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**Spring Term Issue 10**

**22 March 2024**

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## Hat Parade 2.45pm Next Wednesday Olympics or Paris or Paris Olympics!

On Wednesday 27 March Y6 pupils and classes will be running stalls to raise money towards their school journey. We will also be hosting our annual Hat Parade. The theme this year is Paris, The Olympics or The Paris Olympics! We love to see your hats (adults can join in too). The parade starts at 2.45pm immediately followed by the stalls. Children will need cash as the stalls are cash only.

## Parent Governor Election

We are so grateful that we had five people stand for election for the governing body and a 40% turnout which for a school election is very good. Thank you to everyone who stood and congratulations to Tara Shannon (Y1 Jack's parent) and Nick Zangwill (Y1 Ben and Y4 Katie's parent) who were duly elected. We look forward to seeing you at our governors meetings.

We are proud of the range of after-school clubs we have but we also need to be mindful that the staff are still working whilst these are going on. **Please leave site as soon as you have collected your child at the end of the day and as soon as you collect from the club.**

If you are waiting for another club with an older/younger sibling please wait in the library (or the atrium if the library is busy). Please remind your child that football must not be played before or after school unless they are in football club.

## Summer Term Assemblies all at 9.15

Friday 3 May Y4  
Friday 10 May Y3  
Friday 17 May Y2  
Friday 24 May Y1  
Friday 14 June Y5  
Friday 21 June Reception  
Friday 28 June Nursery

**Y6 perform The Switch 7.30pm  
Wednesday 17 July**

**School finishes at 13.30 on  
Thursday 28 March.**  
**We reopen to children on  
Tuesday 16 April.**

Attendance  
for the week  
Our target is 95%+

*Missing school  
is missing out*

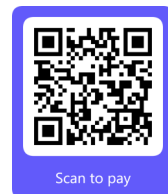
Year 1	82.76
Year 2	83.33
Year 3	89.64
Year 4	97.66
Year 5	91.38
Year 6	92.73
School	89.59

Lots of sickness this week.

## Parent Donations

£50

Donation



Scan to pay

**Payments for outstanding debts for Nursery payments, Autumn, Spring clubs and music to be clear ASAP.... please**

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 25 March Y6 Tower of London  
Monday 25 March Y5 Moonwalkers  
Monday 25 March Chamber Choir performance  
**Tuesday 26 March 10.15am Reception Performance of The Gruffalo to parents**  
Tuesday 26 March Y3 Roman Day  
Tuesday 26 March Y2 Wagamama  
Tuesday 26 March Jumble Sale  
Wednesday 27 March 2.45 Hat parade and Y6 Stalls  
Thursday 28 March 13.30 School Closes



# The Fitzjohn's Spring Clean Jumble Sale is back!

Tuesday 26th March 3.15-5pm



**ONLY GIVE WHAT YOU WOULD BUY**



## YES PLEASE:

- ✓ Books
- ✓ Toys, games, puzzles
- ✓ Backpacks, lunch bags  
(clean and stain free)
- ✓ Balls, rackets, sport equipment
- ✓ Soft toys  
(washed)
- ✓ Dress ups
- ✓ Bikes & scooters

## NO THANK YOU:

- ⊘ Broken items / missing pieces
- ⊘ Clothes or shoes (please use the collection bin by KS2 entrance)
- ⊘ DVD
- ⊘ Party bags / magazine plastic toys
- ⊘ Used slime, play dough, putty
- ⊘ Baby toys or items

**Collection starts Friday 8th March**

Please clean and wash everything



**ITEMS FOR AGES 3-12 YEARS ONLY**



All the money raised will go towards sport, art and music at school.



## CLUBS – Summer 2024

This term's clubs will start week beginning **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of April** and will finish week ending **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of July** (excluding the half term holiday – Monday 27 – Friday 31 May)

**Reminder if your child has attended Spring term clubs this does not mean they are automatically are rolled over to Summer term clubs. You will need to re-apply again.**

**Please log into your Scopay account to select which clubs you would like and pay for them. The clubs selection will be closed on the 10<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Please pay all outstanding fees before you register. You will not be able to register for clubs until you have paid all outstanding balances. You must pay for outstanding balances.**

**Please note that if your child is entitled to Free School Meals the FSA sponsors one club per child per term. Please speak to the office as soon as possible before spaces go.**

