

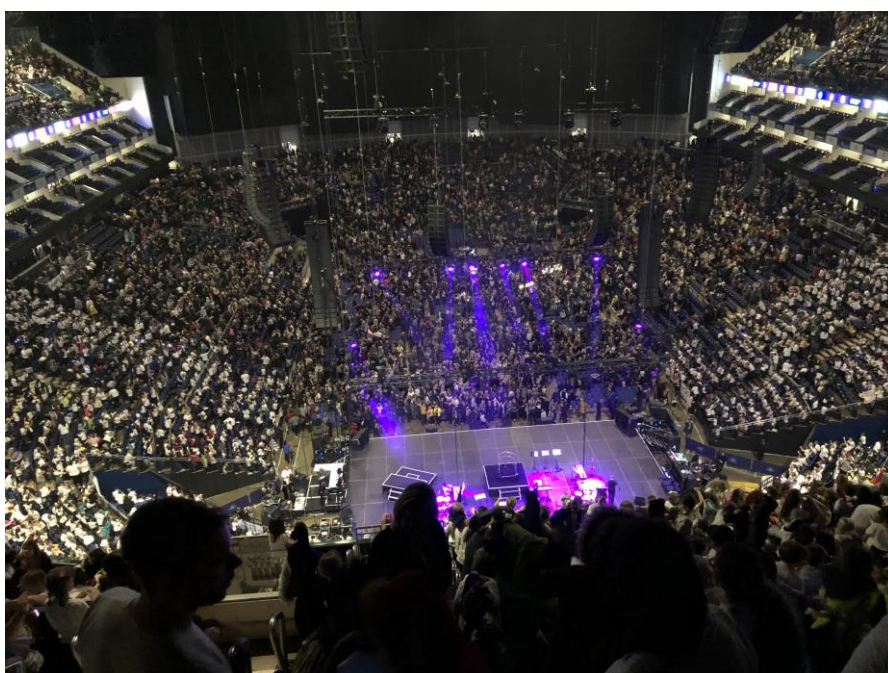
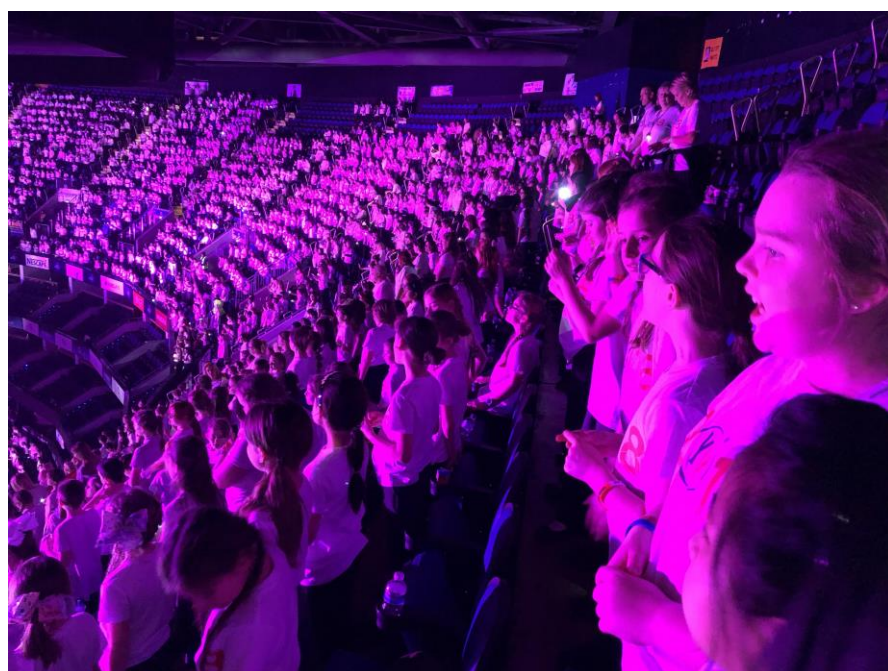


Young Voices

Our school choir had an amazing experience last week when they performed at the O2 arena in London. They sang and danced all evening as part of the Young Voices choir with over 7,000 other children and a packed audience.

All of the children were a real credit to the school throughout the day - which was very long - behaving and performing to the highest standard!

Thanks go to Mrs Wittels and Mrs Tan who had prepared the children so well for the event through the after-school choir club which they run weekly.



