

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy and exciting time at school, with pupils taking part in trips, performances and special events. We are incredibly proud of how well our children represent the school wherever they go.

Year 3 had an exciting and educational trip to Hertfordshire Zoo this week. The children had a wonderful opportunity to see a wide variety of animals up close and learn about habitats, conservation and animal care.

During the visit, pupils explored different areas of the zoo and took part in an engaging educational session where they discovered fascinating facts about wildlife. Highlights included seeing the lions, zebras and reptiles, as well as learning how zoos help protect endangered species.

The children behaved beautifully throughout the day and represented the school brilliantly. A big thank you to the staff and parent helpers who made the trip possible.

Year 2 delighted parents and staff with their fantastic class assembly this week. The children confidently shared what they have been learning in class through songs, speaking parts and acting.

The assembly showcased their learning and creativity, and it was wonderful to see how much confidence the children showed while performing in front of an audience. We are very proud of all of the pupils for their enthusiasm and hard work. Thank you to the Year 2 team for organising such an enjoyable and memorable assembly.

Tonight our lovely FOMS team are holding the traditional Spring Disco. Thank you to FOMS and staff for helping to run the event which is enjoyed so much by the children as well as raising funds for school events and resources.

Have a lovely weekend.

Helen Melidoro Headteacher



## Dates for your Diary

17/03 Y4 Life in Saxon  
 19/03 Parent Council @9:15  
 19/03 Reception Assembly with parents  
 20/03 RED Nose Day  
 23/03 iRock Concert @ 2:15pm  
 26/03 Y3 Assembly with parents  
 27/03 End of term 1.15 pm  
 Reports sent home  
 10/04 Return to School

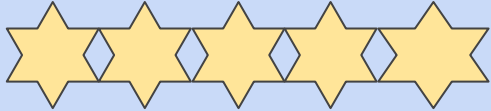
## Learning power of the week





## Stars of the Week

The following children were nominated by the MSAs for good manners and joined Mrs Melidoro this week on the Star Table.



Year 1 - Celia

Year 2 - Scarlett

Year 3 - Tahmid

Year 4 - Blake and Oscar

Year 5 - Leo

Year 6 - Ava H

## Attendance

| Attendance Registration | Present R/C: Marks |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Nursery Oak             | %                  |
| Reception               | 95.4%              |
| Year 1                  | 93.1%              |
| Year 2                  | 97.2%              |
| Year 3                  | 96.1%              |
| Year 4                  | 96.2%              |
| Year 5                  | 93.3%              |
| Year 6                  | 93.6%              |

Well done to Year 2 class class for winning Attendance Alpaca and Year 5 class won Punctuality Piglet.



## Celebration Awards

The following children received a Celebration Certificates for showing exceptional learning:

Reception - Dolcie, Eliza and Finley

Year 1 - Maya & Sophia

Year 2 - Woody & Maia

Year 3 - Brooklyn & Elliott

Year 4 - Leo & Teddy

Year 5 - Edwin & Billy

Year 6 - Chethushi & Teddy

Headteacher: Jennifer, Zaara, Ellie, Emily, George, Eddie, Teddy, Beckett Y6



FOMS  
Treasurer

Calling all parents, grandparents and carers:  
This week's post:  
Secretary





# Dinner Menu

| WEEK 1   |  |   |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|
|  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   |
| <b>1</b> Choose from...                          |  |   |  |   |  |
| <b>Main</b>                                      | Homemade Pizza<br>to go with<br>Pasta, Sweetcorn   | Sausage<br>to go with<br>Carrot and Swede Mash                    | Roast Chicken & Stuffing<br>to go with<br>Carrots, Gravy, Boiled Potatoes                    | Minced Beef Pasta Bake<br>to go with<br>Carrots   | Fish Fingers<br>to go with<br>Chips, Peas  |
| <b>Vegetarian</b>                                | Vegetarian Bolognese<br>to go with<br>Baked Beans, Pasta                                     | Cheese & Potato Dumplings<br>to go with<br>Carrot and Swede Mash  | Vegetarian Toad in the Hole<br>to go with<br>Carrots, Boiled Potatoes                        | Quorn & Vegetable Stir-fry<br>to go with<br>Sweetcorn   | Southern Style Quorn Burger<br>to go with<br>Baked Beans, Chips                                      |
| <b>Combo</b>                                     | Wrap<br>to go with<br>Side Salad<br>with choice of fillings<br>Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham | Pasta<br>with choice of fillings<br>Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce | Wrap<br>to go with<br>Side Salad<br>with choice of fillings<br>Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham | Jacket Potato<br>to go with<br>Side Salad<br>with choice of fillings<br>Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham | Wrap<br>to go with<br>Baked Beans, Chips<br>with choice of fillings<br>Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham |
| <b>2</b> and to finish!                          | Raspberry Doughnut Traybake  | Vanilla Rice Pudding  | Cherry Shortbread  | Apple Pie<br>to go with<br>Custard  | Strawberry Mousse and Vanilla Biscuit  |
| Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times | Fresh Fruit Pot, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly  | Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly                                   | Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly  | Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly   | Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits  |

