



Furzeffield Primary School

Instilling a love of learning



October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic start to the new half term we have had. October was a month full of great learning, activities, celebrations and successes. All part and parcel of another typical month at Furzeffield!

Some highlights for me were the amazing harvest festival performances that we all enjoyed. The amount of effort and dedication that went into producing such an incredible show was something that comes as no surprise to me, but is no less impressive.

Black history month was an opportunity for us to celebrate our rich diversity and the achievements of prominent people of colour. Bringing focus to diversity is an important part of school life and I've been so impressed with the work that our staff and your children have produced as part of their BHM curriculum activities. Children across the school learnt about an amazing range of women of colour who have achieved impressive things in the face of adversity, from Shirley Bassey in reception to Mary Seacole and Alex Scott in upper key stage two, there has been some wonderful learning and artwork that we will soon be displaying proudly in our corridors. Thank you to everyone who has supported our charity this year, the Black Girls Camping Trip, through our non-uniform day. We raised £138! Your contributions were greatly appreciated.

October also saw some great sporting achievements, school trips, experiences and visits that all build into the broader curriculum offer that we wish to provide for all of the children at our school. In particular, the trip to see Frozen the Musical at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane was just one of the examples of the unique opportunities that we seek to offer children at our school. Their behaviour and how they represented Furzeffield during that trip was a credit to you as parents, but also to all the teachers and support staff who work to instil values of respect and courtesy in all of our pupils. We are immensely proud of them all.

Safety is something that is of primary importance to us as a school and comes before everything else. Furzeffield is in my view an extremely secure and safe learning environment but, as in all things, we always look for opportunities to improve and refine what we do. There will be some changes that we will be putting into place to further strengthen site security this term. With the slight delay on the motorised gate opening and closing mechanism and the potential for security breaches as a result of that delay, we have decided to modify the gate and remove the automatic motor. It will be replaced with a more secure magnetic locking system. This work is due to commence this week and we hope will be completed without issue, there will be further improvements to gate security at both ends of the school and I will keep you informed as to when these works will be occurring. On the theme of safety I would like to remind all parents to be aware of road safety during pick up and drop off times and to be extremely vigilant when driving and parking during these times. I appreciate the support that you have shown so far in keeping all our pupils safe as they come in and leave the school premises.

Thank you again for your continued support to our school. As each week goes by I feel more encouraged, confident and excited by what the future holds for this amazing school and our community.

Mr Govinden



Stars of The Week



Week ending 7th October

KS1



KS2



★ Head Teachers Award ★

Week ending 7th October





Year One



To support our science topic of looking for seasonal change everyone in year one had a fantastic time during our recent autumn walk to Mercers Lake. Luckily, the weather was glorious and the children were able to fill their collecting bags full of evidence of seasonal change. We loved spotting all the varied colours of the autumn leaves. We even spotted a white squirrel!



'The white albino squirrel was really cute. We had to be really quiet!'

'I liked it when we took a picture of everybody on the sand' Cameron



'I loved collecting conkers, I found 2!' Blake

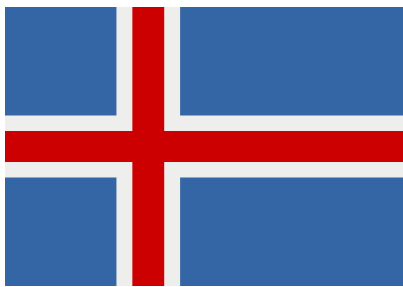
'I really loved eating the cookies' Olivia

'I loved all the snacks' Harrison

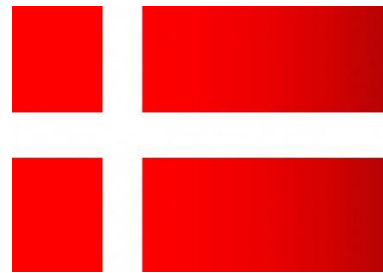
I really thought the boats on the lake were amazing' Zinzile.

