



ATWOOD
PRIMARY ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

22 JULY 2022

MR VEALE'S WEEKLY WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it! Today sees the conclusion to another academic year for Atwood - its 62nd year. The children and staff were amazing in the heat and we tried to have a 'business as usual' approach. Yes, it was hot and at times, unbearable, but we coped. Let's hope that the pattern of extreme temperatures does not become too prevalent in the future, however, the science is pointing to the impact of humankind on our weather and climate.

I wish to thank you for all of your support over the last academic year. Personally speaking, I have had a really enjoyable year and have enjoyed seeing the children bounce back from the effects of covid. Our results attest to this.

As I sign off this newsletter, all that remains for me to say is, 'have a great holiday and see you in September!'

Rob

Rob Veale, Kate Standing, Nina Gambier,
Hannah Townsend & Michaela Groves
Senior Leadership Team

WORD OF THE WEEK

Word of the Week: Swullocking

Most of us found it swelteringly hot this week. An alternative word to describe very hot or humid weather, which was used in the 19th century, is 'swullocking'. The very sound of it carries a sense of 'stifling' and 'suffocating' heat.



Thought for the coming Holidays:

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.” – **Mahatma Gandhi.**

This thought for the coming holidays by Mahatma Gandhi is quite a popular one and rightly so. You will experience a big shift in your mind-set when you learn to take one day at a time and give it the best you've got!



ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Academic Performance

Academic performance is only one part of educating the 'whole child'. Nonetheless, it is important that Atwood performs more favourably than both the Croydon and the national averages.

Below is an over-view of our academic performance for this year. The percentages are yet to be validated by the government, however, we feel that they are fairly accurate.

Reception:

The percentage of Atwood children reaching a Good Level of Development was 63%

EYFS GLD	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	85%	78%	80%	83%	COVID	COVID (66%)	63%
Current Year	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	Reception (New EYFS Curriculum)

Year 1: Phonic Screening Check

The percentage of children reaching the required standard was 92%

PSC	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	98%	90%	85%	77% (taken in Yr 2) (COVID)	(80%) (COVID)	92%
Current Year	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1

Year 2: Key Stage 1 SATs

	2017	2018	2019	2020 (COVID)	2021 (COVID)	2022
Reading	79% (33%)	85% (35%)	77% (33%)	67% (25%)	72% (34%)	77% (37%)
Writing	66% (18%)	84% (23%)	63% (22%)	53% (9%)	41% (9%)	62% (10%)
Mathematics	70% (23%)	92% (43%)	83% (30%)	58% (11%)	68% (29%)	75% (30%)
Current Year Grp		Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2

Please note that the percentages in brackets for Reading, Writing, Mathematics denote those working at 'Greater Depth'.

Year 4: Multiplication Tables Check

The percentage of children achieving 15+ correct answers out of a possible 25 was 97%. Furthermore, 88% of children achieved full marks.

Year 6: Key Stage 2 SATs

	2017	2018	2019	2020 COVID	2021 COVID	2022	National 2022	Gap
Reading	78% (28%)	87% (45%)	78% (35%)		82% (33%)	88% (40%)	74%	+14%
Average Scaled Score (Nat)	105 (104)	108 (105)	106 (104)			107	105	
Writing	82% (20%)	88% (32%)	76% (12%)		64% (4%)	76% (28%)	69%	+7%
Mathematics	83% (22%)	90% (30%)	83% (35%)		73% (19%)	84% (43%)	71%	+13%
Average Scaled Score (Nat)	107 (104)	109 (104)	106 (105)			107	104	
Grammar Punctuation and Spelling	88% (30%)	90% (53%)	87% (37%)			83% (34%)	72%	+11%
Average Scaled Score (Nat)	107 (106)	108 (106)	107 (106)			107	105	
Progress Writing	0.3	1.8	-3.6			-0.1		
Combined Reading, Writing and Mathematics	70% (12%)	83% (18%)	68% (6%)			69% (17%)	59%	+10%

Please note that the percentages in brackets for Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and finally for the Combined Reading, Writing and Mathematics all denote performance at 'Greater Depth'.

THANKS FROM MRS GAMBIER



I wanted to say a big thank you for the lovely messages from parents and children wishing me well as I take on a Headship. It has been an honour and privilege to work at Atwood over the last seven years. It is a wonderful community of staff, children and parents. I will very much miss seeing all the children who I have got to know from Reception to Year 6; their smiling faces, warm greetings and tales of their achievements both in and out of school. I have said to the children I will be checking in on them from a distance and asking after them. Thank you to all of you for making my time here so special.

