

Newsletter May 2024

Reminder

School is closed to pupils tomorrow (Thursday 2nd May) and Friday (3rd May) to allow for staff training.

Monday 6th May is a Bank Holiday.

School re-opens at 8.50am on Tuesday 7th May.

The dates for next year are attached to this newsletter but can also be found on the school website <https://www.mill-lane.org.uk/term-dates/>

Attendance

Attendance was affected by Eid when we dipped to 94.34% but it is now creeping back up and we are at 94.46% today.

Sadly, there are over 11% of our current pupils who have missed more than 10% of their education so far this year – that is 18 pupils. Some of these children have been on visits to family abroad which, although not ideal, is much better than children who are absent for a few days every few weeks.

Learning in school builds up over time – just like building a wall – and if children miss bits here and there they are much less secure.

Punctuality

As you know we have had a push on punctuality recently and I am pleased to say that there has been a big improvement.

We are aware that occasionally, life gets in the way and children are late to school but, unfortunately, we have a handful of children who are late more days than they are not.

Please can you make sure your child is on time every day as, from next week, we will be rewarding whole class punctuality in our weekly attendance assembly in the same way that we reward 100% attendance.

School Trips

School trips are starting to take place.

As school trips take place within the school day, we do not need to seek permission.

Any outstanding money needs to be paid please.

Children cannot be withdrawn from a trip as it forms part of their educational entitlement.



Community Get Together

This year we will be holding a get together in school on Wednesday 19th June.

We will be having a chocolate tombola and refreshments alongside a few activities for children to do.

We are keeping this smaller for the reasons stated below but also because we want people to come and spend time together rather than just come and hand over money – we hope you can attend.

We no longer have a Friends of Mill Lane Group which means events such as summer and winter fairs have to be much smaller and simpler to organise as they take staff time – time taken from supporting children.

Diary Dates

Thurs 2 and Fr 3 May	School closed to pupils
Monday 6 May	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Thursday 9 May	Class 2 trip to Coal Mining Museum
Monday 13 May	SATs start for year 6
Thursday 23 May	Learning Den trip to Sensory World
Friday 24 May	Open afternoon in all classes – times to be confirmed
Friday 24 May	School closes for half term
Monday 3 June	School opens after half term
Thursday 13 June	Non Uniform – bring chocolate for the tombola (19 June)
Friday 14 June	Classes 3-4 and 4-5 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Friday 14 June	School Reports sent home
Monday 17 June	Eid (TBC)
Wednesday 19 June	Class 1 trip to Little Piglets Adventure Farm
Wednesday 19 June	After school get together for families of Mill Lane – see above
Thursday 20 June	Class 5-6 Trip to Mission Out
Thurs 27 and Fri 28 June	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 2 July	Transition Day
Friday 5 July	Sports' Day – weather permitting
Tuesday 9 July	Year 6 Leavers' Show – afternoon – times to be confirmed
Friday 19 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 9.15am
Friday 19 July	School Closes for Summer
Tuesday 3 September	School Opens to pupils



Terms dates for Academic Year 2024/2025

Autumn Term 1

INSET day (school closed to children): Monday 2nd September 2024

First day: Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Last day: Friday 25th October 2024

Half Term: Monday 28th October 2024 – Friday 1st November 2024

Autumn Term 2

First day: 4th November 2024

Last day: Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term 1

INSET day (school closed to children): Monday 6th January 2025

First day: Tuesday 7th January 2025

Last day: Friday 14th February 2025

Half Term: Monday 17th February 2025 – Friday 21st February 2025

Spring Term 2

First day: Monday 24th February 2025

Last day: Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term 1

First day: Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Bank holiday: Monday 5th May 2025

Last day: Thursday 22nd May 2025

INSET day (school closed to children): Friday 23rd May 2025

Half term: Monday 26th May 2025 – Friday 30th May 2025

Summer Term 2

First day: Monday 2nd June 2025

Last day: Friday 18th July 2025

INSET days (school closed to children): Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July 2025