DIARY DATES

Thur 8 th Feb	Last day of half term (finish 3:25pm)
Fri 9 th Feb	INSET DAY
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 19 th Feb	School opens for Spring 2 term
Mon 19 th Feb @ 6:00pm	Online system goes live for booking Parents' Evening appointments
Tues 20 th Feb	Chinese New Year – special lunch
Tues 27 th Feb @ 6:00pm	Year 6 Information Evening for parents
Thur 1 st March	World Book Day - Further details to follow but we will be dressing up!
Thur 1 st March	Notification of Year 7 2018 secondary school places
Mon 5 th March	Parents' Evening 3:45-5:30pm
Thur 8 th March	Parents' Evening 5:00-7:00pm
Tues 13 th March	Parents' Evening 3:45-5:30pm
21 st – 23 rd March	Year 4 Residential trip to Calshot
Thur 22 nd March	Year 3 / 4 Tag Rugby Festival at Samuel Cody
Fri 23 rd March	Sport Relief Day
Mon 26 th March	Walk Through Easter event at St John's Church
Wed 28 th March	Inter-house orienteering event
Thur 29 th March	Finish for Easter holiday at 1:30pm
Mon 16 th April	Summer term starts
Mon 16 th April	Notification of Year 3 2018 secondary school places
Thur 26 th April 4-6pm	Year 5 / 6 Handball Tournament @ Samuel Cody
Thur 3 rd May 4-5pm	Year 3 / 4 Football Tournament @ Samuel Cody
Sat 5 th May	Trip to Wembley Stadium (Women's FA Cup Final)
Mon 7 th May	Bank Holiday
Mon 14 th – Thur 17 th May	Year 6 SATs Week

Inter-house Netball Tournament

Thank you to Miss Owens for organising our recent tournament. She was ably assisted by our excellent team of Sports Leaders who did a fantastic job leading the warm-up activities for every year group. The children who participated had lots of fun, and following this successful event, we are looking at ways to involve all children in future house events.

Congratulations to the teams who represented their houses - the results were:

1st place Sparta

2nd place Thebes

3rd place Athens

4th place Corinth



Football News

On Tuesday 6th February, the School Football Team played at Velmead in Fleet for a League cup game. Unfortunately they did not win, with a final score of 3-1. Everyone played their best and we are very proud of all of the players.

Office News

- We have LOTS of lost property in the office. If your child is missing anything, please come in. Please also ensure that all of your child's uniform is named.
- Please also ensure that if your child is ill, you call each day to inform school of their absence.
- Please ensure that lunches are paid for in advance - unfortunately the dinner money debt is increasing again.

INSET Days 2018-19

We have now confirmed our INSET days for the next academic year as follows:

Monday 3rd September 2018

Friday 19th October 2018

Monday 3rd June 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

The office are working hard to ensure that the school's website is kept up-to-date and key dates should now all be available on the website's calendar. In addition, all letters are being uploaded to the website as they are sent out to parents. We hope that this will further enhance our home-school communication.

Year 6 Gilbert White Centre Trip

Thank you to Sam for writing the following review of this recent school trip:

The bus was humming as I sat on the top deck, it had a superb view - we were almost there. I was so excited, I practically jumped out my seat when we arrived. Straight away, we got out and put our boots on, ready for anything. Vigorously, we went on marching through the lane and into the valleys. The birds were singing, I felt my worries fade away in the soft and sweet melody of the birds. We finally got to the pond - it was amazing! There were Canadian geese and three proud standing British Oak trees. Soon we headed back.

When we were back at the coach parking we went straight up the zig-zag path it was breath taking, literally! I was at the top, I felt so accomplished, but also tired. After that, I marched my way up to the common, it was lovely I felt I was at home, really close to nature. Then we went back down, which was sad, but I was excited for what might happen next.

Quickly, I devoured my lunch and proceeded on to the next thing. The lady started telling us about Scott and his men. Apparently, they walked from the end of the South Pole. I know it sounds amazing, but actually really depressing, because they all died in the end. Then she told us about a much nicer story about another man who lived while trying to get to the South Pole. Subsequently, she started talking to us about penguins and their lifestyle, which was interesting, and that they have specially designed body parts to help them live.

Unfortunately, then it was all over, I had an amazing time and I absolutely loved it. I really hope I can go again in the holidays. On the coach I felt extremely tired, I almost fell asleep on Finley Perry. I am very fortunate to be this lucky to go on this terrific trip with all of the lovely adults who came. Over all it was a wonderful place to visit, but I was also glad to get home!

We need to say a massive thank you to all of our amazing parent helpers that gave up their time to come and join us.



Lower School Butser Farm Trip

On a cold, bright morning, on the 1st February, Lower School set off on a journey through time. They arrived at Butser Farm and entered the Stone Age. They learnt how to complete chalk drawings, make cord, build a wall using sticks and completed an archaeology dig. It was cold and windy outside but very warm and cosy in the round houses with the burning open fires. They all had a lot of fun and came away with lots of facts.



Golden Ticket Winners

Congratulations to Timothy, Isabella, Elizabeth, Eloise, Ronnie, Harriet and Jaden who were chosen to enjoy a special lunch. Their invitations included the following excellent comments: being polite, kind and caring; having positive attitudes; being kind-natured, happy and considerate; and being always willing to help.

