

# Aragon School Newsletter

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**Friday 24th November 2023**



Dear parents and carers,

I do hope you are all well! This newsletter is bursting with pictures and info from all the extra-curricular activities the children have been doing - visits to Ufton Court, Hampton Court and St Martin's church. We've had Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Association in and a professional golfer giving the children lessons. Our Year 3 /4 Kurling team made us proud by coming third against local schools last week and winning the highly prestigious Refspect Award and our Year 5/6 footballers are off to their borough championship later today. Good luck to them.

Thanks to all our Year 4 grown-ups who came in last Friday to share a story with their children - it was great to see so many of you and we are all looking forward to seeing lots more of you next Thursday at our 'Winter Wonderland' fireworks display!! It promises to be a great event with bouncy castles, BBQ, candy floss, tattoos and face-painting, a fantastic 'Guess the name of the Squishmallow' competition and much more.

Last Wednesday we had our termly inspection from Merton with our advisor Ewan Morrison and he was accompanied by the Head of School Improvement for Merton, Rachel Bowerman. They congratulated us on our strong attendance data, amongst the highest in the borough and told us that our KS2 writing results were the very best in the borough. In fact, they said that at all points in the school what our children achieve is well above the National Average. They were especially impressed by the curriculum we offer the children and our OPAL play. As they left they described us as being 'inspirational'! You can imagine how delighted we are.

Have a great weekend!

Clare Ryder

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## **Diary Dates**

### **November**

- Wb 13th - Anti-Bullying Week
- WB 27th - Humanities Week
- 27th/28th – School Photo Day
- 27th – Y3 Kent Life Centre Trip
- 29th - Phileas Fogg Drama Workshop
- 29th - Y6 to Raynes Park High
- 30th - Winter Spectacular (Fireworks)

### **December**

**(Please see page 4 for Xmas Performance times and dates)**

- 1st - Historical Dress Up Day
- 11th - Y4/6 Carol Concert Emmanuel Church
- 12th - Y3/5 Carol Concert Morden Baptist
- 15th - Christmas Dinner Day
- 15th - Christmas Jumper Day
- 21st - Governor's Assembly
- 21st - Last day @ 1.15pm pick up

### **January**

- 9th - Children back to school

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## Year 5 Spotlight

Year 5 have kicked off the year with a splash! 5L and 5K have been lucky enough to have their two weeks of swimming lessons. Mr Lillie and Mr Kennedy were so impressed with how the children were happy to dive right into this part of the curriculum! Miss Ellerby's class can't wait to jump in, in the Spring term.

Since September, we have explored a variety of different text types. This has included persuasive adverts; to visit our very own circus, and writing a sci-fi story continuation, which was based on the planet Pandora (Avatar films). One of our favourite topics (so far!) has been Oranges in No Man's Land. It is a tale based during the civil war in Lebanon. We have been discussing what it must be like to go through war and the feelings refugees must feel. This has allowed us to explore empathy, something we have found particularly important considering the current climate.

We have been spending a 'whole' lot of time on fractions recently. We are piecing it together quite nicely! If the next topic is half as good as this, we're in for a real treat. Pushing on with Science, we have been exploring 'Forces'. We have pulled off multiple experiments and investigations into air resistance and water resistance, as well as testing friction. We are currently discovering how materials are used in everyday life and their different purposes and uses.

Throwing ourselves into the world of the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings, we have thoroughly enjoyed exploring this fascinating period in time. The Past Presents came to deliver, what can only be described as, an event that will go down in History! The workshop enabled us to embody the historical figures and recreate events that we had learnt so much about. The year 5 staff are looking forward to the rest of the year, and the magical curriculum that awaits.



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## Year 2: In the Spotlight

Year 2 have had a super and busy start to this academic year! Since September, we have been learning a broad range of topics.

Last half term, as artists, we explored a unit called 'Map it Out' where we learned a range of artistic skills themed around maps. A highlight for the children was exploring printing by creating their own polystyrene tiles showcasing a section of their map and then using ink to create prints.

In Autumn 2 we have moved onto Design and Technology and have been learning about why different 3D shapes are best suited for chairs, themed around the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and baby bear's chair. We have discovered that a cylinder is stronger than a cuboid and triangular prism as it has no vertices.



