

# Friars Primary Foundation School

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Annual report to parents  
School year 2022-2023

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**<https://friarsprimaryschool.com/>**



## Message from Maddy Webb

### CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

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I am proud to be Chair of Governors of Friars and pleased to be contributing to this report, celebrating the achievements of your children in the academic year 2022-2023. The page for each year group demonstrate only snapshots of the breadth of learning, excitement and support the children have experienced this year.

Recent questionnaires have shown that parents, staff and children feel that Friars is a happy, school which is well led. I wish to convey governors' thanks to all the staff for their continued dedication and commitment to children's learning and giving them such happy memories of the year. I also wish to thank you, the children's parents and carers for supporting and being part of the school community. Your children are enthusiastic learners and a tribute to all that is Friars.

In January 2023, as the soft federation ended, Jo took over the school for an interim period, ably supported by Susannah and Clare. We are delighted that the current senior leadership team have agreed to continue in position for another term. Our sincere thanks to all three for leading the school effectively.

In my opinion, Friars' children are very lucky to be in a safe, stimulating environment, with hard working staff meeting their needs, despite the real terms reduction in school budgets.

At this time of year, we fondly say farewell to Year 6 as they move on to the next stage in their learning journey. I wish them luck and happiness in their new secondary schools, whilst being confident they have been well prepared in their time at Friars.

We are saying farewell to some valued staff members this term. I am sure you will join the governors and me in sending them our very best wishes for the future.

I wish you all a restful summer break.

Best Wishes,

Maddy Webb



# MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER JO WRATTEN

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**This year the staff at Friars have continued to develop and improve the curriculum and welfare that we offer your children and reflecting our motto of “achieving excellence in a happy, nurturing and safe environment.”**

On the following pages you will be able to read about some of our highlights for 2022 – 2023. Every week we share with you our newsletter which is full of all the exciting events and projects that we have been part of along with photographs and useful flyers. This is available on our website or you can follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with what is happening.

In the Autumn Term, we said farewell to the Bridges Federation after a year in a soft federation with them. They brought new ideas and helped us think about the ways forward for Friars. We were involved in exciting projects with the Unicorn Theatre, and classes enjoyed a wide variety of curriculum based trips and visits. We were so pleased to be able to invite our parents in and perform the Christmas productions face to face again.

In the Spring Term, we opened our new library and children have enjoyed borrowing books and working in small groups in that relaxing environment. The development of our new early years playground also started and this finally opened after May half term. This has enhanced the learning environment and experience for all the children, especially in the prime areas of development which are so important in the early years. Year 6 enjoyed their Into University week which helps to raise aspirations and build team spirit. We had some successful sports tournaments with our Year 4 & 5 athletics teams winning the competition.

In the Summer Term we administered our National tests. Children were assessed in Year 1 and 2 phonics, Key Stage 1 Reading, Writing and Maths, Year 4 multiplication check and Key Stage 2 Reading, Writing, Maths, Grammar and Spelling. Our wellbeing week was amazing especially sports day and all the support from parents and the community. All children have been out on at least one visit linked to their curriculum. We have been so proud of all our pupils who have shown such determination and resilience. They won an award at the PE & Sports Network Annual celebration, with Sarah winning P.E. teacher of the year too. Year 6 and 5 enjoyed a wonderful week at Wick Court being farmers with such an interesting range of activities to keep them busy. Year R, 1 and 2 visited Littlehampton and had a day enjoying the beach. We had some wonderful events where parents, staff and pupils came together for a summer fair and dance performance. Finally there was the Year 6 production where children performed for their families. We wish them all the very best at their secondary schools.

We would like to thank our staff who are leaving this year – Rosa, Oliver and Sarah. It is always sad to say goodbye to those staff who move on to new adventures. We will be welcoming Stuart, Monique and Kris to Friars in September.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support. Thank you to all my colleagues for their hard work, positivity and support. No matter what role you do, you are crucial to the success of Friars. THANK YOU ALL.

