



# Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 3rd July 2023

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## Attendance for the week ending 30th June 2023

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	82.5
Mrs Hibberd	88.7
Mrs Thorpe	87.1
Miss White	92.7
Miss Hughes/Mrs Bettinson	85.4
Mrs Timmons	98.0

Whole school attendance = 89.1%

## Learners of the week

Congratulations to all of our learners of the week, who were:

Gruffalos—Amelia W and Harry

Elmers— Isla and Scarlett

Hungry Caterpillars - Harvey and Carter

Rainbow Fish - Lacey and Alfie HP

Enormous Crocodiles - Sofia P and Ray

Crafty Chameleons - Georgie and Megan

## Office Opening Hours

The **main school office** is open each day from 8am - 4pm, and the phone will be answered within these hours. Outside of these hours you will have the opportunity to leave an answer phone message, which will be replied to, if necessary, when the office is next open.

The **nursery office** closes at 3.45 pm.

The **Superkids mobile number** is 07925197530 and should be used from 3.45pm - 6.00pm.

**If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please ring as early as possible on 0114 248 2360. Choose Option 2.**

## Please remember:

Every day, your child needs to bring:

- A **sun hat**
- A bottle filled with **fresh water**
- A **rain jacket** (as this is England!)

Please also:

- Dress your child in **clothes that cover and protect the skin**
- Apply **sunscreen** before school

## Class Photos

Please remember to order your child's class photo soon; full details of how to order are on the leaflet children brought home with them.

## New class letters

Letters informing you who your child's teacher will be next year will be shared with you this week. Children will have time to talk about these changes in class this week. We are really pleased to say that all our current teachers are staying with us, and that we will also be welcoming back Mrs Briggs from maternity leave. She will be back in school in the last week of term.

Our **whole-school transition day** will be held on **Tuesday 11th July**, when all children will spend the day in their new classroom, with their new class teacher. On this day, children are to be dropped off and collected from their **new** classroom doors.

Our current year 1s will not have Big PE on this day, but will instead have it on **Monday**. Therefore, children in year 1 will need to come to school in their PE kit on Monday.

## Proposed teacher strike days

As you may be aware, the NEU is proposing two further strike days for their members on **Wednesday 5th July** and **Friday 7th July**. The table below shows how these strike days affect your child's class, should they go ahead. As far as we are aware, the NEU is planning to carry out the strike action, and so we advise you to make alternative childcare arrangements for these days if your child's class is affected.

	<b>Wednesday 5th July</b>	<b>Friday 7th July</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Open	Open
<b>Gruffalos</b>	Open	Open
<b>Elmers</b>	Open	Open
<b>Rainbow Fish</b>	Open	Open
<b>Hungry Caterpillars</b>	Open	Open
<b>Enormous Crocodiles</b>	Open	Open
<b>Crafty Chameleons</b>	Closed	Closed

The **RockSteady concert** will still go ahead as planned on Friday 7th July. Children from the closed class are invited to come into school for this concert if they are able to (they must be accompanied by an adult). Please let the school office know if you are planning to do so. **Breakfast club and Superkids will run as normal.**

## Educational Trips reminder

Our children and their grown ups had a lovely, fun day last week at The Butterfly House. This week our children in year 2 are heading off to Chatsworth for their end-of-year trip! Please remember to arrive at school promptly, and in school uniform. The weather forecast is currently for sunshine and rain, so please make sure that children have a sunhat, suncream and a coat! Don't forget that this trip has a late return of 3:45pm. In order to keep safe, please wait for children on the playground, by their classroom doors. They will be escorted from the coach and into the school playground, where they will be able to be collected.

Please ensure that you have given consent for your child to attend their educational trip. Payments towards the trips can continue to be made through [www.hnipay.co.uk](http://www.hnipay.co.uk).

