



Ocean wave



September/October 2023

Message from the Executive Principal – Mrs Quarrie

Our Vision: Bringing Learning To Life: No Limits. No Barriers.

Our Values: Self Worth, Engagement, Purpose

Dear Parents and Carers,

Academy life is in full flow and the children are all settled and enjoying their learning. Once again, I was bursting with pride as the Aspirations Trust Standards Team delivered yet another outstanding report following their recent visit. They stated that:

- *Behaviour of children in class is excellent; a calm, purposeful atmosphere pervades the school during lessons. Pupils show respect for each other and adults.*
- *Children are confident and articulate due to the many opportunities built into the curriculum and school life to develop oracy and also leadership skills, they feel safe in the school due to the adults being approachable and visible.*
- *The curriculum, including the wider curriculum, has been developed and reviewed to make it relevant for each cohort and gives many opportunities for developing the cultural capital of pupils.*
- *Leaders have created a culture where staff and pupils feel valued and encouraged to continually improve.*

Well done everyone!

Our **LEARNING SKILLS** throughout the year are:

TEAMWORK Autumn 1	RESPECT Autumn 2	INDEPENDENCE Spring 1	RESILIENCE Spring 2	COMMUNICATION Summer 1	SELF-MOTIVATION Summer 2
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Next half term we will be thinking about **RESPECT** and about all those people around us (past and present) who are or have been 'heroes' to us. We will be reflecting on how important it is to be respectful to others and to be great role models to those around us.

The application window for **new Year 3 starters 2024** is now open. Please share how wonderful we are with your friends and colleagues and on your infant school parent pages. Don't forget, you can keep up to date and share all things Ocean Academy via our Facebook page



<https://www.facebook.com/aatocean/>

Look out for parent consultation appointments and learning Links events in the near future. We love to see you and share the amazing work your child has been doing.

Have a fabulous half term – stay safe and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 30th October.

Kindest regards

Mrs J Quarrie - Executive Principal

The Aspirations Trust Aspire Award



This 'Self Worth' Aspire Award is presented to:

For demonstrating their self-belief and confidence when tackling a range of challenges.



This 'Engagement' Aspire Award is presented to:

For demonstrating enthusiasm in learning new things and a willingness to take positive steps towards their future.



This 'Purpose' Aspire Award is presented to:

For demonstrating their goals for the future and their drive to achieve them.



Year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to work towards the Aspirations Trust Aspire Awards. Please help your child to achieve their goals and complete the 10 challenges in each of the values. More information can be found on the academy website or please speak to Miss Wandowski.

School Office reminders

Reminder!

Hot lunch orders should be placed using the School Money system by 0830 on the Monday before the required week and this is the same process for free school meals. All hot lunch orders can be placed all the way up until the end of term if this is helpful. If you are not receiving emails or texts we may not have your correct details – please let us know as soon as possible.

If your child is unwell or not coming in to school please call before 9.30am and let us know why. We will call/text if your child is not at school. If your child has an appointment during the school day please let us have proof of this in the form of letter, card or show us the text/email. Without this information, your child may have an unauthorised absence recorded. Please try to arrange appointments out of school time where possible. Thanks for your support!

Parking Issues



Thank you to everyone who is supporting us and the community in driving and parking safely. As it becomes darker in the evenings and mornings, the weather becomes more inclement it is vital cars enter the site in the mornings slowly and with attention at all times. It is a very busy time. This is the same after school – **there is no parking on the premises unless you have permission.**

We have had reports of parents parking illegally in private driveways, on double yellow lines and other issues that are causing offence to our neighbours, parents and above all the safety of our children.

Please can we emphasise that in the morning we have a drop off zone for your child to be dropped off safely in the permitted zone and they can then walk down the side of the field into school. At the end of the day, unless you have a permit, there is **NO** access to the car park. Please try not to park in Jellicoe Close, the residents get very upset. Please can parents NOT PARK on double yellow lines. We have had a resident from Constitution Hill Road complain and send us the picture of where there is a new trend for parents to park. A traffic warden is often policing the area. Thank you for your support with this!