## Staffing Structure at Friars for September 2023

Joanna Wratten	Headteacher
Susannah Bridges	Inclusion Leader and Acting Deputy Head
Claire Foster	Early Years Leader and Acting Deputy Head
Joan Lea	Office Manager
Ann Mould	Office Administrator
Arturo Arteaga Nunez	Premises Manager
Cassie Burgess	HLTA
Marcia Harris	HLTA
Lindsey Elliott	HLTA/Early Years Educator
Kenny Clay	Advanced TA
Katarzyna Nadatawska Dosso	Advanced TA
Rita Cranny	Intermediate TA
Christina Wint	Intermediate TA
Carol Royes	Intermediate TA
Sharon Mills	Foundation TA
Gilly Carter	Foundation TA
Shahina Akhtar	Foundation TA
Sharmin Nessa	Foundation TA

Year Group	Class Teacher
<b>Early Years Teachers</b>	Claire Foster, Susannah Bridges
<b>Year 1</b>	Stuart Howat
<b>Year 2</b>	Catherine Coate
<b>Year 3</b>	Monique Ho
<b>Year 4</b>	Tina Mckenzie
<b>Year 5</b>	Kris Hsieh
<b>Year 6</b>	Lucy Gethin-Jones

## Governing Body 2022-2023

### Name of Governor

### Status

Jo Wratten	Headteacher
Catherine Coate	Staff Governor
Jon Clay	Parent Governor
Frank Butau	Parent Governor
Maddy Webb	Partnership (Chair)
Joe O'Neill	Co-opted (Vice Chair)
Jill Tasker	Local Authority
Caroline Henno	Partnership
Pauline Hinchliffe	Co-opted
Rohan Sankhla	Co-opted

Chair of the Governing Body

*Maddy Webb*  
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Clerk to the Governing Body

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There are five types of Governor at Friars:

**Staff Governors** are elected by the staff of the school.

**Parent Governors** are elected by the parents of the school.

**Authority Governors** are appointed by Southwark Council.

**Co-opted Governors** are appointed by the Governing Body because of their connections with the local community.

Partnership governors are nominated by the school and/or Governing Body. They are particular to foundation schools.

There are two committees who meet each term:

Achievement: (Jill Tasker- Chair of Committee)

Resources: Joe O'Neill - Chair of Committee)

# Friars Primary Foundation School Values

Friars has an agreed set of values that we all believe in and adhere to.

They are:

☐ Compassion

☐ Creativity

☐ Endeavour

☐ Resilience

☐ Respect

☐ Responsibility



# Questionnaires from November and June:

Thank you to everyone who returned their questionnaires. Here are your views on the school:

## Parent questionnaires (35 returned)

Question	Yes
The office staff are approachable and make me feel welcome	100%
Teachers and Teaching Assistants are approachable and make me feel welcome	100%
The Leadership Team are approachable and make me feel welcome. They are available if I need to speak to them	100%
My child enjoys coming to school	100%
My child is safe at school	100%
I think that behaviour in the school is good	100%
My child is learning and making progress	100%
The school helps me to support my child's learning	100%
I would recommend this school to another parent	100%

## Pupil questionnaires (114 returned)

Question	Yes
Staff are friendly and I can talk to them	<b>99.1%</b>
Enjoy coming to school	97.4%
Lessons are challenging, interesting and fun	99.1%
I am learning and making progress	100%
I complete my homework	96.5%
Adults in school help me do as well as I can	98.2%
Adults in school explain to me how to improve my work	99.1%
I feel safe at school	99.1%
I behave well in school	98.2%
I think that behaviour in the school is good	96.5%
I know what to do if someone is unkind to me	93%
Adults in school deal with children who are being unkind	97.4%
I know how to stay safe when using the internet	95.6%



## Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance for the academic year 22-23 has been lower than we would like and lower than national averages for 21-22. We have fallen short of our 96% target with our whole school attendance for the year reaching only 92%. Leave during term time is **not** authorised and must only be taken during exceptional circumstances. From September 2022 new statutory guidance came into force to monitor school attendance. Concerns about persistent absence or lateness will be referred to the Education Inclusion Team or Family Early Help Service. Fines will be issued for term time leave.

Arriving at school on time and attending school regularly is essential for children's well being and progress in school. This will always be one of our school priorities. Our gates open at 8.45am and lessons start at 9.00am so children must be in school, ready to learn, by this time.

Children earn points for their class towards a weekly attendance cup and clock for good attendance and punctuality. Each half term children can work towards a different coloured wristband for 100% attendance and punctuality, with a gold badge for those who manage 100% for the whole academic year

Please see our policy on attendance here:

<https://friarsprimaryschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Attendance-Policy-March-23.pdf>

Year	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Attendance	94.44%	92.97%	93.03%	91.24%	92.41%

