



Apex Primary School

*Helping little feet climb mountains...*

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March Edition



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

'Eid (school closed)  
Monday 31st March

Back to school  
Tuesday 1st April

Last Day of Spring Term 2  
Friday 4th April

Back to school  
Tuesday 22nd April

Parents Day  
Friday 2nd May

Bank holiday (school closed)  
Monday 5th May

Spring Term 2, Issue 2.

Friday 28th March 2025

28th Ramadan 1446 AH

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[www.apexprimary.co.uk](http://www.apexprimary.co.uk)

Email:  
[contact@apexprimary.co.uk](mailto:contact@apexprimary.co.uk)



## Absences

If your child is absent for whatever reason, please contact the school via:

<http://apexprimary.co.uk/home/parents/student-absence-form/>

to confirm their absence. Please note that if we are not informed by 10am that day, your child will be marked as unauthorised.

## Drop in sessions

We offer drop-in sessions with SLT every Tuesday from 2:30pm - 3:00pm. These do not need to be pre-booked, however please email the school prior if you would like to have a meeting.

## Tax Free Childcare

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year).

Please note this is NOT applicable for School Fees & School lunches. This usually applies to extra curricular activities such as Hifdh Club & After school clubs. For more information please click on the link:

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

## Communication with School

Please email us on: [contact@apexprimary.co.uk](mailto:contact@apexprimary.co.uk) if you have any safeguarding concerns or general queries. Anything relating to your child's learning, please message your child's class teacher via Class Dojo. Please note that Admin do not correspond via Class Dojo, please email the school for that. We also ask Parents to kindly allow 5 working days for us to respond back. In case of an emergency, please call the school landline. Urgent emails will be responded to within 2 working days.

## Holidays

Holidays will not be authorised during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances which have to be authorised by the school at least 4 weeks in advance (unless it's an emergency).

More information is on our website under Policies. Alternatively, please click on the following link:

[://www.apexprimary.co.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/Attendance-and-Punctuality-Policy-Feb-2025.pdf](http://www.apexprimary.co.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/Attendance-and-Punctuality-Policy-Feb-2025.pdf)



## School Mobile

We do not respond to any text messages or calls as our school mobile is used for outgoing communication only. Should you have any questions or concerns, please email the school or call the school landline at 0208 554 1208. Our school office hours are Monday - Friday from 8:15am until 3:30pm.

## Concerns or Queries

If you have any concerns or queries, please ensure they are sent to our school contact email. This allows us to direct them to the appropriate person who can assist you. Please do not send concerns directly to members of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), as all queries need to be processed through the correct channels to ensure they are handled efficiently.

Additionally, if you have any concerns regarding your child, we kindly ask that you speak directly to the school staff rather than discussing the issue with other parents or sharing messages in group chats.

While we understand that parents may wish to support one another, concerns are best addressed by those who can take appropriate action. Sharing concerns among parents can sometimes lead to misunderstandings or unnecessary worry. The school is always here to support you, so please reach out to us directly for any assistance.

## Park & Walk Policy

Every morning, staff assist pupils out of cars and into the school, however if you wish to bring your child into school yourself, then please park appropriately and safely in a suitable spot such as a parking bay. Please refrain from parking in front of driveways as this is inconsiderate to the neighbours and the community.

You can refer to our policy below for more information:

<https://www.apexprimary.co.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/Traffic-Calming-Park-and-Walk-Policy-Feb-2024.pdf>

## 'NO NUTS'

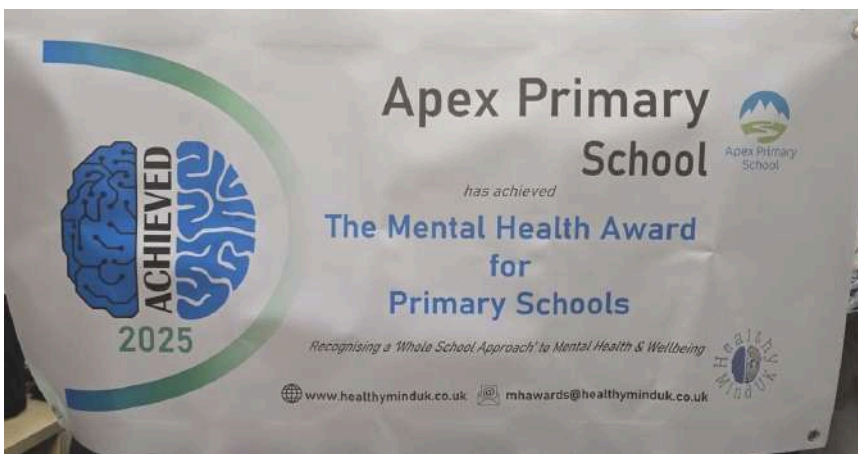
We are a strict NO NUT school.

Please refrain from giving your child any type of nuts or food containing nuts. If your child is seen with nuts during their snack or lunch break it will be removed from them and disposed safely.

## Mental Wellbeing Accreditation



We are thrilled to officially announce that we have been awarded the Wellbeing Accreditation for 2025! As part of this achievement, we have received a prestigious award, certificate and banner, all of which we look forward to proudly displaying in the school.



## Should SATS be scrapped?

[https://www.netmums.com/child/should-sats-be-scrapped-this-education-union-demands-the-tests-are-abolished?utm\\_source=Facebook\\_Nonli&utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_campaign=Nonli&sfnsn=scwspwa](https://www.netmums.com/child/should-sats-be-scrapped-this-education-union-demands-the-tests-are-abolished?utm_source=Facebook_Nonli&utm_medium=Social&utm_campaign=Nonli&sfnsn=scwspwa)





# l'tikaf

# اعتكاف

This week, our children had the opportunity to experience a special moment of reflection through l'tikaf at Apex Secondary. KS1 attended on Wednesday, followed by KS2 on Thursday.

The children were able to enjoy a peaceful space of doing 'ibadah where they either read the Qur'an or engaged in dhikr, allowing them time for quiet reflection and serenity.



The setting was enhanced with fairy lights, creating a tranquil atmosphere and tents were set up so the children could enjoy their own personal space.

This unique experience allowed the children to connect with their inner peace and foster a sense of calmness and mindfulness. We are hopeful that this meaningful initiative can be repeated in the future, InshaAllah.