



DIARY DATES

June 2022

Mon 20th

Sports Week

Shared reading Year 1

Speed Stacking

Tues 21st

World Music Day

Don Rae Olympic

Themed Dance

Workshop followed by

Parent Assembly at

14:15

Reception Screening

Wed 22nd- Fri 24th

Game On – Handball

Thurs 23rd

14:15 Year 2 Guitar

Student Assembly

(parent/carer by

invitation only)

Hula Hooping

Fri 24th

Go Yellow for DENS Day

Shared Reading Year 1

Sports Day Practice

13:00 New Reception

2022/23 Intake Parent

Meeting & Transition 2

Session for Children

Mon 27th

Samba Bamba

Workshop

Tues 28th

Sports Day

Wed 29th

Medieval Art Day

Thurs 30th

Archery Workshop

July 2022

Fri 1st

Stay & Play Toddler

Session

17th June 2022

The final term of the school year is always a busy one and today it's been a scorcher too! Voles cooled off this morning splashing in the paddling pool.



This week the children have enjoyed hockey workshops, Voles class assembly, preparation for Fathers Day with card making and the Voles Breakfast, parent talks as well as beginning their transition sessions.

Next week is Sports Week and we are looking forward to welcoming parents to the Don Rae Olympic Themed dance performance by the children on Tuesday. Other activities include handball, hula hooping, speed stacking...

Sports Day

On Tuesday 28th June is Sports Day. Nursery children will be doing their activities at Swing Gate. The rest of the school will then be heading up to Thomas Coram for Sports Day. You will receive a slip confirming your child's team colour and will need to send them in with the correct t-shirt by Friday 24th June. Please do not go to the expense of buying new, simply having the colour somewhere on the top is sufficient and we have a few spares in school if needed.

Families are invited to Sports Day. We will need parent volunteers to walk to and from

Thomas Coram on the day. Afterward there will be a lunch picnic for children and their families. School will provide the children's lunches but you will need to bring your own refreshments.

Miss Turnham's last day

Today we bid a fond farewell to Miss Turnham. All of the classes presented her with handmade cards in assembly. Staff & children then spoke of their memories of working and being taught by her. We wish her well in her new adventures.

KS1 New Classes for September

The current Reception and Year 1 children had the first of their three transition visits. They enjoyed meeting staff and seeing their new classrooms. The KS1 teachers for September will be:

- Hedgehogs - Mrs Huke
- Rabbits - Mrs Ayres & Mrs Sutton
- Badgers - Mrs Marshall & Miss Parry
- Foxes - Mrs Hier.

Year 2 visited their Reception classes at the same time.

New to Reception will be having their first visit on Friday 24th June.

Reminder

Please ensure your children remain with you on the walk into school at all times. We have had reports of unsupervised children climbing on the furniture and the wall by the kitchen.



Pause for thought

*"I'm glad it's hot enough for me to
complain about how hot it is"*

Anonymous

Go Yellow for DENS Day

On Friday 24th June we will be inviting children to wear something yellow (clothing, socks, hair band or stickers) to school in support of [Go Yellow for DENS week](#). We suggest a £1 donation if you feel able to.

Fond farewell to the chicks

On Thursday, our 19 chicks made their way to their new home. We have had an update to say they have settled well into their new surrounding and the warm weather suits them as they do not need their heat lamps as much. We hope to receive some eggs to use for baking once they are laying after the summer break.

The children have enjoyed having the chicks here. Thank you to FoSG for funding such a valuable learning opportunity. Here is Ted from Rabbits holding one of the chicks.



Donation request

Do you have a toy pram or pushchair that you would be willing to donate to our Early Years classes? If so, please drop it to the office.

Stay & Play

Our next Stay & Play toddler session is on Friday 1st July. We would love to see you and your younger children – plus any friends that may have pre-school aged little ones. Register your interest now by [emailing the office](#).



Voiles Busy Week

In Voiles we harvested our strawberries and ate them for snack. We also began harvesting



our broad beans which we planted in the autumn.

Two parents came to visit with Bobby's Daddy coming to talk about being a tree surgeon (even bringing his truck into the playground) and Tommy's Mummy accompanied by Ruby and Rubble to talk about dogs.



Friends of Swing Gate School

Swing Gate Shindig

Unfortunately we didn't sell enough tickets to run the Swing Gate Shindig so we have had to cancel the event. Those with tickets will have received an email about it.

We're looking ahead to next year so we can get lots of exciting events in the diary for you and your children whilst raising funds for the school.

If you'd like to join us and help organise events, we are looking for a Secretary for next year. We're always looking for more volunteers. Even if you can only spare the odd hour, it's a great way to meet other parents.

People not Borders Assembly

Sue Hampton from People not Borders (now part of Herts for Refugees) came into speak to the children on Monday. She gave free copies of her book to the children from Afghanistan. We have additional copies in the office, if anyone is interested in purchasing one. They are £10 each with all profits used to support child refugees. She also left copies of the slightly more sophisticated I AM ME 2, which are available to buy too.

The Circus is in town!

The Friends of Thomas Coram School are hosting a Circus at Thomas Coram School on Sunday 17th July.





It's the second time they have run the event and it is a great, fun-filled afternoon. They are extending the invitation to Victoria and Swing Gate families. If you would like to purchase tickets, or find out more information, please [click here](#).

Reception Screenings

A reminder that next Tuesday and Wednesday the school nursing team will be in to complete the Reception Screenings.

Summer Reading Challenge

Hertfordshire libraries will be running their Summer Reading Challenge this July and August. This year's it will be called '[Gadgeteers](#)'. A member of the libraries' team will be coming to school in July to speak to the children about the challenge and explain how they can take part.

Being a member of the library **is free to all Hertfordshire residents** and gives your child the chance to access a vast array of books, audio books and other resources.

Children's Hospice Fundraiser

This summer Ms DG's niece, who is a children's hospice nurse, is undertaking an epic cycle ride to raise awareness and money for the countries children's hospices. She will be cycling over 3,000 miles around the UK to visit all 54 children's hospices. As part of the challenge she is looking for teams of children to join in with the fundraising and race against her, the information pack is available [via email from the office](#). Or you can donate to her [justgiving page here](#).

St Peter's 800th Festival

On Sunday 26th June, St Peter's 800th Festival will take place from 14:00-17:00. The 800th Festival afternoon will feature a host of stalls,

refreshments, entertainment, raffle, dog show and activities for children including a fire engine and miniature train. This event is a celebration for the whole town and they would love your support.

Wellbeing in Action

Healthy Eating

Energy boosting banana ice lolly

You will need:

- a 6 x 100ml lolly mould
- freeze the mixture for a minimum of four hours, preferably overnight.



Ingredients

- 4 ripe bananas
- 2 tbsp nut butter of your choice
- dash of honey to sweeten (optional)

Method

1. Peel and chop the banana into evenly sized pieces, place in a freezer bag and freeze overnight (or for at least 3 hours).
2. Once frozen, blend the banana in a food processor or blender until completely smooth. Add the nut butter and honey (if using) and blend until well mixed.
3. Scoop into the lolly moulds, resist the urge to eat right away, and freeze.

Mindfulness

Ask your child to lie down in a quiet place and then [listen to this amazing sound bath](#).

And finally...

I hope you are not melting in the extreme heat. We have been looking after the children to make sure they stay safe in the hot weather.

Francesca Gallagher (Mrs)
Headteacher