

Friends BBQ

Our Friends hosted their end of term BBQ on Thursday 18 July 2024 to celebrate the academic years' achievements. The event raised a fantastic £2129.28 towards the fundraising. Thank you for everyone's support and especially those people running a stall and working behind the scenes making the event possible.

End of term celebrations

We have hosted end of term class parties and welcomed parents to join us.

We have also said our goodbyes to the following staff leaving us during special assemblies over the past few days.:

- Thank you to Mrs Bradley for her three years with us and her contributions to our school and supporting our SEN children. We would also like to thank her for the hard work involved in securing our SEN funding for the new sensory area coming soon on our learning bus. This will be an area for all children to use when needed.
- Thank you to Miss Youngman who has been with us for the past 15 years and taught many children in Year 2 and EYFS as well as leading the school with Science. She started with us as a trainee teacher and is now flying the nest to pastures new.
- Thank you to Mr Worton-Geer. Over the past five years he has lead on Maths, introduced TT Rockstars and Numbots to the children, was promoted to Deputy Headteacher, encouraged every member of the school to take part in our sporting festivals, driven the walk to school challenges achieving the Outstanding level Modeshift STARS accreditation , secured many successful grants to support sporting events, learning bus work and breakfast club set up, lead our School Council Team and provided humour to everyone with his selection of outfits on dressing-up days.
- A huge thank you to Mrs Spearman who has lead our school from strength to strength over the past six years. You have been remarkable in guiding us all through the good times and bad. You supported us all through Covid with the challenges of on-line learning and keeping us safe in bubbles, guided us all through our successful Ofsted inspection, with the support of other school staff driven improvement in our academic results across the school along with improving attendance where we are now in the top 10% of schools nationally. You have also celebrated with us the Queens' Jubilee and the King's Coronation along with numerous school achievements and have shared with us all your love of ducks! We thank Mrs Spearman for her determination, hard work and dedication to the school and local community.

We wish you all the best for your new adventures and will miss you.

Year 6

Today we have held our traditional Year 6 leavers' assembly where we have celebrated their time with us. Although a tearful event saying goodbyes, we are extremely proud of all their achievements and wish each and every one of them every success as they continue their learning adventures.

Thank You's

We would like to send our congratulations and thanks to Mrs Stamp for completing 27 years of service at our school. Over this period she has assisted 960 children during our lunchtimes. We thank you for your dedication and support given to the children and staff colleagues during this time and look forward to more years ahead.

We would like to thank Mr Nuttall and Mrs Dixon along with Mrs Collins who have supported our gardening club members. They have produced some amazing crops which they have grown from seed and nurtured. We would also like to thank our kitchen staff for cooking some of these to provide them with taster sessions on Fridays. Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Dixon. We would like to thank her for supporting this group for the past two years and giving up her lunchtimes from work to assist us. We are truly thankful for all of your help.

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We would like to thank our volunteers Liz, Jan and Jack who have helped us within classes on a weekly basis, along with Mr Bray for supporting Mrs Bray in running Chess club. Thank you also to all those parents who have supported us with sporting festivals, school visits, Choir events and swimming over the past academic year. Without you these events would not be possible.

All the staff would like to thank you for your lovely gifts received and we wish you all a happy and safe summer break.

Mrs Spearman would like to say a final farewell and thank you for all your support and leaving gifts.

We look forward to seeing you all again in September when we start our new adventures.

REMINDERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

PE Kits

We will continue to wear PE kits to school on our PE days (Mondays & Fridays). We have finished the phased-out stage of the House colour t-shirts and these will not be part of the PE kit from September. The PE Kits consists of:

- Navy shorts
- White polo shirts – optional with logo
- Navy jogging bottoms and sweatshirt (no hood) or
- Navy tracksuit (no hood) with school logo optional
- Plimsolls or trainers (for outside activities)

Further information can be found on our [website page](#).

Earrings

No jewellery is permitted during the school day. It is not necessary and is easily lost or broken, causing distress or possible injury. So please, no earrings, studs, rings, signet rings or chains. Any child entering school with jewellery of any kind will be asked to remove it. The piercing of ears should be scheduled for the beginning of the summer holidays to enable them to heal in time, so they can be removed before returning in September. Please note that nail varnish is also not permitted during the school day.

