

# NEWSLETTER

## 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Attendance:

Overall school attendance this week is 93.98%.

Congratulations to Year 5 Blake who are the attendance winners this week with 96.67%. As this is below 98%, no class will have an own clothes day next week.

### Stars of the Week:



Jeffers – Alice & Caleb  
Dahl – Harley Y & Karter P  
Anthony – Archie & Bobbie  
Browne – Lottie & Magnus  
Walliams – Zara and Glory  
Snikett – Rueben & Roxy  
Blake – Tayra & Freddie  
Shakespeare – Arthur & Riya



For more information about our school, use our **QR code** to link to the website at anytime.

### Safeguarding:

If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child please contact the NSPCC on their helpline: **0808 800 5000** or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

If you believe that a child is in immediate danger call 999. Our school safeguarding leaders can be contacted by emailing [stillman@templegroveacademy.com](mailto:stillman@templegroveacademy.com) or telephoning 07835946414 / 07943276854

### A Message from the School Senior Leadership Team:

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first full week back has been busy with lots of additional events taking place for the children to enjoy. Mr Miles took a group of pupils to a competitive Badminton match at Haysbrook Academy and he was proud to say our sportsmanship and overall performance showed we were a school to be proud of. Well done to those who took part.

On Friday afternoon, Year 2 took part in the first of three book events and were able to choose a free book of their own to take home. The theme was "Frightful Friday 13<sup>th</sup>" but thankfully there was no bad luck on the day and everyone enjoyed the book-themed activities!

As you may be aware, we would like to revamp our newsletter so that it offers you the best selection of information. Please complete the questionnaire sent by class teachers and watch this space for updates to the newsletter. This week, there is lots of information about events taking place in and out of school such as our regular coffee mornings and activities you can get involved in, in the wider community such as the Lantern Parade taking place in Tunbridge Wells in February.

Have a restful weekend,  
TGA Senior Leadership Team

### Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school after the Christmas break. They have settled back in fantastically and have it has been great to see them back in their routine and interacting with their friends – old and new.

Last Thursday and Friday we focused on winter. We went on a winter walk looking We started the week by sharing the beautifully illustrated book *Jack Frost* by Kazuno Kohara. After reading, we discussed the illustrations and the use of cool colours to depict winter and used the text as a stimulus to create our very own 'cool' artwork. In phonics we reviewed all phonemes and tricky words taught to date and in maths we explored the number zero.

This week, on Tuesday the children were introduced to our topic for this term, when they searched the school for Miss Rainfray's polar bear who they eventually found in the school office holding the well-loved story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury with a note which said "Welcome this this terms learning journey – Bears."

This week in addition to reading the story and learning Makaton actions to help us recall the story, we have gone on our very own Bear Hunt, re-enacting the story as we went and started our very own story maps. We also have mind-mapped what we currently know (or think we know) about bears and what we want to find out.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their first PE session on Tuesday. Our focus for PE this term is dance.

In maths we have been learning about number bonds to 5 and the different ways to make 5.

In phonics we have learnt more about *Harry Hat Man* who makes a 'h' sound, *Bouncy Ben* who makes a 'b' sound and *Firefighter Fred* who makes a 'f' sound. We have also reviewed all tricky words taught to date and learnt four more tricky words – oh, for, ok, that, says.

We are continuing to work on name recognition and writing. The children enjoyed finding each letter of their name and printing covers for their writing books.

