

## MESSAGE FROM MRS ADAMS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have started the summer term with great enthusiasm and positivity towards learning, and engaging in a variety of activities inside and outside of the classroom. All classes have demonstrated a good understanding of our school value of responsibility over the last few weeks by revisiting and revising classroom charters, and taking on additional responsibility across the school. The Pupil Parliament continues to gather pupil voice from every class, working together to focus on projects to improve our school for the children. Our Year 6 children continue to lead by example, and our House and Sports Captains will be involved in many events across the summer term, supporting the younger children and representing our school.

It has been wonderful to hear the children talking excitedly about our school trip plans, summer concerts and sporting events for the summer term. There will be many new experiences for some of our children, with trips planned off site for Reception and KS1 and our KS2 children preparing for residential trips. Year 4 have been our first children to enjoy a residential trip off site this week, going off on a camping and team building adventure. We will be hosting and leading netball and football tournaments at Burhill for the local cluster of schools and our children will continue to be involved in sporting events outside of school, including district sports, cricket and mini Olympics. A huge thank you to all of our teaching staff for going above and beyond to plan exciting and memorable experiences for our children. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team that share our passion for planning learning experiences beyond the classroom.

I also wanted to mention my gratitude for our Friends of Burhill School. The committee continues to support our school by organising events for our families, including sponsored walks in the holidays, coronation art activities in preparation for our summer fair on the 10<sup>th</sup> June, and a grounds clearance day the first Saturday of this term. It was wonderful to welcome new volunteers and their children to the gardening grounds clearance, ensuring our school continues to look it's very best for our Burhill community. The second hand uniform sales continue to be a success and support many of our families across the school. After the success of the first films night, we have another evening planned for the children on 4<sup>th</sup> May. We are always looking for more volunteers so if you can spare any time, please do contact FoBS.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we will sadly be saying farewell Mrs Vincett, class teacher in Quails class, and Mr Whishaw, class teacher in Wrens class and our PE leader and sports teacher, at the end of this week. We wish them the best of luck on their new journey.

Our key priority at Burhill is ensuring our children are offered the highest quality of education, as well as providing all children with the opportunity and experiences outside of the classroom to support their personal development. This term, the leadership team will also be focusing on improving the provision of our wrap around care, and expanding the breakfast and after school club by September 2023. Additional places have already been allocated this term to families on our waiting lists. We are also keen to gather parents views to support with reviewing our key priorities for September. The leadership team will be meeting with class reps this term, gathering parent views from across the school.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you enjoy a restful bank holiday.

Mrs Gemma Adams

# Year Group News

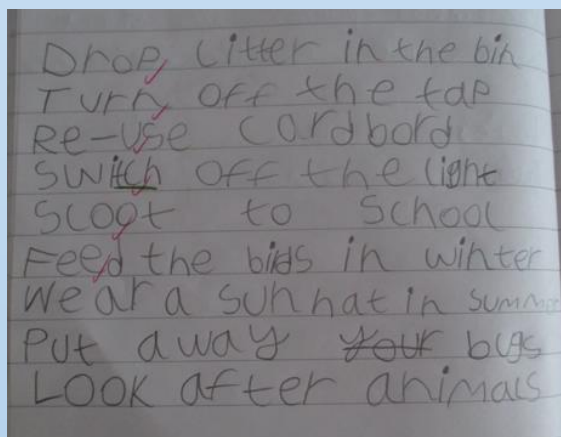
**NURSERY:** Food, Glorious Food is our new topic for this half term in Nursery. We have started this topic by reading *The Tiger Who Came To Tea*. We have had tea parties in our Café Role Play and have made food items in our mud kitchen and sand pit. We have also written party invitations to our friends where we have practised writing our name as well as creating our very own tiger collage by tearing and sticking various materials.



**RECEPTION:** Reception have started the summer term with a tasting station as part of our theme Keeping Healthy. *Oliver's Vegetables* is the class reader providing lots of discussion on which vegetables grow beneath the soil. The children have been busy planting radishes and potatoes in the outdoor areas. We have made labels as part of literacy too.

