



# GORDONBROCK WEEKLY

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER 2022

## Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

What an amazing week it's been! It's the start of Black History Month and Thursday was National Poetry Day. The children have been engaged in a wide range of activities linked to both, with more to come. Watch this space!

Next week is Buddy Week. This week is always a special at Gordonbrock—especially in the Autumn Term, as so many new bonds and relationships are formed between the children from different years. The younger children get to meet the older children and become familiar with new faces to say hello and speak to. The older children are such good role models and use their nurturing instincts to engage with their buddy in a fun activity together.

Parents/Carers please remember the booking system for the Parents' Evening on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October goes live at midday on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Please refer to the letter that was emailed to you on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022.

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October we will be taking part in "Show Racism the Red Card". We are inviting all Gordonbrock children and adults to wear a red item of clothing (with their uniform) to help support race equality.

We're looking forward to Cake and Fruit Day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022, please see the poster in this weekly for further details. If you can help FOG on the day please contact [friendsogordonbrock@gmail.com](mailto:friendsogordonbrock@gmail.com)

Have a lovely weekend everyone and we'll see you next week.

*Mrs Wright*



## Contacting Us

The school office can be contacted via telephone number on **02086900704** or via email

[info@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk) - for all general enquires.

[pickup@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:pickup@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk) - for changes to pick-up arrangements for the day no later than 2.00pm. After 2.00pm please call the office and speak to a member of staff. If the lines are busy, please can we ask you to call back and not leave a message on the answerphone.

**This also applies to any changes to pickup arrangements for the after school activity clubs (not TopMarks After School Club).**

[breakfastclub@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:breakfastclub@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk) - for any queries or requests for Breakfast Club.

[lunch@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:lunch@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk) - for the weeks meal choices that were booked in September.

## Nursery

This week in Nursery, we drew pictures of our family and friends. We talked about the members in our family and the people that are special to us. We had a go at writing and mark making letters to label our family members.

We learned about Autumn and nocturnal animals and painted hedgehogs using paint and forks. We had fun dressing up and sharing stories with our peers.



# Cake and fruit day!

**Friday 21st October 2022**  
**£1 Suggested donation**

**PLEASE BRING DONATIONS OF FRUIT OR CAKE ON THE DAY  
(HOMEMADE OR SHOP BOUGHT)  
& TUPPERWARE FOR CHILDREN TO BRING CAKES HOME**

**IMPORTANT: NO NUTS, NO PEANUT BUTTER,  
NO NUT FLOURS, NO SESAME AND NO BAKEWELLS!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP ON THE DAY**

**PLEASE CONTACT**

**[friendsofgordonbrock@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgordonbrock@gmail.com)**



**FOG**  
Friends of Gordonbrock



@GordonbrockS

020 8690 0704



**ONLINE SAFETY :****TIP OF THE WEEK**

Never agree to meet someone, whom you've met through the Internet, in real life without your parent's permission, and if they agree, never go alone, but go with a trusted adult.

**Can you help?**

- We are looking for volunteer class readers to come in on an afternoon and read with groups of children.
- Could you be one of our librarians and come in and help in our school library?

If you are able to help please email:

[admin@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gordonbrock.lewisham.sch.uk)

**Dear Parents/Carers of children in Topaz 2 and Years 3-6....**

Please note that payments for school lunch must be made in advance. All lunch payments are to be made using ParentPay. The cost of a school lunch is £2.30 per day.

The total for Autumn Term 1 is £78.20

The total for Autumn Term 2 is £80.50

The total for Autumn Term is £158.70

## Starting Applying to Start Primary School in September 2023

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 are eligible to start Reception full-time in September 2023.

Applying online for a place at a primary school in Lewisham  
Applications close on 15 January 2023  
Information about admissions arrangements  
Sign up for free email reminders with application tips at lewisham.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Parents and Carers of children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 will need to make plans for their admission to Reception in September 2023. Parents / Carers can apply for up to six mainstream state primary schools, which can be in or outside the Lewisham borough. Before deciding which schools you want to apply for, you should visit the school to meet the staff, see the facilities and opportunities available.

Applications can be made with Lewisham Council via the eadmissions website, from Thursday 1st September 2022 to Sunday 15th January 2023.

