

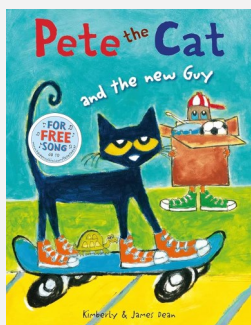


Our Assembly Theme This Week

This week in Assembly we explored the word 'unique' and thought about how we are all unique in lots of different ways. We came up with lots of different things that we like and came to the conclusion that if we all liked exactly the same things, it would be difficult to share toys as there wouldn't be enough and if we all looked alike, we wouldn't be able to tell each other apart!

We then read the book *Pete the Cat and the New Guy* (*Pete the Cat* is a firm favourite in Years 1 and 2!)

In the story, Gus (a platypus) moves into the neighbourhood but struggles to fit in with the other animals as he can't climb like the squirrels, jump like the frogs or juggle like the octopus. In the end, the animals hear Gus playing his drums and realise that they can start a band with him, with all of the animals playing a different instrument.



The message of the story is:

"Don't be sad, don't be blue. There is something everyone can do!"



Spotlight On... Parent Events

You will see on the next few pages a long list of diary events for the whole of the school year in order to give you as much notice as possible about dates we have scheduled in. They are split into 'Whole School Events' and then specific events for each year group. Do make sure you check both lists so that you find everything that is relevant to your child.

All of the dates are also on our website under the 'calendar' section.

We try hard to plan lots of chances for parents and other family members to come into school to see what we do, see the children's learning and even join in with lessons. We know it is hard to get the balance right for every parent—some of you will feel that we don't hold enough events and you would like to visit school more often; some of you will feel that we hold too many and find it difficult to co-ordinate schedules to attend them all. We will never be able to please everyone.

Each year group aims to offer one 'parent event' each half term.

There is no pressure for you to attend them all and if you are unable to attend, you can ask another family member to come along. If no one is able to attend for your child, don't worry that they will be left out—members of school staff step in and spend time with those children who do not have an adult attend.

Please note—for safeguarding reasons, we don't put trips out of school on the website calendar. You will receive specific emails about arrangements for them.



Dates for Your Diaries—2023-2024

Whole School

Autumn Term 2023

- Wednesday 20th September—Individual Photographs
- Friday 22nd September—Jeans for Genes (wear something denim)
- Friday 29th September—Bag-2-School for the PTA (non uniform day)
- Monday 2nd October—Flu Vaccines (consent forms to follow)
- Thursday 12th October—4:30pm-6:15pm—PTA Film Night for KS2 Pupils
- Friday 13th October—INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- Monday 16th October—3:30pm—7pm-Parents' Evening
- Thursday 19th October—3:30pm—5:30pm—Parents' Evening
- Friday 20th October—Last Day of Autumn 1 Half Term
- Monday 23rd—Friday 27th October—Half Term
- Monday 30th October—First Day of Autumn 2 Half Term
- Wednesday 15th—Monday 20th November – Book Fayre in School
- Friday 17th November—Children in Need (Non-Uniform Day)
- Friday 24th November—INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- Saturday 25th November—PTA Christmas Event
- Wednesday 6th December—Open Box Pantomime in school for all pupils
- Wednesday 14th December—PTA Christmas Neon Disco (Year R and Year 1 4:15pm—5pm; Years 2-4 5:15pm-6:15pm)
- Friday 15th December—Last Day of Autumn 2 Half Term



Spring Term 2024

- Tuesday 2nd January—First Day of Spring 1 Half Term
- Friday 26th January—After School—Messy Church in our school hall
- Thursday 1st February—4:30pm—6pm—PTA Film Night for KS1 Pupils
- Monday 5th February—3:30pm—7pm-Parents' Evening
- Thursday 8th February—3:30pm—5:30pm—Parents' Evening
- Friday 9th February—Last Day of Spring 1 Half Term
- Monday 12th—Friday 16th—Half Term
- Monday 19th February—INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

Dates for Your Diaries—Autumn Term 2023

Whole School

Spring Term 2024 cont....

- Thursday 7th March—World Book Day (dress up as a book character)
- Friday 15th March—Comic Relief (non uniform day)
- Thursday 21st March—PTA Easter Disco—Year R and 1—4:15pm—5pm; Years 2—4—5:15pm—6:15pm
- Thursday 28th March—Last Day of Spring 2 Term
- Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2024

- Monday 15th April—First Day of Summer 1 Half Term
- Friday 19th April—PTA Bag 2 School Day (Non Uniform Day)
- Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday (School Closed to Pupils)
- Friday 17th May—Pyjamarama (come to school in your pyjamas)
- Friday 24th May—Last Day of Summer 2 Half Term
- Monday 27th—Friday 31st May—Half Term
- Monday 3rd June—First Day of Summer 2 Half Term



Sports Days

- Monday 17th June—9:15am—Year R Sports Event
- Tuesday 18th June—9:15am—KS1 Sports Event
- Wednesday 19th June—9:15am—KS2 Sports Event

