



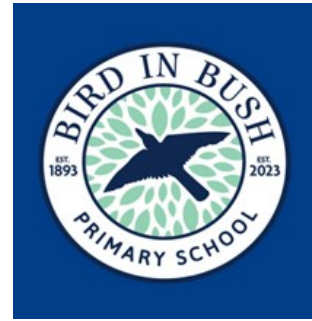
# The Bird in Bush School Newsletter

October One Edition

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## After School Clubs—free offer

Extended offer to pupils entitled to Free School Meals

The school is able to offer a limited number of free places to the following clubs—one per child

**Year 3, 4 & 5 Badminton club—Monday**

**Year 2, 3 & 4 Stay active/fitness club—Tuesday**

**Year 5 & 6 Multi sports club— Tuesday**

**Please book via the school office**

*+ please note Girls Football will now be on Tuesdays*

## **Half Term CHAMPS Last Chance Sign Up**

Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th October

10.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

CHAMPS (Yr 1—Yr 6) is offered for £25 a day—£100 for the week to working families to support with childcare at this time. CHAMPS Half Term will include a daily football camp (4 hours of football training) to those interested or the normal CHAMPS holiday provision of fun, food and friends all provided at Bird in Bush School

**Closing date is Monday 9th October—places are limited and will require payment in advance.**

## Parents Survey Autumn 2023—final call

A last plea for all parents/carers to return their child's Parent Survey by Monday 9th October. The school urgently needs to hear the voice of its parents/carers as we finalise our school development priorities.

**Please complete and return yours on Monday**

## Extra Inset Day Granted

Bird in Bush School were unable to fit in all training aspirations at the start of our amalgamation due to different expectations unusual for this year only. The Local Authority have now granted an extra Inset day to the school and we will take this on Friday 22nd December.

**Please now see amended term dates overleaf**

## **PE days for week commencing Monday 9th October:**

**Year 1—Tuesday (Dance) and Thursday; Year 2—Tuesday and Friday (Dance); Year 3—Friday (Dance)**

**Year 4—Friday**

**Year 5—Friday + Swimming for Oystercatcher Class**

**Year 6—Thursday (+ 8.00 a.m. lesson )**



# Bird in Bush Primary School Term and Holiday dates



## Academic year 2023/2024

### Autumn term 2023

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023\* to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (35 school days)  
*Half Term Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023*
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (38 school days)  
**Mid-term Inset Day Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

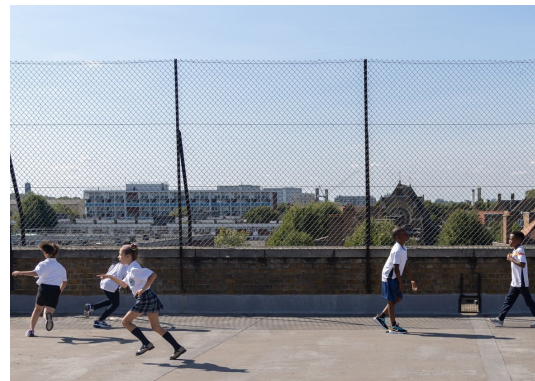


### Spring term 2024

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (25 school days)  
*Half Term Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024*
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (29 school days)

### Summer term 2024

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



### Inset Days: 5 days for staff only

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023  
 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Twilight training (3 x 2hr training sessions across the year)



# Come and explore Bird in Bush School



Photos from our school at this time plus more available on our website



**& Bird in Bush School are winners!  
Year 4 Girls Football Champions 2023**



**YEAR 1 PHONICS MORNING**

Information session for parents

How is Phonics taught in Year 1?  
Find out the best strategy to support your child

**COME AND FIND OUT MORE :**

- Date: Thursday 5th October
- Time: 8:50-9:10 a.m.
- Place: Rio Hub

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE**

Bird in Bush Primary School  
020 7639 0431



**& at the heart of an exceptional school is everyone learning.**

Thank you to all the Year 1 parents/carers who attended the training/learning Phonics Morning. Over 40 eager parents/carers learning about how to support their children at this crucial time in their lives. The message of the importance of reading daily with your child and supporting their phonics acquisition was clear.