### MONDAY

CLUB	Age range	Time	Number of sessions	Cost for the term	Instructor	Places Available
Football (Infants)	Year 1-2	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Camden	14
Fencing	Year 3-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	David	10
Creative Club	Year 1-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Kez (& ANO)	20

### TUESDAY

CLUB	Age range	Time	Number of sessions	Cost for the term	Instructor	Places Available
Football (Juniors)	Year 3-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Camden	10
Sewing and Jewellery	Year 1-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Selma and Nazia	20
Board games/ Lego club	Year 1-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Gill (& ANO)	20

### WEDNESDAY

CLUB	Age range	Time	Number of sessions	Cost for the term	Instructor	Places Available
Capoeira (Infants)	Year 1-2	3.30-4.15pm	11	£110	Hiram	15
Capoeira (Juniors)	Year 3-6	4.15-5.00pm	11	£110	Hiram	15
Art	Y4-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Dawn	10
Homework Club	Year 1-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Zoe	10

**THURSDAY**

CLUB	Age range	Time	Number of sessions	Cost for the term	Instructor	Places Available
Streetdance (Infants)	Year 1-2	3.30-4.15pm	11	£110	Holly	20
Street Dance (Juniors)	Year 3-6	4.15-5.00pm	11	£110	Holly	30
Cooking	Year 3-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Rosh	10
Chess	Year 1-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£132	Wallace Chess	14
Paper craft	Y1 - 6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Rana	10

**FRIDAY**

CLUB	Age range	Time	Number of sessions	Cost for the term	Instructor	Places Available
Cooking	Year 1-3	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Lana	10
Sports for Girls	Year 3-6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Holly	16
Coding	Y3 –6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Hajar	10
Home-work	Y1- 6	3.30-4.30pm	11	£110	Anaya	10

**As is usual you must rebook for all clubs even if your child has done it before. You must pay for outstanding balances.**

 St Michael's COFE Primary School  
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# ART CAMPS

**FOR CHILDREN AGED 6 TO 11**  
**DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  
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 ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED



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## Easter Family Workshops

Get creative this Easter with our fun family workshops. From sculpture to sewing, there is something for everyone!



**FANTASY CLAY HOMES**  
 Tuesday 2 April  
 Create an imaginary house out of clay inspired by the story of the Foundling Hospital.

**PATCHWORK MAPS**  
 Wednesday 3 April  
 Use fabric and simple stitching to make patchwork memory maps of places that are important to you. 11am workshop features BSL Interpretation.

**JOURNEY BOOKS**  
 Thursday 4 April  
 Create a travel book using bookbinding techniques and fill the pages with drawings.

**PAPER BACKPACKS**  
 Friday 5 April  
 Create your own paper backpack and fill it with your favourite possessions.



Workshops run 11am- 1pm & 2-4pm.  
 £3 per child & accompanying adult  
 Free tickets available: see website for conditions  
 For enquiries call 020 7841 3595 or email us at [learning@foundlingmuseum.org.uk](mailto:learning@foundlingmuseum.org.uk)  
 Book your place at [foundlingmuseum.org.uk](http://foundlingmuseum.org.uk)