Please speak to a member of the Catering Team or view [relishschoolfood.co.uk](http://relishschoolfood.co.uk) for Allergies Information

Please discuss your child's meal choice and ensure your child knows their meal choice each day. We are unable to swap for an alternative once the children are in the dining hall.



# Commonwealth Service

A group of Year 6 children (Eddie, Emily, Teddy, Beckett, Ellie, George, Zaara and Jennifer) were lucky enough to travel to London to take part in celebrations for Commonwealth Day. Mrs Melidoro and Mr Collin accompanied the children who were selected from writing a letter of persuasion to join them on the trip!

The Service provided a valuable opportunity for the children to learn more about the countries that make up the Commonwealth and the importance of friendship, diversity and cooperation between nations. The service was held at Westminster Abbey in the company of The King, Queen, Prince of Wales, Princess of Wales as well as the Prime Minister. It was a memorable and inspiring day for everyone involved and the children were a credit to the school!







Emily's report on the event:

Our experience at the Commonwealth Service was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Westminster Abbey was breathtaking and there were so many famous people there, including the King, the Queen, William, Kate and so many more! To get to London, we went on the train and the underground, it was really fun. Then, for lunch, we went to a cafe called The Abbey Centre where we ate our packed lunches but we could buy anything too! Mrs Melidoro got a tuna jacket potato and Mr Collin had a panini. We had to wait a little while in Westminster Abbey before the service started but other than that it was brilliant!





# Year 1: World Book Day



# Year 3: Hertfordshire Zoo



## Ash Class Hertfordshire Zoo 2026



# Evans Trophy Netball

## Evan's Trophy Semi Final

St Catherine's Vs Morgans

We played our netball match away on 12.03.26 against St Catherine's. It was a very close game but we won 17-15. The score was very close for the entire match, though we pulled out in front in the end. They played extremely well but not quite well enough to win. We gave the player of the match to the girl who played GA in the first half and GD in the second. Emily got Opposition's and Coach's Player.

After the first quarter, the pressure was on because the score was a tie, 4-4. The second quarter ended 10-8 to us and the third ended 15-11 to us. As you know, the final quarter ended 17-15. We are so excited to go to the FINALS against St Mary's and we are ready!

Written by Isobel, Emily, Ava T-A and Molly.





# *Football Hope Cup Quarter Final*



On Thursday 5th March, we had a quarter final match and we played st thomas.

It was a good match and it was 2-2.

The first goal was by Harley and he hit it to the roof of the net the assist was by Rory. Then the next goal was when Bobbi had a shot. From outside the box and the keeper saved it and Oscar got the rebound and scored. Then st thomas scored 2 goals to make it 2-2. It went to penalty Wilf stepped and scored. Then Finbarr saved their penalty. Then Bobbi step up and scored his pen then they missed there penalty and we won on pens 2-0 good game from everyone.

Match report by Rory, Oscar and Bobbi



# Red Nose Day



On Friday 20 March 2026, Morgans School will join thousands of schools up and down the country coming together to spread joy, have fun and raise money for those who need it most because it is Red Nose Day.

Let's come together and do something amazing. Let's make Red Nose Day the best day ever. Here's what we've got planned:

- Wear an item of clothing that is red, alongside your school uniform or a red hairband
- Bring your red nose to school if you have one to play with during playtimes
- A special Red Nose Day menu so please check your Relish account

We know there's a lot going on right now and for many people things are really tough. But if you can donate, every penny will add up to a life changing difference.

You can donate via our JustGiving:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/morgans-school-morgans-school-7?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL&utm\\_campaign=020](https://www.justgiving.com/page/morgans-school-morgans-school-7?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020)

Thank you for your continued support - you are amazing!



# *FOMS Committee Roles*



## Secretary

### **Main purpose of role:**

To ensure the PTA runs smoothly and efficiently through the preparation and organisation of the committee's paperwork and communications.

