

Diary Dates 2020 - 2021

Date	Event	Time
April		
Monday 19th	Start of Summer Term	By 8.50am
N.A		

May

Thursday 6th Polling Day - School Open

Friday 28th INSET

31st - 4th June Half Term

June

Wednesday 23rd Whole School Photo

Thursday 24th Sports Day

July

Tues. 6th & Wed. 7th Year 6 Transition Days

Wednesday 7th Bushy Transition Morning

Wed. 14th & Thurs. 15th Year 6 Production

Wednesday 21st End of Term

Please see the website for further dates.

	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Summer	19 April 2021	31 May – 4 June 2021	21 July 2021

INSET Days 2020/21 28th May 2021



Working Together, Learning Together, Growing Together

Spring 2 1st April 2021

The end of term - where has it gone?! What an interesting one it has been! I cannot thankyou enough for your support during these challenging months and your children are a credit to you - their resilience has been remarkable. Gavin Williamson the Education Secretary has written to all children and young people with his thanks for the way they have responded in the past year. You can read it heres.

As ever a huge thanks to our wonderful staff team - they really do deserve a rest this holiday and should know how much we appreciate their hard work and commitment.

This week has been full of fun, with our Year 6s experiencing life as evacuees yesterday and the school overrun with Year 4 Roman soldiers today! Thank you for the efforts with the costumes, the children look fantastic and thanks to the staff for all the amazing activities to enhance their learning.

Today we say goodbye to Ms Clark who has been with us for a year, predominantly in Year 5. We thank her so much for all her hard work and wish her all the best for the future.

Spring Concert

Thank you to all the participants of our virtual concert - it is a joy to watch and listen to. What an Easter treat! The concert can be watched through this private Youtube link: https://youtu.be/cVQ-5mJCqN4. Please do not share this on social media or with anyone outside the school. A huge thank you to Mrs Friend-Smith!

Summer Term

We return on 19th April for the final term of this academic year - let hope for lots of sunshine! The children are able to wear their summer uniform (School Logo Polo Shirt or Summer Dress). Please take time this holiday to source school shoes if your child's feet have grown over lockdown. Drop off and collection will remain the same.

Safeguarding

For safeguarding purposes and to prevent cross-bubbling, please ensure Merrow pupils use the toilet at their school. We are unable to allow use of our accessible toilet at this time.



I hope you have the chance this Easter to recharge your batteries, enjoy meeting with one other household outside and sayour some chocolate!



Head Teacher's Award

Congratulations to the following for achieving this coveted award. They should be very proud of their achievements.

3W - Erin Ellis **3K** - Charlotte Major

4C - Tobias Harris **4BD** - Noah Nettleship

5F - Gracie McKerrow 5KL - Mia Robins 5CH - Elsa Thomson

6SB - Daisy Horne 6F - Jaimie Clarke

COVID Updates

A reminder that you must contact the school over the bank holiday weekend if your child



displays symptoms of Coronavirus or tests positive for COVID. I will be checking Studybugs over this period and ask that you check any messages sent from school in case your child needs to isolate.

If you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of a school pupil, college student or of a staff member, you can get twice-weekly symptom-free tests.

Households can get a test by **booking** an appointment online at a <u>symptom-free</u> testing site, or by **collecting** a home-testing kit from a <u>designated</u> collection point, or if unable to travel to a site, by **ordering** a kit online. You can find out more at <u>surreycc.gov.uk/</u> symptomfreecovidtesting.

Please remember if your child or a household or bubble member develop COVID-19 symptoms, do not use symptom-free testing. Book a free test at gov.uk/get-coronavirus-

Child Protection, Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Please see below some useful links to support your child and family.

National Online Safety free mobile app:

Download for apple:

hubs.ly/H0BwQjL0

Download for android:

hubs.ly/H0Bx0tp0

Surrey Family Information Service

<u>Health, Wellbeing and Emotional Wellbeing Support for Children in Surrey - A Guide for Parents and Carers, April 2021</u> which includes a 'Concerns About Self-Harm Spotlight.'

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Musical News

We have been nominated by Surrey Arts to become a Music Mark school in recognition of our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum and the value we place in music.



Congratulations to Diya for passing her violin grade 3 exam with merit. She did this grade completely during the lockdown in online lessons!

Are you a parent with children you take to school or who go to school by themselves?

If so you will thank yourself for sparing 2 minutes to fill in this survey from the safer travel department at SCC. They want to make sustainable school journeys easy and safe and so need to hear about the problems, issues or obstacles you or your children face when trying to walk, cycle or scoot to school.

https://www.surreysays.co.uk/iai/41377978