

# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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## It's holiday time again!

Can it really be May half-term already? In the blink of an eye the holidays are with us once again.

As it's the nation's favourite talking point - what gorgeous weather we have been having recently and long may it continue! The lure of a holiday is certainly bringing with it the possibility of continued sunshine. Let's hope so! I also hope that you all manage to spend some quality family time together over the next couple of weeks. You all deserve it.

We never have a quiet moment at Templemoor, and as we race into the last few weeks of the summer term we have lots to look forward to across the school, including a Reception music concert, the return of Cool Down Fridays, an author visit, parent transition evenings, a Summer Family Fun Night, a Father's Day Gift Shop and a Year 2 Disco and Leavers Assembly. Not to mention our popular Summer Fair (get your sponges at the ready!). Do take a look at the diary at the end of this newsletter for dates and times of upcoming events.

With very best wishes, Mr Hodgson

## The King's Coronation

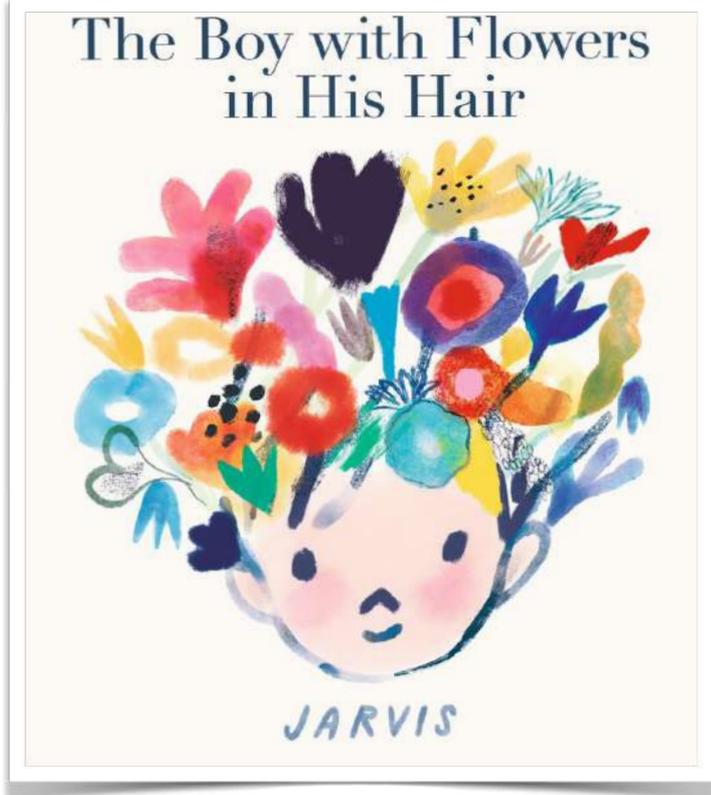
Early May saw an unusual calendar of two Bank Holidays in succession, one of which was to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. On Friday 8th May, Templemoor celebrated this historic event. The children looked amazing dressed in red, white and blue and wearing their decorated crowns. They learned about the King and enjoyed a picnic in the school hall with picnic blankets, bunting, flags and cake! We even had an appearance from His Majesty, who was more than happy to pose for selfies with our families (and staff!)! The Coronation picnic was a huge success and a very memorable occasion for everyone involved.





**Oh I do like to be beside the Seaside**

Picture a beautiful Spring day, soft sand, waves lapping on the shore... and 26 very excited Nursery children! On Wednesday 24th May, the whole of our Nursery unit, along with staff and adult helpers set off on the long journey by coach to Lytham St Annes. The children built impressive sand castles, topped with a flag they had made at Nursery. After a play in the splash park they tucked in to a delightful picnic lunch. This was followed by an ice cream and a play on the beach, where children spotted and collected beach things on a special scavenger hunt. The children spotted shells, the pier, pebbles and even a donkey or two... before getting on the coach to come back to school again. What perfect weather, and perfectly behaved and sensible children too. We all had a really great day! Thank you to everyone, particularly to all of our parent and carer volunteers who helped to make this a wonderful trip to remember.