## HIP Group Sunflower Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in the sunflower competition - we have loved to see the photos and hear how the children have enjoyed planting and growing them. We must have lots of budding gardeners, as they are all so tall! A winner from each class has been chosen:

Class 1: Enormous Crocodiles - FrMi  
Class 2: Craft Chameleons - JVR  
Class 3: Rainbow Fish - IsBu  
Class 4: Hungry Caterpillars - BrWr  
Class 5: Gruffalos - WCH  
Class 6: Elmers - OwPa  
Nursery - IdBe



**Congratulations to all of the winners! You will be presented with your prize in assembly on Friday 7th July.**

## Sports Day - reminder

This year Sports Day for all but nursery will be held on **Thursday 13th July** (you will find details of nursery's sports day in the Nursery News section below). As before, we are working with Neil Francis and the Sports Leaders from Westfield, who help to organise and run the event, and always make sure that our sports days are fun for all.

Please see the times below for each year group's turn. Parents are welcome to come and watch the event. We will keep you informed of any updates and changes, including plans if it rains.

9:10am - 9:40am = F2

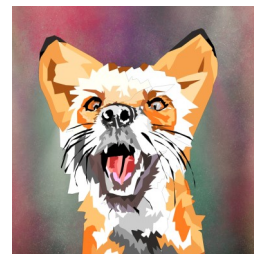
9:50am - 10:50am = Year 1

11:00am - 12:00pm = Year 2

**Please can parents/carers stand behind the fence/wall on the yard (around the field) and only enter the school grounds 5 minutes before your child's start time. As all year groups' events will be running back to back, this will ensure that there is a smooth switch-over of adults at the end of each session.**

## Competition—reminder

Ruby, the 'Little Urban Fox' is off on another adventure. This time she is going to Bakewell, looking for a tasty treat to take home to her mother for her birthday. Ruby needs your help to design a cupcake for her mum. You can use any ingredients that you like, from strawberries to worms, to chocolate chips to beetles! Children need to use the template to design their cupcake and write a list of ingredients. The winner will have their cupcake design featured in the book, and will also appear in the story as a character and receive a certificate and copy of the new book "The Little Urban Fox Explores Bakewell". Runners up will also have their names and designs included in the book and receive a certificate and a copy of the book.



To enter, please design your cupcake and write out the ingredients on the template (attached to this newsletter), and hand them into the school office **before 17th July**. If you are unable to print the template, and would like to take part, spare templates will be available in the school office.

## Nursery News

\* **Our Nursery Leavers' Graduation Ceremony** is on **Tuesday 18th July**. The morning ceremony will be at 10.45am, and the afternoon one at 2.15pm. Sign-up sheets will be available on Thursday this week for parents of children that are moving into our school's reception year, or to another school, in September. Children that do not attend on a Tuesday can sign up too.

Could you please bring your child to nursery for 10.35am or 2.05pm, as appropriate, in good time for them to get ready for the ceremony. There will be an opportunity to take photos at the end. Refreshments will be on sale as well.

\* **Wednesday 19th July** is our nursery sports day - **for children only**. If your child does not normally attend on a Wednesday, you can bring them in the afternoon, 1pm - 2.30pm.

● **Thursday 20th July** is our nursery end of term party - details to follow

## School Tea Towels and Coasters

HIP Group has very kindly offered to run this scheme again. The children will all draw a self-portrait to make a design for a 100% cotton tea towel. The tea towels will be 79cm x 51cm and printed in royal blue.

The tea towels will be £4 each. They're all the same, so if you have more than one child at our school, both/all their faces will be on the same tea towel.

You will also be able to order a coaster, with just your child's face on, for £3.

We will collect the orders before the Summer holiday, so the orders will be available for collection in September, either from us or from Halfway Junior School if your child is currently in Y2.

We expect the portraits to be done soon, and will let you know when you can place your orders.

## Upcoming dates

The last few weeks of term are busy across school. To help you, please see the table of dates that we have created, which we hope will help to keep track of what is happening, and when.