**Foundling Museum**

<b>This week in class</b>	
<b>Nursery</b>	'Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!' Have you guessed our book focus? The children are really enjoying acting-out stories this term. We re-told the story many times during our carpet time and the children have used props to re-tell the story during their independent play. We have sequenced story pictures, investigated Numicon gingerbread men and baked gingerbread men in class. Thankfully they didn't run away! This week we turned our role play into a puppet theatre and it's been very popular. We've had lots of wonderful collaborations, with different narratives and the children have confidently performed their show. Of course we watched with pretend juice and popcorn! The children also made tickets to attend the shows, it's been so much fun. We welcomed our grown-ups to play on Tuesday and Wednesday, thank you for joining us, we hope you had fun?! This week we talked about Ramadan and read the story 'Rameena's Ramadan' to support our understanding. We're looking forward to celebrating Eid with our Muslim families. We also celebrated Purim, a Jewish festival. Thank you to Jasmine (Alma's mum) for making Hamantaschen biscuits with the children. Next week we'll be celebrating Easter. Don't forget to make your Easter hat for Wednesday!
<b>Reception</b>	In between all our rehearsals Reception have been very busy with lots and lots of writing. We have set-up a Gruffalo cafe in the class, and so had to write the recipes for roasted fox, scrambled snake and owl ice cream. We then decided to make Gruffalo crumble for real for our party next week, so we wrote shopping lists and headed to Tesco to get the ingredients. Some children have also been writing their own Gruffalo, and Gruffalo child stories. There was super writing, with lots of segmenting, remembering tricky words and to have finger spaces between words. In phonics this week we have been learning about lots of different rules- adding 's' when its' a plural (e.g. goats), how sometimes we have to add an 'es' which makes the 'iz' sound (e.g. fishes), and that sometimes the 's' can make a 'z' sound e.g. poison. We can't wait to show our Gruffalo production next week!
<b>Class 1</b>	This week in literacy the children have been correcting spelling and punctuation in Ruth's written work. They then wrote some fantastic information texts about Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. In maths we did a subtraction maths carousel full of lots of practical maths games and activities. In art the children drew portraits of Neil Armstrong and have started painting a NASA spacecraft. In phonics we have recapped all of our phase 5 phonemes and tricky words. We have also played some phonics games and written some lovely sentences with our newly learnt graphemes. Well done Year 1!
<b>Class 2</b>	It's been a busy week in Class 2, with a trip to the National Gallery on Monday, followed by Keats on Tuesday, then a celebration of all things Japan on Wednesday! At the National gallery, the children were introduced to three different paintings and gave their views and opinions thoughtfully. We were very proud of them. We were lucky enough to have Saul and Suki's Mum, Mel in, who took us on a virtual flight to Tokyo, complete with in-flight safety briefing, (which the children showed great enthusiasm for) snacks and a quiz followed by a word search. The children enjoyed making vegetable sushi and also created 'koinobori' which will be fluttering in our classroom soon.
<b>Class 3</b>	This week in Class Three we learned how to plan and write an information text. In maths we have started learning about fractions—they are lots of un to do! We are learning about the Romans this term so have designed our own mosaics. As always we meditate on Friday.
<b>Class 4</b>	Year 4 have worked hard this week. In Literacy, we have learnt about the power of rhetorical questions in newspaper articles. We used these in our conclusions to draw the reader in and to summarise the changes Marco Polo's discoveries brought to Italy. In Maths, we have learnt to recognise and calculate mixed numbers. We also learnt how to convert mixed numbers to improper fractions. In PSHE, we have been studying insect bites and stings. We learnt how they looked like and what to do if you get one. In RE, we brought our learning to life in a memorable trip to the biggest Hindu mandir outside of India - Neasden Temple. The children loved it and their respectful behaviour was exceptional throughout the visit.
<b>Class 5</b>	This week, Class 5 has learned in Maths how to understand and draw line graphs and tables. In Literacy, we looked into the features of Kyrielle poems and wrote our own poems about space. In History, Class 5 learned about the Mayan writing system, while in Science we understood why different time zones exist. Class 5 also started making the base for their cam and shaft space toy in DT and in PSHE we spoke about gender stereotypes.
<b>Class 6</b>	A brand new topic was commenced by Year 6 this week (that's an example of the passive voice by the way), all about persuasion. We reviewed learning from prior years and learned the skills of exaggeration, generalisation and scare tactics to create an advert. In Maths, we started our new topic on decimals looking at place value to three decimal places. In R.E., the children explored our new topic of 'Resurrection' by relating their knowledge and experiences (both religious and secular) of this concept - leading to some fascinating conversations. We performed an experiment in Science all about reflection and angles of incidence and reflection. Finally, we were lucky enough to participate in an anti-racism / discrimination workshop on Friday: thank you to our visitors for such an illuminating session.

## FITZJOHN'S SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES: 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024	
INSET Days - pupils not in school	Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September
<b>TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS</b>	<b>Wednesday 4 September</b>
Half term holiday	Monday 28 – Friday 1 November 2024
<b>SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS</b>	<b>Monday 4 November 2024</b>
INSET Day – pupils not in school (Parent/Teacher Meetings)	<b>Monday 18 November 2024</b>
Term Ends	Friday 20 December 13.30
SPRING TERM 2025	
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Monday 6 January 2025
<b>TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS</b>	<b>Tuesday 7 January</b>
Half term holiday	Monday 17– Tuesday 21 February 2025
<b>SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS</b>	<b>MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2024</b>
Term Ends	Friday 4 April 2025
SPRING HOLIDAYS	Monday 7 April – Monday 21 April 2025
SUMMER TERM 2025	
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Tuesday 22 April 2025
<b>TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS</b>	<b>Wednesday 23 April 2025</b>
Half term holiday	Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May 2025
<b>SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS</b>	<b>Monday 2 June 2025</b>
Term ends	13.30 Tuesday 22 July 2025
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	
Christmas Day	Wednesday 25 December
Boxing Day	Thursday 26 December
New Year's Day	Wednesday 1 January
Good Friday	Friday 18 April
Easter Monday	Monday 21 April
May Day	Monday 5 May
Spring Bank holiday	Monday 26 May
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Please do not book holidays during term time.</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">We do not set learning for children who are taken away on holiday. They should read, keep a diary, practise their number bonds or timetables.</p>	

