

News from the Hill

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



Our Values

*respect one another
every individual matters
take responsibility
strive for excellence*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading

I hope you enjoyed the book fair this afternoon, please remember that it's buy 2, get 1 free. The more books you purchase for yourselves, the more books we are given for free for the school!

All children in KS2 now have a reading folder. Please make sure you read with your child every day and that they bring in their reading packs every day

School uniform

As you know, I am not super strict about school uniform but we have seen an increase in football shirts being worn to school and this is not appropriate. If your child is unable to wear their school uniform on a particular day, please endeavour to send them to school wearing a dark coloured tee shirt or jumper. Please do not allow your child to come to school in sportswear. Thank you for your cooperation.

GDPR Survey / School Website

Next week, a photographer will be coming into school to take photos for the new website. Please complete the GDPR survey to opt in or opt out of having your child's photograph taken. <https://forms.gle/zExRK7d9d6c5SPNC8>

Playground equipment

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying the new fixed playground equipment. They are really enjoying the extra opportunities! There are pictures below as well as pictures of the children playing with the new 'craze of the week' equipment.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance continues to improve – well done everyone! Our whole school attendance for w/c 22.04.24 was 95.3% and the top attenders were 6AC with 100%. Excellent work 6AC!

Every day, there are 15-20 children who come in 5 or 10 minutes late. Even though they are not very late, missing the start of the day most days or every day does have a negative impact on learning and outcomes. If your child is often late, see if you can move your morning routine forward by 5-10 minutes. It will make for a more relaxing morning for you too!

Best wishes,

Sarah Wilson

Head Teacher

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Royal Opera House

Ms Rebecca who works in year 6 kindly passed on some information about and opportunity for children to work with The Royal Opera House:



Royal Opera House is now accepting applications to join our Youth Opera programmes for September 2024.

ROH Youth Opera is divided into two strands:

ROH Young Voices (Ages 7-8)

ROH Young Voices is a singing programme for 7-8 year olds, developing participants' vocal control, musical literacy and performing skills. As well as performing at concerts and other ROH events, participants gain a grounding in the skills required to progress into our older ensemble, the ROH Youth Opera Company.

ROH Youth Opera Company (Ages 9-13)

ROH Youth Opera Company is our in-house chorus of 9 to 13 year olds. We offer participants all round training in the performing arts, covering vocal technique, language coaching, acting and stage craft, musical literacy, and creative processes for developing new work. The ROH YOC also has the opportunity to audition for the children's chorus in two Royal Opera Company productions per season.

Who are we looking for?

We invite applications from all enthusiastic young singers and performers aged 7 to 11 years old. We particularly welcome applications from boys, those who are from a global majority background and/or those who are disabled, as they are under-represented within our programmes. Applicants should be able to demonstrate:

1. a passion for and commitment to singing and good vocal control.
2. an interest in drama and performing skills.
3. the ability to collaborate well with others and follow direction.

How to apply?

Please go to our website - all details on how to apply can be found [here](#)

The **deadline** for applications is 12.00pm on **Monday 10 June 2024**.

Round 1 audition (Sat 20 July): successful applicants will be invited to a one-hour audition workshop at the Royal Opera House.

Round 2 audition (Sun 21 July): successful applicants from the round 1 auditions will be invited to attend a call back audition, during which the final selections will be made.

What to expect at an in-person audition

Children invited to attend in-person auditions will join 30 other children for a one-hour workshop. This will be led by two of our ROH artists who will run music and drama-based games and singing activities. We aim for our audition workshops to be fun, friendly, and relaxed, and regardless of the outcome, educational and enjoyable for all.

Please forward this opportunity to any young people you feel might be interested in learning more about the ROH Youth Opera programmes and potentially joining us!

For more information on the Youth Opera programmes please email youthopera@roh.org.uk

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Year 3 visit to Khalsa Centre in Tooting

On Wednesday Year 3 were kindly hosted by the Khalsa Centre Gurdwara in Tooting. While there we listened to a talk about Sikhi, learnt a greeting in Punjabi and enjoyed a complimentary drink and biscuit. Did you know that the Sikh religion was started by Guru Nanak who was born in 1469?

Amiah - "Sikhs think that it is important to share because they always make food to share with people. They shared a juice and a biscuit with us."

Ben - "We learnt the words that Sikhs say to make God protect them and they are very good at sharing."



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Reach Out Year 5 & 6 visit

The girls who participate in the Reach Out programme were treated to a visit and lunch this week to The Mindful Chef. It was a very successful day!

The girls had an amazing time together, learning about, making, cooking and eating healthy smoothies, bean burgers and chocolate mousse. The Mindful Chef's well-being oriented offices inspired the girls to think about healthy living and their future career choices.



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New Playground Equipment

Here are some pictures of the stage and 'craze of the week' equipment in use – it's going really well!



Art Activity Sessions

Melanie Russell, the local artist who came to school to work with Year 2, is running some art activity workshops this weekend. Here are the details:

Art activity - 2 sessions

Saturday 11th May

10am - 12pm & 14.30- 4pm

Hi, thought I'd share for any budding young artists... I'm helping out with a fundraiser at The Woodfield Pavilion on Tooting Common, (Abbotswood Rd) and running a workshop in the upper hall, 'Make your own postcard'. It's aimed at families so everyone can join in. All materials are provided. We're asking for a £1 donation per postcard. (They're large postcards A5)

Downstairs in the main hall there will be an exhibition of postcards donated by lots of artists so a great opportunity to buy an original work of art for a really affordable price.

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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 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 |
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Bank and public holidays:

- Wednesday, 25th December 2024 – Christmas Day
- Thursday, 26th December 2024 – Boxing Day
- Wednesday, 1st January 2025 – New Year's Day
- Friday, 18th April 2025 – Good Friday
- Monday, 21st April 2025 – Easter Monday
- Monday, 5th May 2025 – May Day Bank Holiday
- Monday, 26th May 2025 - Spring Bank Holiday
- Monday, 25th August 2025 - Summer Bank Holiday