Year 3 Updates

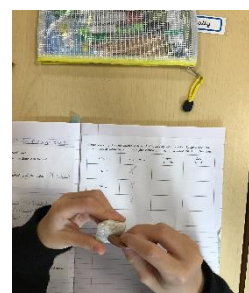
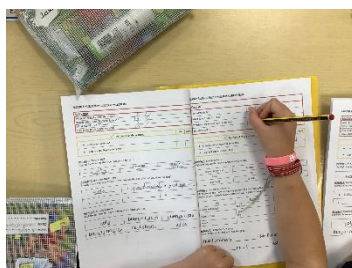
We cannot believe that we are nearly at the end of our first half term at Ocean Academy. Year 3 have wowed us with their enthusiasm to learn and their ability to recall their learning. In English, we have been working hard to secure our understanding of nouns, verbs and adjectives, and have been using a thesaurus to up-level our vocabulary choices. We have also been learning about simple sentences and will continue this learning after half-term.

In maths, we have been developing and securing our understanding of place value up to 1000. We have been partitioning numbers to understand the value of each digit, as well as understanding the role of zero within a number. Please encourage your child to use TTRockstars at home in order to continue learning their times tables.

In science, we have been learning about rocks and fossils. The children have learnt about the three main types of rock (sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous) and enjoyed looking at Starburst to help us understand the differences. We carried out a scientific investigation looking at the hardness of different rocks. To consolidate this learning, you could ask your child if they can name a hard rock. In Geography, we have been learning about erosion and how we can work to protect our coastlines from erosion.

The children have enjoyed their creative rotation where they have been painting in the style of Peter Dorey; playing the ukulele in music; learning how to log on to the Chromebooks in computing and planning and designing their own 3D dice within DT.

Well done Year 3 on an amazing first half term!



Year 3 Team

Year 4 Updates

What a super first half term it has been! The children have continued to impress us every day with their determination and resilience. In English, we have enjoyed reading 'Toro Toro' and this has sparked some really interesting conversations. We have been learning to use simple and compound sentences in our writing and understand how rhetorical questions can be used to persuade the reader. More recently, we wrote our own persuasive letters to demonstrate our understanding.

In maths, we have been working hard to secure our knowledge of place value and embed our arithmetic knowledge. The children have learned how to partition numbers, use number lines up to 10,000 and round to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. They have continued to use a growth mind set when faced with different reasoning and problem solving challenges.

Times tables are a big focus in Year 4. Please keep practising these with your child at home whenever possible. It is such an important skill and is used frequently in our maths learning. Topmarks' 'Hit the Button' and TTRockstars are just two excellent resources you can use at home to do this.

In geography, we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Italy including climate zones, physical features, tourism and famous landmarks. For their Applied Learning (AL) assignment, the children created their own presentations to persuade others to visit Italy and presented these to each other, focusing on the skill of communication. This half term, Year 4 have also had the opportunity to work in the creator space with Mr Beedie to complete a STEM challenge. This enabled them to develop their teamwork and communication skills further. A brilliant time was had by all!



Year 4 Team

Year 5 Updates

We have been really pleased with the way year 5 have returned to school this academic year. They have thrown themselves into their learning and have already shown some great knowledge and understanding.

Our first week back was a Belonging week which gave us all – adults and children – a chance to get to know each other, meeting and working with new classmates and teachers. Excellent Growth Mindsets were shown as we created our own motivational posters and took part in our first independent writes of the year – lots of promising initial signs seen! We also launched our first topic of the year, based around our driving question “Why is the Amazon Rainforest important to the world and should we be doing more to protect it?” We kicked this off with an exciting orienteering session on the school field, using compasses, instructions and information to hunt down and then identify different rainforest animals, followed by a chance to learn about some of those interesting creatures in the afternoon. During the rest of the half term, the children engaged in a fascinating debate discussing deforestation and whether we should be doing more to prevent it in the world. At the time of writing, we are looking forward to our exciting trip to Marwell Zoo, especially the opportunity to put our learning into practice in the tropical house!

