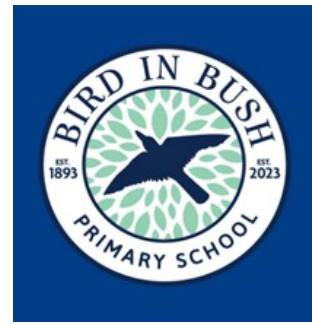




The Bird in Bush School Newsletter

April 2024 Edition One

#exceptionaleveryday



Parents Survey 2024

Over 95% of parents/carers are reporting their children are happy at Bird in Bush School and they are happy with the education their children receive and the way in which if they do have any concerns that the school responds appropriately and in a timely manner to support their child. This is an exceptional recommendation for the school and a position to build on.

Strengths noted at the school include: the after school provision; the way any concerns with bullying are dealt with; encouraging positive behaviour; the reading and writing improvements; the school's leadership, teachers and staff and the way they manage the children.

Requested areas for improvement include considering different ways to communicate with parents/carers; more financial support/vouchers where possible as well as both sides of the homework issue.

Full analysis of all the responses will be shared going forward

Parent Governor needed for Bird in Bush School

With Eva, mother of 2 children at school, joining the staff team, we're advised an additional parent governor is required to join the school's governing body. Please look out for the nomination form to be sent out by email that will request one parent/carer considering their availability to support in the leadership of our school.

Parent Governors form an essential role in the school's life although Bunmi, mother of 3 children at the school and the other parent might say it's a challenging role being Mr Robinson's boss!

If you might be willing to consider such a position to support the school please can we recommend you speak to Mr Robinson in the first instance.

Nominations needed by the end of April 2024.

PE timetable for Week commencing Monday 22nd April

Year 3 PE — Mondays with both classes swimming

Year 4 PE — Osprey Class will swim on Friday with Year 4 Nightingale class will have outdoor PE on Friday

Year 1 PE — **Thursday** Year 2 PE — **Wednesday** Year 5 PE — Fridays from 8.00 a.m. Year 6 PE — Thursdays from 8.00 a.m.

Another exceptional week at Bird in Bush School

DT Day 2024—only made possible through the dedication of Miss Hier, DT Lead Teacher and the new financial stability of our exceptional Bird in Bush School.



Future exceptional weeks at Bird in Bush School

Thanks to the dedication of so many different staff members, Bird in Bush School will be offering or continuing to offer (linked to the financial stability of the school at this time) the following opportunities:

CYCLE CONFIDENT

Training for Year 3 to Year 6 children



Swimming continuing—for over 200 children in the summer term ahead

More trips to Exceptional London
Year 5 & 6 to Horizon 22



Violins and Ukulele



School run around
Burgess Park Lake

.... and all the time we are in Assessment Period 3 with daily Phonics, Reading, Writing, Maths (including a focus on multiplication facts and confidence) as well as accessing an exceptional racially literate curriculum every week

Ideas taken from recent government Teaching blog in this area

<https://teaching.blog.gov.uk/2024/03/04/how-were-encouraging-children-at-our-school-to-read-for-pleasure>

How we're encouraging children at our school to read for pleasure



“Reading is at the heart of everything we do”

“Developing staff knowledge of children’s literature”

“At the heart of our approach is the commitment to enrich the reading for all children and developing staff knowledge of the books that are most appropriate to do this.”



“How we’re going to build on our success...”

The school has an exceptional library on site; book corners are full with books to read and reading journals are enthusiastically completed to record efforts inside and outside school. All the building blocks for ensuring Reading is at the heart of future improvements in pupil standards across all areas of Bird in Bush School life.

Term Dates for Summer Term ahead as well as the academic year 2024/2025

Please note when booking any holidays.
Children are all entitled to 190 days in school



Bird in Bush Primary School Term and Holiday dates

Academic year 2023/2024

Summer term 2024

- Monday 15th April 2024 to Friday 24th May 2024 (29 school days)
Half Term Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024
- Tuesday 4th June 2024 to Friday 19th July 2024 (34 school days)

***Bird in Bush applauds every child with
100% attendance and punctuality.***

***The school day starts at 8.40 a.m. daily
with registration at 8.45 a.m. Lessons will
start by 8.50 a.m. and arriving after this
time affects a child's education***



Bird in Bush Primary School Term and Holiday dates

Academic year 2024/2025

Autumn term 2024

- Tuesday 3rd September 2024 to Friday 25th October 2024 (39 school days)
Half Term Monday 28th October 2024 to Friday 1st November 2024
- Monday 4th November 2024 to Friday 20th December 2024 (34 school days)
Mid-term Inset Day Friday 22nd November 2024

Spring term 2025

- Monday 6th January 2025 to Friday 14th February 2025 (30 school days)
Half Term Monday 17th February 2025 to Friday 21st February 2025
- Monday 24th February 2025 to Friday 4th April 2025 (30 school days)

Summer term 2025

- Tuesday 22nd April 2025 to Friday 23rd May 2025 (24 school days)
Half Term Monday 26th May 2025 to Friday 30th May 2025
- Tuesday 3rd June 2025 to Friday 18th July 2025 (34 school days)