We are very much looking forward to making smoothies as part of our Big Lunch on Coronation Day here at Burhill!

**YEAR 1:** It has been lovely welcoming the children back after Easter for our final term together. As the weather is becoming warmer, the children will be venturing outside this half term to further their scientific knowledge and understanding of plants and trees linked to our topic 'Global Garden.' We will be learning about healthy eating and being our best self in our PSHE unit as well as creating our own natural prints in the style of William Morris in art. We have started this past week thinking about our responsibility for caring for our planet and the children have created some fantastic poems linked to our text '10 things I can do to help my world.'



# Year Group News

**YEAR 2:** What a busy two weeks it has been back after Easter. Year 2 have settled back into routines and continued learning with enthusiasm. In English, the children have already visited Forest School to collect vocabulary for poetry writing before moving on to writing a persuasive letter to help transform an old disused car park into a beautiful garden. In maths, the children predicted and estimated the temperature around the school and have now begun identifying and finding fractions. In science the children are observing plant growth over April and May. In art, the children have enjoyed exploring the semi-abstract work of artist Henry Moore. The children are very excited to see his work in person at the Tate Britain at the end of May.

**YEAR 3:** The Year 3 team are excited to welcome back the children after the Easter break. The children have returned rested and are raring to learn. So far, the children have started a new book in English called *The King Who Banned the Dark* and been very serious whilst taking on the role of King. The children will be creating placards to prevent the King's plan of taking away the dark for good as well writing diary entries and a persuasive piece! The summer term will hopefully bring more sunshine which is great news for Year 3 as our new science topic is light. The children have enjoyed taking their learning outside to look at different light sources and will soon be learning about how light travels and shadows! As part of our science topic, the children have the Freshwater Theatre Company visiting to help consolidate what the children have learnt in a theatrical manner. The children have a lot to look forward to this term including the King's Coronation, Mental Health Awareness Week and of course the year 3 sleepover taking place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May.



**Year 4:** Year 4 are set to have a very exciting and adventurous half term. This week the children have attended their very first school residential in which they have participated in a number of different activities including: team-work building, water purification and having their very own campfire. As well as this, children will enjoy learning about Roz the robot in our English text *The Wild Robot* and will be identifying different parts of a circuit.

# Year Group News



**Year 5:** Year 5 have started a new English text: *The Last Wild* and have really enjoyed writing persuasive adverts as well as exciting newspaper articles. We have started practising our musical pieces for the summer concert using the steel pans. We have spent lots of time preparing for our upcoming residential trip which we are very excited about.

**YEAR 6:** We have had a great start to our final term at Burhill in Year 6! Lots of learning has already taken place as the children look towards their End of Key Stage Assessments. The Year 6 team are so proud of all the children for working so hard already.

This half term in Year 6 we have lots of fun and exciting activities planned. We are kicking off with an Ancient Greek dress up day to learn lots about this period in history, followed shortly after by our assessment week. After this we will be packing in lots of learning about our transition to secondary school. We will be investigating the human body in science and have already learnt about the heart and blood in our bodies. In English, we have started to read our new text *Pig Heart Boy*, looking at a moral dilemma based on a theme in the book. We are currently writing balanced arguments based on this theme and are looking forward to finding out what happens next in the book already! In art, we are looking at Claude Monet and creating our own pieces based on his artwork and in PE we are looking forward to learning some new cricket skills in the sunny weather.





Please subscribe to our school calendar via our website. Please [click here](#) for further information.

Mon, 1 May	Bank Holiday
Tues, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Industrial Action: Partial school closure
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 Residential
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> May, 9am	Coffee Morning: Meet other grandparents and kinship carers, adoptive parents, foster carers and special guardians in the Inclusion Suite
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> May, 4.45pm	FoBS Film Night
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Coronation celebrations in school
Mon, 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Tues, 16 <sup>th</sup> May, 9am	Coffee Morning: Supporting parents & carers dealing with challenging behaviour, Inclusion Suite
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> May, 9am	FoBS Meeting in the Inclusion Suite
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May, 9.15am	Stay & Play: Ducklings and Goslings classes
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Save the date: School Discos
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 Residential
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> May, 9.15am	Stay & Play: Cygnets class
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term



## ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY 2023

Please note that in light of the announcement of His Majesty's coronation on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

## Our value for May will be

# COOPERATION



Working together to do more than you can do alone

## SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Please note that our school office is open between 8:45am – 4:30pm. Phone calls, emails and messages are not received outside of these times.