We have focused on developing our sentence structures in English and then applying them to an independent write based around our class reader from this half term, “The Explorer”. We looked at how to use simple, compound and complex sentences, and then used one of our favourite writing stimuli of the year – the froggy freeze frame! – to develop our use of direct speech in some highly creative and amusing conversations! We also thoroughly enjoyed our online author visit from Maz Evans, whose book “Who Let The Gods Out?” is always a firm favourite with the children when we use it as our class text in the Spring term! In maths we have been developing our place value skills, such as ordering, comparing and rounding number, and working on our addition and subtraction skills, with a particular emphasis on problem solving. This has been alongside lots of useful arithmetic practice, which will continue to be a big focus this year.

In between all this, we have squeezed in a mini science topic on the life processes of flowers and found time to get creative, experimenting with making our own self portraits in the style of Frida Kahlo – the Mexican surrealist painter – in art, and starting the process of creating our own pencil pots in DT.



It has been lovely to start meeting you all at pick up time this half term and we are looking forward to meeting you again properly in November for parent consultations. In the meantime, we hope you all have a lovely holiday and if you ever have any questions about anything, do please come and speak to us at the end of the day or send in an email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Year 5 Team



Year 6 Updates



Year 6 is well under way and this year's cohort are fast becoming the school role models. Over the past half term, we have been learning lots! In Geography, the first part of our North America topic has drawn to a close. The learning focused on trade and economics. Pupils learned why countries import and export goods. We focus on the physical geography of North America in the next half term when we learn about plate tectonics.

In reading and maths, students have been working hard on the areas of the curriculum that they were struggling with in September. The CGP homework books cover the key stage two curriculum. Although we will revise these areas throughout the year in school, you can make the most of the learning opportunity that homework provides by discussing the marking schemes in the back of the book when you are checking your child's work with them. Homework response is improving so thank you for your efforts so far!

Year 6 learned about electricity in science. Pupils recently conducted investigations where they concluded that the greater the voltage, the brighter the lightbulb/faster the motor/louder the buzzer - teachers were in need of a lie-down after the excitement and the wonderfully loud learning that comes from hooking up numerous batteries to a buzzer.



Finally, Year 6 were pleased to welcome Mr Willis who visited as part of Dorset Coding Day. He took questions from pupils, explained his job role and his path into computing. We worked on a coding project as part of the day. If your child enjoys working with computers, talk to them about Scratch - software that helps children learn to code. It is free and accessible from home and there's plenty of tutorials out there.

Have a lovely, relaxing half-term break with your child. The pupils have earned it.

Year 6 Team

Reminder about PE Uniform

- Academy logo, house colour T shirt
- Plain black shorts
- **Plain** black or navy tracksuit may be worn in cold weather
- Trainers for games skills indoors or out
- An optional Ocean black drawstring PE bag can be purchased or other drawstring named bag.
- Long / shoulder length hair must be tied back and no jewellery or watches worn. Please remove earrings at home on PE days
- **A reminder PE days are on the following days. Children need to bring their PE kit into school to get changed into:**

Monday **Year 4**
Tuesday **Year 3**
Wednesday **Year 5**
Thursday **Year 6**





Golden Book Winners



Congratulations to all the winners!

Year 3	Sharks	Seahorses	Dolphins
8 September	Jessica/Harlow	Holly/Jimmy	Elsie/Gregory
15 September	Prisca/Cooper	Oliver/Dylan	Daniella/Braidee
22 September	Dexter/Nj	Giles/Dexter	Ethan/William
29 September	Olly/Sam	Leo/Olivia	Tyler/Zebediah
6 October	Anastasia/Dyllan-Cruz	Micah/Millie	Aiden/Marcelina
13 October	Bentley/Elle	Tilly/Hunor	Freddie/Mabel