Children are permitted to wear a simple watch that only tell time and do not distract the child/other children from their learning during the day, but this needs to be removed for PE lessons and is the child's responsibility to store it safely in their bag.

Summer Uniform reminder

A reminder that school shorts should be grey or navy blue. Below are other summer uniform items that are permitted:

Light blue school dress, checked or striped

Jumpsuits in light blue can be worn, but pupils must be able to remove them, unaided

Grey or Navy school shorts

Classteacher Meetings

Please see the “dates for your diary” section for details of September 2024 classteacher meets. This will be an opportunity to come and meet the classteacher and hear the class expectations along with learning and activities taking place throughout the new academic year. The Year 6 meeting will also discuss their forthcoming residential final preparations.

Roald Dahl Day

HCL will be celebrating a Roald Dahl day on Friday 13 September 2024 with a special menu, along with a dressing up day as a character from one of his many books. This will be a fundraising event to support Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity. The menu is attached and further details will be issued at the beginning of our new term.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

There are lots of activities taking place in and around Harlow along with adult training events through ACL. Take a look at our website [community](#) page for things to do over the summer break. Other events include the Reading Challenge through Essex County Libraries along with information from our Children & Young Persons Officer. This page is constantly being updated as we are notified of events taking place.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
24 July—30 August 2024	Summer Holidays
SEPTEMBER 2024	
2 & 3 September 2024	INSET Days—School closed to pupils'
4 September 2024	Pupils' return to school
6 September 2024	Year 6 Classteacher meeting & PGL residential information (9:00)
9 September 2024	Year 5 Classteacher meeting (9:00) Year 4 Classteacher meeting (14:45)
10 September 2024	Year 3 Classteacher meeting (14:45)
11 September 2024	Year 2 Classteacher meeting (9:00) Year 1 Classteacher meeting (14:45)
13 September 2024	Roald Dahl Story Day—HCL special dinner and a dressing up day as Roald Dahl characters to support Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity. Further details will be issued at the beginning of the new term.
16 September 2024	After-school clubs start
25 September 2024	EYFS Classteacher meeting (9:00)



ROALD DAHL DAY



Main

Mrs Twitt's
Bird Pie & Mash
or
Wormy
Spaghetti (Ve)
with
Green Trees
Broccoli
Snozcummer
(Cucumber)

Dessert

James' Giant
Peach Crumble
or
Bruce
Bogtrotter's
Chocolate Cake
with Chocolate
Custard

Allergy children will be accommodated, please speak with the admin staff for options available.
See overleaf

Key Allergens and Carbohydrate Count

ROALD DAHL THEME DAY	<u>Key Allergens</u>	Infant CHO Count (in g per portion)	Junior CHO Count (in g per portion)
Mrs Twits Bird Pie	Gluten (wheat), Milk, Mustard	23	28
Gravy	-	1 (per 50g/ml ptn)	1 (per 50g/ml ptn)
Mash	Milk, MC Celery	13	17
Wormy Spaghetti	Gluten (wheat), Soya	29	35
Green Trees	-	1 (per 40g ptn)	1 (per 40g ptn)
Snozcummer	-	1 (per 40g ptn)	1 (per 40g ptn)
Desserts			
James' Giant Peach Crumble	Gluten (wheat)	18	19
Bruce Bogtrotter's Chocolate Sponge	Egg, Gluten (wheat), Milk, Soya	17	18
Chocolate Custard	Milk	11	11

'May contain (MC)' on the Key Allergen Matrix indicates that 'may contain' has been voluntary provided by the food manufacture on ingredients. This has now been included for reference purposes as parents and schools may ask. However, we still do not manage 'may contain' due to there being no specific legal requirement for food manufacturers to label food with 'may contain', therefore this data could be inaccurate. Manufacturers are only required to provide the 'contain' information on the 14 EU key allergens used as ingredients in the food and drink they provide.

