



Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone. I hope that you have had a lovely summer. It was so nice to welcome all the children back into school - looking very smart in their uniforms. They have all settled very well and are already working hard, excited about the year ahead.



Amy Young Head Teacher



Birthdays

We know that, for most children, birthdays are a very special occasion, and we love celebrating them in school too!

We would like to remind parents and carers that to help children feel extra special on their birthday, they are welcome to come to school in non-uniform, provided that their clothing and footwear are suitable for school activities. If a child's birthday falls during a weekend, school holiday, or on a day when a special school event is taking place, they may choose an alternative day close to their birthday to wear non-uniform instead.

While some families may wish to send in cakes or treats for classes to share, unfortunately we are unable to allow this due to the number of children in school with severe allergies.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that we are a **nut-free school**, and this includes packed lunches. Please be aware that many chocolate spreads contain nuts and should not be brought into school.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to keep all of our children safe while ensuring that birthdays remain a special and memorable occasion.



Playtimes and Lunchtimes

Outdoor play is an important part of children's physical, social, emotional and cognitive development. We want all children to enjoy learning and playing outdoors throughout the year, whatever the weather.

To help them make the most of these opportunities, please ensure your child comes to school with suitable clothing, including warm layers, a waterproof coat, wellington boots, and hats and gloves during colder weather.

We will be encouraging outdoor play whenever possible and are excited to be working with **OPAL** to further enhance our outdoor provision and create even more opportunities for active, enjoyable play.

To help ensure that every child has access to appropriate outdoor clothing, we are hoping to establish a **Coat and Welly Drop**. If you have any good-quality coats or wellington boots that your family no longer needs, we would be very grateful for your donation. Items can be dropped off at the main school office.

Families will then be able to access any clothing their child may need, helping to ensure that every child can enjoy their time outdoors comfortably, confidently and fully prepared for all weather conditions.

Building Work

Many of you will have noticed the groundworks that have recently been completed to prepare the site for temporary welfare and office facilities. These essential repairs are necessary to ensure the continued safety, functionality, and long-term sustainability of the building.

We anticipate that the repair work will begin towards the end of October and will keep you updated on progress as the project moves forward. We also plan to hold a meeting with parents and local residents in the near future to provide further information, outline the planned works, and answer any questions you may have.

Parent/ Carer Drop-ins

We will once again be providing parents/ carers with dedicated time where you can come into school without an appointment to meet with a member of our Senior Leadership Team (SLT). It is hoped that this will give any parent/ carer an opportunity to discuss any queries/ concerns or ask any questions you may have. Our first parent/ carer drop-in session will be Thursday 1st October at 9.00am.



Parking

We understand that roads around the school are very busy at drop-off and pick-up times, and parking can be limited. Please be considerate when parking and avoid blocking dropped kerbs or driveways, as local residents need access to their properties at all times.

We also ask that you do not park on the marked areas outside the school. Keeping these areas clear and visible helps ensure that children and families can cross the road and access the school safely.



Key dates

Please note not all dates are included and further details and dates will follow. We will also use the calendar on our school website so please also check this.

6.10.26:	Class 6 Parent Consultations
7.10.26:	N2 to Year 6 Parent Consultations.
8.10.26:	N2 to Year 6 Parent Consultations apart from Class 6.
23.10.26:	PD day School closed for pupils
26.10 to 30.10.26:	Half term
2.11.26:	School reopens for pupils
18.12.26:	Break up for Christmas
22.12.26 to 1.1.27:	Christmas holidays
4.1.27:	School reopens for pupils
10.2.27:	Parent Consultations
11.2.27:	Parent Consultations
12.2.27:	PD day School closed for pupils
15.2.27 to 19.2.27:	Half term
22.2.27:	School reopens for pupils
26.3.27 to 9.4.27:	Easter holidays
12.4.27:	School reopens for pupils
21.4 to 23.4.27:	Year 6 Residential Visit
3.5.27:	Bank holiday – School closed
10.5 to 13.5.27:	Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6)
28.5.27:	PD day School closed for pupils
31.5 to 4.6.27:	Half term
7.6.27:	Trust PD day School closed for pupils
8.6.27:	School reopens for pupils
8.6 to 18.6.27:	Year 4 Multiplication check
14.6 to 18.6.27:	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
21.6.27:	Parent carer- Meet the teacher
23.6 to 24.6.27:	Whole School transition
1.7.27:	Year 1 to Year 6 Sports' Day 2.00-3.00pm
2.7.27:	Year 3 to 6 Sports' Day 2.00-3.00pm
7.7.27:	EYFS – Stay and Play Sports' event 1.15 -2.3.15pm
16.7.27:	Summer Fair
20.7.27:	Year 6 Leavers' Disco 4 to 5.30pm
21.7.27:	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly for parents 9.30-10.30am
21.7.27:	Break up for summer
1.9.27:	PD day School closed for children
2.9.27:	School reopens to children

Christmas Dates



We are providing parents and carers with as much advance notice as possible for these special school events. Please note that some Christmas performances may finish earlier than stated; however, we will aim to begin each performance on time.

10.12.26: Christmas Dinner

11.12.26: Christmas Fair 3.30-5.00pm

14.12.26: Year 3 & 4 Christingle Service 9.30-10.30am

15.12.26: Year 2 Christmas Performance 9.30-10.30am

15.12.26: Year 1 & 2 Christmas party 4-5.30pm

16.12.26: Year 1 Christmas Performance 9.30-10.30am

16.12.26: Early Years Christmas Stay and Play - 1.15-3.15pm

16.12.26: Year 3 & 4 Christmas party 4 - 5.30pm

17.12.26: Year 5 & 6 Christmas Singing 9.30 - 10.30am

17.12.26: Year 5 & 6 Christmas party 4 - 5.30pm

Attendance Matters

The link between attainment and school attendance is well documented. You can now keep regular checks on your child's attendance, using Arbor and will be able to see their live attendance report.

Whilst a test score of 90% may seem very high, 90% attendance is a serious cause for concern – this equates to ½ day off per week. Whenever possible your child should be in school and should arrive on time. If your child's attendance falls below 95%, you may be asked to provide medical evidence for any further absences.

From Monday we will be using a new signing in system. This means that if your child arrives after the gates have closed, you will need to come into the main school office and sign them in electronically.