The offer was also made that if any Year 1 parent/carer would like to watch a school phonics lesson in action, please contact Mr Robinson and he will arrange an invitation. Thank you

**STREETS FOR PEOPLE**  
LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK



**October half term cycling courses**

Southwark Council with Cycle Confident are providing FREE cycle skills courses for children over the Summer holidays.



“ The training instructors were amazing. Amazing service and advice. Thank you! ”

Southwark parent

Complete beginner courses, intermediate off-road courses and on-road courses are available and booking up fast! Training is in small groups with two fully qualified instructors.

All courses take place on Burgess Park (where limited bikes are available to borrow).

**BOOK NOW**

Places are limited so for more info or to book please visit [www.cycleconfident.com/southwark](http://www.cycleconfident.com/southwark) or call 020 303 16730



Our Bird in Bush School way of celebrating Black History and ensuring our children grow up as racially literate in all areas of their lives....

## International Food!

At Bird in Bush School we believe that Black History lessons should not be limited to a one month focus every year and then ignored for the rest of the year. At Bird in Bush School we have adapted our curriculum so we celebrate the contributions of every member of our school community for every day across the year. In this way, we celebrate Black History and our cultural diversity every month, as well celebrating all cultural backgrounds in our school.... which we refer to as being racially literate.

We are therefore asking parents/carers to support sharing our plans for International Days and International Food celebrations with our children on set days across the term ahead.

Please

see overleaf for our ideas

**England, Cyprus fed us this week and its Poland and Nigeria**  
**next week with Bangladesh, Jamaica, Ghana, Sierra Leone,**  
**Colombia, Ethiopia/Eritrea, the South American countries & the**  
**North African countries also signed up for future celebrations**

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& exceptional thanks to Miss Lou who cooked Greek Cypriot Kofte Halal Beef Meatballs for 100+ children to celebrate her country with you all.



## England's Shepherd's Pie Recipe

A note of explanation—A Shepherd's Pie is made from lamb while a Cottage Pie is made from beef

### Ingredients used for the Mr Robinson version!:

Halal Lamb; Carrots; Onions; Stock; Tomatoes; Herbs; Pepper not salt (National Food Standards say no!); Potatoes with milk and butter; peas and a squirt of Ketchup

Chop, mix, throw all ingredients in at exact time to maximise flavours. Run around a lot. Get Year 6 Prefects to help and hey presto!



Please can you sign up for the International cooking days that we would like to offer to our children to celebrate our International diversity at Bird in Bush School.

The idea is on this day in the playground, we share with our children foods of this country.

## International Celebration – October and November 2023

If you are willing to cook dishes on a set date please inform Miss Patrice in the school office. Thank you

Week commencing	Wednesdays	Thursdays
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	04.10 ENGLAND	05.10 GREECE
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	11.10 POLAND	12.10 NIGERIA
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	18.10 BANGLADESH	13.10 JAMAICA
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	01.11 COLOMBIA	02.11 NORTH AFRICA
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	08.11 SIERRA LEONE	09.11
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	15.11	16.11 SOUTH AMERICA
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	22.11 ETHIOPIA/ERITREA	23.11
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	29.11	30.11 GHANA

We hope that we will have you signing up for countries represented in our school such as Afghanistan; Algeria; Bangladesh; China; Colombia; Ecuador; Eritrea; Ghana; Greece; Guyana; India; Ireland; Jamaica; Morocco; Nigeria; Poland; Portugal; Romania; Sierra Leone; Somalia; Spain; Syria; Ukraine; Uganda and Vietnam amongst others including other Caribbean countries and other West African countries. All countries are encouraged to be celebrated by signing up for a special day. Highlights are invites to you all