Last half term, as historians we explored a unit on 'The Great Fire of London'. Mr Ashby, Mrs Roach and Mrs Wingate were blown away by how engaged the children were with this unit and the recall of key historical facts was phenomenal. We are currently learning about 'Kings and Queens' and have focused on some key monarchs from different periods, including William the Conqueror, Bad King John and Henry VIII. This week, we visited Hampton Court Palace to learn more about Tudor life under the rule of Henry. The children particularly enjoyed some of the more gory facts about Tudor life, including how Henry beheaded two of his six wives!



Currently, in our Whole Class Reading sessions we are reading non-fiction texts. 2W and 2R are reading 'The Big Book of Blue' and 2A are reading 'Your Body'. The children have been fascinated by some of the facts we have been learning. Did you know that if a jellyfish is cut in two it will become two jellyfish?

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## **Year 2: In the Spotlight contd.**

In PE, we are currently learning gymnastics with our class teachers and have been practising our skills of travelling, balance and rolling. We have lots of skilled gymnasts in our year group who have now perfected their 'teddy bear rolls' and arabesque balances. The children are loving the additional PE sessions with the specialist coach on Thursdays and there is always a real buzz about these lessons!

Last week, 2W and 2R were lucky enough to visit St. Martin's church to participate in 'A Christmas Journey' (unfortunately, due to adverse weather conditions 2A were unable to attend). During this visit the children participated in a workshop learning about the true meaning of Christmas. We are incredibly impressed with the children's behaviour and how they represented Aragon at this event.

Finally, we have started to learn our songs for our upcoming Christmas performance 'Hey Ewe', so you may hear your children humming or singing away at home- but no spoilers allowed, we are saving that for the big day on the 21st December.



## **Christmas Dates**

### **December (times included!)**

Monday 11th - Year 4 Carol Concert 9.30am  
(Emmanuel Church)

Monday 11th - Year 6 Carol Concert 11.30am  
(Emmanuel Church)

Tuesday 12th - Year 3 Carol Concert 9.30am (Morden  
Park Baptist Church)

Tuesday 12th - Year 5 Carol Concert  
11.30am (Morden Park Baptist Church)

Wednesday 13th - Nursery Nativity PM @ 2.00pm

Thursday 14th - Nursery Nativity AM @ 9.15am

Friday 15th - Christmas Dinner Day/ Christmas Jumper  
Day

Monday 18th - Year 1 Nativity @ 9.30am

Monday 18th - Reception Nativity @ 2.30pm

Tuesday 19th - Reception Nativity @ 9.15am

Tuesday 19th - Year 1 Nativity - @ 2.30pm

Wednesday 20th - Year 2 Nativity @ 9.30am

Wednesday 20th - Year 2 Nativity @ 2.30pm



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# SUPPORTING LITERACY DIFFICULTIES PARENT WORKSHOP

Monday 27th November @ 7pm-7.55pm

UNDERSTANDING  
LITERACY  
CHALLENGES

EFFECTIVE READING  
STRATEGIES

BOOSTING  
CONFIDENCE AND  
SELF-ESTEEM

SUPPORTING  
HOMEWORK  
POSITIVELY

RESOURCES TO  
SUPPORT READING



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## VINNIE



GEORGE KRANKY'S GRANDMA IS A GROUCH. SHE'S ALWAYS MEAN TO GEORGE (AND NOT MUCH NICER TO HIS PARENTS EITHER).

ONE DAY, WHEN GEORGE IS PUT IN CHARGE OF GIVING GRANDMA HER MEDICINE, HE WONDERS IF HE CAN COME UP WITH HIS OWN REMEDY TO TRY AND HELP GRANDMA BECOME LESS OF A GRUMP.

USING SOME RATHER UNUSUAL INGREDIENTS, GEORGE CREATES HIS MAGIC MEDICINE. BUT WILL IT STOP HIS GRANDMA FROM BEING SO HORRIBLE ... OR WILL IT SHOOT SPARKS OUT OF THE TOP OF HER HEAD?

\*WARNING: DO NOT TRY TO MAKE GEORGE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE YOURSELVES AT HOME. IT IS LIKELY TO BE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

## KALEM

MAX MAGIC IS BACK AND HE'S READY TO WIN NATIONAL TALENT SHOW: THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH! HE KNOWS HE'S GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO IMPRESS THE SHOW'S JUDGES: WILLOW HOLLOUGHBY, FOX BLACKSHAW AND SHUSSY D - AND TO WOW THE AUDIENCES WITH HIS ILLUSIONS AND MAGIC TRICKS. HE'S NOT GOING TO USE HIS MYSTERIOUS NEW MAGICAL ABILITIES TO DO IT, EITHER - MAX WILL COMPLETE FAIR AND SQUARE.