'The best bit was walking through the muddy puddles' Alan





Year 2



This half term in Science, Y2 have been learning about the suitability of different materials. We first looked at the properties of different common materials, then thought about what these things could be useful for. For example, the children decided that a rabbit hutch should be made from wood because it is strong and weatherproof.

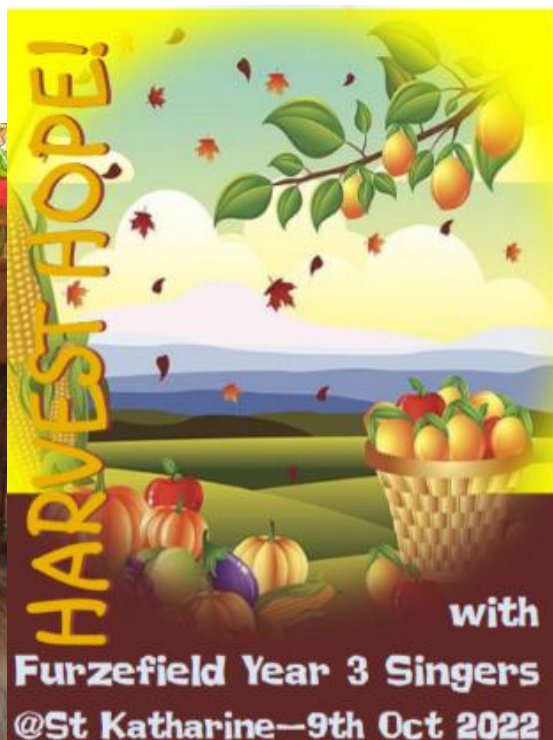
We then tested our knowledge with an experiment to check whether different materials are waterproof. The children were each given a cup with a small amount of water, which they could use to drip water over a pot covered in foil, bubble wrap, fabric and greaseproof paper. They made predictions about which materials would be waterproof, then tested the theory!



