



# Windermere Primary School

## Newsletter 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### A word from the Headteacher

Although a couple of shorter weeks, we have seen Year 6 busy preparing for and taking their SATs tests this week. They have worked hard and tried their best, and contrary to some schools featured in news reports, have managed to stay very calm and composed. Thank you to parents for supporting them through this, and to all staff involved for supporting and reassuring them through the whole process.

We have learned about the coronation and more about the royal family, and created art works that can be seen in each class window. Thanks go to the PTA for the bookmarks to commemorate the event. Children have also explored the story of Buddha and how Buddhists mark Buddha Day or Wesak. Classes have celebrated children who always show kindness towards people other than their friends, and those who make the right choices.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Sarah Gilliver

### Classroom routines and expectations

In recent weeks all classes have been focusing on behaviours for learning. These include the following basic expectations:

- Saying please and thank you
- Listening when someone is speaking
- Asking for permission to move around the classroom
- No pencil cases on tables

Children will be involved in reviewing class responses to these and making suggestions for improvements and tweaks.

### Delivery Special Provision Locally (DSPL)

DSPL7 is the local area resource for schools, parents and families to access support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). They have recently reviewed, updated and relaunched their website which contains a parent section which is building lots of useful information on courses, support and details of local attractions with dedicated SEN access timings.

<https://www.dspl7.org.uk/topic/parents>

### Ask Your Child...

This is a way to start to discuss your child's learning. You aren't expected to know the answers.

Reception-What do plants need to grow?

Year 1-What are the parts of a plant?

Year 2- What is germination?

Year 3- What is the difference between a closed question and an open question?

Year 4- What is an algorithm?

Year 5 – Can you explain how our plants are developing?

What has happened to their roots and why?

Year 6 – What are the physical features of a volcano?

### Water and hydration

As we move into the warmer spring and summer weather, it is essential that children have easy access to water throughout the day. This helps with all round health and aids concentration. Children MUST all have a NAMED reusable water bottle (not Prime) that can be taken outside at breaks and lunchtimes as well as being used in the class.

### PE Kit

All children MUST have a separate PE kit for ALL their PE lessons to support flexibility of movement and hygiene, particularly for KS2. The kit is as follows:

PE t-shirt (red or white)

Black shorts or tracksuit trousers

Trainers- separate to daily footwear as they can still get muddy while the field is still damp.

### Class Attendance: May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup>

Class	Present %	Authorised absence %	Unauthorised absence %
Reception	98.6	0	1.4
Year 1	97.9	1.04	1.04
Year 2	96.2	2.5	1.25
Year 3	94	3.5	2.6
Year 4	85.4	13.8	0.8
Year 5	98.4	1.1	0.6
Year 6	99.1	0.9	0

### Summer uniform KS2

As in previous years, the school has moved into the 'summer uniform' phase with the polo shirts replacing the cotton shirts. We recognise that many children will feel more comfortable in the cotton shirt and as parents you want your child to get the most wear and value from them. All ties are to be kept at home for the summer even if continuing to wear a cotton shirt so the top button can be opened while still being smart.

### Dates for your Diary:

26<sup>th</sup> May Last day of half term  
29<sup>th</sup> May- 2<sup>nd</sup> June Half Term Holiday  
26<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> June Sports week  
1<sup>st</sup> July PTA Summer Fair  
13<sup>th</sup> July Secondary Transition Day  
21<sup>st</sup> July Last day of the school year





A series of interview-style shows featuring some of your children's favourite household names.

Hosted by Riyadh Khalaf\* and featuring authors, musicians and West End stars talking about their lives and careers, the 75 minute shows will include a Q&A and, depending on the guest, perhaps a book-reading, maybe some songs and definitely a whole lot of fun.

Stars will be announced online as they are confirmed so check [performinthePark.uk](http://performinthePark.uk) regularly and be the first to book.



\*for most dates

## Perform in the Park



### LONDON'S FIRST EVER FESTIVAL OF CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Taking place in a 500 seat air-conditioned theatre in Coram's Fields, we're showing live performances all day every day from 22nd July – 28th August.

There are four fantastic children's shows to see plus an all-day café and the playgrounds, sandpits and paddling pool of Coram's Fields so you can make a day of it.

Perform in the Park is hosted by Perform – the UK's leading provider of drama, dance and singing workshops for 4–12 year olds.

Every week, over 8,000 children attend Perform classes at venues across the UK. Classes focus on developing confidence and social skills in a fun and lively way.