May we also request that you list your child's full name and class in any written communication to the office. Thank you.

## Whole School Priorities 2021-2023

We continue to focus on the following priorities throughout this academic year:

1. Our school's curriculum intent is clearly constructed and ambitious for all children.
2. Our school's implementation of the curriculum is effective and consistent ensuring improved outcomes in all subjects.
3. Leaders at all levels drive high expectations for all children and are skilled at evaluating the impact of their actions.
4. Leaders and staff create a calm, orderly and positive community in the school and this is evident in the behaviours and attitudes of all children and all staff.
5. Our school provides opportunities and support for all children to extend their personal development and physical and mental wellbeing.
6. There is a safe and ambitious culture in which we refuse to accept barriers to achievement for all children.

### REMINDER: No dogs on

Please may we remind all our families that dogs are not permitted anywhere on the school site and should not be brought to the school playground or any drop off/collection areas. Thank you for your cooperation.



### ALLERGY AWARENESS

Allergy Aware School



Snacks at school:  
Please remember that children in KS1 have access to fruit snacks at school during the day. To ensure that children are eating safe and healthy items in school, KS2 children should bring in fruit or vegetable items only.

During the week beginning of 24<sup>th</sup> April, our school marked **ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK**. The children took part in assemblies to learn about what an allergy is, develop an understanding of some symptoms of an allergic reaction as well as what we are continuing to do as a school to protect those around us who have allergies.

 SCHOLASTIC

### Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all of you who purchased a book from the Scholastic Book Fair. In total, the fair raised **£1,227.55**. The school will receive 20% of the profit which will help to keep our library and classrooms up to date with the newest releases and books to interest all of our readers.



## SCHOOL LUNCHES

You can submit lunch options up to 3 weeks in advance through to midnight the previous day. **If you forget to order a school meal, please telephone the office before 9.30am, otherwise you will be required to bring in a packed lunch for your child. Lists close at 9.30am and cannot be ordered after this time.** The current cost of a school meal is £2.70 for those children in KS2.

## SPECIAL DIET AND SCHOOL MEALS

If your child has any Special Dietary Requirements (e.g. vegetarian, pescatarian, dairy free, gluten free, etc.) for ethical or medical reasons, our caterers need to have a Special Dietary Requirement Form in place. **Without this form the caterers will not be able to ensure any Special Dietary needs are met.** You can request [a Special Dietary Requirement Form](#) from the school office or download from the school website.

Please update us if your child's dietary needs change or are no longer required. The Special Dietary Requirement Forms will be reviewed at the start of each term.

## LUNCHBOXES

If your child has a packed lunch, please ensure that their lunchbox is **clearly named on the outside**.

Thank you.

## COFFEE MORNINGS



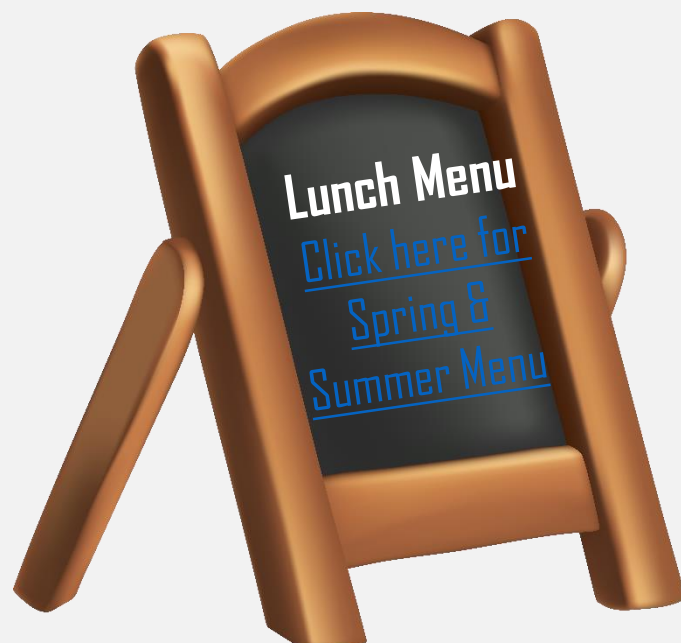
### Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 9am

