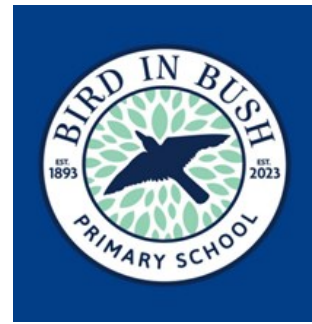




The Bird in Bush School Newsletter

December Four Edition

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Bird in Bush School 2023 wrapped up and placed under our tree of experiences

Yes 2023 as a school year wasn't ideal for everyone but the most exceptional reflection is how our school community has come together and become a better place for all. Support to our children and the school that strives every day to meet the needs of these children are the foundations of our success. We look forward to so much more in 2024.
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Exceptional kindness and support to our school at this time.

In so many ways it is so often our greatest privilege to be involved in the life of a community institution that draws in acts of kindness and support that benefit our children. We are thrilled to share the news that Bird in Bush School has received a significant financial donation that will be passed on to all our children over time. In the first instance, this donation will provide a £1000 grant for every Year 6 trip for the next five years with possible additional donations to follow. So many people make contributions in their own way. These individuals were able to provide some financial support, when others provide help through donating their time or even cooking delicious food for our children.

Our exceptional Fair!

We raised over £1250—Thank you for your support

◆ Key events in week commencing Monday 8th January:

Please look out for texts to inform you about the key messages linked to starting the new term, including PE days.

Please note the key event in January 2024 will be our **Spring Term Parents Evening on Tuesday 30th January**—in order to provide every parent with a 10 minute appointment with their child's class teacher, the school will close on this day from 12.45 p.m. with appointments between 1.00—6.45 p.m.



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We've earned our WINGS Autumn 2023

<i>Class</i>	<i>Wings 1</i>	<i>Wings 2</i>
Year 6 Yellowhammer	Flavia	Eniola
Year 6 Warbler	Isabella	Andy
Year 6 Swift	Alejandro	Ana
Year 5 Oystercatcher	Hing Ying	Dehbia
Year 5 Redwing	Muntaha	Haider Ali
Year 5 Sandpiper	Davina	Raheem
Year 4 Nightingale	Rabia	Aisha
Year 4 Osprey	Jaaziel	Ruby
Year 3 Kingfisher	Zion	Fareedah
Year 3 Lapwing	Milana	Dorema
Year 2 Goldfinch	Iman	Alan
Year 2 Harrier	Jafar	Sarah P
Year 1 Eagle	Alexa	Kamaldeen
Year 1 Falcon	Adedoyin	Tife



‘Wings’ badges were pinned on the sleeve of these children in our end of term assembly. Wings are awarded to those children who uphold our school rules and personify our school values of aspiration, courage, dedication, integrity and resilience.

As the highest accolade in our school this is a significant achievement... like being knighted or coronated as was the accolade under previous systems of acknowledgment.

Next term we have asked that children wear their ‘Wings’ badge on their sweatshirt above the school crest to share their achievement this term.

The school will award their ‘Wings’ to two other children in each class in the Spring Term and two more in the Summer Term.

We thank and applaud these children for the role models that they are in our school.

We are Bird in Bush School 2023

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CHAMPS – FREE School Holiday Camp

We have few spaces left for CHAMPS this year, which will be taking place on Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th January 2024.

CHAMPS will be here at Bird in Bush School and is a time for the children to come and expend any remaining energy they have after all the treats they will have had over the Christmas period.

Please note the late change to attendance at CHAMPS and as communicated in a separate letter.

“Pleasingly, we are now able to extend the invitation for all Year 1 to Year 6 children to attend on any day of the CHAMPS holiday club period. Previously, we needed your children registered for all four days but due to a funding change, you are invited to send your children for any one of the four days (Tuesday 2nd; Wednesday 3rd; Thursday 4th or Friday 5th). Prior communication and confirmation via the CHAMPS mobile number is appreciated if you wish to take up this offer (07931 616456). The phone will be monitored across the holiday period. We look forward to seeing your child at CHAMPS 2024.”

Every year we give an early ‘Heads Up’ of future term dates so plans can be made

Please remember no holidays in term times



Prior written approval is needed for any term time absence for a child

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
- Tuesday 5th November 2024 to Friday 20th December 2024 (33 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)

Inset Days: 5 days for staff only

Pupil Leadership Opportunities at Bird in Bush School.

Thank you to these children for their support in running our school at this time.

This week's focus: Play Leaders and Peer Mediators



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School Peer Mediators 2023-2024



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Play Leaders 2023-2024

Our final 16 Play Leaders who made it through the nomination, application and selection stage

Tami	Julia	Neriah	Adesuwa
Matteo	Malaikah	Daniyal	Sariyu
Immaculate	Ibrahim	Peace	Davina
Haider Ali	Jamaal	Jacob	Kabeer

The names that are highlighted indicate **champion status** having completed at least 40% of play leader opportunities across the Autumn Term 2023. Exceptional thanks to these children.

<p>Briana, Dehbia</p> <p>Year 5 Oystercatcher Class</p>	<p>Davina, Imani</p> <p>Year 5 Sandpiper Class</p>
<p>Peace, Ambriana, Yeislyn</p> <p>Year 5 Redwing Class</p>	<p>Nahom</p> <p>Year 6 Swift Class</p>
<p>Farouq, Elijah, Nicole, Aliyah Marie, Urji, Ellvina</p> <p>Year 6 Warbler Class</p>	<p>Indiyah, Aliyah K, Sana, Gibril</p> <p>Year 6 Yellowhammer Class</p>

Every Peer Mediator had to complete an application form and an interview that challenged their ideas for how they will support peers when they experience difficulties in school. Their choice is a recognition of the skills of empathy as well as the willingness to listen and problem solve in difficult situations. With all positions of school leadership, these children should be telling their secondary school as well as future employers about their appointment and positions of leadership responsibility held.