More information is available at: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-primary-school/how-to-apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

If any of the following applies to you, you can apply for free school meals for your child.



- \* Universal credit with an earnings threshold that does not exceed £7400
- \* Income support
- \* Income based job seekers allowance
- \* Income related employment and support allowance
- \* Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC that does not exceed £16,190

Please apply online at

<https://schools.lewisham.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>



## Toileting Tips Drop-In



Join us at these drop-in sessions to learn tips and techniques for successfully toilet training your child.

- When to start
- What are the key signs?
- How to get started
- Ten top tips
- Moving on to dry nights
- Your questions answered

For children aged 18 months to 5 years

Mondays 12th September & 10th October

1.00pm - 2.00pm

Ladywell Children & Family Centre  
30 Rushey Mead, SE4 1JJ

Wednesdays 28th September & 9th November

1.00pm - 2.00am

Evelyn Children & Family Centre  
231 Grove Street, SE8 3PZ

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

1.00pm - 2.00pm

Bellingham Children & Family Centre  
109 Randlesdown Road, SE6 3HB





## Reception



This week, Topaz 3 have really enjoyed exploring Autumn in more detail. We have been investigating pumpkins, squashes, leaves, sticks, conkers and pine cones using magnifying glasses. We thought of words to describe them: rough, smooth, heavy, light, large, small, crunchy... We looked through our Autumn books to see if anything was missing in our tray, then completed check lists, too!



We read "Izzy Gizmo". Izzy was an inventor. Sometimes her inventions didn't work but she learnt to persevere. We have turned into inventors ourselves!



We also practised our Persevering Parrot attitudes at the Finger Gym, by placing tiny Hama Beads onto shape boards.



We are having so much fun in Reception.



In Topaz 4 we continued our number exploration with pegs. The children enjoyed tracing the numbers and placing the correct number of pegs to represent the numerals.



Like Izzy Gizmo, Topaz 4 also invented rockets, water pistons and someone even made a boat to take us to France!



This week in Topaz 5, we have started our focus on Black History Month by being inventors, like the character Izzy Gizmo.



We took inspiration from Black inventors like Garrett Morgan who invented The Three-Light Traffic Signal, invented in 1923. We have used our imaginations to design, construct and decorate our very own creations. We have enjoyed working together as a team in our classroom and have become even better friends!



We look forward to another amazing week of learning next week.





## Year 1



This week, Year 1 found a mysterious suitcase in their classroom. Inside they discovered toys from another time. They looked and played with the toys and then thought about who would play with them! Why not ask your child what they discovered inside?

### Dear Reception Parents/Carers,

We have been asked by the School Health Service Screening Team to remind you to complete the Health Need Assessment form (HNA form) using their secure on-line link.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Health Needs Assessment (HNA) Link for –Gordonbrock Primary

The Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Trust School Health Service is committed to the health and improvement of children by promoting positive attitude towards good health and ensuring they have access to a dedicated and responsive service.

We have a secure on-line link that you can use to complete the health need assessment (HNA form) for your reception child. The questionnaire is an opportunity to have your child's health and development reviewed at school entry. We are now inviting parents/guardians to complete this questionnaire via this quick and easy process:

Please click on this link to access the HNA form: <http://qlink.uk/Lth155/100684>

Here's a video on how the HNA portal works: <https://vimeo.com/442663214>

Once you have completed the questionnaire you will be able to view and download your responses and identify helpful health messages and links to further information and guidance. A nurse will review the questionnaire and may contact you to offer health advice, information and support.

The School Health Services ensures that personal information relating to your child is kept securely and confidentially and will not be shared without your permission, except in exceptional circumstances.

Please contact the Lewisham School Health Screening Team at Waldron Health Centre on 0203 049 3415 or [lg.shsscreening@nhs.net](mailto:lg.shsscreening@nhs.net) if you require any further assistance.





## Year 2

It's been another busy week in Year 2!

