

Newsletter

YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL

Friday 16th May 2025

Year 4 traded classrooms for campfires and swapped pens for tomahawks as they set off on their long-awaited Scouts Adventures Residential on Monday 12th May. And what an adventure it was! From the moment they arrived, it was clear this wouldn't be any ordinary school trip. With sleeping bags in hand and a mix of nerves and excitement, our year 4's dived head-first into a jam-packed 3 days of activities designed to build independence, teamwork, and courage (with a generous side-helping of fun). The pupils took on the Leap of Faith – quite literally – climbing high before launching themselves into the air with all the confidence of miniature superheroes. The Low Ropes Course had everyone wobbling, giggling, and cheering each other on, while Tomahawk Throwing quickly became a surprise favourite (don't worry – all axes stayed safely on target!). But the fun wasn't just physical. Around the campfire, voices were raised in hearty songs. Perhaps one of the biggest highlights of the experience? Solebay's Got Talent! Pupils wowed the audience with singing, dancing, and gymnastics. The ever-glamorous Janet, our principal and head judge, brought her best "Simon Cowell" energy to the panel, complete with constructive feedback. Most importantly, every child left Scouts adventure having learned something new – whether it was how to make their own bed, how to be brave in the face of a challenge, or how to be a true team player. The independence, trust, and confidence they gained were just as valuable as the fun they had.

YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL PHOTOS



YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL – A PUPIL'S EXPERIENCE

“The Year 4 Residential I went on was the best experience I have ever had so far! There was an awesome activity called ‘Leap of Faith’ and it was the best one. I climbed up a very high pole with a small platform at the top. The whole point of the challenge was to climb up, get on the platform and then jump (wearing a helmet and harness of course!), then get hold of the swinging pole, let go and wait until you notice that you are actually flying! I loved it!” – by Ramia (4/5 Red).



A huge thank you to **Reine, Naima** and **Delwar** for being absolute stars during the Year 4 residential. Your support for the pupils – as first aiders, carers, and teachers – was incredible. You looked after every scraped knee, soothed every bit of homesickness, and cheered every achievement. You helped create a truly memorable and positive experience for the children. You are all truly unsung heroes – thank you!

Also, **Sonia** and **Tania** for teaching and preparing y6 pupils for their SATs this week. Thank you to all the staff who supported these tests. **Reine/Amirah/Rema/Sancia/Reba/Meillisa/Dipa/Paul/Thanjima**. Thank you, all staff, for their commitment to our pupils. **Finally, a huge well done to all Y6 pupils for their massive efforts during SATS week. You did yourselves proud!**

IMPORTANT DATES



Last day of term: Friday 23rd May

Half Term Break: Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Pupils return to school: Monday 2nd June

Group Photo Day: Wednesday 11th June

Year 6 Residential: Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th June

STAR PUPILS – w/c 5th MAY 2025

Nursery/Reception

Leon - Leon loves learning and he is always keen to share his learning with his peers. He has made excellent progress with his reading, writing and maths.

Ziyad - Ziyad has been working really hard to learn his sounds in Read Write.

1 Red

Izyan - For working hard in maths, comparing numbers using dienes.

Yuri - For writing a fantastic piece for science about different types of trees.

2/3 Red

Felix - Felix did an absolutely fantastic job on his portrait! His art skills really shine, and his creativity is so impressive. We're so proud of you for being such a talented artist!

Aylah - Aylah has been a shining example of kindness, respect, and responsibility! Aylah listens carefully, and lends a helping hand whenever someone needs it. She also reminds others to do their best.

STAR PUPILS – CONTINUED.....

3/4 Red

A huge community nomination to every single member of Year 4 for being absolute stars on residential! You showed resilience, team spirit, and teamwork in bucket loads — not to mention being eager and ready to learn new skills along the way. We are so proud of how you supported each other, took on challenges with smiles, and made the most of every moment. Well done, Year 4 — you're all shining stars!

4/5 Red

Jamilah - for excellence, she has really been working hard on her work in class. Well done!

Rizwan - for integrity, he is trying to get on with his work without talking excessively in class. Well done!

6 Red

Iman – For working really hard in her SATS revision lessons.

Tayba – For always thinking positively and staying optimistic.



NEXT ACADEMY COUNCIL MEETING

The next Academy Council Meeting will take place next week on **Wednesday 21st May at 9.10am.** We look forward to seeing you there.



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK: 19th – 23rd MAY 2025

Next week is Walk to School Week. Please encourage your child to walk to school as much as possible. Thank you.

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN MEAL

Margherita wholemeal pizza served with baked potato wedges, peas & sweetcorn

Chicken curry served with turmeric rice, naan bread finger & mixed vegetables

Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, carrots, cabbage and gravy

Quorn lasagne served with wholemeal garlic & herb bread, mixed vegetables or salad

Fillet of fish served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup

MEAT FREE

Roasted vegetable quiche served with potato wedges, peas and sweetcorn

Lentil dahl served with turmeric rice, naan bread finger & mixed vegetables

Creamy diced quorn Wellington served with roast potatoes, carrots, cabbage and gravy

Vegetable lasagne served with wholemeal garlic & herb bread, mixed vegetables or salad

Vegan sausage roll served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup

Pasta and jackets

Jacket potato with choice of toppings served with fresh salad

Pasta twists with homemade tomato and vegetable sauce served with fresh salad

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Ice cream Mondays
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Making lunchtime the **highlight** of your day