We would love to welcome Burhill **grandparents**, **kinship carers**, **adoptive parents**, **foster carers** and **special guardians** to share coffee and chat together.

### Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 9am

We are hosting another coffee morning for any parents or carers feeling overwhelmed or isolated by their children's challenging behaviours. The last session was a great success and parents/carers have voiced they are really looking forward to meeting up again. Do join us

Please come to the Inclusion gate at the Children's Entrance. We look forward to seeing you there.



## INCLUSION TEAM AT BURHILL

If you have any concerns or worries that you would like to raise with the inclusion team, they can be contacted by email:

[inclusionteam@burhill.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:inclusionteam@burhill.surrey.sch.uk)

Mrs Brown and Mrs Waller are also often on the entrance gate in the morning.



Shona Waller  
Inclusion Lead



Kate Brown  
Assistant Head



Lizz Carson  
SEND Governor

**48 Hour Rule: Sickness and Diarrhoea:** Please may we remind parents that it is important to ensure that your child remains at home for a full 48 hours following any sickness, vomiting and/or diarrhoea before returning to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

### SCHOOL POLICIES

Please view our school policies on the [Policies](#) page of the website. This includes our:

- [Uniform Policy](#)
- [Behaviour Policy](#)
- [Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy](#)
- [School Improvement Plan](#)

### USEFUL CONTACTS

#### Home School Link Worker:

Audrey Pugh:

[apugh@burhill.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:apugh@burhill.surrey.sch.uk)

Tel: 01932 225836

Mon, Tues and Thurs 8am – 6pm

#### Safeguarding Contact Details

[ds1@burhill.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:ds1@burhill.surrey.sch.uk)

**Surrey's Contact Centre:** 0300 470 9100

out of hours telephone: 01483 517898

#### PTA FoBS Website:

<https://www.friendsofburhillschool.co.uk>

### SCHOOL ABSENCES – PENALTY NOTICES

A reminder to parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Please [click here](#) to view the letter to parents from Surrey County Council regarding Penalty Notices as well as the [Application form for leave of absence for exceptional circumstances](#)



# COMMUNICATING WITH SCHOOL

Please use the following email addresses to contact your teacher

Year Group	Email	Year Group	Email
<b>Nursery:</b>	yearN@burhill.surrey.sch.uk	<b>Year 3:</b>	year3@burhill.surrey.sch.uk
<b>Reception:</b>	yearR@burhill.surrey.sch.uk	<b>Year 4:</b>	year4@burhill.surrey.sch.uk
<b>Year 1:</b>	year1@burhill.surrey.sch.uk	<b>Year 5:</b>	year5@burhill.surrey.sch.uk
<b>Year 2:</b>	year2@burhill.surrey.sch.uk	<b>Year 6:</b>	year6@burhill.surrey.sch.uk

Please contact your class teacher using the email addresses above. If they are unable to assist and you need to raise your issue, please contact one of the following:

- Early Years Leader: [jkirwan@burhill.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jkirwan@burhill.surrey.sch.uk)
- KS1 Leader/Assistant Head: [lmclaughlin@burhill.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:lmclaughlin@burhill.surrey.sch.uk)
- Lower Key Stage 2 Leader: [abrady@burhill.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:abrady@burhill.surrey.sch.uk)
- Upper Key Stage 2 Leader: [kpotterell@burhill.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:kpotterell@burhill.surrey.sch.uk)
- Inclusion/SEND: [inclusionsteam@burhill.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:inclusionsteam@burhill.surrey.sch.uk)

## REMINDER

### Morning drop off:

Please be reminded that the school gates close at 8:55am. Children should, by this time, be in their classrooms as this is when doors close and registration takes place. If your child is not in class by this time, they will be marked as late. Gates open at 8:40am.