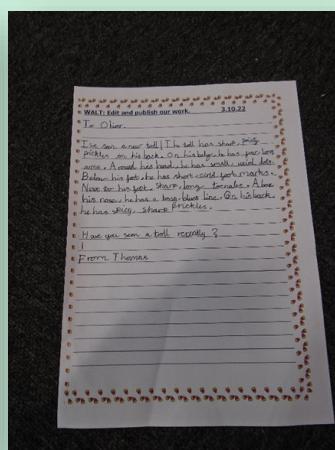
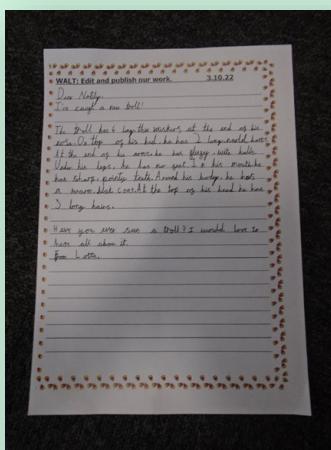
Our RE topic this term is on the Teachings of Jesus. We listened to the story of The Good Samaritan, and then acted out different scenarios showing different values, such as forgiveness and friendship.

Rhyming and poetry was a key part of our English learning. Here we are painting pictures of Angelica Sprocket.

In PE, we concentrated on ball skills, throwing and catching.



## Year 3



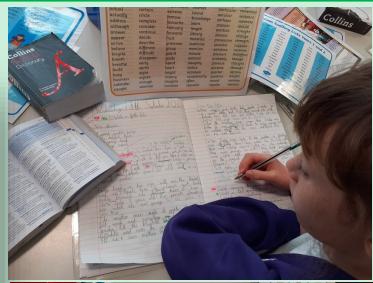
In Year 3 this week, we have been publishing character descriptions of trolls that we created last week.

We have also enjoyed using ramps in Science to investigate friction. We placed different surfaces on the ramps and measured the distance that the cars travelled when they rolled down them. Some of the results were very surprising as the materials had a lot less friction than we were expecting!





## Year 4



In Year 4, we have been editing and improving our written stories.

We started to publish our completed stories.

We have been exploring sound in science and carried out a range of experiments.

In English this week, we text mapped a poem and performed it with actions!



Here at Gordonbrock we always welcome the opportunity to celebrate the diverse backgrounds that make up the incredible Gordonbrock musical community.

We kicked off our celebration during Black History Month this week in our music assembly by the Y5/6 choir singing Bill Withers "Lovely Day". A huge congratulations to everyone in the Y5/6 choir who were part of the choir's first performance of the year! A special shout out to our soloists who were fantastic.

Each week in the weekly we will be celebrating Black artists from across a wide and diverse array of genres and styles. This week, we focussed on our composer of "Lovely Day", Bill Withers.

Bill Withers, a Grammy Award winning singer and songwriter, is known for his hit songs, "Lean On Me," "A Lovely Day," "Ain't No Sunshine," and "Just The Two Of Us," among many others. Although he started his music career in the mid-late 1960's. Prior to that, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and during that time became interested in writing and singing songs.

See if you can teach your parents and carers the start of Lovely Day and listen to some of his hit songs!



Mr Prescott , Music Specialist

## PE Kit REMINDER:

Parents/Carers please remember to send your child(ren) to school wearing their PE kit on the day they have PE.

Please could you also ensure that they are wearing the correct PE kit.

- Plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms
- Plain black/navy shorts for indoor PE (these can be worn under plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms in colder weather)
- Plain white round neck t-shirt
- Purple school sweatshirt or cardigan
- Trainers





## Year 5

This week Year 5 have been creating poems all about Gordonbrock in the style of "The British" by Benjamin Zephaniah.

*First, you sprinkle some kindness, generosity, resilience and teamwork then you mix them up. when you do that let it rest for at least 2 weeks.  
Next you drop in some saxons, vikings and jutes then stir vigorously.  
Turn the heat up to 167*

*Now you need to blend up little droplets of indians, jamaicans, romans, celts, greeks, chinese and guyanese. After that, place down some kind children, Hard-working teachers and helpful teacher assistance and heat them up.*

*When that's done enjoy.*

*(NOTE: do NOT leave anything out or else it will have a sour taste)*

By Kaiden, A1.