Year 4	Turtles	Penguins	Jellyfish
8 September	Oscar/Leela	Edi/Xander	Mileena/Brody
15 September	Viktor/Nichole	Kaiden/Harrison	Calvin/Bella
22 September	Rueben/Karina	Niamh/Lyla	Bella W/Tinaye
29 September	Simon/Lola	Henry/Esme	Wilson/Leni
6 October	Lorin/Tavir	Sumayyah/Renea	Mischa/Kaylee
13 October	Kyan/Kerrie	Melina/Bridget	Dominic/Lois

Year 5	Orcas	Seals	Piranhas
8 September	Declan/Olivia	Sienna/Amy	Bradley/Milan
15 September	Ava/Leo	Alisa/Mirella	Alana/Alyssa
22 September	Polly/Tommy	Aashka/Joshua	Aziz/Ana
29 September	Evelyn/Mason	Keisha/Aagney	Elise/Macy
6 October	Layla/Louie	Mark/Bella	Elijah/Cody
13 October	Rosalie/Amber	Aimee/Emily	Sophie/Eva

Year 6	Barracudas	Swordfish	
8 September	Tinotenda/Sofia	Mason/Finlay	
15 September	Nola/Izabela	Milly/River	
22 September	Gabriella/Leon	Jake/Hayden	
29 September	Lexi/Tia	Joshuah/Charlotte	
6 October	Adam/Poppie	Miller/Joey	
13 October	Freya/Evie	Keira/Rachel	

Children, Parent, Teacher Association - CPTA

A big welcome back from the newly elected CPTA committee! The start of term is always quiet for us as we plan out the year ahead. It has been busier than usual as we are excited to be making steps towards registering as a charity. This will give us so many more ways to fundraise for the school. We are also busy electing our new CPTA Kids Committee. These new members will be chosen based on the letter (or drawing) they create to tell us why they would make a brilliant CPTA member along with their ideas for events they would like to see. Letters to apply must be in by Wednesday 18 October. Finally we are launched our new and very awesome website. Everything you need to know about us, events and volunteering will be there in one place. You will also be able to purchase all event tickets there as well. It couldn't be simpler! We will now use the website, plus our closed facebook group and the notice boards at school to keep you informed. As for events, we kicked off this year with our first Thank Cake It's Friday bake sale. Despite the wind and the rain we raised a total of £202.23!!! Thank you to everyone who queued so patiently for cake, there were some delicious ones! Coming up we have a disco, mufti day, Christmas Fair and Christmas movie nights next half term. It is going to be brilliant! As always we cannot put these events on without your help. Please check on our new website to see what events we need help with. We also have a new What's App group called Helping Hands which is for anyone who would like to help as and when they can, without the commitment needed to be on the committee. Think helping collect mufti day donations at drop off or wrapping prizes from home. If you would like to be added to the group please contact us by email or through the facebook group. All our contact details are below. We love interacting with you and building community so come and say hi!!

CPTA Website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/oceanacademycpta/>
CPTA Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/oceanacademycpta>
CPTA Email: cpta.oceanacademy@gmail.com

Ocean Academy CPTA is a separate entity to Ocean Academy as they are becoming a charitable status. If you sign up to the pta-events website in any way, please read their privacy notices as this is not connected to Ocean Academy systems or processes. All enquiries regarding the CPTA – please direct to the CPTA via their email address.

Cake Sale

Amazing turn out for the cake sale: £202.23 raised! Thank you so much for those selling and those buying. We are really looking forward to a year of fun filled events.



Attendance

<u>Year</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
		<u>%</u>
Year 3	Dolphins	98.05%
	Seahorses	97.57%
	Sharks	98.28%
Year 4	Penguins	95.79%
	Turtles	95.37%
	Jellyfish	97.49%
Year 5	Orcas	96.54%
	Seals	96.64%
	Piranhas	95.8%
Year 6	Barracudas	95.16%
	Swordfish	94.31%

National attendance expectations are 95% for all children – please aim for this or better!

Well done Year 3 and particularly Shark Class for your super attendance this half term! Let's try to beat these figures next half term!



