – gates close 8.45am
- 8.45am Registration (when children **must be in their classroom**)
- Lunchtime Will last for 60mins (11.50am-12.50pm)
- 3.15pm End of the school day - pick up time - children collected by 3.20pm
- From 3.15pm Afterschool Club wrap around care provision and other clubs

### **Term Dates for 2023-24**

Autumn Term: Friday 1st Sept 2023 to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023

Spring Term: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 is a CPD – no children in school*  
**Children return to school on Tuesday 9th Jan 2024**  
*Half term week: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024*  
**Children break up for Easter Holidays on Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Summer Term: Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024  
**Children return to school on Monday 15th April 2024**  
*Half term week Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024*  
**Children break up for Summer Holidays on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
*Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 is a CPD day – no children in school*  
*Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 is a CPD day – no children in school*

### **To confirm Staff Training days (CPD days) as follows for 2023-24**

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024



## Key Dates for the future...



### **Please Note:**

- Requests for leave of absence are only granted in exceptional circumstances.
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### Term Dates for 2024-25

Autumn Term: Monday 2nd Sept 2024 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024

*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 is a CPD day – no children in school*  
*Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 is a CPD day – no children in school*  
***Children (Y1-6) start on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024***

*Half term week Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024*

***Children break up for Christmas Holidays on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024***

Spring Term: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 is a CPD day – no children in school*  
***Children return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025***

*Half term week: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2025*

***Children break up for Easter Holidays on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025***

Summer Term: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 to Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

***Children return to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025***

*Half term week Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025*

***Children break up for Summer Holidays on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024***  
*Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 is a CPD day – no children in school*  
*Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 is a CPD day – no children in school*

**To confirm Staff Training days (CPD days) as follows for 2024-25**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

***In order to help families plan their holidays, we publish dates well in advance. The dates for the 2025-26 academic year will be published to parents early in the autumn term of 2024 when they have been ratified by the Board of Governors.***



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