Spread some TAs and teachers  
Add wonderful pupils and stir  
Put a massive building on them  
Add black white and brown  
Stir in some play equipment  
Mix some justice and respect  
Stir well

Put in boys and girls  
Add imagination  
Stir in classes  
Add offices  
Let it boil

Put in a lunch hall  
Add years  
Finally let it set

Note: too much of one ingredient will break it

Warning: not enough justice will destroy the dish

By Jimmy, A2.

*First put in the kindness  
Of many hearts and souls,  
Then sprinkle students And  
stir the teachers  
in a big blur of rolls*

*Add many a swipe  
of some relation  
Or friends if you  
Can't resist temptation  
  
Bullying must  
be discarded  
As for rudeness  
Be kind-hearted!*

*That is my respect  
Sprinkled inside  
Your elation keeps us  
From having to hide.*

By Penelope, A2.

### Gordonbrock Treasure

*Take some teachers, students  
and siblings  
And let them come together,  
To wear our purple with pride  
  
Take some sparkling topaz and  
Some glittering sapphires  
To make a wonderful KS1*

*Collect some shining emerald  
and  
add some dazzling  
aquamarines  
blend together to make a  
magnificent KS2*

*Gather together all the parents  
and carers  
Join all together with respect  
and understanding  
To form a treasure chest called  
Gordonbrock*

By Aaron, A3.

### Gordonbrock

*First, get some nurseries, receptions and year ones.  
Then sprinkle them in the pot and stir gently, then let them rest for two weeks.  
Place a dollop of the abcs and 1,2,3s.  
After that add some year twos, year threes and year fours into the mix.  
Secondly, add some juicy maths and cool english.  
Let all of that cool down and flourish.  
(Remember to add years five and six)  
Then add French and fish and chips.*

*WARNING: Always remember to have a over sized pot just in case they get a growth spurt.  
It should turn out deep purple and well rounded.  
ENJOY!!!*

By Ethan, A3.

Sprinkle 30 children  
Add plenty of teachers  
And stir together.

Add a handful of hard work  
A spoonful of fun  
A sprinkle of happiness.

Pour into a concrete platform  
And make sure to add classrooms for all  
Stretch out the platform to make space for four playgrounds.

Evenly spread out English, Science, Maths and Spelling, adding all other subjects to the mix  
As you stir, add kindness otherwise the mix will taste of bitterness.

Have a taste, you'll find it makes everyone smile.

Cook till golden time  
And season generously with equality.

Note: You must stir thorough and cook till golden time or boredom will prevail.

Warning: Don't add too much of any ingredient or chaos will overrun.

By Ella, A1.

### Gordonbrock serves 700

Take some trained teachers and ones in training and children, ages 4 to 11.

Let the pupils play sometimes, treat all equally and be kind.

Make the building with 10,000 bricks

And put in 20 colourful classrooms with some counting sticks.

Have some assemblies and lessons too.

Add in purple, white and grey,  
And eat joyfully and with pride.  
You will learn, learn, laugh and have fun.

By Dolly, A3.





## Year 6

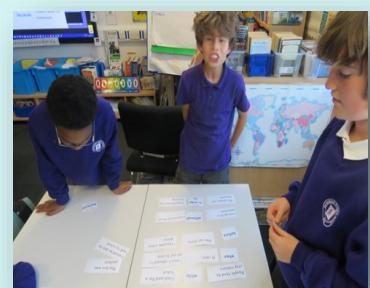


In Aquamarine 4, we have been focusing on division and factors in Maths this week. We have also been investigating how light travels from a source in order for us to be able to see things. In English, have been revisiting the rules of speech punctuation and learning how to edit and redraft our writing for effect. We have also celebrated National Poetry Day by looking at a variety of poems and writing our own.

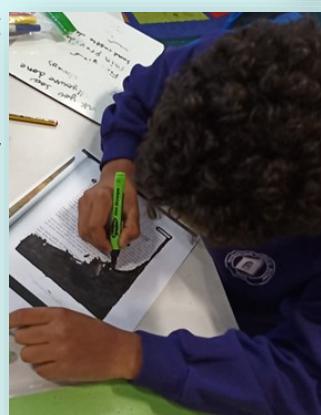


Aquamarine 5 have been learning about how computer systems work. Last week we found out that we could search for IP addresses of big companies like Google and YouTube. This week, we modelled how computers send data over the internet in packets. Here we are delivering messages. The packets did not always all arrive, which meant that some message weren't complete.