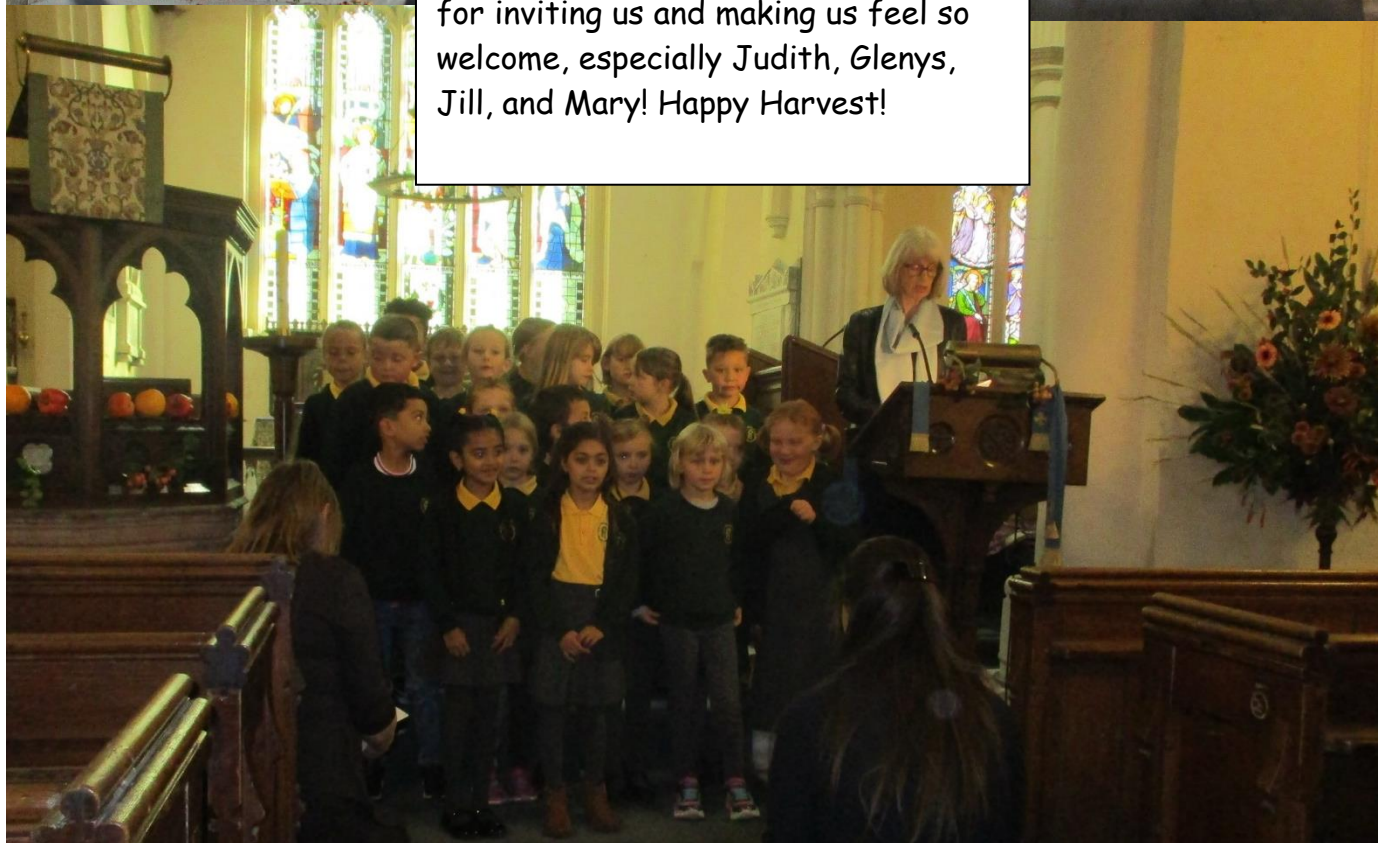
Finally, we used our learning from the experiment to decide which materials would be most suitable to make clothes for a scarecrow, as they have to live outside in all weathers. We agreed that we would have to keep him warm with thick fabrics but also we needed a waterproof jacket. We drew our designs and labelled them with the correct materials. Then we made miniature models before working as a class to build large ones, which will live in the vegetable patch outside the Y2 classrooms all year and protect our vegetables from predators.



Year 3 sing at St Katharine's Church



Children from both year 3 classes joined together to sing four ecological themed songs in the St. Katharine's Harvest Festival! The children and parents took part in the service, singing with enthusiasm and donating items to Loveworks Foodbank. We'd like to thank everyone for making the extra effort for a school event on a Sunday and to thank St. Katharine's for inviting us and making us feel so welcome, especially Judith, Glenys, Jill, and Mary! Happy Harvest!





Year 3 go to Wisley Gardens!

Here is what the children thought of the trip:

I liked the bonsai trees and the adventure play area I really enjoyed being able to handle and smell the plants. Rebecca 3H.

I learnt that acorns like the cold before germinating, it was very interesting. Isabel 3K

I liked just about everything because I like plants in general. Daniel 3H

I liked that there were loads of plants to learn about and lots of pumpkins! Amelia 3K

I liked all the plants in the glasshouse especially the giant cactus. Harrison 3H

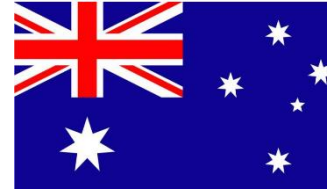
I loved seeing the pumpkins and the tallest tree in the world- a coastal Redwood. Louey 3K

I enjoyed collecting acorns and planting them to grow. Sophie 3H



News from Australia Class

As part of our geography topic this term pupils have been learning about the physical and human features of Australia. Using a range of natural resources pupils, in groups, used string to first make the outline of Australia and then made the physical features of Australia on their map.



