

Summer Term 2021 Calendar of Events

**Assemblies to be held every Friday in class groups due until further notice.
Assemblies to continue to celebrate success.**



Monday 12th April First Day of Ramadan

Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar, a holy month for Muslims, who fast, pray and practice introspection during this time. This year, Ramadan begins on **April 12 and ends on May 12.**

During Ramadan, adults of Muslim faith do not eat or drink from sunrise to sunset, practicing fasting, which is a fundamental principle of Islam. At the end of the daily fast, during the night, Muslims share meals with each other, with family or friends which are called iftar. As fasting is seen as a spiritual principle, Ramadan is also a time where people abstain from anything impure such as alcohol consumption, cigarettes, bad behaviours, and impure thoughts, and instead dedicate themselves to prayer and charity. Ramadan is not a federal holiday in the United States.

History

One of the main prophets of Islam was Muhammad. It is believed that in 610 A.D. Allah started sending him messages and revelations through the angel Gabriel. These revelations were only delivered during Ramadan, and it was through the course of five Ramadans that Muhammad compiled the messages into a 114 chapter book that would become known as the Quran, the holy book of Islamic faith, that Muslims believe holds the words of Allah.

As the Quran, which contains the guidance for Muslims, was revealed during Ramadan, this became a holy month in the Islamic faith, and the Quran orders that fasting should be the way to observe this month.

It is the Quran that lays out the Five Pillars of Islam, that Muslims should follow strictly in order to achieve salvation. These are:

- Shahada, a declaration of faith to the only one God and his prophet Muhammad.

- Prayer, as Muslims are meant to pray five times a day.
- Zakat, practicing charitable actions.
- Fasting, the foundation of Ramadan and the way to achieve taqwa.
- Pilgrimage, every Muslim who is able to should travel to Mecca at least once in their life.

Ramadan Practices and Rules

Ramadan is, above all, a time for Muslims to practice introspection and better themselves, by practicing self-discipline and control, as well as a time to strengthen their faith and devotion. This is why fasting is practiced during Ramadan, as it is believed to cleanse the soul, and redirect the heart away from worldly sins and into spiritual improvement. While fasting is mandatory for all Muslim adults, people with medical conditions, who are pregnant or breastfeeding, or traveling are exempt from practicing it. In order for the fast to be valid, people must have the intention to fast before dawn.

The two meals of the day during Ramadan happen before dawn and after sunset, and are called suhoor and iftar, respectively. The iftar is usually a communal meal, with traditional dishes and rich desserts being served. Muslims usually begin each meal by breaking their fast by eating three dates.

After each meal, people perform a prayer, and they are meant to pray five times each day, with extra nightly prayers being encouraged during Ramadan, although they are not mandatory. Muslims are also called to read the thirty sections of the Quran during the thirty days of Ramadan.

that is typically experienced. It also means that you have a bit of extra time in the morning, as you don't need to worry about looking pristine.

Despite the fact that Wear Your Pyjamas to Work Day was purely designed for a bit of fun, there are health benefits that are associated with wearing pyjamas in the workplace. It has been shown that not only can employees be more productive, but they can also be more relaxed and less stressed.

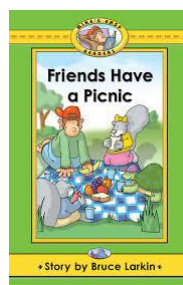
Thursday 29th April 'Accepting Differences Day' in memory of Stephen Lawrence.



Friday 30th April World Book and Picnic Day

This day aims to promote reading across all communities, and to encourage people to engage with different types of literature, and discover the benefits of reading. The main focus is on children and young people, to instil in them the **love for books** and to promote reading for pleasure, in order to contribute to their future and development.

Why not share a story whilst having a Picnic?



Week 3rd May – Friday 7th

Australian Theme Week



Learn about the history, geography, culture, art, music, pastimes of Australia over the course of the week. Enjoy the Australian foods over the course of the week. BBQ on Thursday 6th May. Take part in the Australian Art & Craft Competition, prizes for all that enter!



Wednesday 12th May Poetry Day

Listen, respond or create a poem – enjoy poetry



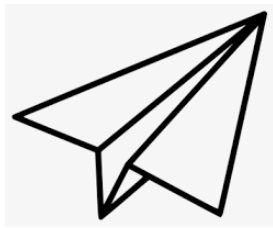
Friday 21st May Share a Story Day

Make up a story and share it during assembly



Wednesday 26th May National Paper Aeroplane Day

Let's make a flying object and enjoy watching them fly at 2.30 in the playground.



Friday 28st May Wear your pyjamas to work day

It is a great way to have a bit of fun and feel comfortable in the workplace. After all, a lot of people don't like sitting in a suit or a fitted skirt all day long, and so wearing pyjamas for the day is a fun way of letting everyone feel as comfortable as possible in the workplace.

There is no secret meaning behind this day; it was simply created for a bit of fun! That's why we love it so much! Wear Your Pyjamas to Work Day creates a relaxed and laid back atmosphere, which is especially beneficial for those in high pressure and serious jobs, such as tax preparers and accounts. Wearing pyjamas can help to alleviate some of the stress

Joe's Assembly – Main Hall – Sixth Form invited

Followed by a presentation



Friday 11th June 2021 Kamehameha Day

Kamehameha Day, also known as King Kamehameha I Day, is a Hawaiian holiday, commemorated every year on **June 11**.

Let's study about Hawaii, the culture and traditions. Let's do cooking and craft, dance and even have a go at limbo dancing



Friday 18th June invite a relative to do a work project with you day to help celebrate Father's Day

Send an invitation to a special person inviting them to spend a day with you working on a special project.



Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th June Parents Day/Evening

Celebrate and share the wonderful progress made by our children with parents, carers & guardians by mutually agreed appointment time

Friday 16th July Sports Day



Thursday 29th July

Afternoon Cream Tea to celebrate success and say goodbye to our school leavers.

Themes: Butterflies and Scarecrows

