

The Bythams Weekly Newsletter



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This will be my final newsletter to you as I move on to pastures new in September. When I was appointed in April 2021, I never imagined I'd be leaving so soon, however, I will be moving to lead a Federation of schools in the area. The opportunity to run and grow my own group of schools, building on what we've done and what I've learned here at The Bythams was an opportunity too good and too rare not to take.

I have enjoyed the last two years at The Bythams and I take a great many experiences and fond memories of the children, their families and the wonderful staff that make the school such a special place to be each day. It really is the small school with a big heart. Despite the upcoming changes, I am confident that the ethos will not change and I look forward to reading and hearing about continued successes long into the future. I am certain that the school will continue to move from strength to strength in its next chapter.

This week has once again been an exciting one, with a rain interrupted sports day, transition morning, non-uniform day and also our school disco yesterday afternoon. My thanks to the FOBS for organising some of the events and to all staff who have managed to keep the children going through all of the excitement and changes to routine over the last few days.

I know that everyone is now looking forward to a relaxing summer break, before starting again in September. I wish all of our Year 6 children every success as they move on to their various secondary schools - it has been an emotional last day for many but I am sure that our leavers will reflect back fondly on their time here.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely summer and also to thank you for your support during my tenure here. Please remember that school opens for all pupils on **Wednesday 6th September**.

Have an enjoyable break and all good wishes for the future, Mrs Martin

Key Dates

Summer holidays
Monday 24th July to
Tuesday 5th
September.

Term 1 begins
Wednesday 6th
September for all
pupils.

Term 1 ends
Fri 20th October

Term 2 begins Tues
31st October

Term 2 ends
Wednesday 20th De-
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Bythams' Values Award Winners 2023

Each week over the course of this year, we have focused on one of our school values and during celebration assembly on a Friday, each class have chosen one child per year group who they felt demonstrated the focus value consistently over the week to receive the 'citizen' award.

This week, we have selected children who we feel have demonstrated *all* of our school values over the course of the year, and they have been presented with a special medal. Well done to our winners:



Well done to Hedgehogs class with 94% attendance this week and to Badgers for having the highest attendance for the year with 96%!

Our whole school attendance this week was 90% and for the whole year was 93.88%.

Congratulations to Esther, Lydia and Kai who managed 100% attendance for the whole school year!



Hedgehogs Class

First things first, we wrapped up our maths journey this year with a big, triumphant recap! Our Hedgehogs have been working hard all year, and we couldn't be prouder of their progress. From counting to addition and subtraction, they've tackled it all with enthusiasm and determination. It's amazing to see how their numerical skills have flourished. We also let loose and had a blast at our school disco! The hedgehogs showed off their impressive dance moves and grooved to some toe-tapping tunes. We had an amazing sports day, with children running and competing in our races. The children cheered on others as well.

It's been an incredible last week for us. Our hedgehogs have grown so much, not only academically but also in terms of their confidence and social skills. We're incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Thank you for entrusting us with your children. We cherish the opportunity to be a part of their lives and watch them flourish. We hope you all have an amazing summer filled with sunshine, laughter, and plenty of cuddles. Rest up, recharge, and get ready for an exciting new year.



Squirrels Class

The Squirrels have had a busy last week finishing up so many projects. They completed their pop-up Little Bo Peep nursery rhyme sliders and levers. They took them down to the Hedgehog class and demonstrated how they worked.

The children had a fabulous time at the sports day, all participating and cheering each other on.

On Thursday, we made ice cream ready for our movie event on Friday to celebrate the end of term. They all deserve a treat after working so hard all year, it has been a wonderful year watching them all grow and blossom.



Well done Squirrels.



Foxes Class



We all enjoyed getting to know each other during our transition morning. We drew some fabulous self-portraits and wrote 'All about Me' to find out about each other. We are very much looking forward to September and learning lots of new things.

We enjoyed the FOBS disco outside on Thursday and our sports day this week. It has been a joy to teach foxes class this year and I wish you all a fantastic summer holiday.



Badgers Class

We have had a lovely final week of the school year. Year 5 had their transition morning where they met their new teacher for next year. They enjoyed their morning meeting Mr Challis and working together as the 2023-2024 years 5/6 class.

Year 6 had fun using the green screen, taking photos with weird and wonderful backgrounds- we even had Lydia being eaten by a shark!!



I would just like to say a huge well done to Badgers class for their hard work this year. They have been a wonderful class to teach and I know that they will all continue to shine like the stars that they are in their next steps in their academic adventures. Good luck Badgers!

Happy holidays everyone!