### Donations

A huge thank you to the Mitchell Charitable Trust who have made a £3,000 donation towards the school's solar panel project. The trust have always been so generous towards the school and we thank them once again. Their work has been supported by <http://www.aureliaphilanthropy.com/> who help donors link with projects and charities. If you would like to donate towards the solar panel project please get in touch with: Lee (Oscar's (Y2) and Rae's (N) dad): [leefels79@gmail.com](mailto:leefels79@gmail.com) or Nitzan (Roni's (Y5) dad): [nitzanyudan@hotmail.com](mailto:nitzanyudan@hotmail.com)

Dear Parent,

Our Easter Chess Camp will kick off in 2 weeks! Hurry up and book now while there are still spaces available! □

The camps are both fun and educational, children can enjoy chess amongst other activities such as football and puzzles. After a full 4 day week of chess, your child will have improved their chess skills significantly.

Dates:

Week 1: March 25-28 (Mon-Thurs)

Week 2: April 2-5 (Tues-Fri)

Week 3: April 8-11 (Mon-Thurs)

(Full week booking only - 4 days)

Half day: 9am-1pm

Full day: 9am-4pm

Pick from two locations:

Swiss Cottage

Kensington (St. Mary Abbots Centre)

Elite Camp at both venues

You are welcome to book a half-day or full-day and our camp is open for complete beginners to tournament players 4 to 14 years of age.

Click the link below for bookings:

<https://wallace-chess.class4kids.co.uk/>

If you need assistance with your booking or have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Have a nice day,

Have a nice day!

Kind regards,  
**Clara Santos**

PA Wallace chess Ltd.  
PH: 0787 965 5581

## Re: Sickness, Medical and Dental Appointments

Attendance is important but what parents might not know that if you are out for a hospital/dental/medical appointment then it counts as an absence even if your child comes back afterwards.

For example, if your child has a medical appointment in the morning this will count as a (**M** code) absence for the whole (*am*) period and will only be marked as present in school for (*pm*) register if the child returns. On-going therapies (such as the Tavistock) are coded differently and do not count as an absence – they are classed as off-site education.

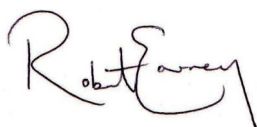
If the office have not been notified then we will not be able to put the correct code and this will appear as an unauthorised absence.

Always try to book appointments after school or during the holidays. However, we know that sometimes you have no control over that and we also know that medical and dental appointments are hard to get at the moment. For things like dental or hospital appointments then try to book them at 11.00/11.30 or 14.30/15.00 as that way your child is here for the register and you can collect them and drop them off afterwards.

We do not want your child in school if they are too sick to learn or their infection might spread. See the poster over the page for advice. A broad piece of advice would be is that **if you think your child is sick enough to warrant booking a doctor's appointment then they should not be in school.** Again, please check the poster over the page for illnesses where your child **must** stay at home.

There is more advice here: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please let the office and class teachers know about any **pre-booked** dental, doctor, hospital appointments with proof of the appointment – a photo or screenshot of the letter is fine.



Rob Earrey  
Headteacher



# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

# PRIMARY SCHOOL T-SHIRT & HOODIE SALE!

FITZJOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL HAS CREATED A NEW SITE TO BUY SCHOOL LOGO T-SHIRTS, HOODIES AND MORE FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS. THE FITZJOHNSNW3 LOGO REPRESENTS OUR COMMUNITY AND AREA, AND IS IN AN EXACT REPLICA OF THE STREET SIGN DIRECTLY BESIDE THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE. THE HISTORY OF THIS LOGO IS UNIQUE TO OUR LOCATION AND HISTORY. OTHER LOGOS AVAILABLE ARE THE HOUSE SIGNS OF AIR, WATER, EARTH AND FIRE AND THE SCHOOL BUILDING LOGO.