**A Visit from the Author Jarvis**

We are really excited to have the award winning children's author and illustrator Jarvis visiting school on Friday 16th June 2023 to talk to the children about his new picture book, 'The Boy With Flowers in his Hair' - a beautifully illustrated look at kindness, friendship and looking after each other - as well as his new illustrated early chapter book, 'Bear and Bird' - a collection of warm and funny stories about two friends.

There is an opportunity to buy copies of the books signed and dedicated. These can be ordered through ParentPay, and are priced at £7.99 for 'The Boy With Flowers in his Hair' and £9.99 for 'Bear and Bird'. Please note that the last day for orders is Tuesday 13th June.





### The return of Cool Down Fridays

With summer hovering just around the corner we are really looking forward to the return of our popular 'Cool Down Fridays'. After the half-term holiday, there will be a chance to buy a lolly at pick up for your child (and yourself!) from the cool boxes dotted around the playground with all profits going to the Friends of Templemoor.

### Reception Welcome Evening

Our welcome evening for parents with children starting in Reception in September 2023 will be on Tuesday 4th July at 6pm.

### Year 1 Meet the Teacher Evening

We will be holding a transition meeting for parents with children moving into Year 1 in September on Monday 26th June at 6pm.

### Year 2 SATs

Well done to all our children in Year 2 for trying so hard in their SATs. We were absolutely thrilled with the effort and determination the children displayed and we are so proud of how the children all persevered even when some of the questions were tricky. In actual fact the children cheered when we brought the special 'quiz' papers into the classroom each morning for them to complete! Children, you have all worked so hard and did your very best. You were all superstars! Thank you to all of our outstanding staff for preparing the children so well for the tests and for supporting them so carefully throughout. Results of Year 2 tests as well as teacher assessments, will be sent out with the end of year reports in July.

### Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

During the week beginning 12th June 2023, all Year 1 children and some Year 2 children will take the National Phonics Screening check. This is a short assessment which determines if children have reached the national expectation in decoding words (20 real and 20 pseudo words). Results will be communicated to all parents of children who take the screening in their end of year report. The test is completed in a relaxed manner, and administered one to one with your child's own teacher in a comfortable and familiar place. Feel free to talk to your child's teacher if you have any concerns. You have no need to discuss the check with your child. We don't want the children to worry!



### Expansion Update

The school expansion continues, with the roof of the Early Years building almost complete! Once this has been done, then it's full steam ahead to install the windows and doors and to get the inside classrooms, kitchen, office and intervention room completed. In last months newsletter I did say that we were hoping that our current Reception and Nursery would move into the new part of the Early Years building at the end of June. The contractors have now confirmed that due to some slight delays in accessing building materials, this will now not happen until the end of July.

Contractors are also putting the final touches to our new Nursery bike track. This will be finished over the whit holidays so that we can have our lovely field and running track back and so that our current Nursery can use their new bike track.

The whole project should still be finished in time for the children returning in September from the Summer break.

### Keeping Safe in the Sun

As the weather (hopefully) starts to gets better, we need to make sure that children are staying safe in the sun. Please apply sun cream to your child in the morning before they come to school. Your child may also bring sun cream (with their name on) to school to apply it themselves at lunchtime. Please also ensure that your child has a sun hat (with their name on too).

### Year 1 and Year 2 Pencil Cases

Over the half-term break, please can you restock your child's pencil case with pencils, felt pens, a rubber, a sharpener and a glue-stick. Thank you.

### Learning projects after the holidays

Our exciting learning projects for after the Whit Holidays are:

<b>Nursery</b>	How high can you jump?
<b>Reception</b>	Why do ladybirds have spots?
<b>Year 1</b>	Great Inventions - Transport
<b>Year 2</b>	Holidays

### Fathers Day Gift Shop

Following the success of our Mothers Day gift shop, we will be running a Fathers Day Shop on Friday 16th June. You have up until Friday 9th June to order your gifts. Click [here](#) to order.





