



# NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

A very warm welcome back to all our families, especially those families who are joining us in Nursery or Reception. I am so proud of how happily the children have all settled into school this week - they have been amazing. Thank you for sending them back looking so smart in their uniforms and for sending in their PE kits.

Although it has been a short week, it has been busy! This year, your child's teacher will be posting a weekly Friday message on Class Dojo. This message will include details of the week's key learning, share any news or celebrations and will share an optional activity to do at home if you and your child wish. Please ensure you are signed up to Class Dojo to receive these messages.

The autumn term is always a busy and exciting term, and we have been busy planning our calendar right up until Christmas. Please look through the diary section at the end of this letter carefully and note down anything of interest. There are some lovely things to look forward to such as a Halloween disco, Christmas shows and nativities and this year we will be holding a Christmas Fair!

Have a great weekend  
Mrs Price  
Headteacher

## Parent Workshops to Support Your Child's Learning

We are running some sessions in schools this term to help parents understand the teaching methods and strategies children are learning in maths. Mr Babcock, our resident maths expert, will be running sessions open to parents of children in each class. These will be very informal and will give you the chance to see some of the work the children are doing and ask any questions you may have. Please see the dates at the end of this letter. There is no need to book, just come along.

Miss Hann will also be running a session to talk to parents of children in Reception about phonics and how the children learn to read, including how you can help them practise and support their progress. We hope lots of you will attend this session and find it useful. Please see details in the diary section.

## **Music Lessons**

In addition to the letter that went out to children in Key Stage 2 earlier in the week, we have opportunities for children from Year 3 to Year 6 to have flute or violin lessons in school, borrowing an instrument from school. If your child is interested, please contact the office for further details. These lessons do have a cost but are subsidised for any children in receipt of free school meals.

## **Can you spare some time to volunteer?**

We are on the hunt for a team of volunteers to help out in school any time they can, hearing children read and helping them practise their skills. If you have some time to spare, please get in touch with the school office. Full training will be given, and your help will be very much appreciated.

## **Homework**

After listening to feedback from staff, parents and children, we have decided to make some changes to our homework policy.

From now on, in all classes, the only homework that we ask you to complete each week is home reading with your child. We continue to ask that you manage to fit this in 3 times each week. Practising their reading skills at home with you helps the children enormously and improved reading ability supports every single area of the school curriculum. Please record any reading in your child's yellow record book. Each week, children who have read at least 3 times that week will enjoy an extra playtime. Their home reading sessions will also accrue a range of awards and prizes as they are counted each week.

We will no longer be issuing a homework book or a homework menu. Instead, your child's teacher will share an **OPTIONAL** activity which your child may enjoy at home linked to their learning in school. This can be shared with their teacher via Dojo or by sending the work into school the following week. Our children work really hard in school, and we hope this allows more time to enjoy doing the other important things in their lives and puts less pressure on families.

## Dates for your diary!

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5&6 Maths Workshop for parents at 2pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Phonics Workshop for parents at 9am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Y3&4 Maths Workshop for parents at 2pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Swimming pool arrives for 2 weeks (details to follow) Water safety sessions for Years 3-6
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Y1&2 Maths Workshop for parents at 2pm
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Water safety sessions for pre-school, Reception, Year 1 and 2 Training for reading volunteers at 2pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening Week Year 2 Mrs Robinson 1.15 – 3.15 Year 6 Mr Worswick 1.15 – 3.15
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 Mrs Elwood 1.15 – 3.15
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 Mrs Almond 1.15 – 3.15 Year 4 Mrs Lewis 1.15 – 3.15
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Mr Babcock 1.15 – 3.15
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	All teachers available for parents' evening 4.00 – 7.30pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Mrs Hann 1.15 – 3.15
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Morning 9.15-11.30am Diwali Day
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Halloween Disco
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest assembly and collection School closes for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	INSET Day - School closed
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	School re-opens
W/C 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Afternoon 1.15-3.00pm
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair 10am - 12pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception nativity at 10am Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Show at 2pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Show at 10am Reception nativity at 2pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas movie night for all classes 4.30pm - 6.00pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school pantomime trip
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas parties for nursery – Year 2
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3&Y4 party
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5&Y6 party KS2 Christmas Sing-along at 2p
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes at 1.30pm