Best wishes,

Nina Gambier

SINGING LESSONS AT ATWOOD

In September, singing lessons will return to Atwood and we will be welcoming a new singing teacher, Mr Jason Marrow. Many of you previously had singing lessons from Ms Milena Dobrzycka, however she is expecting her second child she is not in a position to return. We wish Milena and her growing family all the very best. Mr Marrow has already met KS2 when he led a lively singing assembly and I am sure will be a real asset to our Music Department.

(Mrs Myers, Miss Goldberg, Mr Keefe and Rocksteady will all remain in place as our peripatetic music staff, and the Music Department will continue to be led by Mr Beaumont. Quite a line up!)

Jason Marrow - Vocal Coach

Dear parents / carers,

We are excited to announce that in September, Atwood Primary Academy will begin to offer singing lessons to those in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 with experienced vocal coach, Jason Marrow.

Lessons are invoiced for 10 lessons per term and the following lessons are offered:

Individual Tuition

- £152 per 10 lessons
- Individual 20 minute lesson

- £228 per 10 lessons
- Individual 30 minute lesson

Paired/Grouped Tuition

- £108 per 10 lessons
- 2 in 30 minutes, 15 minutes per pupil in other shared lessons

- £78 per 10 lessons
- 3 in 30 minutes, 10 minutes per pupil in other shared lessons

Financial support available for Pupil Premium students

For more information and to book a place before they run out, go to jasonmarrow-vocalcoach.co.uk or scan the QR code



SCAN ME TO BOOK YOUR
LESSONS TODAY

SUMMER HOLIDAY CRICKET

I hope you have all had a great academic year and are looking forward to what I'm sure is a well earned summer break!

Over the summer holidays Surrey Cricket Foundation are hosting a Communities Day at The Kia Oval. This is taking place on **19th August** and is centred around a One Day cricket game between Surrey Men and Gloucestershire.

We have got around 2000 **free** tickets to give away to children from Surrey schools and are asking if you could please promote this to the parents / guardians at your school encouraging them to bring the children along.

This is a really great way for the children to enjoy a day out at the cricket over their summer holidays and as well as getting involved in the plenty of activities that will be going on at the Oval throughout the day.

Tickets can be accessed using the link below:

<https://tickets.surreycricket.com/list/partnerAdvantage?code=SCH>

Many thanks in advance for sharing this, we hope to see plenty of school children there!

Best wishes,

Claire Bolton

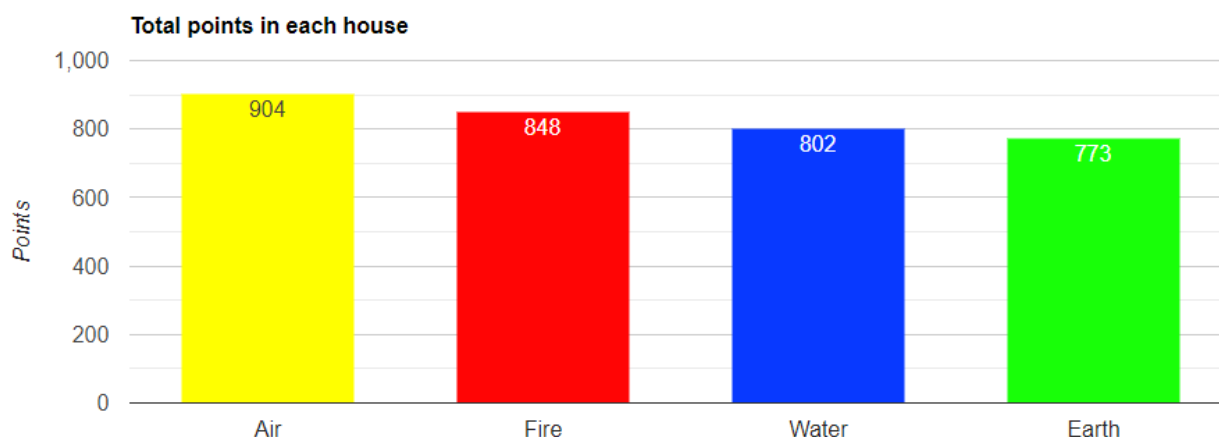
Cricket Participation Coordinator

www.kiaoval.com

THE KIA OVAL, KENNINGTON, SE11 5SS

TEAM POINTS

And so, from taking an early lead in September, AIR have held their position becoming this academic year's Team winner with 904 Team Points. Well done!



NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF ATWOOD

Fundraising Round Up 2021/22

Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered and supported the FOAP over the last 12 months. It has been great to get back to in person events and fundraising.

A special thank you to the school, the FOAP committee and a special thank you to Mr O'Connor who behind the scenes makes sure all the events can take place, arriving first and leaving last to give access to the school.

Please see below for a summary of the events we hosted and how much they raised as well as a selection of projects the funds were spent on. There are more projects on the horizon so keep an eye on the newsletter.



Pre-loved Uniform

The FOAP are now taking orders for pre-loved uniform, order up until the 19th August for home delivery prior to school going back. All orders are subject to a £2.50 transaction charge which covers both payment processing fees and delivery.

<https://buytickets.at/foap/733740>

Year-round Donations

The FOAP always welcome donations (can be dropped to the collection box outside the school office) of the following:

- Pre-loved uniform, club clothing, fancy dress for school themed activities eg Egyptians, Romans, Victorian..., Christmas jumpers/t-shirts (child & adult size), plain t-shirts in house colours- red, green, blue & yellow.
- Party bag type items
- Good condition Children's books
- Unwanted/unused gifts- eg toiletries, tea/coffee, condiments, perfume, novelty... to be used as prizes or for hampers
- New toys/puzzles etc to be used as prizes/for hampers
- Vouchers- hair, beauty, meals, events etc

Save the dates 2022/23

Friday 21st Oct- Bingo & Bubbles

Sunday 6th Nov- Sanderstead Fireworks

Friday 9th December- Christmas Fair

tbc-In person Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Saturday 22nd April- Happy's Circus

Saturday 24th June- Summer Fair

Other fundraising events for 2022/23

- Children's personally designed Xmas cards
- Self-portrait T-towels
- **Plus more...**

If you have any ideas for a fundraising event please contact the FOAP on contactatwoodpa@gmail.com

Final Words of 2021/22

We wish you all a lovely summer break and wish year 6 all the best as they start the next chapter at Secondary school.

Dates for your Diary

12th Oct Uniform sale

6th Nov Fireworks

24th Jun Summer Fair

CHARTWELLS – SCHOOL MEALS

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER

We wish all our pupils and their families a fantastic summer of fun. While children and teachers enjoy a well-deserved break, our team of chefs and nutritionists will be busy in the kitchen putting the finishing touches to our new Autumn menu, launching in October.

We've got lots of fun theme days planned to get the children **buzzzzzing** with excitement – trying new dishes, experiencing new cultures and learning that nutritious food is fun. Watch this space!!!!

DID YOU KNOW THAT SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE TO ALL CHILDREN IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2?

Simply speak to your school office to enjoy a nutritionally balanced meal every day. Children in Years 3 – 6 could also enjoy a hot school meal or packed lunch for **FREE**.

Check if you're eligible here:
Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK

Chartwells

SUMMER FUN WITH FULL TIME MEALS

We have partnered with Full Time Meals, the partnership between **Marcus Rashford** and **Tom Kerridge**, to promote Free School Meals and the Healthy Start Scheme. Check out our summer recipe booklet [here](#).

FULL TIME

ATTENDANCE

	Week Ending 15 th July	Week Ending 22 nd July
Infants (highest)	---	Red 93%
Juniors (highest)	---	3M 94%
Whole School (weekly)	---	87.7%
Whole School (year to date)	94.7%	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are some useful dates for your diary for this academic year. Some of these dates are provisional: we aim to keep the dates as they are; however, there might be reasons why we need to amend dates. If this is the case, we will let you know as soon as possible. **Newly added items are in red.**

Thurs 1st Sept – Inset Day

Fri 2nd Sept – Inset Day

Mon 5th Sept – **TERM STARTS**

Mon 19th Sept – Fri 23rd Sept – Year 6 Stubbers Residential

Wed 12th Oct - Uniform Sale (drop off and pick up times)

Thurs 20th Oct – Individual & Sibling Photos

Fri 21st Oct – Individual & Sibling Photos Backup Day

Sun 6th Nov - Sanderstead Fireworks Display

Sat 22nd Apr – Happy's Circus

Sat 24th Jun – Summer Fair