Date and time	Event
4 July, Tuesday, 8.30am—3.45pm	Y2 Educational Visit to Chatsworth Gardens, Farmyard and Adventure Playground. <b>Please note late return to school</b>
5 July, Wednesday 3.45—4.15pm OR 4.15—4.45pm	New to F2 in September: One half-hour session, either today or on Monday, for you and your child to visit their new indoor and outdoor classrooms.
w\b 10 July	Reports to be sent home
10 July, Monday	Junior School Year 3 staff to visit our school and spend time in class with our Year 2 children.
11 July, Tuesday	<b>Halfway Transition Day.</b> Children staying at the Infants will move to their next year group in our school, and Y2 children moving to Halfway Junior School will spend the day there.
13 July, Thursday F2 sports event: 9.10 — 9.40am Y1 sports event: 9.50 — 10.50am Y2 sports event: 11.00—12.00 noon	Sports Day (not nursery): Each year group will have its own age appropriate Sports Day session lasting for up to 60 minutes. The events have been organised by sports leaders and coaches from Westfield Comprehensive School and sessions will take place on the school field.  <b>Please can parents/carers stand behind the fence/wall on the yard (around the field) and only enter the school grounds 5 minutes before your child’s start time. As all year groups’ events will be running back to back, this will ensure that there is a smooth switch-over of adults at the end of each session.</b>
15 July, Saturday	Y2 Prom—organised by parents
18 July, Tuesday, 8.55am	Y1 Educational Visit to Magna Science Adventure Centre, Rotherham
18 July, Tuesday (one in the morning, one in the afternoon: times to be arranged)	Nursery Leavers Graduation Ceremony , to say goodbye to children who are moving on. Sign up sheet available soon (2 people per child)  Children due to stay with us for another year to attend Nursery as normal.
19 July, Wednesday, 9.15am	Toilet Training coffee morning, in the Nursery meeting room
19 July, Wednesday	Nursery Sports Day - for children only
20 July, Thursday, 9.00am	Special Y2 Celebration —parents are welcome to attend (we are planning to be outdoors, but if the weather is inclement, we will move to the hall!)
20 July, Thursday	Nursery End of Term Party
21 July, Friday	Last day of school—school and nursery break up for the summer holiday at the usual time/s

# The Little Urban Fox Explores Bakewell Series 2 Book 2.

Ruby is looking for a tasty treat to take home to her mother for her birthday.

Ruby needs your help to design a cupcake for her mother. You can use any ingredients you like, from strawberries to worms chocolate chips to beetles, the choice is yours.

Just draw the top and middle of your cupcake on the other side of this paper and the ingredients you have used below

Cupcake ingredients:

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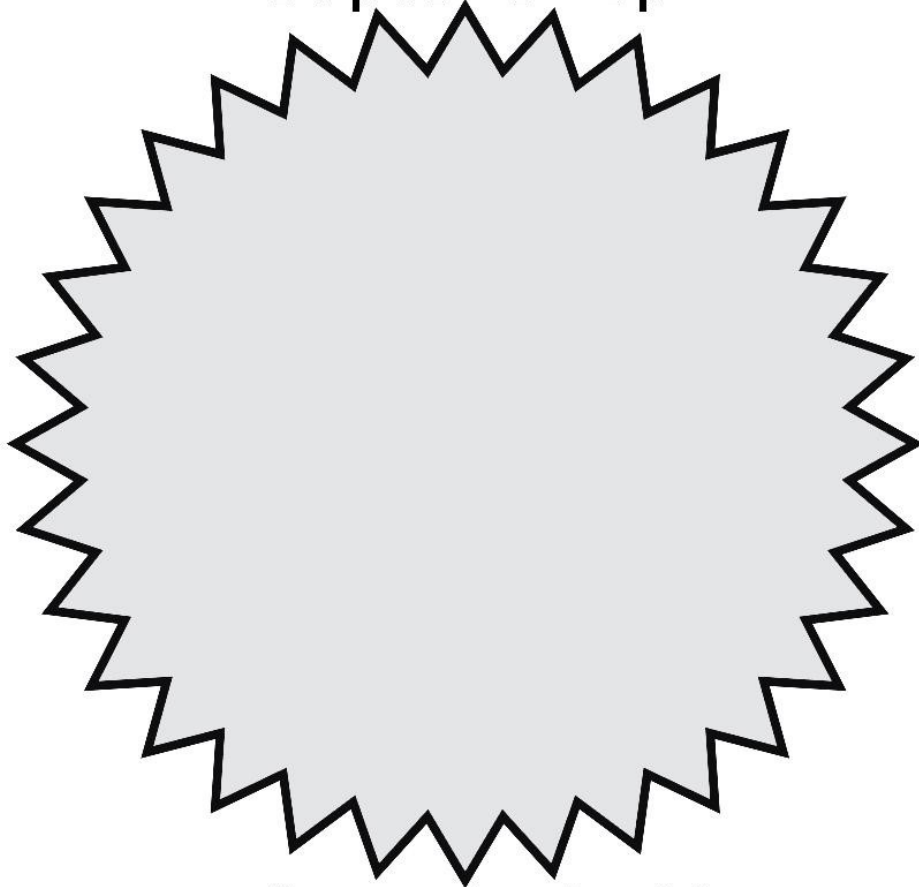
The winner of our competition will have their cupcake design included in our book, they will also appear in our story as a character and will receive a certificate and a copy of "The Little Urban Fox Explores Bakewell". Runners up will have their names and designs included, and will receive a certificate and a copy of the book.