### **Typical responsibilities:**

- Working with the Chair to prepare for and run meetings
- Circulating the agenda and reports before meetings and identifying outstanding items from previous meetings
- Managing communication between the committee, volunteers and school community
- Managing all correspondence received by the PTA, including through the [info@stmatthewspta.org.uk](mailto:info@stmatthewspta.org.uk) email.
- Taking minutes during PTA meetings, typing them up and distributing them to committee members once approved by the chair
- Maintaining the PTA's records, including minutes, member contact details and legal documents

### **Skills required:**

- Strong communicator
- Organised
- Good attention to detail



# 2026 Event Dates

5  
MAR

**World Book Day book sale**

6  
MAR

**Quiz Night**

13  
MAR

**Spring Disco**

16  
APR

**Morgans Mile**

6  
JUN

**Summer Fair**

10  
JUL

**Summer Disco**

## **LAST EVER FOMS EVENTS!**

A reminder that these will be the final FOMS events **without new volunteers to take over** when our current trustee members Kirsty, Natasha and Sarah step down this summer!

**Please help if you can!**

**FOMS NEEDS YOU!!**

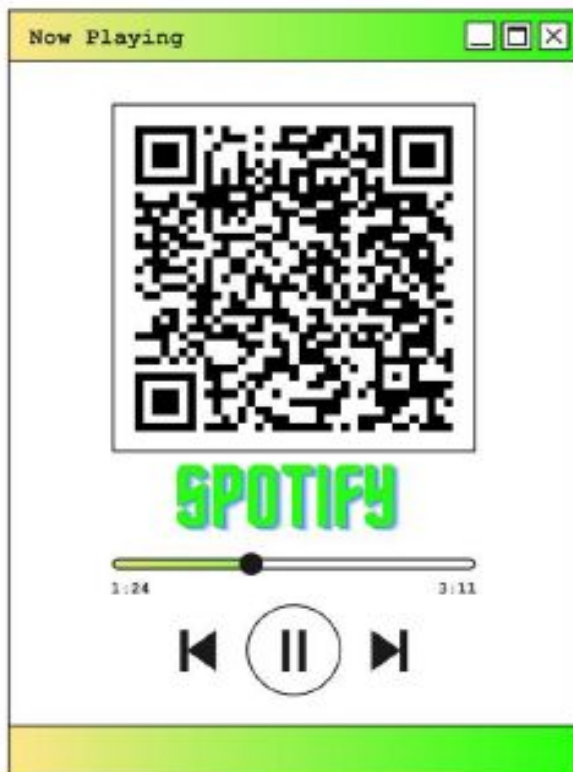


## HOME INFORMATION



### March's Musician of the Month

# FREDDIE MERCURY



**About:** Freddie Mercury (born Farrokh Bulsara) was a British singer and songwriter who achieved worldwide fame as the lead vocalist and pianist of the rock band Queen. Regarded as one of the greatest singers in the history of rock music, he was known for his flamboyant stage persona and four-octave vocal range. Mercury defied the conventions of a rock frontman with his theatrical style, influencing the artistic direction of Queen.

**Genres:** Rock and Pop

**Active from:** 1969-1991

**Origin:** Zanzibar, Tanzania

Books to read...



If you like Freddie Mercury, try...

- Led Zeppelin
- Stevie Nicks
- Meat Loaf



**How might robots change our daily lives?**

## Let's look at this week's story



During China's Lunar New Year Gala, one of the world's most-watched TV shows, humanoid robots danced and performed kung-fu moves on stage. The robots could spin, jump, and move with music, showing how fast robotics technology is developing. Other Chinese-designed robots appeared at celebrations in New York, USA. The performances have sparked global conversations about how robots might be used in future entertainment and everyday life.



Learn more about this week's story [here](#).  
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).  
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



# House Points Results: 13/03/2026

1st



141

2nd



133

3rd



87

4th



80



# Parking Reminder

## A reminder about parking:

Please remember not to park in the school car park at drop off or pick up from the Dell.  
The car park is open in the morning to allow ease of access for staff parking.

Parking for any school is always an issue and our school is no exception. The Senior Leadership Team regularly monitors and reviews parking outside Morgans School. We would emphasise the importance of safe and courteous parking outside our school at drop off and collection times.

For many years at Morgans we have always had our main aim of keeping our children **safe**.

As adults, we are role models to all children and should always behave in a courteous and respectful manner to fellow drivers, pedestrians, neighbours, staff and visitors.