<https://shop.spreadshirt.co.uk/FitzjohnsNW3>

Great For Sports Day, leavers, etc

Click here to be taken to the site.

T-SHIRTS: BETWEEN £12 - £17  
HOODIES: £27 - £37  
DEPENDENT ON SIZE  
ALL ITEMS CAN BE PERSONALISED



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## Free Money!

You may all already know that everyone from Reception to Year 6 is now entitled for Free School Meals as these are being funded by the government and the Mayor of London.

**What you may not know is that the school gets extra money into our account for all those children who fulfil certain criteria.**

**Please could everyone check on this link to see if you are entitled - if you are then we get extra money!**

<https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

## Corporate Funding - can you help?

Are you working in one of the banks or one of the big tech companies (Google, Microsoft, Facebook)? We are looking to speak to parents who work there about some corporate funding opportunities for the school.

Please get in touch with:

Lee (Oscar's (Y2) and Rae's (N) dad): [leefels79@gmail.com](mailto:leefels79@gmail.com)

or Nitzan (Roni's (Y5)

dad): [nitzanyudan@hotmail.com](mailto:nitzanyudan@hotmail.com)

## Turn your weekly shopping into BIG donations for our school

No matter who you shop with, or how you shop, you can now raise FREE MONEY for Fitzjohn's!

Supermarket	Home delivery		Click & Collect	
	First order	Existing customer order	First order	Existing customer order
<b>TESCO</b>	£3.50	£1.75	£2.50	£1.75
<b>MORRISONS</b>	£3.50	£1.50	£3.00	£1.50
<b>ASDA</b>	£2.50	£1.00	✗	✗
<b>WALMART</b>	£1.23	90p	£1.23	✗
<b>Sainsbury's</b>	£4.00	60p	£4.50	60p
<b>Iceland</b>	1.50%	0.50%	✗	✗
<b>Ocado</b>	1.50%	0.50p	✗	✗

Minimum spend requirements apply. Full retailer TSC's apply. Don't on sites may change. Term time to time, rates above were correct as of 18/03/2023.

## Raise a donation every time you shop with your supermarket

Last year we raised close to £1,000 just from parents using easyfundraising for their online shopping. It takes a couple of minutes to set-up, and that's it!

These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started:

[easyfundraising for Fitzjohn's](https://www.easyfundraising.com/)

Thank you!



## Thank a Teacher

If you want to thank anyone working in our school this is a great way of doing it. From experience I know that they are greatly appreciated and can act as a springboard to the National Teaching Awards.

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/>

## Assemblies (all at 9.15am)

Our assembly programme has concluded for this term. Thanks to all the staff and children.



We have limited stock of these high quality branded umbrellas for sale. I have the same brand through The Magic Circle (of which I am a Member—have I said?) and they are very good.

On sale for £25 (cash preferred please)

If you would like to buy one please ask Nashima in the office.

**STANDING ORDER MANDATE**

<b>To The Manager</b>	
Bank Name	
Bank Address (optional)	
Bank Sort Code	
Bank Account Number	
<b>Please Pay</b>	
Payee Bank Name	Lloyds TSB
Payee Account Name	Fitzjohn's School Association
Payee Sort Code	30-93-80
Payee Account Number	00008235
Payment Amount (circle)	£30   £50   £100   £250   £500   Other: £
Frequency	STANDING ORDERS from my account as detailed in this instruction on the ___ day of every month
Date of First Payment	
Reference	Fitzjohn's Parents Appeal
<b>Customer Details</b>	
Print Name	
Signature	
Date	
Address	
Email	
Phone number	
<b>GIFT AID IT—UK TAXPAYERS!</b>	
<p>For every pound you give to us we get an extra 25p from the INLAND REVENUE so please sign below if you are a UK taxpayer*</p> <p>I am a UK taxpayer and under the GIFT AID scheme, I would like the Fitzjohn's School Association to claim back the tax on any donations I make until further notice OR have made in the past 4 years.</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p><i>*To qualify for Gift Aid what you pay in UK income tax or capital gains tax must be at least equal to the amount we will claim in the tax year from the Inland Revenue. NB. Please notify us if you change your address. NB. You can cancel your standing order form at anytime.</i></p>	

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE FITZJOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL'S OFFICE.

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