



9th July 2024

Year 6 SATS results

The Year 6 SATS results were published this morning and once again they are significantly above national average. These results are not only the outcome of the hard work they do in Year 6 but are achieved because of the high expectations and the teaching they receive the moment the pupils walk through the school doors in either Nursery or Reception. So well done again to every staff member who has helped contribute over the last seven years to getting these pupils in the best possible place and ready for the next stage in their education. Well done to the pupils for their efforts and I wish them all the best for their futures.

	Reading Expected level	Reading Greater Depth	Writing Expected level	Writing Greater Depth	Maths Expected level	Maths Greater Depth	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar Expected	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar Greater Depth
Yardley	98%	64%	97%	42%	97%	69%	98%	83%
National	74%		72%		73%		72%	

95% of the pupils achieved the expected level for reading, writing and maths combined with the national average being 61%.

Sporting Results and culture activities

As well as our continuing academic excellence, the pupils have also been maintaining our fine run of sporting success. The year 6 tennis teams entered the Waltham Forest competition which resulted in our A-Team beating the B-Team in the final. In the Quad Kids athletics competitions, Years 2, 4, 5, and 6 were all victorious whilst Year 3 finished second (We didn't enter the year 1 competition). Well done to everyone who took part. Year 4 have taken part in a local football festival and Year 5 have completed their intensive swimming course.



The last few weeks have also been busy with trips to Barleylands farm, Lea Valley nature reserve, The forest, Verulamium Museum in St Albans, Leyton Orient Football club and the Soho Theatre. The latter saw plays written by two of our Year 6 pupils performed in the West End by professional actors and was a completely brilliant experience. In school, years 3 to 5 have had their team building activity days with Clive, Year 6 have had first aid training and Year 4 to 6 enjoyed a performance of the Railway Children by a visiting theatre group.



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Classes for 2024-25

The children have been told who their teachers for next year today and here it is for you. Mrs Leigh is relocating to Bedfordshire and I would like to thank you for all her hard work over the last 6 years and wish her the best of luck at her new school. In the Nursery, Miss Khalifah is moving overseas after a short spell in the school and I wish her all the best as well.

Joining the teaching staff are Miss Lane in Reception, Mrs Morris in Year 1 and Miss Theopemtou in Year 4. Mrs West will be returning from maternity part-time and will share a class with Mrs Sutherland. Mrs Roberts will be returning to a full time teacher role. Pupils will be formally meeting their new teachers on Tuesday 16th.

Current Class	Class and teacher for September 2024
C3 – Mr Tiritanou	C2 – Miss Spraget
C4 – Mr Reddick	C1 – Mrs Stuart
C5 – Mr Nazir	C4 – Mr Reddick
C6 – Mrs Leigh	C3 – Mr Tiritanou
C7 – Mrs Matter/Mr Sharp	C5 – Miss Theopemtou
C8 – Mrs Sutherland	C6 – Mr Nazir
C9 – Mrs Hegarty	C7 – Mrs Sutherland/Mrs West
C10 – Miss Emerson	C8 - Mrs Folami
C11 – Miss Jones	C9 – Mrs Roberts
C12 – Mrs Folami	C10 – Mrs Hegarty
C13 – Previously Miss Bell’s class	C11 – Miss Emerson
C14 – Mrs Samuels	C13 - Miss Jones
C15 – Mrs Khanom	C12 – Mrs Morris

Our Reception teachers will be Mrs Samuels (C16), Mrs Khanom (C15) and Miss Lane (C14) whilst Mrs Henderson will continue to lead our excellent Nursery team.

Expansion update

The first substantial changes due to the school’s expansion will take place over the Summer with the IT suite being converted to a classroom. Waltham Forest have funded the purchase of a new set of class laptops and trollies so that IT can take place in classrooms from September. This work will be completed by the time the children return to school and will be occupied by one of the Year 6 classes.

This will be followed later in the Summer by the extension of another room in the main building which will be converted into 2 classrooms. This is a more substantial job and the aim is for the bulk of the work to be take place during August with the less disruptive aspects happening once term starts. Part of the KS1 playground will be cordoned off but entrances/exits will be unaffected.

There will also be some remodelling work taking place in the Children’s Centre Building.

Meanwhile work on the designs and plans for the potential new building on the school canteen site are continuing.



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Next year's term dates

Autumn term

Thursday 5th September to Thursday 19th December
Inset Day (school closed to pupils) – Friday 18th October
Half term – Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October

Spring term

Monday 6th January to Friday 4th April
Half term – Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February.

Summer Term

Tuesday 22nd April to Tuesday 22nd July
May bank holiday – Monday 5th May
May half term – Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Summer Fayre

The PTA organised a very successful Summer Fayre and we got lucky with the weather. All the details are in the PTA's own newsletter here <https://www.yardleypta.co.uk/post/yardley-july-2024-newsletter> including a selection of photos that capture what a nice event it was (photos taken by Natalie Goldie).



Huge thanks to Cristina and her team and a special mention to Heidi Muhlbauer and Mike Sparrow for all their hard work and commitment to the parents' association over the last few years who will be vacating their roles when their son leaves the school at the end of this academic year.



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Tesco Strong Starts

A reminder that Yardley has been selected for one of their Strong Starts collections as part of the fundraising to go towards creating a sensory garden in the early years play area. Throughout July and August you will be able to vote for the school in the large Waltham Abbey Tesco (and two Tesco Express stores in Hoddesdon) using their blue chip coins that can be collected from the checkouts. The more votes we get the more money we can get with a maximum total of £1500 up for grabs. If you are doing your shopping in that Tesco please make sure you vote for Yardley!

Early finish on Friday 19th

It is the pupil's last day of term on Friday 19th July. Nursery and Reception finishing at 2.20pm, Years 1 and 2 finishing at 2.25pm and Years 3 to 6 leaving at 2.30pm. There will be no wraparound care after school on that day.

Reports and parents' evening

Pupil reports will be going out on Friday. Should you have any queries or concerns about the report then there is an opportunity to discuss those with your child's teacher on Thursday 18th. If you are happy with the report, please do not feel obligated to make an appointment. Mrs Sutherland has a prior engagement on the 18th so will do her meetings on Weds 17th. Due to the lack of a permanent teacher in Class 13, any questions should be directed to Mrs Samuels.

Finally...

The school years are always busy at Yardley, but this year we had the added factor of our long awaited Ofsted inspection. The outcome of their visit just confirmed what we knew anyway, in that our pupils are polite, hard-working and enthusiastic and that they are taught and supported by dedicated and knowledgeable adults. I think everyone in the school is most proud of what a genuinely supportive community it is.

I would like to wish pupils, parents and staff a relaxing Summer and I look forward to seeing everyone return, and to welcoming our new Reception pupils, in September.

Regards

Mr Evans/Headteacher