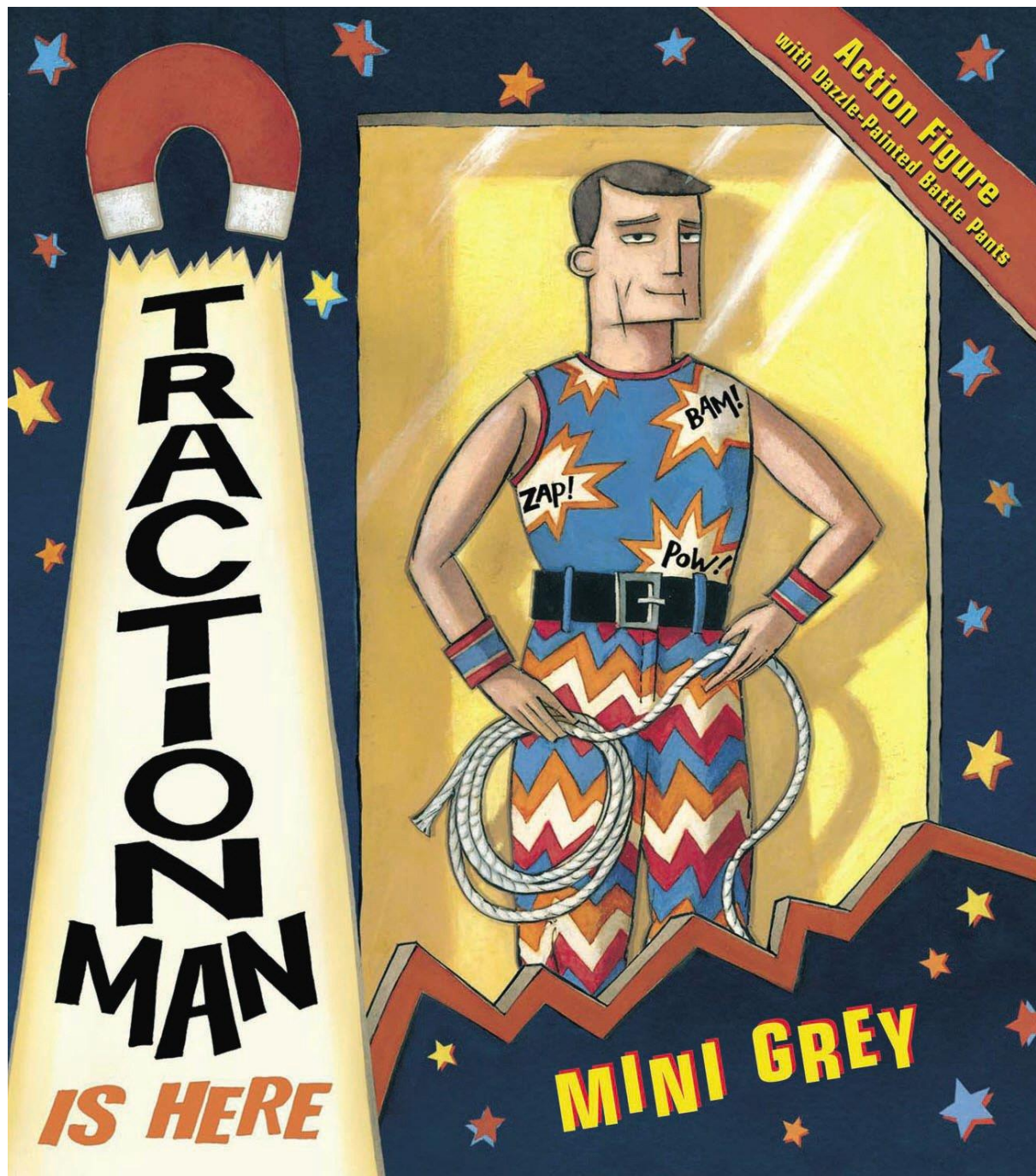
Next Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January we have Forest School and PE. Please ensure your child is sent to school in suitable clothing for Forest School and that they bring their PE kit to school on Tuesday. In addition, please ensure that ALL clothing is labelled – including shoes.





**Year 1: Dahl**

Dahl class has had a flying start to the year, making a start on their new topic of 'Toys through time!' using the text 'Traction Man' to support their learning.



### Year 2: Anthony

Anthony Class have had a great start to the term. This week they have been working on spelling skills. They played a game where the children had to work together to build different words in a given time. During maths they are working on recognising numbers to 20 and above and have enjoyed a game of number bingo. The children have also explored the concept of weight and have used the scales to find objects that are heavier or lighter than the weights.