We had some lively discussions about which subordinating conjunctions should be used to join main clauses together.

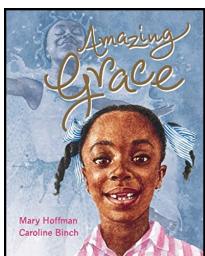


In Aquamarine 6, we have been continuing our work on solving problems that require systematic working and logic. In English, we have been looking at the writing process with a focus on drafting, revising and editing. We celebrated National Poetry Day: children were encouraged to bring in and perform poems that they enjoy. We made blackout poems in English as can be seen in the photos.





## MRS WRIGHT'S READS OF THE WEEK



### Amazing Grace

by Mary Hoffman (Author) and Caroline Binch (Illustrator)

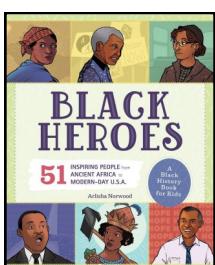
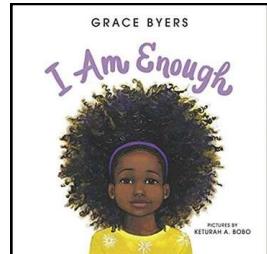
5-8 years olds

Grace loves to act out stories. Sometimes she plays the leading part, sometimes she is 'a cast of thousands.' When her school decides to perform *Peter Pan*, Grace is longing to play Peter, but her classmates say that Peter was a boy, and besides, he wasn't black... But Grace's Ma and Nana tell her she can be anything she wants if she puts her mind to it...

### I Am Enough

by Grace Byers (Author) and Keturah A. Bobo (Illustrator)

This gorgeous, lyrical ode to loving who you are, respecting others, and being kind to one another. *We are all here for a purpose. We are more than enough. We just need to believe it.*



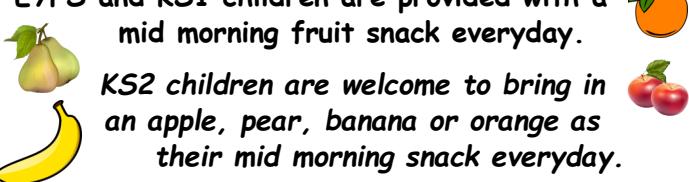
### Black Heroes: A Black History Book for Kids: 51 Inspiring People from Ancient Africa to Modern-Day U.S.A. by Arlisha Norwood (Author)

8-12 years olds

You're invited to meet ancient Egyptian rulers, brilliant scientists, legendary musicians, and civil rights activists—all in the same book! *Black Heroes* introduces you to 51 black leaders and role models from both historical and modern times. This black history book for kids features inspirational biographies of trailblazers from the United States, Egypt, Britain, and more. Discover where in the world they lived, and what their lives and families were like growing up. Learn about the obstacles they faced, such as escaping slavery, on the way to making groundbreaking accomplishments. You'll find out how these inspirational figures left a legacy of lasting change—and paved the way for future generations.

### REMINDER: FRUIT SNACKS IN CLASS

EYFS and KS1 children are provided with a mid morning fruit snack everyday.



KS2 children are welcome to bring in an apple, pear, banana or orange as their mid morning snack everyday.

### Follow Us On Twitter

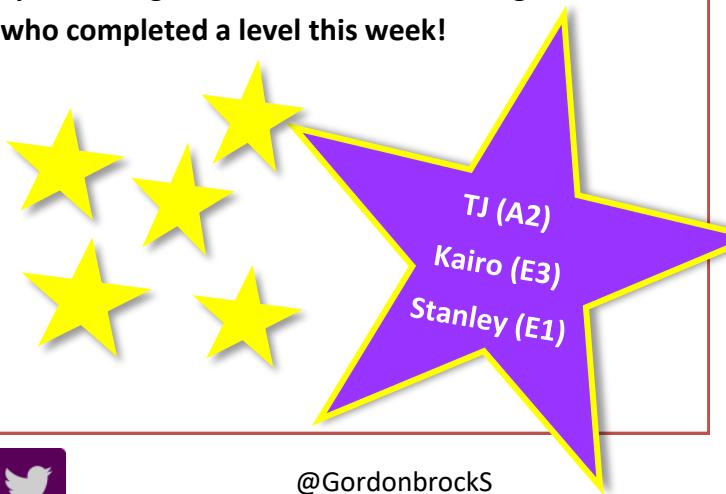
Please follow us on Twitter: @Gordonbrocks



### Lexia Superstars

Well done to all of the children who have been on the Lexia programme this week.