<u>The School Day</u>		
<b><u>EYFS</u></b>  <b>Nursery</b> 9.00am-3.15 pm Monday to Wednesday  <b>Reception</b> 9.00am-3.30pm Monday to Friday	<b><u>KS1</u></b> 8.45-9.00am Registration 9.15am Lesson 1: Phonics 10.00 – 10:45 :Lesson 2 English 10:45 – 11:00 am Break 11.00am- 12:00 Lesson 3: Maths 12:00 – 1:00 Lunchtime 1:00 – 2:30 - Lesson 4: Curriculum 2:30pm- 2:45pm Break 2.45pm – 3:00pm Lesson 5: Reading 3.00pm Assembly 3.20pm Hometime	<b><u>KS2</u></b> 8.45-9.00am Registration 9.00am Lesson 1: Maths 10.30am- 11:00 Daily Mile- Break 11.00am Lesson 2: Reading 11.30am Lesson 3: English 12.30 Lunchtime 1.30pm Lesson 5: Curriculum 3.00pm Assembly 3.30pm Hometime
<b>Curriculum includes: History, Geography, Art, Design Technology, Science, PE, PSHE, Music, RE, Computing</b>		

The school runs a breakfast club and Play Centre (after school club) for children from Nursery to Year 6 daily.



We threaded pasta to make a necklace.

## Nursery 2022 - 2023



We read the story 'The Tiger Who came to Tea' and then we made jam sandwiches,



We hatched some ducklings and looked after them for a few weeks .



During health and wellbeing week, Ray bought his pet tortoise to meet us.



We read 'The Train Ride' and then we painted some pictures of trains



We explored playing different instruments.



We enjoyed dressing up as our favourite characters for World Book Day.



We love looking at books and listening to stories.



Shiver me timbers - a class full of pirates.



Pirates love underpants designs.



Sports Day June 2023





# Reception 2022 - 2023



We hatched some ducklings and look after them for a few weeks before they went back to live on the farm.



Sports Day  
June 2023



As part of our topic about transport, we washed Jo and Sharmin's cars.



We like to work together and help each other. .



We enjoyed dressing up as our favourite characters for World Book Day.



We learnt about the importance of brushing our teeth.



We tested objects to see if they floated or sank.



We used 3D shapes to make famous London landmarks .



We performed a dance for Comic Relief.



Year 1  
2022 - 2023



We did a Germ Busters workshop.



We have been very active in PE.



We learnt  
to print!



The medical  
students came  
in to see us  
and our Teddy  
Bears



In History we went to  
visit the Southwark  
Heritage Centre to  
find out Southwark's  
local History



We brought in our bikes and scooters  
for well being week.,



We went to the Tate Modern to look at sculpture.





Year 2  
2022 - 2023



We made bread as part of our topic about the Great Fire of London.



We learned how to make pizza at Pizza Express and enjoyed eating it!



In Design Technology we made our own moon buggies.



We visited the Museum of London to find out more about the Great Fire of London.



We enjoyed learning Capoeira.



We went to the Unicorn Theatre to see the show The Three Billy Goats Gruff.



We loved dressing up as our favourite book characters for World Book Day.



We learned about Africa for International Week and made Maasai necklaces.



We visited China Town as part of our Geography topic about China.



# Year 3 2022 - 2023



We tried out using replica Stone Age tools.



In D&T, we build bridges and tested out their strength.



Sports Day



We went on a Geography field trip to Richmond. Remember running up that hill!



We took part in a charity run and celebrated with a colour party!



We learnt to sew!



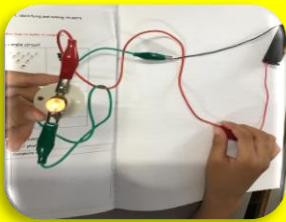
We planted flowers and decorated the planter for a competition.



In Art, we made banners which were displayed in the Tate Modern.



# YEAR 4 2022-2023



What a great start to the year! Year 4 made their own circuits in Science



Some fantastic examples of our Homework project on the Anglo-Saxons



We went to the British Museum to look at the Sutton Hoo archaeological find.



We prepped and cooked and made a seasonal soup... just like the Anglo-Saxons!

Year 4 Math Parent Workshop. Thanks for coming!



We won the Year 3 / 4 Athletics competition



We had a Capoeira Master come and teach us some moves!



What a fantastic sports day!!



Celebrating Windrush Day – we visited Waterloo Station to celebrate 75 years of Windrush arriving in England.





# Year 5

## 2022-2023



Our computing trip to Microsoft was a huge hit this year!

*\*Spread kindness like confetti \**  
We performed a dance flash-mob in Waterloo station and handed out words of kindness to the public.



Year 5 visited the British Museum to learn more about the Ancient Greeks & Ancient Egyptians.