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MAIN MEAL

Spanish-style vegetable pasta bake served with wholemeal garlic & herb bread, seasonal vegetables

Chicken nuggets served with homemade wedges and mixed vegetables

Chicken sausages served with roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli and gravy

Chicken pasta served with broccoli and peas

Fillet of fish served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup

MEAT FREE

Traditional macaroni cheese served with wholemeal garlic & herb bread, seasonal vegetables

Vegetarian nuggets served with homemade wedges and mixed vegetables

Vegan sausage roll served with roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli and gravy

Vegan meatballs served with pasta and vegetables

Vegetable nuggets served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup

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Cheese pizza served with potato wedges and mixed vegetables

Jerk chicken thigh served with rice & beans, seasonal vegetable

Chicken drumsticks served with potatoes, yorkshire pudding, carrots, broccoli & gravy

Beef bolognese pasta served with garlic & herb bread, mixed vegetables

Fillet of fish served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup

MEAT FREE

Vegetable wholemeal pizza served with baked potato wedges, peas & sweetcorn

Lentil, chickpea & vegetable stew served with rice & beans, seasonal vegetable

Cheese and onion quiche served with potatoes, carrots & broccoli

Vegetable bolognese served with spaghetti, garlic & herb bread, seasonal vegetables

Cheese and onion roll served with chips, garden peas or baked beans & ketchup

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Term Dates 2024/2025

Term	Start	End	Half - term holidays	Start	End	Dates for term holiday
Autumn 2024	Monday 2 nd September 2024 <i>(Staff only, on Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th - see INSET days below. Pupils return on Thursday 5th September 2024)</i>	Friday 25 th October 2024	Monday 28 rd October – Friday 1 st November 2024	Monday 4 th November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024	Monday 23 rd December 2024 – Friday 3 rd January 2025
Spring 2025	Monday 6 th January 2025 <i>(Staff only, on Monday 6th January 2025 - see INSET days below. Pupils return on Tuesday 7th January 2025)</i>	Friday 14 th February 2025	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February 2025	Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025	Monday 7 th April 2025 – Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Summer 2025	Wednesday 23 rd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Tuesday 27 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025	Monday 2 nd June 2025	Thursday 24 th July 2025	Friday 25 th July – Friday 29 th August 2025

EID

Eid Ul-Fitr: Monday 31st March 2025

Eid Ul-Adha: Friday 6th June 2025 **provisional date**

Bank Holidays – 2024/25

Christmas Day: Wednesday 25th December 2024

Boxing Day: Thursday 26th December 2024

New Year's Day: Wednesday 1st January 2025

Good Friday: Friday 18th April 2025

Easter Monday: Monday 21st April 2025

May Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May 2025

Spring Bank Holiday: Monday 26th May 2025

Summer Bank Holiday: Monday 25th August 2025

Term Dates 2025/2026

Term	Start	End	Half - term holidays	Start	End	Dates for term holiday
Autumn 2025	Monday 1 st September 2025 <i>(Staff only, on Monday 1st – Wednesday 3rd - see INSET days below. Pupils return on Thursday 4th September 2025)</i>	Friday 24 th October 2025	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October 2025	Monday 3 rd November 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025	Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026
Spring 2026	Monday 5 th January 2026 <i>(Staff only, on Monday 5th January 2026 - see INSET days below. Pupils return on Tuesday 6th January 2026)</i>	Friday 13 th February 2026	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026	Monday 23 rd February 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026	Monday 30 th March 2026 – Friday 10 th April 2026
Summer 2026	Monday 13 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026	Monday 1 st June 2026	Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Wednesday 22 nd July – Monday 31 st August 2026

INSET Days

- ❖ **INSET 1:** Monday 1st September 2025
- ❖ **INSET 2:** Tuesday 2nd September 2025
- ❖ **INSET 3:** Wednesday 3rd September 2025
- ❖ **INSET 4:** Monday 5th January 2026
- ❖ **INSET 5:** **TBC**

EID

Tower Hamlets have advised the **provisional** dates below for School closures for the celebration of Eid:

- ❖ **Eid Ul-Fitr:** Friday 20th March 2026 **provisional date**
- ❖ **Eid Ul-Adha:** Wednesday 27th May 2026 **provisional date**

Bank Holidays – 2025/26

- ❖ **Christmas Day:** Thursday 25th December 2025
- ❖ **Boxing Day:** Friday 26th December 2025
- ❖ **New Year's Day:** Thursday 1st January 2026
- ❖ **Good Friday:** Friday 3rd April 2026
- ❖ **Easter Monday:** Monday 6th April 2026
- ❖ **May Bank Holiday:** Monday 4th May 2026
- ❖ **Spring Bank Holiday:** Monday 25th May 2026
- ❖ **Summer Bank Holiday:** Monday 31st August 2026

**RAISING
HER
GAME**

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

GIRLS SPORT CAMP

YEARS
4 & 5



FREE
ADMISSION



**KIT & LUNCH
PROVIDED
FOR FREE**

**TOUCH RUGBY
HOCKEY
FOOTBALL**



STAR COACHES INCLUDE

**DARCY
BOURNE**

England Hockey Player



**SHAUNAGH
BROWN**

England Rugby Player

DATE & TIME

25TH - 26TH JULY

10:00 - 15:00

LOCATION

**JOHN ORWELL CENTRE,
TENCH ST, LONDON E1W 2QD**