Pupils enjoyed a Forest School session, even though it rained! First there was work to be done, in clearing away some large logs and branches for Miss Roberts. Then pupils worked with a partner or in a small group to make a pattern using the wonderful natural items they could find in and around forest school. The colours are amazing!



Furzefield Football Squad win!

On Monday 3rd October our year 5/6 football squad had a great start to the season, winning 3-2 against Reigate Parish School. Well Done boys!



Year 6 Swimming

Congratulations to some of our year 6 pupils who were awarded their 25m swimming certificate last term, well done everyone!





Gardening at Furzefield



November 2022

Since October Gardening Club has been working with children in Early Years, KS1 and KS2 preparing the raised gardening beds for planting. We have been weeding, turning over the soil and putting down some green manure for each bed. This will prepare the soil for great growing over the year, with each year group having a plot to design and plant in.

If you have any gardening tools, bulbs, soil or seeds etc. we would love to have them. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions and your advice would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Hamson (Nursery Teacher)



Globetrotter's Autumn Harvest!



This month in Globetrotters, we've been harvesting our vegetables. It has been interesting to see what survived the heatwave(s!) this summer and what struggled. The runner beans are still growing and flowering after not many germinated! We have one lone squash survivor, which is still getting larger every day! A lot of onions and garlic made it, as well as a few chewy carrots!



Vegetables to Plant In Autumn

Asparagus
Broad Beans
Garlic
Onions
Peas
Potatoes
Shallots
Spring Onions
Spinach

The nasturtiums are beautiful at the moment and helping to keep the 'weeds' at bay. We had a lot of muddy fun digging our potatoes - we found lots, but they weren't as big as last year. We gave the potatoes to the lovely kitchen staff and they turned them into chips and garlic potatoes for us all to try! They were delicious - we ate them too quickly to even take a photo! We hope to be able to grow a lot more next year!

Growing your own fruit and veg is cheap, easy, satisfying and delicious! Could you give it a try? Autumn is the perfect time to start and some beans.



Disney FROZEN

THE WEST END MUSICAL



On Thursday the 6th of October, 52 Furzefield children and adults went on an adventure to Arendelle! After a coach journey with some VERY enthusiastic young people, we went straight to our seats in the stalls and started our snacks! We had a lot of fun taking photos and before we knew it- the show was starting! The children were enthralled by the performance and got lost in the magical story, amazing talent of the performers, the special effects, and the atmosphere of the theatre. All those who attended were so well behaved and the people sitting behind us made a point of telling us how amazing we were as a school and how impressed they were with our respect, enthusiasm, and the way we sat beautifully and quietly for so long.

That was amazing! This is brilliant!

How did they do that? Is it magic?!

That was the best thing I've ever seen!

Wow, those children are younger than we are and they are on the stage!



Local heroes!

Over the past few weeks, the **Bletchingly Road Rubbish Busters** have featured on the BBC Community Awards website and were invited to meet the mayor to receive a certificate of appreciation in Reigate Town Hall! We are so proud of their continued efforts in making our community a more beautiful place to live in! Thank you all!

From the BBC article:



Bletchingly Road Rubbish Busters – Surrey, England

After being fed up with seeing so much litter on the streets and the local wildlife being affected, this group of 12 young people decided enough was enough! After setting up their litter picking group, the Bletchingly Road Rubbish Busters, the team take to the streets to clean up unwanted rubbish.

The team work hard to provide a cleaner environment for not only wildlife, but for their community, and even become local celebrities in their town!