### Year 2: Browne

During Guiding Reading this week, Year 2 have been working on 'skimming and scanning' techniques to help locate answers to specific questions. Well done everyone for showing so much determination and for having so much fun!



### Year 3 Walliams:

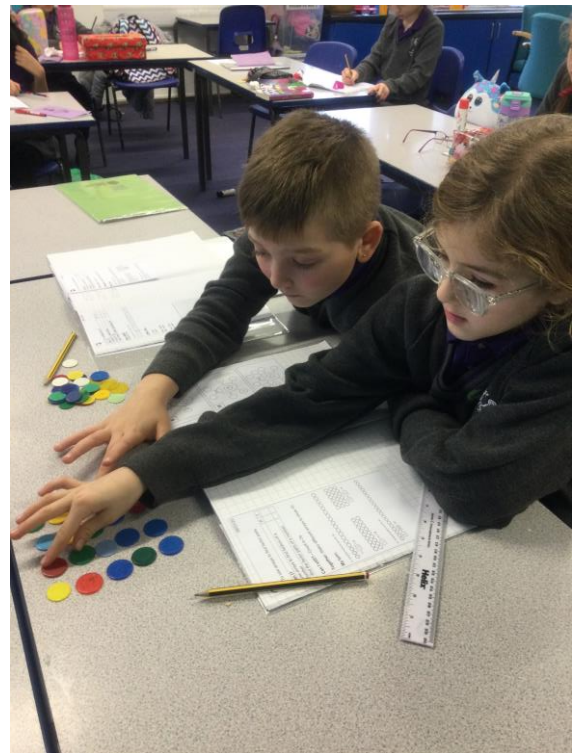
Students in Walliams mastered the 'A' chord in their ukulele lesson this week. Walliams used software tools to handle data. They created bar charts and pie graphs from data sets recorded on a spreadsheet.





### Year 4 Snicket:

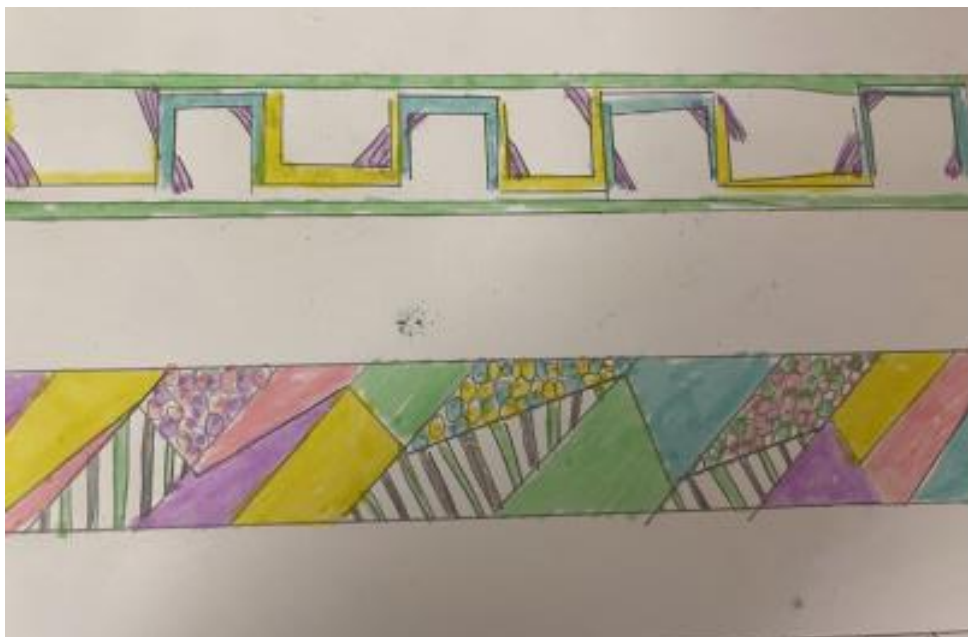
Year 4 have enjoyed learning what the names for different pets are, in French. They did a great job matching the words to pictures and pronouncing each word with a fabulous French accent! In Maths they have been hard at work identifying 'Factor Pairs' by creating different arrays of a given number, with counters.



