

News from the Hill

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*"Learning Together, We Will All Be
Exceptional"*



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Our Values
*respect one another
every individual matters
take responsibility
strive for excellence
try your best*

Dear Parents/Carers,



Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break over the Christmas period. Welcome back to the new term!

This term's learning focus is 'What a Wonderful World'; children across the school will have a focus on STEM subjects and at the end of this term we will hold our STEAM exhibition on **Tuesday 26th March**.

It was lovely to see the children running into school on Tuesday morning. A reminder that the gates open at 8.45am and when children go to class, they are given early work to do. Although it's not the formal start to the school day, it is a calm start and gives children the chance to regulate before the school day begins. I will include the weekly attendance figures from next week.

In this newsletter, I have included a letter from The Mayor's office about the extension of universal free school meals for all pupils – that's great news! This week, we had a visiting professional come in to work with our support staff and children on playground games. She commented on how delicious the school meals are at Sunnyhill and was particularly impressed with the homemade bread!

Before the holidays, I asked you to complete a survey about how the school communicates with you. I received 42 responses and would really like to hear from more of you before I analyse the results. Here is the survey link <https://forms.gle/fGPQD14k9hifN9JY7>, it will remain open until next Friday. Please don't complete the survey again if you have already done so.

Today, there was information sent out by email particularly for dads. The Fatherhood Institute has developed some excellent opportunities which are focused on dads and significant males in the family. Please do go along and find out more.

Finally, a message to nursery parents/carers – **Monday is the deadline for your application to primary school**. Please make sure you have completed the online application form and put Sunnyhill as your first choice!

Best wishes,
Sarah Wilson
Head Teacher

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Letter from the mayor, Sadiq Khan:

As the new term begins, I wanted to share some fantastic news about my Universal Free School Meals programme – it's extending until the middle of 2025!

As the Mayor of London, I'm so proud we've funded more than 17 million free school meals for around 287,000 primary school children in London since September. However, I know times are still tough for many Londoners and I am committed to doing all that I can to support families through these difficult times.

I am now extending funding for Universal Free School Meals for another academic school year between September 2024 and July 2025. This means that primary school aged children who attend a state funded school in London will continue to receive a healthy, nutritious meal so that no child goes hungry in the classroom, and all pupils can better concentrate on their studies.

I am also increasing the amount of money boroughs and schools receive to £3 per meal. The grant that I provide is now 18.5% higher than the offer from national Government for Universal Infant Free School Meals.

This extension will provide a safety net for families and could save parents and carers up to £1,000 per child across the two years.

Eating a nutritious meal everyday is hugely beneficial to children and families both in the short and long term. As someone who received free school meals myself growing up, I know they can be a lifeline, helping children to reach their full potential.

As Mayor of London, I also fundamentally believe that feeding our children shouldn't be an optional luxury but should rank as one of our society's top priorities. Making sure our children are properly fed and healthy is vital to building a better London for everyone – a city that is fairer, safer, more inclusive and more prosperous for all. This is why I will continue to call on the Government to step forward and provide the funding needed to make our Universal Free School Meal programme permanent.

Even though your child is receiving their free school meals automatically, it is still vitally important – if you have not done so already – to complete your school or borough's short registration form in case your child is eligible for extra funding for their school from the Government, worth over £1,300 per year. That's more money for extracurricular activities, teacher development and support for children who need it most. This will ensure you'll also receive any other benefits you may be entitled to, like food vouchers during the holidays. Ask your school for more info or visit your borough website.

For more information about this and anything else about the scheme please visit our online hub:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/free-school-meals>. Families who are having difficulties with their financial situation can also access advice and support by visiting my cost-of-living hub here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/communities-and-social-justice/help-cost-living> I wish you and your family a happy and healthy 2024. I will continue to do everything I can to support families across London.

Warmest wishes,



Sadiq Khan,

Mayor of London

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Term Dates 2023/2024

Term	Start Date	Finish Date	Number of days
Term One	INSET DAY 1&2 - 1st & 4th September 2023 Tuesday, 5th September 2023	Friday, 20th October 2023	36 days
Holiday Monday, 23rd October 2023 – Friday, 27th October 2023			
Term Two	Monday, 30th October 2023	Thursday, 21st December 2023	39 days
Christmas Holiday Friday, 22nd December 2023 – Friday, 5th January 2024			
Term Three	INSET DAY 3 - 8th January 2024 Tuesday, 9th January 2024	Friday, 9th February 2024	25 days
Holiday Monday, 12th February 2024 – Friday, 16th February 2024			
Term Four	Monday, 19th February 2024	Thursday 28th March 2024	29 days
Easter Holiday Friday, 29th March 2024 – Friday, 12th April 2024			
Term Five	INSET DAY 4 - 12th April 2024 Monday, 15th April 2024	Friday, 24th May 2024	30 days
Holiday Monday, 27th May 2024 – Friday, 31st May 2024			
Term Six	Monday, 3rd June 2024	Friday, 19th July 2024 INSET DAY 5 - 22nd July 2024	36 days
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Term Dates 2024/2025

Term	Start Date	Finish Date	Number of days
Term One	INSET DAY 1&2 - Monday & Tuesday, 2nd & 3rd September 2024 Wednesday, 4th September 2024	Friday, 25th October 2024	40 days
Holiday Monday, 28th October 2024 – Friday, 1st November 2024			
Term Two	Monday, 4th November 2024	Friday, 20th December 2024	35 days
Christmas Holiday Friday, 23rd December 2024 – Friday, 3rd January 2025			
Term Three	INSET DAY 3 - Monday, 6th January 2025 Tuesday, 7th January 2025	Friday, 14th February 2025	30 days
Holiday Monday, 17th February 2025 – Friday, 21st February 2025			
Term Four	Monday, 24th February 2025	Tuesday, 8th April 2025	32 days
Easter Holiday Wednesday, 9th April 2025 – Tuesday, 22nd April 2025			
Term Five	Wednesday, 23rd April 2025	Friday, 23rd May 2025	22 days
Holiday Monday, 26th May 2025 – Friday, 30th May 2025			
Term Six	INSET DAY 4 - Monday, 2nd June 2025 Tuesday, 3rd June 2025	Friday, 18th July 2025 INSET DAY 5 - Monday, 21st July 2025	36 days
			195 days