BUT NOT EVERYONE IS HAPPY ABOUT MAX'S MOMENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT. WHEN MASKED MAGICIAN MR MYSTERIO ENTERS THE COMPETITION, MAX SUSPECTS THAT SOMETHING STRANGE IS GOING ON. HOW IS MR MYSTERIO DOING HIS TRICKS? AND WHY IS A REPORTER SNIFFING AROUND AT GRAN'S SHOP AND ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT MAX?



## LEONARD



MARCUS USES THE POWER OF HIS VOICE TO SHINE A LIGHT ON THE INJUSTICES THAT HE CARES PASSIONATELY ABOUT, AND NOW HE WANTS TO HELP YOU FIND THE POWER IN YOURS! FROM SURROUNDING YOURSELF WITH THE RIGHT TEAM, TO SHOWING KINDNESS TO THOSE AROUND YOU, TO CELEBRATING AND CHAMPIONING DIFFERENCE, YOU CAN DO IT SHOWS YOU THAT YOUR VOICE REALLY DOES MATTER AND THAT YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALLER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE - EVEN THE SMALLEST CHANGES CAN HAVE THE BIGGEST IMPACT.

### Humanities Week Information

Following on from last year's huge success, we will be welcoming back Humanities week 27th - 1st. This year, we have decided to have a more historical focus, each year group will be given a century to focus on titled '**A Hundred Years of History**'. If you or a family member have a special interest in any aspect of History, or a job that involves History, and would like to come and talk to the children, please do contact the school office.

**On Friday 1st December, to celebrate the culmination of this special theme week, we are inviting the children to come into school dressed as a historical character.**

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## Year 4 Ufton Court

Year 4 went on an incredible trip to Ufton Court, a Roman village in Reading. We had a fun-filled day of activities immersing ourselves into being Romans for the day! While barking commands, marching, sieving through artefacts, the students were able to understand what it was like to be a legionary during the Roman times.

**Roman Artefacts:** in this session we explored Roman artefacts and decided on the correct use.

We bartered between oil bottles either being a bedpan or a trophy and oil applicators either being horseshoe cleaners or livestock feeders. The students were able to use their reasoning for siding with each use and basing their decisions through their knowledge of Roman Britain.

**Roman Skills:** Here, students were able to weave fences, make their own yarn and learn how to create fire. Students worked collaboratively in each task, working as a well-oiled Legion!

**Roman Manoeuvres:** Students learned how to work together to create a strong unified Legion.

We learned how to effectively use a pilum and scutum, making Year 4 a force to be reckoned with! Learning many Roman battle manoeuvres, I'm sure no one would want to challenge us!

Having spoken to many students across the year group, the trip was a raging success, and we are incredibly thankful to Ufton Court for facilitating an amazing day for Aragon! Year 4 showed just how great they are, and we are welcomed back next year!



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## OPAL play over the last week!

Take a look at our amazing OPAL play. Happy and engaged children, developing their teamwork skills, resilience, risk-taking and physical strength:



## Wellys!

We would like to keep our amazing field open all winter. After rain, it can be wet and muddy! Please do send your children in their welly boots so they can continue to play on the field. We have storage boxes to put them in and the outdoor classroom for them to change in.



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## Science Competition!

A huge well done to all the children who entered in the Catapult Competition; the creativity and the skill demonstrated in creating the catapults was very impressive. The children had an excellent time firing paper and measuring whose went the furthest. Congratulations to our winners: Y1- Aiza, Y2- Rocco, Y3- Ollie, Y4- Parla, Y5/6- Joshan. Thank you very much to all the adults at home who helped with the designs! Keep your eyes peeled for our next Science competition in December.

## PE @ Aragon

What a great week for sport it was here at Aragon last week!

Firstly, a huge well done to our year 3 kurling team who came 3rd place (in the whole borough) in the kurling championships event! They returned to school wearing bronze medals- but this was not all!

They were also awarded the Refspect award (nominated by other schools!) for their brilliant fair play and sportsmanship.