Your child can come and try Perform for FREE by visiting [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try)



### YOUR VISIT CORAM'S FIELDS

Coram's Fields has been a haven for play since 1956. Located in the heart of London, the park has an exciting mix of play zones for all ages plus two wide lawns for picnics. The adventure play area has a zip wire, a witch's hat swing and one of the largest slides in town. And, with two sandpits and a paddling pool, you may want to pack swim gear!

Coram's Fields has a policy of not allowing any adults to enter unless they are accompanied by a child under 16 years old.

#### THE PERFORM THEATRE

The Perform Theatre is a 500 seat fully-equipped air-conditioned auditorium with flat and tiered seating and designed to be a complete theatre experience. There is a merchandise shop, open air and covered café, buggy park and male and female toilets. Accessible toilets and baby-changing facilities are located just outside the site.

#### CASTAWAY'S CAFE

Open all day every day, the café has seating in open air and covered areas so, no matter what the weather, it's a great place for a snack before or after a performance.

#### GETTING THERE

Address: Coram's Fields, 93 Gullford Street, London WC1N 1DN.  
Nearest tubes: Russell Square, Kings Cross St Pancras, Holborn & Chancery Lane. Nearest buses: 17, 45, 5-46 at Gray's Inn Road or the 7, 59, 68, 91, 168 & 188 at Russell Square.

The auditorium opens 30 minutes before the start of each performance.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

There is step-free access to the auditorium as well as step-free accessible seating areas and spaces for wheelchair users who would prefer to stay in their chair. A step-free accessible toilet is also available.

#### BOOKING TICKETS

Performances run from 22nd July to 28th August 2023 with shows from 10.30am to 7.30pm each day. Ticket prices start at £14.50\*. To see the full performance schedule and book, visit [performinthePark.uk](http://performinthePark.uk)

\*All tickets are subject to the Coram's Fields Restoration Levy.

## THE THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF ELEPHANT & PIGGIE MERMAIDS & PIRATES THE DREAM



MAGICAL CHILDREN'S THEATRE  
IN THE HEART OF LONDON

22 JUL - 28 AUG  
CORAM'S FIELDS, LONDON WC1N  
[PERFORMINTHEPARK.UK](http://PERFORMINTHEPARK.UK)



### The TRIP TRAPPING musical adventure

On a grassy hill, in the middle of the countryside, there lived *THE THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF!* They never stopped eating and before long they had eaten everything they could get their hooves on!

Hold on to your horns and join the three billy goats on their wild and wacky adventure, as they bravely cross the rickety bridge to greener pastures. But who will they meet along the way as they TRIP TRAP over the bridge?

With lots of catchy songs, funky dances to clap along to and a rapping troll to boot, Lost The Plot Theatrical are proud to present this smash-hit children's musical. An interactive, family fun show and the perfect treat this summer for little ones and the big kids that bring them!

BOOK NOW at [performinthePark.uk](http://performinthePark.uk)



### A fun friendship story perfect for young audiences

Get ready for a musical experience, straight from the pages of Mo Willems' award-winning, best-selling children's books, that will leave audiences dancing the "Flippy Floppy Floopy" all day!

An elephant named Gerald and a pig named Piggie are best, best, "bestus" (a word Gerald and Piggie made up that means "very best") friends, but Gerald worries that something could go wrong that would end their friendship.

Piggie is not worried at all. She's even happier and more excited than usual because she and Gerald are invited to a party hosted by the Squirrelles, three singing squirrels who love to have a good time. And so begins a day when anything is possible.

Filled with beloved characters and lively songs, *Elephant & Piggie's "We are in a Play!"* is a perfect way to introduce young people to theatre.

BOOK NOW at [performinthePark.uk](http://performinthePark.uk)



### A swishy-washbuckling musical tale

When Long Gone Silver and his hapless pirates discover Treasure Island, they're not expecting Marina and her super-cool mermaids. Chaos ensues and, after the Sacred Coconut goes missing, it's down to singing parrot Rita Conchita and her friends to save the day.

*Mermaids & Pirates* is a one-hour musical packed full of calypso-infused songs, salsa-inspired dancing and laugh-out-loud humour.

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As this is a new production, images are for illustrative purposes only.



### A Midsummer Night's Dream rebooted for a new generation

Social media has gone mad for the star-studded engagement of footballer Theseus and his fashion influencer fiancée, Hippolyta. But when billionaire media mogul Oberon goes up against Titania for the streaming rights to the wedding, a quartet of young celebrities get caught up in his schemes.

*The Dream* is a one-hour musical filled with infectious songs, exuberant dancing and hilarious dialogue.

BOOK NOW at [performinthePark.uk](http://performinthePark.uk)



The Dream is an original musical based on J. M. Barrie's play A Midsummer Night's Dream. It does not include any text from the Shakespeare play. As this is a new production, images are for illustrative purposes only.