### Collecting children from school:

Please supervise your child/children at the end of the school day. Younger children must stay with parents whilst waiting for older siblings on school grounds.

This is to keep all children safe.

Thank you.

Please record any absence on Studybugs



If your child is absent for **ANY** reason, including illness, please report this on Studybugs before 9.30am. This information is visible by the office and class teachers.

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>



## Times Table Rock Stars Leader Board for Years 2-6

Leader Board: April

1	Isabelle R	Starlings	Y3
2	Lauren O	Kestrels	Y6
3	Lottie S	Rooks	Y4
4	Louis H	Rooks	Y4
5	Saskia	Ravens	Y4
6	Sebastian	Doves	Y3
7	Leo A	Ravens	Y4
8	Molly	Starlings	Y3
9	Matthew	Ravens	Y4
10	Phoebe	Starlings	Y3

## Easter Sponsored Walk



Congratulations to everyone who took part in the sponsored Easter walk. We hope you enjoyed getting out in the sunshine, and thank you for helping to raise a fantastic **£693!**

A big shout out to our top 3 fundraisers; Oliver Coates from Kingfishers, Riley Ackermann from Cygnets and Lauren & Matthew O'Donnell from Kestrels & Doves, who walked the equivalent of a marathon, during a holiday in the Lake District! Well done for your amazing efforts.

Thank you for all the WONDERFUL entries for our '**Coronation Competition**'. We are busy deciding winners, a very tough job, and will announce them very soon!

## Dates for the diary

- Reception Cake Sale this Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April after school!
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May - FoBS film night! To book a space for your child on our popular film night, open to Years 1 to 6, please complete the [Google form](#), and pay £3 per child into the FoBS bank account. Full details and link to form in email, sent out by the school office last week.
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, School Discos! Link to book is here, please see flyer for full details!  
<https://www.friendsofburhillschool.co.uk/product-page/disco-ticket>
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June - Burhill Summer Fair
- Next FoBS meeting to be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 9am in the inclusion suite. Babies and toddlers welcome.

A vibrant, colorful flyer for a school disco. The background is a mix of purple, blue, and green with a bokeh effect. At the top left, a box says '24 MAY'. To the right, a pair of colorful headphones is shown. In the center, the text 'BURHILL DISCO' is written in large, bold, white letters with a pink outline, and 'Join Us!' is written in a cursive font below it. At the bottom, it says 'DJ LEE RUSSELL'. A QR code is on the left with 'SCAN ME' below it. A box at the bottom says '£4 ENTRY (INCL. A SNACK)'. At the very bottom, it says 'LIMITED TICKETS... FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.' and 'PLEASE BRING A LABELLED WATER BOTTLE.' and 'DRINKS & TREATS FOR SALE OUTSIDE.' There are also some decorative symbols like musical notes and a wavy line.

RECEPTION	+++
3.15 - 4 PM	+++
YEAR 1 & 2	+++
4.15 - 5 PM	+++
YEAR 3 & 4	+++
5.15 - 6 PM	+++
YEAR 5 & 6	+++
6.15 - 7 PM	+++

We are in need of parent helpers for the discos on 24<sup>th</sup> May for Years 3,4,5 & 6 (see flyer). If you can help, please sign up here!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49a8a728a4fbc52-2023#/>





The Burhill School

# SUMMER FAIR

Saturday, 10th June | 11AM - 2PM

Something fun for everyone!



£1 ENTRY VOLUNTARY DONATION

Find a 'Burhill Rock' in the village and bring it to the fair to win a prize!

Sponsored by



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## OPEN DAY



Come and discover all of the courses that we offer.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come and look round our academy and ask any questions you might have about the private funded courses we offer.

**24th June 2023**  
**11am-2pm**  
14 Church Street,  
Walton on Thames,  
KT12 2QS



**"Code with Giants" event - free programming workshops for children and teenagers.**

The theme of the workshop will be **Cybersecurity.**

Classes are held online.