Thank you for your help, happy designing.

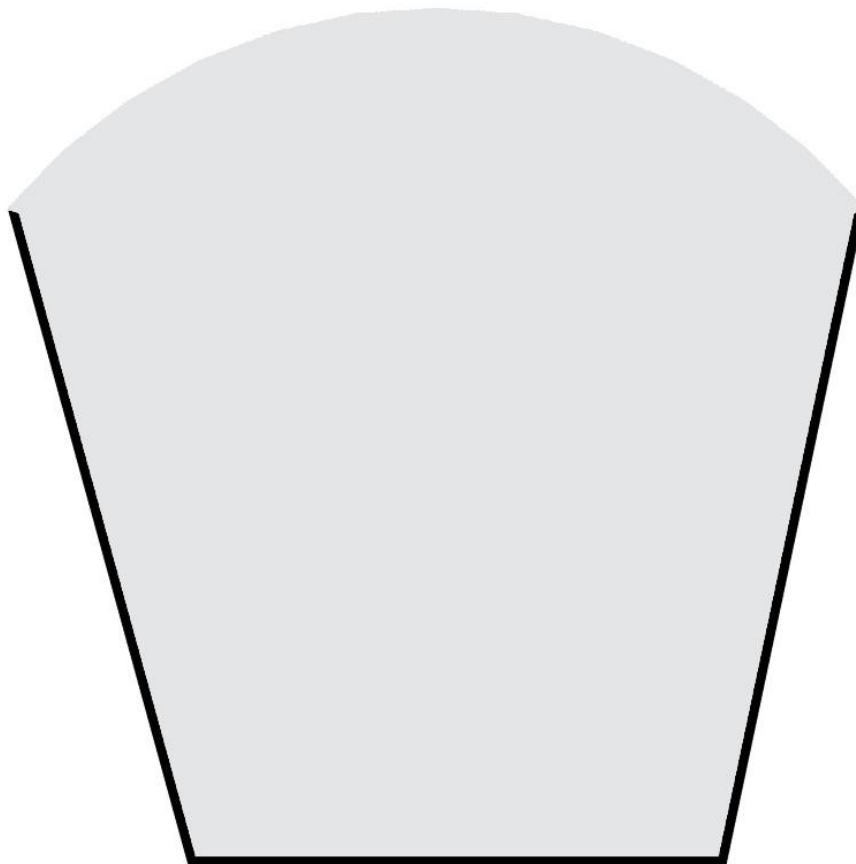
[www.littleurbanfoxandfriends.co.uk](http://www.littleurbanfoxandfriends.co.uk)

Email: [mail@littleurbanfoxandfriends.co.uk](mailto:mail@littleurbanfoxandfriends.co.uk)

Cupcake Top



Cupcake Inside



## **Love to Visit**

Lovetovisit is once again working with partners across the education and tourism sector to bring children and their families 'things to do' in the summer holidays.

The success of this project last year, plus the on-going cost-of-living crisis, has led to the relaunch of this exclusive offer for families: 10% off absolutely everything on Lovetovisit, across the entire site <https://www.lovetovisit>.

That opens up a world of nearby things to do for children: theme parks, aquariums, zoos, flower gardens, museums, castles, theatre, sports, festivals, live events and more. This made a huge difference to families last summer, and with your help, Lovetovisit is looking to do even more this time around.

The voucher code for the 10% discount offer is SCHOOLS23.

The code is valid until 15th August, but tickets can be bought now for visits after that date.