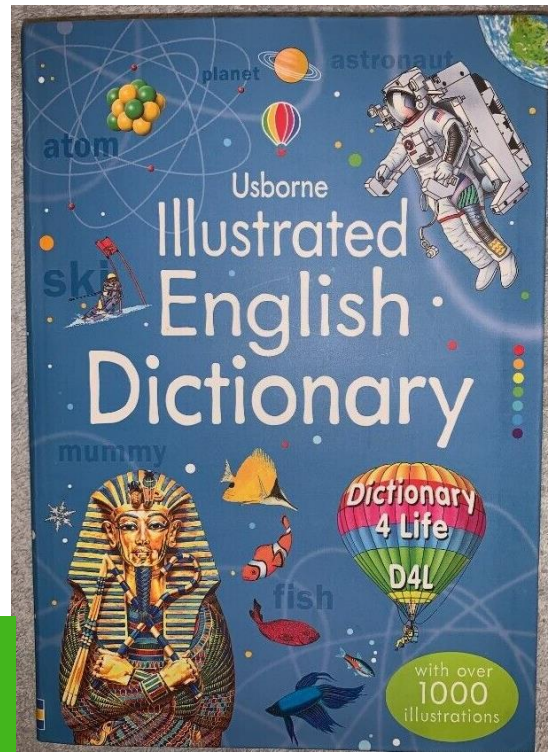


Special visitors!

On Monday 17th October, Graham and Phil from the the local Rotary Club visited Furzefield for their annual presentation of beautiful, illustrated dictionaries for all year 4 children. The children lovingly look after these, taking them with them as they progress through Primary School and beyond! They also presented us with a beautiful new apple tree for our school orchard, and the enthusiastic Globetrotters club loved planting it!



Rotary Club:
A is for apple tree



Eco Songs Project:
Songs to love the world

On Friday 21st October, we had Anne, who wrote the eco songs, and Judith, our link to St. Katharine's Church (and a big supporter of the project!), join us for our KS2 Harvest Festival! They were amazed by the talent of the children and really moved hearing the songs Anne wrote come to life in such a magnificent way! These songs have only ever been heard in Merstham and only sung by Furzefield pupils! We hope that the message to love the world through looking after the environment, will continue to spread



Anti-Bullying week 14th – 18th November 2022

We are celebrating Anti-Bullying week with an 'Odd Sock Day' on **Monday 14th November 2022**. Children are encouraged to wear odd socks to school for the day.

Odd sock day is designed to be fun! It is an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate what makes us unique. The theme for Anti-Bullying week is 'Reach Out'. This will be discussed in assemblies and classrooms throughout the week.

For more information you can visit: www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk or

<https://andyandtheoddssocks.com/>

Thank you.

Mrs Williams






Reading Focus



Non-fiction November!

This month our reading focus is on Non-fiction. There are many non-fiction books in our library including magazines and newspapers. Get your fact finding skills on and amaze us all with your new knowledge!

In the school library we have:

-  A non-fiction section
-  National Geographic Kids
-  First News

Can you find out more about a certain animal, country, religion, person, space or period in history?

Don't forget to look at home, recipe books count. Maybe you could use non-fiction November to perfect your favourite recipe! We would love a copy or photo for our library wall.

We would love to see pictures of what you have been up to non-fiction reading wise or see some facts or book reviews.

If you read something spooky for October's focus and you have evidence or a review, get them to use so we can display them in the library.

Many Thanks,

Miss Hornsby and Mrs Turner





Our vision for maths at Furze field is for it to be:
Purposeful so that children understand the place of mathematics in everyday life and the world of work.
Personalised to enable all children to reach their full potential.

Practical and exciting to engage pupils in a love for mathematics, through a range of experiences.

Maths Challenge!

A group of friends agree to go trick or treating on Halloween night. (How many are in the group? We just don't know!)

They agree to split the lollies they get evenly between them.

If they get a total of 276 sweets altogether, how many sweets **MIGHT** each of them get?

Give 3 possible answers.



COMING SOON!

All pupils in Year 3 to Year 6 will be able to take part, using their normal TTRS logon details.

Knowing your multiplication tables is a valuable real life mathematical skill, especially if we are planning an event and want to ensure we have enough food for everyone, without waste!



14TH - 16TH NOVEMBER
7:30AM GMT TO 7:30PM GMT DAILY

Winning class will have the highest number of correct answers per pupil.

PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE

1-HOUR TIME LIMIT PER PERSON



Ask your teacher for full details or visit:
[TTROCKSTARS.COM/PAGE/ENGLANDROCKS22](https://ttrockstars.com/page/englandrocks22)

Important Information:

TTRS admin team have contacted me to say that some pupils have played on a very out-of-date versions of Times Tables Rock Stars at home recently. It's important that pupils use the latest versions of the app and website to ensure they receive the most secure and enjoyable experience of TTRS. So, if you are using the website at home, please visit play.ttrockstars.com/reset to load the latest version in your device's browser. Otherwise, you

can update the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store.

Remember, Maths is everywhere!

Miss Hutchings

MATHS WEEK 2023

Week commencing Monday 30th January will be the start of Maths Week!

Throughout the week pupils from Nursery/Shining Stars through to Year 6, will be engaging in a range of maths themed activities.

We will be taking part in the NCPCC Number Day, on Friday 3rd February. Pupils are invited to be creative and make and wear an item of clothing, cap or even a onesie linked to a number for a donation to a great cause



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Christmas Show Dates

Nursery and Shining Stars

Wednesday 14th December
10.45am and 2.30pm

Reception Show

Thursday 8th December
9.30am and 2pm

KS1

Wednesday 7th December
9.15am and 2pm

KS2

Friday 9th December
9.15am and 2.15pm



HARVEST 2022

PLEASE DONATE

♥ Tinned veg (carrots, pea, green beans, sweetcorn)	♥ Rice Pudding
♥ Tinned Fruit	♥ Breakfast Cereals
♥ Tinned meat (corned beef, spam, chicken, ham)	♥ Biscuits
♥ Tins of meat casserole	♥ Custard
♥ Sugar (small bags)	♥ Smash
♥ UHT Semi skimmed milk	♥ Bags for life (for the parcels we deliver)
♥ Small jars of coffee	♥ Tea bags



HARVEST 2022

PLEASE CAN YOU **NOT DONATE**

- ♥ Out of date items (please check the 'best before date' is later than Dec 2022)
- ♥ Anything that is open or damaged
- ♥ Items that are not on our list
- ♥ Medicines
- ♥ Anything containing alcohol
- ♥ Perishable food
- ♥ Currently we have plenty of stocks of soup, baked beans, toiletries and nappies

For more information www.loveworks.org.uk

Thank you

Attendance and Punctuality



Thank you for all your support in helping us to improve the overall attendance at Furzefield Primary School.

As we all know, attendance is so important for your child to achieve their full potential at school.

It is important that you inform us as soon as possible if your child is absent from school for any reason. You can do this by phone, note to the teacher/ office or by email (enquiries@furzefield.surrey.sch.uk).



If you need to book a medical appointment for your child, please try to make it out of school hours. Please make as much effort to enable them to spend some of the day in school.

We monitor children's attendance and lateness on a regular basis, with the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) and we cannot authorise absences during term time for reasons such as holidays (please see our Attendance Policy for further details).

Penalty Notices

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of each parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school and requires the recipient to pay a fixed amount.

The amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid within 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority must prosecute the parent/carer for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 Education Act 1996. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Prosecution



You could get a fine of up to £2,500, a community order or a jail sentence up to 3 months. The court also gives you a Parenting Order.

It is also very important that children have a good routine of settling into school every morning, so do try to ensure they arrive at school on time.

Please remember that the school opens at **8.40am** to allow for the children to settle in. Registration begins at 8.50am when the children should be in their classrooms and ready for learning. A late mark is recorded on the register after this time.

Therefore, please aim to be at school at 8.40 and not 8.50am so that the children are not missed off the class register. If they are late, they **must** come and report to the office.

