



VERY MOMENT MATTERS!



Thank you for all your amazing donations towards one of our favourite annual events—Choccy Bingo! We look forward to seeing you all there for a bit of fun, laughter and chocolate feasting!



Some Class Structure Changes for September 2024!

With Mrs Pallot, our Yr6 teacher, leaving at the end of this term, staff have been given the opportunity to consider moving year groups. As from September, the teachers will be teaching the following classes:

Puffins: Mrs Benner/Miss Nadler

Wagtails: Mrs Arthur

Robins: Mrs Rawlings

Starlings: Mrs Edwards

Skylarks: We are hoping to appoint our new Yr4 teacher next week and will update you then.

Kingfishers: Mr Trudgeon

Swifts: Mr Teasdale

New Leadership Structure for September 2024!

Following the appointment of Mrs Pallot, to her Headteacher post, we advertised internally for a Deputy Head. I am delighted to announce that following a series of formal interviews this week, Mr Teasdale was appointed as Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Katie Rawlings was appointed as Assistant Headteacher. They will be taking up their new roles in September. I am sure you will join me in congratulating them both.

New Team Member!

This week we have been delighted to welcome a new member of our team, Miss Carly Acres. Miss Acres has a wealth of experience working with children with SEND in her previous settings and is currently working in Puffins as a Teaching Assistant. We hope she will be very happy at our lovely school.





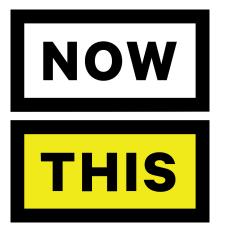
WE HAVE BATS!

Although there may be many bat fans out there, this is proving quite problematic for our new classroom. An initial investigation of the various roof voids in our school building identified a whole maternity wing of bats! As a result, three further bat surveys, each a month apart, now need to take place in May, June and July. Only with the report of this bat survey will the planning application for our new classroom be considered. Mitie are still hoping that outlying planning will be considered subject to a follow up bat report. We will keep fingers and toes crossed for that!

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR OUR SCHOOL?

You may have already guessed...this does mean further delays and we will definitely not have a completed new classroom ready for us to move in to by September 2024. With this in mind, we have to accept what we cannot control and plan for the least disruptive option for our children. So, as from September 2024, Robins (Yr2) will be in the current Year 5 classroom as planned. That does mean that Kingfishers (Yr5) will move in to the pop-up classroom in the school hall for what we hope will be no more than two terms. It will then mean that, when the new classroom for Yr5 will be completed, only that class of pupils will need to be relocated.

We are all understandably hugely disappointed that the new classroom will not be ready for a September start, but in true PAW school style, the staff are keen to use this opportunity for the children to learn more about the preservation of bats and, in time, also utilise the learning that can be gained by watching the new build gradually emerge over time.





SO WE HAVE BATS AND NO MINIBUS!

Having continued to chase our order on a regular basis, this is the latest update I received on 16/04/24 from GM Minibuses:

Hi Rachel,

Apologies for my delayed reply.

I sadly don't have much I can tell you at all, It's the worst part of the process waiting for the base vehicle to be built overseas. Before covid and the Ukraine war we used to have unsold vehicles sat at the docks at Portbury ready to go..but sadly those better days are long gone, and we are now at the mercy of the manufacturers.

I've got your name firmly on my cancellation list..so I'll do my very best to find you something as quickly as I can.

Thanks again..we really do appreciate your patience.

Kind regards

Vicki

Minibus Specialist

Another situation beyond our control and hugely frustrating! We can do nothing other than wait and hope. I will keep you all posted.