- Monday 24th June—INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- Thursday 27th June—Transition Day (TBC)
- Friday 28th June—After School—Messy Church in our school hall
- Saturday 29th June—PTA Summer Fayre
- Friday 12th July—Annual Reports and Statutory Data issued to parents
- Thursday 18th July—3:15pm-4:15pm—PTA End of School Party
- Tuesday 23rd July—Last Day of Summer 2 Half Term

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Year R

- Monday 6th November—Maths Presentation and Workshop—9:15am
- Friday 8th December - Christmas Crafts Workshop with parents
- Year R Christmas Play—Tuesday 12th December—2:15pm
- Year R Christmas Play —Thursday 14th December—9:15am
- Friday 12th January—Little City Play Visit (in school)
- Friday 9th February—2:30pm—Year R Afternoon Tea for Someone Special
- Thursday 28th March—2:30pm—Year R Community Rocks!
- Wednesday 24th April—Visit from the PDSA
- Tuesday 7th May—2:45pm—Planting Workshop with parents
- Friday 21st June—Mill Farm Visit to school for children

Year 1

- Wednesday 4th October—Geography trip to walk around the estate
- Wednesday 18th October—2:50pm—Art Exhibition to parents
- Tuesday 7th November—Maths Presentation and Workshop—9:15am
- Wednesday 22nd November—2:45pm—Parent Event—Science Workshop
- KS1 Christmas Play—Tuesday 5th December—9:15am
- KS1 Christmas Play—Thursday 7th December—2:15pm
- Tuesday 23rd January—2:30pm—Sewing Workshop with parents
- Thursday 14th March—2:45pm—Recorder Concert for Parents
- Monday 15th April—Trip to Marwell Zoo (TBC)
- Wednesday 15th May—Royal Festival and Dress Up Day (inc parent event at 2:45pm)
- Thursday 6th June—Trip to Portchester Castle (TBC)
- W.c. 10th June—Statutory Year 1 Phonics Screening (more details and parent information event to follow)
- **Rabbit Class** Monday 15th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents
- **Otter Class** Tuesday 16th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Year 2

- Thursday 5th October—Assembly with Reverend Gregg (linked to RE)
- Friday 20th October—2:45pm—Parent Event—sharing stories
- Wednesday 8th November—Maths Presentation and Workshop—9:15am
- Thursday 23rd November—2:45pm—Parent Event—Car Workshop
- KS1 Christmas Play—Tuesday 5th December—9:15am
- KS1 Christmas Play—Thursday 7th December—2:15pm
- Wednesday 24th January—Year 2 Trip to Portsmouth Aquarium and Beach
- **Hedgehog Class**—Tuesday 30th January—2:30pm—Science Experiment with Parents
- **Fox Class**—Wednesday 31st January—2:30pm—Science Experiment with Parents
- **Hedgehog Class**—Monday 18th March—2:30pm—Making a Life Cycle Workshop with parents
- **Fox Class**—Tuesday 19th March—2:30pm—Making a Life Cycle Workshop with parents
- Wednesday 17th April—Trip to Sea City Museum (TBC)
- **Hedgehog Class**—Thursday 23rd May—2:45pm—Art Gallery for parents
- **Fox Class**—Friday 24th May—2:45pm—Art Gallery for parents
- Thursday 6th June—Habitat Hunt in school (for children only)
- **Hedgehog Class** Wednesday 17th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents
- **Fox Class** Thursday 18th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents

Year 3

- Tuesday 10th October—2:50pm—Cave Painting Gallery for Parents
- Friday 3rd November—Year 3 and 4 trip to Butser Ancient Farm (TBC)
- Thursday 9th November—Maths Presentation and Workshop—9:15am
- **Deer Class** Wednesday 29th November—2:30pm—Fossil Painting Workshop with parents
- **Mouse Class** Thursday 30th November—2:30pm—Fossil Painting Workshop with parents
- Monday 29th January—2:45pm—Share a Book with an adult
- Wednesday 13th March—2:45pm—Portrait Gallery for Parents
- Year 3/4 Easter Show—Tuesday 26th March—9:15am
- Year 3/4 Easter Show—Wednesday 27th March—2:15pm
- **Deer Class** Tuesday 21st May—2:30pm—Magnets Workshop with parents
- **Mouse Class** Wednesday 22nd May—2:30pm—Magnets Workshop with parents
- Friday 14th June—2:30pm—Family Picnic

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Year 4

- Monday 9th October—2:45pm—Parent Workshop (The Romans)
- Friday 3rd November—Year 3 and 4 trip to Butser Ancient Farm (TBC)
- Thursday 9th November—Maths Presentation and Workshop—9:15am
- Tuesday 28th November—2:45pm—Parent Workshop (Science)
- Thursday 1st February—2:50pm—Art Exhibition for Parents
- Wednesday 20th March—2:45pm—Volcano Workshop for Parents
- Year 3/4 Easter Show—Tuesday 26th March—9:15am
- Year 3/4 Easter Show—Wednesday 27th March—2:15pm
- Monday 20th May- 2:45pm—Parent Event (TBC)
- W.c. 3rd June—Statutory Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (more details and parent information event to follow)
- Tuesday 9th July- 2:45pm—Parent Event (TBC)