Fundraising

Well done Macy and Pippa for your amazing fundraising efforts! A 40 mile cycle in aid of Forest Holme Hospice who cared for family members in such a fantastic way. Both girls showed tremendous resilience to work hard right to the end. We are so proud of you both. Contributions to their fundraising for the fabulous work that Forest Holme do can be made here:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/macy-pippa?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=macy-pippa&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&utm_term=8ba0e724e0214bf1926e8ba71bfbdac6



Mental Health day and wellbeing

For Mental Health day this week, in class assemblies, pupils discussed differences between physical and mental health and learnt about strategies they can use to promote their health such as having a growth mind set. During Wednesday's whole school assembly Mr West promoted the importance of healthy minds and bodies with a mental health awareness assembly about not limiting ourselves to what we perceive we can and can't do. Celebrating Ocean Academy's 'No Limits. No Barriers' belief.



Meet Ocean's Green Team!



Meet Ocean Academy's Green team! This year, these children will be working together to carry out their agreed action points which will help to make positive environmental changes at Ocean Academy. These actions include continuing to improve the quiet area in the playground, educating and promoting about the benefits of active travel and encouraging more recycling throughout Ocean Academy. Recently, the team met with Mr David (the creator of the Green Award) to discuss their ideas. They will share updates in the newsletter throughout the year.



Extract from Kerrie – aspiring MP!

Our children are the leaders of the future and to undertake any role in school, the children need to write an application letter to explain why they feel they would be right for the role and what they feel they could bring to the role. Just one example of the high quality of these letters came from Kerrie.

Good day all! My name is Kerrie Musamandoga and I'm running for the position of MP in this school. I'm a caring person who feels for others and naturally I love to help others achieve their goals and be a voice to the voiceless. My speech goes as follows... As a caring student, I would like to be given more responsibilities so that I can touch lives and make every child's voice be heard.

In our school Community, My drive to do this role is motivated by my will to have all children's needs met fairly leaving no child behind regardless of their circumstances. I know that as children, we are not the same, we have different needs and come from different backgrounds, therefore my role is to encourage all children to live better. I believe the future of any school is in children as they

say CATCH THEM YOUNG. I pledge to work extremely hard so that every child's mental health is taken care of. I would work hard so that parents and teachers work together to ensure that we get results of a better future for all of us in a school full of respect, tolerance, love and kindness. If you vote me to be MP I promise to serve you always and listen to everyone's voice. Please have confidence in me as I do not

only want this position for the above but it is also in my blood line as my grandfather was a MP in my country of origin. This role means business for me. VOTE KERRIE A BETTER ME, A BETTER YOU, A BETTER TOMORROW. I thank you.



Here are some of our new MPs for this year. They are excited to be working with all the other leadership groups across the school to consider ways to change and improve things at Ocean Academy. They are the role models and the voices of their peers, always making good behaviour choices. They will plan events, represent the academy and communicate the vision and values of our school to visitors.

Harvest Festival donations

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated things for the Harvest festival. The items were donated to Waste not Want Not. Waste Not Want Not is a friendly, valuable community shop situated along Poole High-street. They are proud winners of the 2023 business awards for Poole and are a relatively new social supermarket offering everyday help and support to local people.

They support individuals and families struggling with financial hardship. Poole families and individuals are able to visit this shop and fill their baskets with free and heavily discounted food which helps them through the week. They can also turn up at lunch times and eat for free in a safe, encouraging and friendly environment.

In addition to food, they also run children's craft sessions during the holidays and have a clothes rail available in the shop for customers who simply haven't got the money for new clothes. So, if you have any good quality winter clothes you no longer want then I'm sure they will be happy to make use of those too. Thank you!



Sports report

Sports leaders

Congratulations to Kamy, Karina, Archie, Rocco, Sophie, Freya, Sadie, Aseel, Elijah, Alexis, Sienna, Finlay, Milly, Jake and Sofia on becoming a sports leader for this year.

This half term, sports leaders met with Andy David from the Aspirations Trust to introduce themselves, practise some key skills like collaboration and agree on projects for the year that would improve our academy.