**Year 5 Blake:**

Year 5 have fully immersed themselves in their new topic - Ancient Greece. In art this week, they looked at Greek pots, and some of the traditional patterns depicted on them. The children then designed their own repeated patterns in a similar style.

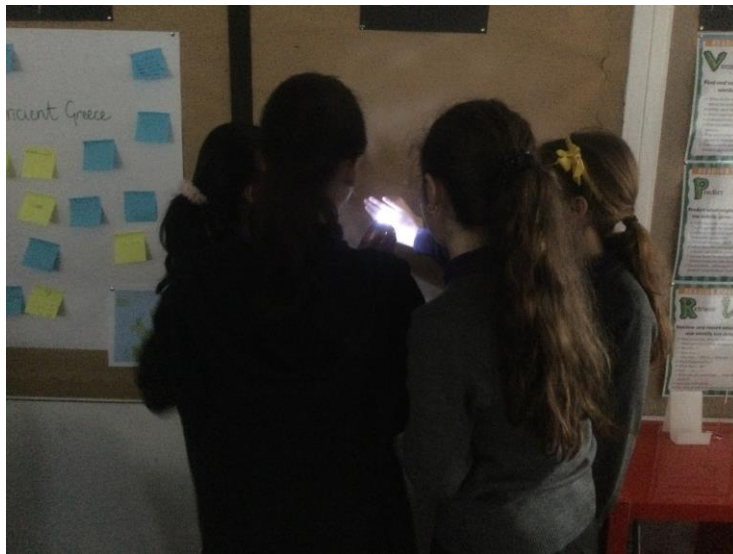
They came up with some very creative designs!





### Year 6 Shakespeare:

Year 6 have made a fantastic start to 2023! They have begun our fractions topic in maths and are learning all about Greek mythology to inspire our writing in English lessons. Our topic of Ancient Greece got off to an energetic start with our own mini-Olympics session. In science, we have begun learning about light and investigated how light travels in straight lines.



## Film Club



Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who help run Film Club each week. The club is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to relax and enjoy both familiar and new film titles with their friends. They are also treated to delicious refreshments, cosy cushions and bean-bags for the viewing.





### Whole school events

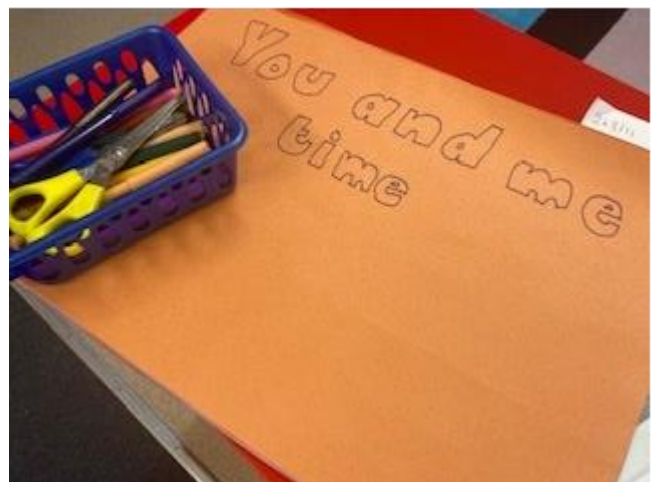
On Wednesday after school, Year 4 and 5 pupils participated in a badminton event based at Hayesbrook Academy. It was so lovely to see all children have so much whilst representing Temple Grove Academy. Well done to everyone for participating so brilliantly during all ten activities. You are all superstars! Thanks to Mr Miles and Ms Gilbert for organising.



### Parent-Child Attachment Pay Workshop

Our workshops are a warm and welcoming space for parents to try out new ways of engaging with their child and using play to develop key skills.