Free registration is available on our website:

<https://workshop.codinggiants.co.uk>

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

# SUMMER RUGBY



Join us **U9-U16**  
**GIRLS ONLY**  
**3RD MAY-30TH AUGUST**

**WEDNESDAY 6.30-7.30PM**

EMAIL US AT. [valkyries@weybridgevandals.co.uk](mailto:valkyries@weybridgevandals.co.uk)

WEYBRIDGE VANDALS, BROWNACRES, OFF WALTON LANE, WALTON ON THAMES KT12 1QP



As you may know the Heart in Walton stands where the film studios used to be. They were known affectionately as Little Hollywood and closed in the early 60s. The classic, Alice in Wonderland was filmed there and this year marks its anniversary so it seemed an ideal time to celebrate it!

There will be screenings of Alice In Wonderland, workshops and also a free creative writing competition open to all the residents in Elmbridge. There is a category for children who are eleven years and under. We would like to offer this opportunity for the pupils at your school to get involved. Please let them. All the details can be found on the attached information sheet.

If you would like further information about the competition or any other element of the festival then please visit [www.waltonfilmfestival.co.uk](http://www.waltonfilmfestival.co.uk) or email us at [hello@waltonbid.co.uk](mailto:hello@waltonbid.co.uk)

## ROSE YOUTH THEATRE ACADEMY ACT 1

Our Act 1 course is great fun and receives fabulous feedback from students and parents alike. The course is designed to develop the ensemble skills and teamwork, communication, literacy, and confidence of our members via drama and the spoken word. Our goal is to develop a rich array of life skills such as imagination, creativity, focus and an ensemble spirit.

**Cost per term**  
 Reception (1 hour) - £125  
 Years 1-6 (1 hour 15 mins) - £135

"ROSE THEATRE HAS BEEN SUCH A CONFIDENCE BOOSTER FOR MY CHILD AND HAS IMMENSELY FOSTERED HER PASSION. SHE ABSOLUTELY LOVES IT"  
 Act 1 parent, 2022

**FURTHER INFORMATION**  
 For more details, please email [participate@rosetheatre.org](mailto:participate@rosetheatre.org) or visit [rosetheatre.org/rose-participate/rose-youth-theatre](http://rosetheatre.org/rose-participate/rose-youth-theatre)

**SATURDAY**  
 A - 9.15am-10.30am (Years 3 & 4)  
 B - 10am-11am (Reception)  
 C - 10.45am-12pm (Years 5 & 6)

**SUNDAY**  
 A - 9.15am-10.30am (Years 1 & 2)  
 B - 11am-12.15pm (Years 3 & 4)  
 C - 12.30pm-1.45pm (Years 5 & 6)

**MONDAY**  
 A - 4.15pm-5.30pm (Years 1 & 2)  
 B - 5.45pm-7pm (Years 5 & 6)

**TUESDAY**  
 4.30pm-5.45pm (Years 5 & 6)

**WEDNESDAY**  
 4.30pm-5.45pm (Years 3 & 4)

**THURSDAY**  
 4.30pm-5.45pm (Years 5 & 6)

**FRIDAY**  
 A - 4.30pm-5.45pm (Years 3 & 4)  
 B - 6pm-7.15pm (Years 5 & 6)

**SOUTH OF ENGLAND SHOW**  
9, 10, 11 JUN 23

## Schools Competition 2023

At the South of England Showground  
**On the 9th, 10th & 11th June 2023**  
 The competition is free to enter for KS1, KS2 and KS3

A handmade model of a farm with a 50/50 split of arable and livestock

An A4 poem about the typical day in the life of a farmer

A dreamcatcher showing the seasons on a farm

A prize will be awarded to the winner of each category for KS1, KS2 & KS3.  
 Entries will be displayed during the show

Please see entry form for the conditions for each category and how to submit your entry  
<https://forms.gle/ndFFoYXsKYrS3BSu8>  
 Deadline for entry is 1st May 2023