This year the leaders will be supporting Mr West in sustaining our School Games Platinum mark award. The project will focus on ensuring all children get 60 minutes of physical activity within the school day. The team are extremely passionate about this as it will help to keep our children fit and healthy and develop good habits. The team will also be doing research into healthy eating. They will be investigating hidden sugars in foods and how food choices can impact your health over time.

They will create a school display to present their findings and tips. The display will also sign post children with sporting talent or interests to local clubs and teams they could join.

Last year the sports leaders and eco leaders introduced the active travel to school programme. This saw a dramatic 100% increase in the amount of children walking, scooting and cycling to school which is great for health and pollution reasons! The sports leaders are continuing to drive this at Ocean Academy. They analyse the weekly data and present an award each week to the most active class in our celebration assemblies.

Squads and fixtures

Our academy squads have been training very hard, getting to know new team mates, learning and practising tactics and strategies. We have had a lot of children invited to squads for their first time this half term. They consistently showed enthusiasm and respect and made the most of our PE lessons and active playtimes to show adults they have mastered the key skills and are passionate about playing the sport they have chosen.

We monitor children all year round for potential invites. The first thing we look for is their behaviour and attitude throughout their school day. We then look at ability in key skills linked to sports, their enthusiasm to learn new skills, teamwork and social skills and their passion in PE and playing sports during active playtimes.

Through our affiliation with PEDSSA and The School Games, fixtures will start coming in the next half term. We will be competing in all the local leagues and cups for football and netball.

Please see some of our proud Sports Leaders!



Ant-Bullying Ambassadors



On Friday 29th September 2023 the newly appointed anti-bullying ambassadors met for the first time this year. They were joined by Mr David who talked about the importance of the role of an anti-bullying ambassador and the qualities needed to be an effective anti-bullying ambassador.

The children discussed which qualities they would need and the reasons for those qualities. They decided that an anti-bullying ambassador should be kind, passionate about bringing an end to bullying and mean behaviour, able to communicate well and have the courage to address any unkind behaviour that they may witness.

The children also had the opportunity to discuss in groups, what they saw as their role as an anti-bullying ambassador and how this could be developed.

The children will meet again with Mrs Brown to discuss friendships and then again with Mr David to develop their communication skills.

Diary Dates

18 October	Marwell Zoo trip – Year 5
19 October	Flu Immunisations at school
19 October	Open Evening – new parents and students September 2024
23-27 October	Half term
17 November	Children in Need Mufti day
23 November	Mufti for Christmas Fair donations CPTA
23 November	Parents Evening 2.30-8.00pm
24 November	Inset day – school closed for students
27 November	Last week for clubs and squads
1 December	Christmas Fair 4.00-7.00pm CPTA
6 December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day
12 December	Year 3/4 Movie Night 3.30-5.15pm CPTA
13 December	Year 5/6 Movie Night 3.30-5.15pm CPTA
13 December	Rocksteady concert
15 December	Finish for Christmas holidays 1.00pm
18 Dec-1 Jan 24	Christmas Holiday
2 January	Inset day – school closed for students
3 January	Spring term starts



SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2023-2024

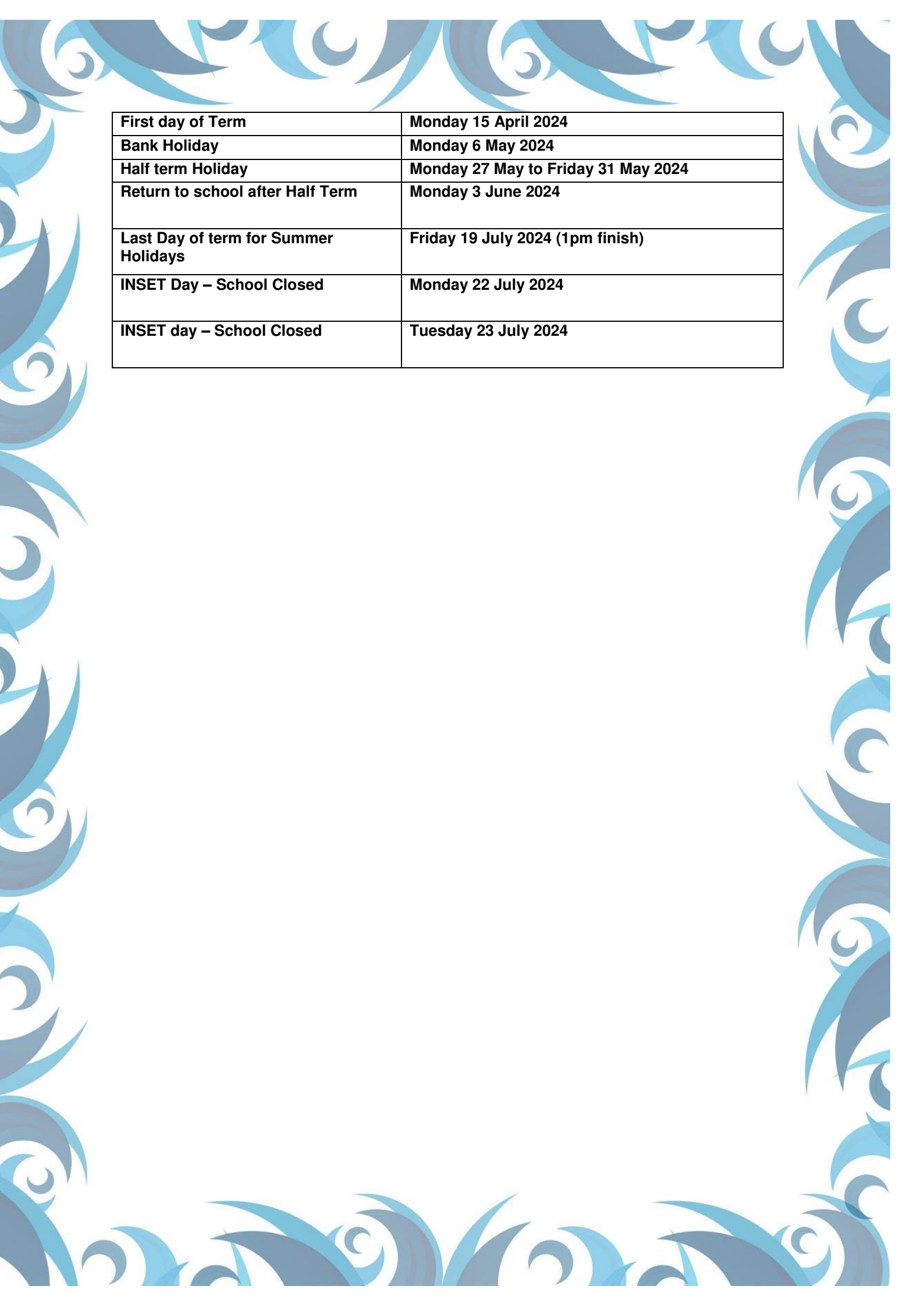
Autumn Term 2023

INSET Day – School Closed	Friday 1 September 2023
First Day of School Term	Monday 4 September 2023
Half Term	Monday 23 October–Friday 27 October 2023
Return to school after Half term	Monday 30 October 2023
INSET Day – School Closed	Friday 24 November 2023
Last Day of Term for Christmas	Friday 15 December 2023 (1pm finish)

Spring Term 2024

INSET Day – School Closed	Tuesday 2 January 2024
First Day of Term	Wednesday 3 January 2024
Half term Holiday	Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February 2024
Return to school after Half term	Monday 19 February 2024
Last Day of term for Easter	Thursday 28 March 2024 (1pm finish)

Summer Term 2024



First day of Term	Monday 15 April 2024
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May 2024
Half term Holiday	Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2024
Return to school after Half Term	Monday 3 June 2024
Last Day of term for Summer Holidays	Friday 19 July 2024 (1pm finish)
INSET Day – School Closed	Monday 22 July 2024
INSET day – School Closed	Tuesday 23 July 2024