If you would like to attend a PCAP workshop, please contact Suzie via the school office where you can also take a leaflet to find out more.





# Over and above

## Over and Above Club this Week:

Jeffers: Raihan and Everly  
Dahl: Ayra and Sophie  
Browne: Lena and Harley  
Walliams: Orla and Sienna  
Snicket: Maisey and Oliver  
Blake: Tayra and Taufiq  
Shakespeare: Arthur and Paige and Charlie U



*kindness*

## **Kindness certificate winners this week:**

Jeffers: Grace  
Dahl: Lily  
Anthony: Molly  
Browne: Kodey  
Walliams: Kaiden  
Snicket: Lilya  
Blake: Kaycee  
Shakespeare: Kristina

**This week here are children who demonstrated our School Value of...**



**Reception Jeffers: Reggie for always being polite and courteous.**

**Year 1 Dahl: Johnny-Lee for consistently showing good manners and being respectful.**

**Year 2 Browne: Chrisab for being polite and respectful to peers and teachers.**

**Year 3 Walliams: Beau has offered to do a wide variety of classroom jobs every day.**

**Year 4 Snickett: Evie is always polite and respectful to all staff.**

**Year 5 Blake: Rickey for treating everyone with consideration at all times.**

**Year 6 Shakespeare: Sara M for speaking politely to adults at all times.**



## Home Reading



# Supporting *Reading* at Home



Take a look at the “**Turn on the Subtitles**” campaign.

<https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/>



The initiative is backed by famous faces such as Stephen Fry and comes with a backbone of expert evidence which suggests that turning on the subtitles can double the chances of a child becoming a proficient reader. We will be discussing this with children in school and promoting the use of subtitles whenever we use screens in class. It would be great if you could take part too.

### **Helping with reading and learning at home**



We are teaming up with the National Literacy Trust to provide some exciting reading opportunities for pupils over the coming months. This will include an opportunity for pupils to choose and new books for themselves and for the school.

Take a look at the Parent section of the National Literacy Trust website for help and advice on home reading and other aspects of learning at home such as homework.

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/parent-support/>



### Poetry Corner

Each week, we will post a poem for you to read and enjoy with your child at home. Poems are an excellent way of exploring stories and language and they don't take too long to read.

To mark the New Year, we've selected this poem for you to enjoy at home.

#### **Wishes For A New Year**

Brush away old heartaches.  
Learn from our mistakes.  
Another year is finally over.  
A new dawn awakes.

Let the old year out.  
Welcome the new one in.  
Bury the bad things of the past  
As a new year now begins.

Make your New Year wishes  
As simple as you can.  
Pray for peace and love,  
Not for wealth or fame.

Wish for health and happiness.  
Wish for your fellow man.  
Wish for all the ones you love.  
Wish for those who've lost their way.

As the midnight hour chimes,  
We leave the old and embrace the new.

By John P. Reid

## 'This May Help' initiative

We are pleased to announce the launch of [This May Help](#), a new national initiative providing mental health advice to parents and carers. [This May Help](#) is aimed at parents and carers who may have concerns about their child's mental health and is part funded by the Quality Improvement Taskforce for Children and Young People's Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Inpatient Services.

The website gives easy-to-follow advice to help families manage their child's mental health. This advice was developed by NHS professionals and parents who've been through their own child's mental health journey. Parents and carers have shared advice that helped them and that may also help other families.

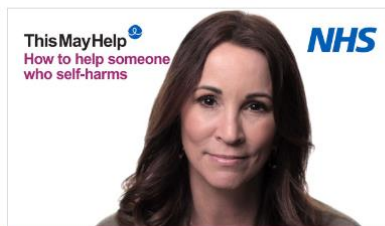
The advice covered on [This May Help](#) includes: self-harm, gaming and online activity, teenagers safety, eating disorders, school avoidance and preparing for a children and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) appointment.

These subjects were chosen by families and young people who have gone through their own mental health challenges. Gary Lineker, Mylene Klass, and Tanni Grey-Thompson are amongst 16 presenters featured in the films.