### Ready, Respectful, Safe

Throughout school we are starting to introduce three simple school rules - Ready, Respectful and Safe. These rules teach our children that they should be ready to learn, respectful of the people and environment around them and ensure that they are keeping themselves and others safe. The rules are the guidelines for promoting a good working atmosphere and positive relationships to enable everyone to fulfil their roles happily in school. Within classes, there are discussions about what this means and what it looks like in our school. To compliment the rules and to bring them to life for the children, we have three Learning Powers - Respectful Raccoon, Safe Spike and our latest addition to the team, the dinosaur - Ready Rex! Our whole school Rights Respecting Behaviour Policy can be found on our website.

### Walk to School Week

A huge thank you to all of our families who took part in Walk to School week. We really loved reading all of your family pledges, which were carefully displayed on our special class pledge trees.



### Freddy Fit

Tuesday 2nd May was certainly a very active day at Templemoor! We were visited by the one and only Freddy Fit who led us in an hour exercise session to help us keep healthy. We also listened as Freddy told us how to live a healthy lifestyle. We should exercise every day, drink lots of water and eat 5 different kinds of fruit and vegetables every day. Freddy was so impressed with all of the children! Not only did we have lots of fun, we also learnt lots of exercises that will help us stay healthy for the rest of our lives.

### Annual Parent Survey

One of the ways we continue to improve as a school is by encouraging feedback from our parents on a regular basis. We will be sending out an electronic invite for you to participate in our annual parent survey after the holiday. We will use the findings of our parental survey to inform our whole school self-evaluation and to plan our future priorities. Last year we had a massive response, with many parents taking part. Thank you in advance for your support. The results of the survey will be published before the end of this academic year.

**Reception Little Voices Concert**

All parents and carers of children in Reception are invited to attend our special Little Voices Concert on Monday 17th July at 2:30pm where the children will showcase their amazing musical talents!



### Maths Competition

When you grow up, how will you use numbers in your life? Maybe you would love to do a cool job like a vet, teacher, engineer or footballer? Or do you dream of spending your days dancing, baking or saving the planet? As part of National Numeracy Day, children are encouraged to take part in a Number Heroes Competition, where school could win a Number Heroes prize pack worth at least £1,000. Further details can be found [here](#). Once you have uploaded your entry online send in your paper copy to school for a chance to win a school prize. The online competition closes on 31st May 2023, and the school based competition closes on Wednesday 14th June 2023. Good luck!

### Scooters and Bikes

It is fantastic that so many children choose to ride a bike or scooter to school. However, please can we ensure that scooters/bikes are not ridden on school grounds. There have been several 'near miss' accidents recently. Thank you.

### A message from the Governors



I feel privileged to be writing to you as a new parent governor. It is very much a role that I am learning on the job, and it has been a busy first five months!

The announcement that Mr. Hodgson will step down as Headteacher from September this year and the ongoing building work for the school expansion

have been the big news items this term. Mr. Hodgson will be sorely missed; We wish him the very best for the future. We could not hope for a better replacement than Mrs. Brown. Her capable, calm and cheerful approach will continue the excellent learning environment into the new school year.

The builders have now been onsite for 6 months and, whilst there has been inevitable disruption, I am very excited to see the new buildings come to life in September! I have been watching the progress on the outside play area for nursery and reception children and it looks fab - looking forward to it being used and enjoyed. I would like to say a special well done to the staff within the nursery - they have been heavily impacted by the building work, yet they always have a positive word and a smile.

It feels like a good moment to say something about the fantastic PTA - they work tirelessly to provide brilliant events and none more so than the Family Fun Night! A little dickie bird tells me that it is the only event in the social calendar where parental tickets outstrip child tickets by 3 to 1 (possibly the 90's music?!). With this and the summer fair in the next half term, which is also a great day out and often involves throwing wet sponges, we are lucky to have such a dedicated team. Thank you.

I would like share two more reflections with you - the first is that it has been a joy to see the commitment, passion and belief the governors have for Templemoor. I did not appreciate the amount of hard work that goes into running the school and the drive of the people that do it. Finally, we are so fortunate to have the teaching staff that we have, they are a credit to the school, their knowledge and specialist skill set for teaching Early Years and KS1 is remarkable. I am excited the school will soon be able to offer this wonderful setting to even more children!