Special congratulations to the following children who completed a level this week!



Please can we remind everyone that although Amyruth Road is part of the School Street Scheme, vehicles that belong to residents of the road or vehicles that are exempt from the scheme can still be driven during the scheme times. Therefore, it is extremely important to exercise caution when crossing the road. For older children that arrive and leave school unaccompanied can we please ask Parents/Carers to discuss the dangers of not crossing safely and general road safety especially at this time when the days are getting shorter.

Also can we remind Parents/Carers that when collecting children at 4.30pm the School Street Scheme is not in operation at this time and children should not be allowed to play/run/scoot/bicycle ride/sit/stand in the road.





## UNIFORM

School uniform can be ordered on ParentPay.

Orders placed between Thursday 8.30am and Tuesday 8.30am will be delivered to class on Tuesday.

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All orders will be sent to class for your child to take home.

### **REMINDER CLASS BIRTHDAY TREATS**

Please note we are **not** currently accepting any treats to share with the class in celebration of birthdays.



### **LATE COLLECTION & CHARGING POLICY**

Please note that any child not collected on time will be taken to the school office and their name will be recorded in the late-collection book.

If your child is collected late on more than **three occasions during a school term**, then we have a charging policy which will mean that you will be charged **£5 for every 15 minutes for each child**.



We endeavour to be a

### **NUT-FREE SCHOOL**

Please help us to achieve this aim by not sending any nuts or nut containing products into school. This extends to sesame seeds too.

**Thank you for your support in this matter.**

## **Important Dates**

|                            |                                                                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>03/10/22– 21/10/22</b>  | <b>Black History Month</b>                                                     |
| <b>10/10/22 - 14/10/22</b> | <b>Buddy Week</b>                                                              |
| <b>19/10/22</b>            | <b>Open Morning</b>                                                            |
| <b>20/10/22</b>            | <b>Parents' Evening</b>                                                        |
| <b>21/10/22</b>            | <b>Show Racism The Red Card</b>                                                |
| <b>21/10/22</b>            | <b>Cake &amp; Fruit Day</b>                                                    |
| <b>24/10/22 - 28/10/22</b> | <b>Autumn Half Term</b>                                                        |
| <b>31/10/22</b>            | <b>DEADLINE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL ONLINE APPLICATIONS</b>                       |
| <b>07/11/22 - 11/11/22</b> | <b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>                                                      |
| <b>11/11/22</b>            | <b>Remembrance Day</b>                                                         |
| <b>14/11/22</b>            | <b>Reception &amp; Y6 - Height and Weight Measurement Program</b>              |
| <b>18/11/22</b>            | <b>Children In Need</b>                                                        |
| <b>09/12/22</b>            | <b>No Pens Day</b>                                                             |
| <b>14/12/22</b>            | <b>Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch Day</b> |
| <b>19/12/22 - 02/01/23</b> | <b>Christmas Holidays</b>                                                      |
| <b>23/01/23—27/03/23</b>   | <b>Buddy Week</b>                                                              |
| <b>06/02/23 - 10/02/23</b> | <b>Children's Mental Health Week</b>                                           |
| <b>08/02/23</b>            | <b>Open Morning</b>                                                            |
| <b>09/02/23</b>            | <b>Parents' Evening</b>                                                        |
| <b>13/02/23 - 17/02/23</b> | <b>Spring Half Term</b>                                                        |
| <b>21/02/23</b>            | <b>Safer Internet Day</b>                                                      |
| <b>27/02/23—03/03/23</b>   | <b>Year 5 School Journey</b>                                                   |