### Child's mental health



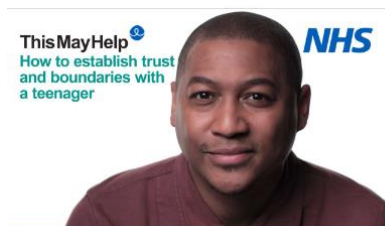
### Self-harm



### Gaming & online activity



### Teenagers safety



### Eating disorders



### School avoidance







# Parent Sessions

## Coffee Morning

**Temple Grove Academy Nurture Room**

**Join us every Monday from 9am for a 9:15 start —10am**



Emma, your school's Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner, would like to invite you to our parent coffee morning.

Please come along for a chat over tea and biscuits! Every week we will focus on a topic such as behaviour, anxiety, emotions.

The Emotional Wellbeing Team is specially trained to help children at school with their wellbeing and mental health. We understand that from time to time children need additional support so we're here to help. We believe that getting early help can prevent difficulties from getting bigger so that children can enjoy their life.

We work alongside everyone in the school community to promote a 'whole school approach' to emotional wellbeing and mental health. We can also think with parents about their children's feelings and behaviour, sharing information and working together to find a way forwards.

**We look forward to meeting you.**





## St Phillips Church

St Philips is open every Wednesday from 9am - 1pm as a warm space.

There's free refreshments and a simple lunch on offer.

You can also use the space to work, read, board games, newspapers or socialise.



# **END OF TERM DISCO PARTY!**

**THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2023**

**YEAR 1 TO 3 FROM 3.30PM - 5PM**

**YEAR 4 TO 6 FROM 5.30PM - 7PM**

**TICKETS ON SALE FROM PFRG  
OR ON THE ARBOR SHOP  
£3 PER CHILD**

**INCLUDES A DRINK AND CRISPS**



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Lanterns  
A CREATE PRODUCTION



# Winter Lantern Parade

**4th February 2023 17:30**

Calverley Precinct, Tunbridge Wells



**Make your own lantern and join the parade!**

Kits cost just £5 and come with full instructions.  
You will just need to supply your own PVA glue and any additional decorative touches. **Kits available: Bird, Butterfly, Caterpillar, Flower, Gnome or Ladybird.**

**Kits can be purchased from these local shops:**

**Manic Ceramix**  
40 Camden Road  
TN1 2PT

**Whirligig**  
90 Mount Pleasant  
TN1 1RT

**Saltmarsh**  
32 Monson Road  
TN1 1LU

**Serendipity**  
123 Camden Road  
TN1 2QY

[winterlanterns.org](http://winterlanterns.org)



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### Forest School

As we enter the Winter months, please remember to pack a change of clothes including socks, for your child on their Forest School days.

Forest School next week will be Reception class on Tuesday and an 'Over and Above' Session on Wednesday. If your child is involved in the 'Over and Above' Forest School session, you will be notified separately.

### Primary School Applications

Applications for transfer to primary school for both the Reception year and Year 3 (junior school) in September 2023 will open on Friday 4 November 2022 and close on Monday 16 January 2023.

Applications can be made online. Please visit [Primary school places - Kent County Council](#) for more information or to apply.



### Summer-born children

As you may be aware, while most children start school in the September following their 4th birthday, they do not reach Compulsory School Age (CSA) until the term after their 5th birthday. For children who are under CSA, once a place has been accepted, parents/guardians can decide for their child to start a pattern of part time attendance or a delayed start until later in the school year.

| DOB   | May start school full or part time from | Must start school full time no later than             |
|---|---|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2018 – 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2018                                       | September 2023                          | January 2024  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2019 – 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2019  | September 2023                          | April 2024<br>(Usually following the Easter Holidays) |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr 2019 – 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2019<br>(also known as a Summer Born child) | September 2023                          | September 2024<br>(starting from Year 1)              |

If you think this arrangement may apply to you, please use the Parental [advice](#) from the Department of Education to help you make a decision.