Fiona Morgan - Parent Governor



### Class WhatsApp Groups

Most classes have a parent WhatsApp group which can be very beneficial for establishing positive relationships with other parents of the class and to aid communication. If however, you have a query or concern, please speak to the class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. As part of our Online Safety Policy, parents must adhere to the following guidelines when using class WhatsApp groups:

- The group should never be used as a platform to air views/grievances regarding a member of staff, child or parent in the class or school.
- The group is not a political platform for airing opinions on current affairs.
- The group should not be used for private conversations with anyone else using the group.
- The group should be used keeping in mind mutual respect and cultural sensitivity between all its members.

Class WhatsApp groups should be used to build up and strengthen the parent community and celebrate the amazing experiences the children at Templemoor have. The school takes safeguarding responsibilities seriously and will deal with any reported incidents or breaches of its Online Safety Policy appropriately. Thank you for your support.



### Year 1 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park

We are planning to take our Year 1 children to Knowsley Safari Park for the day on Monday 3rd July 2023. The children will learn lots of facts about different animals. This should be a very exciting and memorable day out.

### Year 2 Meet the Teacher Evening

We will be holding a transition meeting for parents with children moving into Year 2 in September on Tuesday 27th June at 6pm.

### And Finally...

I would like to thank the whole of the staff team for their continued effort, determination and commitment to all the children at Templemoor. Working in a school is incredibly demanding. It is very rare that school staff are able to 'switch off' and there is always a massive 'to do' list to get through! I hope that the whole staff team find the time to switch off and relax over the next couple of weeks - they certainly need it and deserve it!

Enjoy the holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 12th June 2023. As always, if there is anything at all that we can help or support you with, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team.



## Dates for the Summer Term 2023

Friday 26th May 2023	School breaks up for the Whit Half Term Holiday
Monday 12th June 2023	Back to school for the final half term of this academic year
Week beginning Monday 12th June 2023	Year 1 Phonic Screening Check
Friday 16th June 2023	Bags 2 School, A visit from the author Jarvis Fathers Day Workshop, Cool Down Fridays start
Saturday 17th June 2023	Family Fun Night at 5:45pm - 7:45pm
Friday 23rd June 2023	Year 2 Sports Morning at Moorlands
Monday 26th June 2023	Year 1 Transition Evening at 6pm (for parents/ carers who currently have children in Reception)
Tuesday 27th June 2023	Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day (children only) Year 2 Transition Evening at 6pm (for parents/ carers who currently have children in Year 1)
Thursday 29th June 2023	Nursery and Reception Sports Day (children only)
Saturday 1st July 2023	The Summer Fair from 1pm to 3pm
Monday 3rd July 2023	Year 1 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park
Tuesday 4th July 2023	New Reception Parents Welcome Evening at 6pm
Monday 17th July 2023	Reception Little Voices Concert at 2:30pm
Wednesday 19th July 2023	Singing Club Concert at 3:35pm
Thursday 20th July 2023	Year 2 Disco at 5pm to 7pm
Tuesday 25th July 2023	Year 2 Leavers Assembly at 9:15am
Wednesday 26th July 2023	School breaks up for the Summer Holiday
Monday 4th September 2023	Back to school for the Autumn Term!

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## TERM DATES 2023 to 2024

### Summer Term 2023

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 12th June 2023
<b>Closes</b>	Wednesday 26th July 2023

### Autumn Term 2023

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 4th September 2023
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 20th October 2023
<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 31st October 2023
<b>Closes</b>	Thursday 21st December 2023

### Spring Term 2024

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 8th January 2024
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 9th February 2024
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 19th February 2024
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 22nd March 2024

### Summer Term 2024

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 8th April 2024
<b>Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)</b>	Monday 6th May 2024
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 24th May 2024
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 10th June 2024
<b>Closes</b>	Wednesday 24th July 2024

### Staff Training Days (School will be closed)

Thursday 31st August 2023
Friday 1st September 2023
Monday 30th October 2023
Friday 22nd December 2023
Thursday 25th July 2024