By following these points, you will be helping to ensure that drop off and collection times at Morgans are as safe as possible. We would like you to support us in this and ask that you observe the request so that we all do our utmost to keep everyone safe. We kindly ask you to approach the school using the following route and support us by following the important points below:

- If you access Morgans Road from Bullocks Lane, please follow the road round to the left into Highfield Road, then turn right into Queens Road which leads into Morgans Road, the school will be on your left.
- Walk to school whenever possible, including parking further from the school and walking the last part of the journey.
- Please obey all road signs on our school site, including the no entry signs on the car park gate at drop off and pick up times.
- Do not park, drop off or pick up across the yellow zig zag lines or areas for emergency access – this is illegal and dangerous.
- Do not park on the pavement or grass verges both on and off our school site.
- Do not block resident drives – help us to be **collaborative** with our neighbours and local residents.
- Do not park in the staff car park unless you are collecting a sick child.
- Do not park in the designated disabled bays unless you hold a valid disability parking permit.

**We thank you for your support and understanding.**



# Term Calendar for Parents

## Autumn Term 2025

Thursday 4th September – Friday 19th December 2025 (1.15pm finish)

Inset Day 1: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Inset Day 2: Friday 24th October 2025

Half-Term: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025

Christmas Holidays: Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 2026

## Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January – Friday 27th March 2026 (1.15pm finish)

Half-Term: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Inset Day 3: Monday 23rd February 2026

Easter Holiday: Monday 30th March – Monday 10th April 2026

## Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April – Tuesday 21st July 2026 (1.15pm finish)

Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026 (May Day)

Half-Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

Inset Day 4: Monday 1st June 2026

Inset Day 5: Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Occasional Day: Thursday 23rd July 2026

We reserve the right to change the above dates before the beginning of the academic year.

## Autumn Term 2026

Wednesday 2nd September – Friday 18th December 2026 (1.15pm Finish)

Inset Day 1: Tuesday 1st September

Half-Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026

Occasional Day: Friday 20th November 2026

Christmas Holidays: Monday 21st December -Monday 4th January 2027

## Spring Term 2027

Tuesday 5th January – Wednesday 24th March 2027 (1.15pm Finish)

Inset Day 2: Monday 4th January 2027

Inset Day 3: Friday 12th February 2027

Half-Term: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027

Inset Day 4: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027

Easter Holiday: Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April 2027

## Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April – Wednesday 21st July 2027 (1.15pm Finish)

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027

Inset Day 5: Friday 28th May 2027

Half-Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

# Attendance Matters

|             |                  |                          |
|-------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>100%</b> | <b>0 Days</b>    | <b>0 Lessons Missed</b>  |
| <b>99%</b>  | <b>1 Day</b>     | <b>5 Lessons Missed</b>  |
| <b>98%</b>  | <b>3 Days</b>    | <b>15 Lessons Missed</b> |
| <b>97%</b>  | <b>1 Week</b>    | <b>25 Lessons Missed</b> |
| <b>96%</b>  | <b>1.5 Weeks</b> | <b>35 Lessons Missed</b> |
| <b>94%</b>  | <b>2 Weeks</b>   | <b>50 Lessons Missed</b> |
| <b>93%</b>  | <b>2.5 Weeks</b> | <b>65 Lessons Missed</b> |
| <b>92%</b>  | <b>3 Weeks</b>   | <b>75 Lessons Missed</b> |
| <b>90%</b>  | <b>3.5 Weeks</b> | <b>90 Lessons Missed</b> |

## Attendance Matters

*Here every day*

*Here on time*

**Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...**

If your child's attendance during the school year...

was 95%  
was 90%  
was 85%  
was 80%  
was 75%

Your child would have lost approximately...

9 Days from School  
19 Days from School  
29 Days from School  
38 Days from School  
48 Days from School

Or they would have missed approximately...

50 Lessons  
100 Lessons  
150 Lessons  
200 Lessons  
250 Lessons



*Attendance Alpaca*

*Punctuality Piglet*

**Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...**

If in a school year, your child is late every day by...

5 Minutes  
10 Minutes  
15 Minutes  
20 Minutes  
25 Minutes

Your child would have lost approximately...

3.5 Days from School  
7 Days from School  
10 Days from School  
14.5 Days from School  
22 Days from School

Or they would have missed approximately...

20 Lessons  
41 Lessons  
55 Lessons  
82 Lessons  
123 Lessons

*The year group with the best weekly punctuality and attendance will have the privilege of having 'Attendance Alpaca' or 'Punctuality Piglet' in their classrooms for a week. How exciting!*