The office opening times are 8am to 4pm. Our email address is enquiries@furzefield.surrey.sch.uk however this is monitored term time only during the hours of 8.30am to 4pm

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2022/23

Nov	1 st	3H – Walking Training – 9.00am-12.30pm
	1 st	KS1 & KS2 – Mayor Assembly – 10.25am - TBC
	3 rd	Yr5/6 - Anti-Bullying Workshop – 8.30am-3.00pm
	4 th	Ocean Open Morning – 10.15-11.00am
	9 th	Wales - Parents Phonics Workshop – 9.15-10.15am
	11 th	Ocean – Oxted Cinema – 9.00am-12.30pm
	14 th	Odd Sock Day
	14 th – 18 th	Anti Bullying Week
	14 th – 18 th	Nursery Rhyme Week
	14 th	6Wig – Henley Fort
	15 th	6W – Henley Fort
	16 th	6T – Henley Fort
	16 th	Scotland – Parents Phonics Workshop – 9.15-10.15am
	16 th	Yr 1 – Gatton – 9.00am-3.00pm
	17 th	Yr1 – Gatton – 9.00-3.00pm
	18 th	Ocean Open Morning – 10.15-11.00am
	18 th	EY & KS1 - Nursery Rhyme Dress Up Day
	21 st	Iceland Xmas Journey – 12.45-1.45pm
	22 nd	Denmark Xmas Journey – 12.45-1.45pm
	23 rd	Yr3/4 – VR Workshops
	24 th	2M - Fire Safety Talk – 9.15-10.15
	24 th	2F - Fire Safety Talk – 11.15-12.15
	29 th	Yr1, Yr3, Yr5 – Breck Foundation Workshop
	29 th	Rocksteady Concert for Parents – 9.00-10.00am
Dec	2 nd	YrR – Washbrooks Farm - TBC
	7 th	KS1 – Christmas Show – 9.15am and 2.00pm
	8 th	Reception Christmas Show – 9.30am and 2.00pm
	9 th	KS2 Christmas Show – 9.15-10.15am and 2.15-3.15pm
	14 th	Nursery and Shining Stars Christmas Show – 10.45am and 2.30pm
Jan	15 th	Robin Hood Pantomime – 9.00-11.00am
	17 th	O2 Performance – 10.30am-10.30pm
	26 th	EY & KS1 – Drama Workshops – 9.00am-2.00pm (Narnia)
Feb	27 th	Yr6 – Junior Citizen
	3 rd	Yr5 – Juniper Hall – 9.00am-3.00pm
	3 rd	NSPCC Number Day
Mar	27 th – 3 Mar	World Book Week
	2 nd	World Book Day
	7 th 8 th 9 th	Starsteppers - TBC
	8 th	KS2 – Luke Temple Author – 10.00-10.45am
	8 th	R & KS1 – Luke Temple Author – 11.00-11.30am
	9 th	Luke Temple Book Signing – 9.15-10.15am
Apr	13 th – 17 th	Science Week
	20 th	Yr4 – School Trip - TBC
May	15 th	Choir – Dorking Halls 3.30pm-8.30pm

2022/23 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2022

- ***INSET Thursday 1st September***
- ***INSET Friday 2nd September***
- Children return to school Monday 5th September
- Half Term Monday 24th - Friday 28th October
- Children return to school Monday 31st October
- **Nursery and Pre-School children's term ends Thursday 15th December**
- Children's term ends Friday 16th December (1.30pm collection)
- Christmas Holidays Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January 2023

Spring Term 2023

- ***INSET Tuesday 3rd January***
- Children return to school Wednesday 4th January
- Half Term Monday 13th - Friday 17th February
- Children return to school Monday 20th February
- **Nursery and Pre-School children's term ends Thursday 30th March**
- Children's term ends Friday 31st March (1.30pm collection)
- Easter Holidays Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April

Summer Term 2023

- Children return to school Monday 17 April
- Half Term Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June
- ***INSET Monday 5th June***
- Children return to school Tuesday 6th June
- **Nursery and Pre-School children's term ends Wednesday 19th July**
- Children's term ends Thursday 20 July (1.30pm collection)
- ***INSET Friday 21st July***