

Pilgrim Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Farewell Year 6!

Today we say a sad but immensely proud farewell to our Year 6 children. We had a very emotional tribute to this fantastic year group with a whole school leavers' assembly to share memories, give out awards and to recognise the end of their seven-year Primary school education.

Children from Eagles and Falcons classes – you will be missed and we wish you all the luck in the world as you take your exciting next steps in your new schools in September. Remember us fondly and come back to see us often!

Staff Leaving

We say goodbye to the following members of the teaching staff; Miss Dale, Mr Scott, Miss Stickland and Miss Potts and also Mr Roberts from our Meal Time Assistant Team. I would like to wish them all the very best of luck in their new positions and their next career steps. They have all contributed hugely to the Pilgrim community over the years and I would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment – particularly so for the last, very challenging year.

Governors Awards

We had a great Governor Awards celebration yesterday with seven children from each year group receiving awards in recognition of Progress, Endeavour, Thoughtfulness and Kindness and Excellence. Congratulations to the following children who are this year's awards winners:

Reception: Rui Zhen L, Louie H, A-Jay G, Skye B, Ruby-Leigh M, Aiden B, Yishan C

Year 1: Michael R, Isabelle A-J, River B, Zackery S, Harmony K-J, Florence C, Sienna N

Year 2: Yihan C, Evie L, Amira S, Mohammed B, Mehrad A, Shaye T, Zoe C

Year 3: Mariam H, Sophia H, Dolly G, Laila-Mae H, Sophia J, Kidd C, Keiran H

Year 4: Cooper C, Olivia G, Adea C, Jenson W, Jaeden K, Tiana H, Olesya M

Year 5: Miley P, Kara F-K, Indiya K-J, Lacie J, Clay C, Melody L, Nurgul H

Year 6: Kenzie J, Holly W, Alleigha P, Jeevan G, Aleya U, Kornel K, Layla D

Pupil Awards

We are proud of all our learning. Over the last few weeks, these children have been celebrated for their efforts and achievements by their teachers and friends in the class: Kai R-H, Tallulah D / Zack A, Sonny D / Jake S, Alfie S / Sarah T, Honor F / A-J D, Tafhim Z / Kara F-K

Plans for September

The first day of the Autumn Term for the children is **Wednesday September 8th**

When we return in September, we will be following all Government and Department for Education guidance for safe opening. Currently, with the removal of most covid restrictions from July 19th, we

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are planning to open with a 'business as usual' approach (as much as possible). The key messages are that:

- The children will not need to be in their year group bubbles
- We will not need a staggered start and end to the day
- We will not need to have set entrance/exit gates for each year group
- We will not be needing to keep children learning in set places and in rows in classrooms

Despite school being no longer required to carry out Covid contact tracing, we remain focussed on keeping children and adults safe in school and as such, we will maintain our vigilance around the transfer and symptoms of Covid. We will be maintaining enhanced hygiene routines:

- increased hand washing
- additional premises cleaning
- regular staff lateral flow testing

Below are the timings of the school day from September:

Start of the Day	
Playground gates open	08.45 am
Classrooms open for children to enter and start registration***	08.50 am
Registration closes	09.00 am
Lunchtimes (1 hour)	
Reception Classes	11.30 am
Lower Phase (Years 1, 2 & 3)	12.00 pm
Upper Phase (Years 4, 5 & 6)	12.30 pm
End of the Day	
Reception Classes	3.10 pm
Rest of school (Years 1-6)	3.15 pm
Gates locked	3.30 pm

***Year 5 and 6 classes will line up on the KS2 playground at 8.50 am to be collected by their class teachers.

Children and families can use any gates to enter the site but we ask that all children are supervised before classes open.

Bikes and scooters can be ridden to school again (only if children wear helmets, dismount before entering the playground and bring a lock to keep them safe over the course of the day).

These are our current plans but these are subject to change depending on any new Government of DfE guidance over the holiday.

Prior to coming back to school, please check your **emails** and the school **website**:
<https://www.pilgrimprimaryschool.co.uk/web>

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That leaves me to say that I hope you have a safe, happy and healthy summer holiday. Thank you to all our families who have been patient with us when things have changed and changed again over the course of this year. I look forward to seeing our children back to school in September, meeting our new Reception classes and hopefully, having a more settled year altogether!

My final word has to be in recognition of the Pilgrim Staff team – everyone who works at Pilgrim from teachers, our welfare team, Governors, cleaners and caretaker, mealtime assistants, our office team and our teaching assistants. Every person has given selflessly of themselves for the good of the children and our families. You are the very best of teams and I wish you a restful holiday also. Thank you.

See you in September and fingers crossed for some sunshine in August!

Mrs Lisa Meek