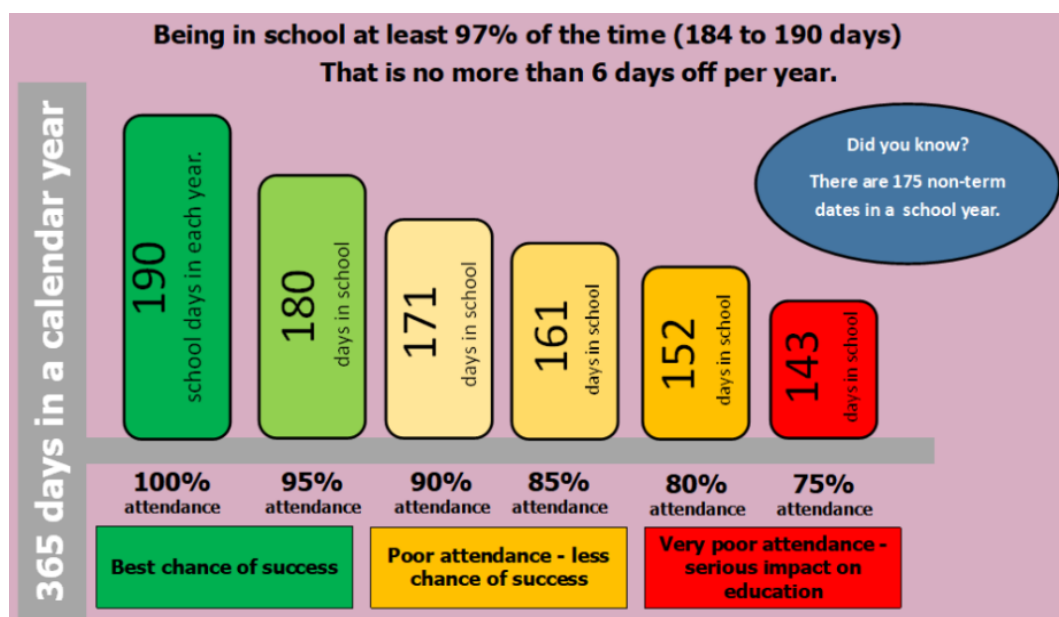


Thank you to Raynes Park High School and Sixth Form for hosting a really enjoyable girls football event. Miss Ballantine took 24 girls from year 5&6 along to participate in lots of skill-based stations and then finished with a small sided tournament where they demonstrated exceptional skill and ability.



## Holiday Requests

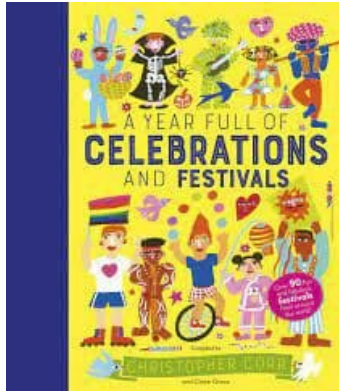
We have had a large number of requests for taking holiday in term time. Any requests, except those in exceptional circumstances, will be unauthorised and could result in you being fined.



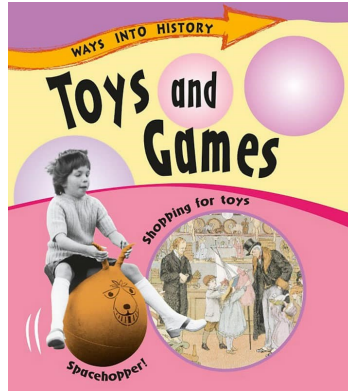
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## Reading Matters: Click on the book to take you to a description!

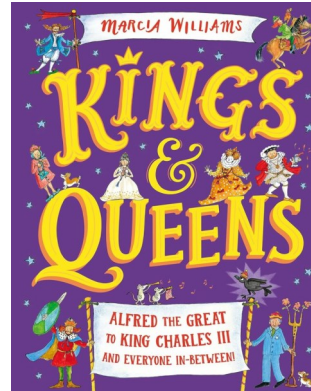
### High quality texts for your child's current learning:



EYFS - Celebrations



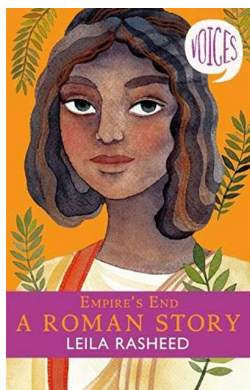
Y1 - Toys through Time



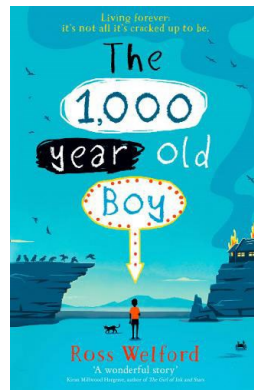
Y2 - Kings and Queens



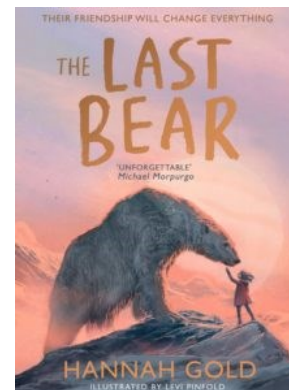
Y3 - Stone, Bronze, Iron Age



Y4 - The Romans



Y5 - Vikings



Y6 - Sustainability

### Did you know...?

You may be able to get free school meals, food vouchers in school holidays, free holiday schemes and extra funding for your child's school through the 'Pupil Premium'. Check your eligibility and save hundreds of pounds whilst helping raise money for your child's school.

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### Winter Weather

Clothing: As we move into a colder, wetter season, please remind your children that regardless of the weather in the mornings, they must now be bringing a coat into school every day, preferably with a hood.

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	60 mins	£75		Detoxifying	25/50 mins	£40/£70	
	90 mins	£95		Sublime skin pro-lift	25/50 mins	£45/£75	
Akwaterra massage	50 min	£75		Sublime skin super peel	25/50 mins	£45/£75	
Bamboo massage	50 mins	£75					
Hotstone massage	50 min	£75		Pre-natal treatments			
Body active sports wrap & massage	50 min	£75		Mama's massage	60/90 mins	£70/£95	
Himalayan salt ritual	50 min	£75		New life new mum	60 mins	£70	



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# Attendance 13/11/23-24/11/23

Congratulations to all the classes who achieved an attendance of 96% or more!

<b>6EB</b>	100%	<b>2A</b>	97%
<b>6F</b>	96.3%	<b>2R</b>	96.7%
<b>6MB</b>	99.5%	<b>2W</b>	99.1%
<b>5E</b>	100%	<b>1B</b>	98.7%
<b>5K</b>	98.1%	<b>1C</b>	95%
<b>5L</b>	99%	<b>1H</b>	97.5%
<b>4AB</b>	94.9%	<b>RA</b>	100%
<b>4H</b>	92%	<b>RP</b>	100%
<b>4LB</b>	92%	<b>RS</b>	92.4%
<b>3B</b>	86.5%	<b>School</b>	96.9%
<b>3G</b>	100%		
<b>3M</b>	100%		

## WhatsApp's editing feature



You must be **at least** 16 years old to use WhatsApp.

You may have noticed that WhatsApp have added an editing feature so you can change messages that you have sent for up to 15 minutes afterwards. Childnet have published a blog outlining what you should be aware about with this new feature: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/find-out-whatsapps-new-features-and-how-it-can->

## Safeguarding

Children have a right to be cared for and protected; protecting them is everyone's responsibility. Here at Aragon Primary School, we have a duty of care to ensure that all users of the school are kept safe from harm.

We are committed to provide a secure and supportive environment in which children can develop and grow into mature and responsible people. Safeguarding children is an essential part of our holistic approach to ensure that children are protected from abuse and neglect and that every child reaches their full potential. To report a safeguarding concern or for any queries contact: [kaldis@aragon.merton.sch.uk](mailto:kaldis@aragon.merton.sch.uk)

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## Year 4 Share a Story and Coffee Morning



### House Point Leaderboard

Griffin		6902
Unicorn		6363
Dragon		6213
Phoenix		5683

### Spelling Shed



#### Class Winners

1. 4H
2. 4AB
3. 4LB

#### Top Spellers

1. Sahana 4H
2. Polina 2W
3. Ayden 4AB

### Times Table Rockstars



#### Class Winners

1. 4H
2. 5K
3. 3B

#### Rock Legends

1. Rafael 6F
2. Albie 5L
3. Hei Nam 6F

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## Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

### Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

### High temperature

If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.

### Chickenpox

If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

### Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore. Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

### Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

### COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either: have a high temperature, do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

### What to do if your child has tested positive

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

### Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

### Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

### Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

### Impetigo

If your child has impetigo, they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

### Ringworm

If your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

### Scarlet fever

If your child has scarlet fever, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

### Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

### Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.

### Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms. Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

### Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

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