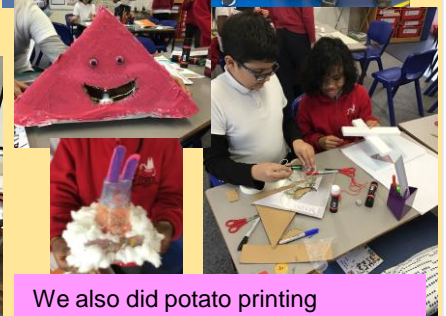
As part of our 'Cooking & Nutrition' topic in DT, we made apple crumble in order to perfect a recipe for the local care home.



We came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the PESSN dance competition.



Winners of the PESSN Athletics competition and nominees for Team of the Year!



We also did potato printing (amongst other types of printing) and made night lights for a child who was afraid of the dark.

The local care home were very grateful for our visits, where we sang with and got to know their residents.



During International Week, we studied Asia – check out our trip to China Town and the delicious sushi we made!



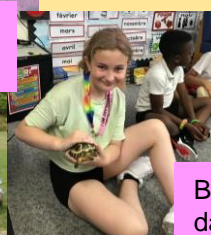
Check out our science experiments we carried out as part of our Forces topic.



Sponsored 5K run for Cancer Research!



Responsible members of the community - litter picking in the park.



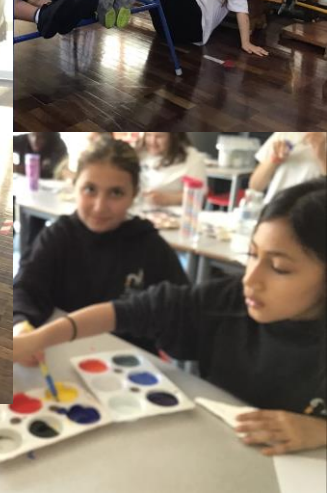
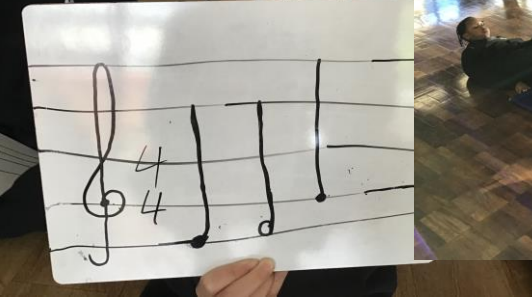
Bring your pet to school day! Meet Cappuccino & Tallulah.







# Year 6



## Curriculum

Year 6 have learned a huge amount across the wider curriculum this year. They had drumming lessons, made wire models of rainforest animals, and went on a walking tour of Second World War local history sites.

## PE

Year 6 have taken part in football competitions, and learned the rules of Kwik Cricket. They had great fun working in groups to be creative in gymnastics.

## Production

It has been a real joy to see the class become more confident on stage with our end-of-year production, *I'm an 11-year-old, Get Me Out of Here!*



## Trips

There have been lots of trips to enjoy this year, from the Imperial War Museum to Cambridge University. The highlight was of course Wick Court, with its animals, fresh air and amazing food!



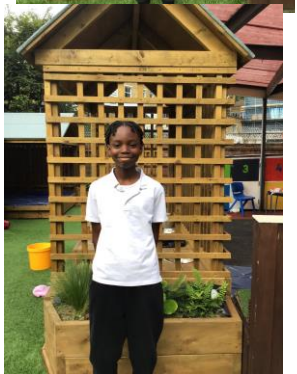


**GOOD LUCK YEAR 6!**

**OASIS ACADEMY SOUTH BANK  
HABERDASHER ASKE'S,  
BOROUGH**

**ST SAVIOUR'S & ST OLAVES  
LONDON NAUTICAL SCHOOL**

**WALWORTH ACADEMY  
NOTRE DAME ROMAN CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL**





## Friars Primary School Term Dates



*If there are any changes to school dates we will give as much notice as possible. We also hope that changes will not cause too many problems for parents.*

*Term and holiday dates 2023-2024*

### **Autumn term**

Wednesday 6 September 2023 – Friday 20 October 2023

Half Term Monday 23 October 2023 – Tuesday 31 October 2023

Wednesday 1 November 2023 – Thursday 21 December 2023

### **Spring term**

Monday 8 January 2024 – Friday 9 February 2024

Half Term Monday 12 February 2024 – Friday 16 February 2024

Monday 19 February 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024

### **Summer term**

Tuesday 16 April 2024 – Friday 24 May 2024

Half Term Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 31 May 2024

Monday 3 June 2024 – Wednesday 24 July 2024

### **INSET DAYS**

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

**15<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**25<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

### **BANK HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME**

**6<sup>TH</sup> May (May Day Bank Holiday)**