

September 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. Children have returned looking very smart in the correct uniform and ready to learn, thank you for your support.

Can I please remind you that skirts should not be too short and PE kits must be worn on PE days please. Children are allowed to wear one pair of stud earrings which must be removed on PE days. If you are new to the school and are unsure about the uniform, please see the uniform list below. We do have some free good quality second hand uniform available in school, please ask at the office to speak to myself or Miss Gamwell and we can see if we have what you require.

Attendance



Could I please remind you that school starts at 8.45am. All children should be coming into school through the side gate and through their own entrances. The main entrance should only be used in exceptional circumstances and not on a daily basis. If you have a genuine problem with getting your child/children to school on time, please arrange a meeting with Jo Gamwell (DSL) and Sara Poulton (Attendance Officer). Can I please remind parents that you should only be collecting children early at the end of the day if you have a genuine reason/appointment. We cannot guarantee that children can be collected or brought to the office early at the end of the day due to staffing and children taking part in lessons not in their own classrooms.

Reminder - Term time holidays cannot be authorised.

Drop off/pick up

Please do not walk across the car park- use the path. Please be considerate when parking near school and do not block residents' drives.

Uniform

Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore (no leggings)

White polo shirt

Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan (with school logo which you can purchase from Gogna Uniform supplier or a plain one from a supermarket)

Grey tights for girls or black/white socks

Black shoes (no trainers)

Hairbands/bows should be blue or black and not too large

When buying new school uniform, some may have the new logo on it. There will be a transition period over next year where we will have a combination of both school badges. This is due to children currently having uniform with the old logo on.



PE Kit

Could you please ensure that your child/children wear a school PE kit on the appropriate PE days. Nursery/Reception/KS1 children must have a pair of black plimsols in a drawer string bag in school please. **If your child attends a sports after school club or is invited to take part in a sports event, they will need to bring a PE kit to school on that day.**

The correct PE kit is:

Black shorts/leggings/joggers

Plain white t-shirt

Plain black hoody/zip up hooded top

Black pumps or trainers.

Black plimsolls for EYFS and KS1 must be in school in a drawstring bag.

Swimming – towel/swimming costume or swimming shorts – Year 6 during the Autumn term.



EARRINGS CANNOT BE WORN FOR PE or SWIMMING.

IF CHILDREN ARE UNABLE TO REMOVE THEIR OWN EARRINGS, PLEASE TAKE THEM OUT BEFORE SCHOOL ON PE DAYS.

PE Timetable

NURSERY	Robins am	Mondays AM	YEAR 3	Eagles	Wednesdays AM
	Robins pm	Thursdays PM		Wrens	Wednesdays AM
RECEPTION	Doves	Mondays PM	YEAR 4	Falcons	Tuesdays AM
	Magpies	Mondays PM		Starlings	Tuesdays AM
YEAR 1	Penguins	Wednesdays PM	YEAR 5	Swans	Thursdays AM
	Sparrows	Wednesdays PM		Woodpeckers	Tuesdays AM
YEAR 2	Cuckoos	Tuesdays PM	YEAR 6	Kingfishers	Mondays PM
	Flamingos	Tuesdays PM		Ravens	Thursdays PM

Snacks – Breaktime

Children will have free milk until their 5th birthday, children can continue to have milk after their 5th birthday, this can be ordered and paid for on COOLMILK.com. EYFS/KS1 children have fruit at snack time/breaktime. KS1 and KS2 children can pay 20p cash to class per day or £1 a week for toast or they are welcome to bring a healthy snack from home. **Packets of crisps and chocolate bars are not allowed at breaktime.**

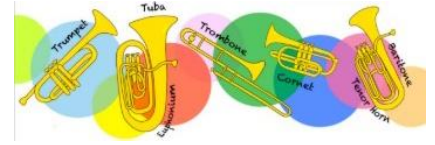
Lunchtimes

Nursery – 11.45am - 12.30pm
Reception – 11.45am - 12.45pm
KS1 – 12.00pm - 12.50pm
KS2 – 12.15pm - 1.05pm

Children are allowed to bring their own drink to have with their lunch if they wish. All children must have a water bottle in school every day for drinks throughout the day.

Music Lessons

Children who have enjoyed their brass lessons in year 3 this year will have the opportunity to continue in small groups next year at a cost of £25 per term. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to progress onto taking grades and joining local brass bands. Auditions will take place over the next few weeks.



Trips and visits

Please see a list of dates for the year on the online calendar. All trips and workshops will be payable on Arbor. Please login to the online website rather than the app as the app has limited functionality.



Tower of London visit

We have managed to secure funding for a visit to the Tower of London for year 5 pupils in October. This is heavily subsidised as we have managed to secure funding so that the cost is only £10 per child, which includes coach travel from school, directly to the Tower of London and entrance to the Tower of London.

Little Makers

Year one have the opportunity to visit the Black Country museum this term as part of a project called Little Makers which also includes a workshop in school following the visit. We have applied for funding to subsidise this visit so that children only pay for the transport costs.



Edmond Hall

We have a residential trip booked to Edmond Hall for KS2 for 2 nights from Monday 1st February. Letters to follow shortly.

London Youth Hostel

We have also secured funding for a heavily subsidised trip for 30 year 6 children to visit the Tower of London and stay overnight in a youth hostel near Kensington Gardens. This will take place in March; details will be available shortly.

Breakfast club

Breakfast club is available every morning from 7.45am at a cost of £3.00 per day. Sessions must be booked in advance on Arbor and can only be booked to the value of credit available on the account. Please be advised booked sessions can only be cancelled by contacting the school office.



4 community trust have an after-school club on site if you require childcare. You can find more information on their website 4communitytrust.co.uk or by asking at the school office.

Inspire workshops

These workshops will begin again this year for year groups 1-6. This will enable parents/carers to come into school to work with their children. More details and dates to follow.

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Clarke and Mrs Williams back into Early Years following their maternity leave and welcome new staff – Mrs Howell – HLTA who will be covering classes across school and replaces Mrs Marlow who left in July and also Gareth, our new site manager who you will see around the school grounds.

Congratulations to Miss Griffiths (year 6/Assistant Head) who got married in the holiday and is now Mrs Taylor and also to Mark the PE coach who also got married in the holidays.

EYFS – Nursery

We still have a number of part-time places available in nursery for September. Please contact the office if you have a child who turned 3 by 31st August this year or pass this information on to family or friends.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Regards

Mrs Jayne Bayliss

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Head Teacher