

10.09.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome the children back on Thursday and to meet many of you in the playground and at our Meet & Greet session on Friday.

Thank you for your support as we establish routines and settle into the new term. We are looking forward to a successful year ahead.

We have been so impressed with how quickly the children have settled in. We also recognise that transitions of this nature can feel unsettling for some, and we are fully committed to supporting every child so they feel secure and ready to learn.

This year, we will continue working with our CAMHS Worker in School (CWIS), George Bunting, who will be supporting staff on Friday mornings and holding coffee mornings for parents and carers. In addition, our Education Mental Health Practitioner Adrian John (AJ), will be in school on Thursday mornings to provide support for parents and pupils around emotional regulation, anxiety, and other mental health needs. Our Inclusion Lead, Gillian Jetto, will coordinate and lead the support available across the school.

Morning Routine (from Thursday 11th September)

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 enter via the Nursery/KS1 gates and wait outside classrooms.

Years 3–6: wait in the main playground, where class teachers and support staff will guide them to their lines.

The bell rings at 9:00am. Please aim for punctuality, as a calm start sets the tone for the day.

Late arrivals (after 9:00am) must sign in at the Main Reception, where a reason for lateness will be recorded.

Afternoon Routine

Gates open at 3:20pm

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2: collected outside classrooms at 3:30pm via the Nursery/KS1 gates. Parents with children in both Key Stages should collect KS1 children first, and then walk round to the main playground.

Years 3–6: collected from designated class lines in the main playground.

Meet the Team- Wednesday 10th September, 3:45-4:30pm

To avoid congestion, sessions will be staggered:

Years 1–3: short welcome in the ground floor hall, followed by classroom visits with class teams.

Years 4–6: informal chat with class teams in the playground followed by a short hall welcome and then classroom visits.

In classrooms, teachers and support staff will cover:

- Expectations for behaviour and routines
- The year's curriculum
- Homework and reading at home

They will also be happy to answer any questions.

Wraparound Care

A letter was sent home on Friday about our Wraparound Care.

Breakfast Club (8:00-8:50am) starts Monday 8th September

Afterschool Care Club (3:30–6:00pm) starts Monday 8th September

Afterschool Activity Clubs (3:30–4:30pm) start Monday 15th September with two exceptions.

After School Activity Clubs cost: £5 per session, except for Coding Club (please note this correction from last week's letter).

P.E

Until team colours have been assigned, children should wear:

- * A plain white T-shirt
- * Grey, black, or navy shorts / tracksuit bottoms
- * Trainers or plimsolls

On P.E. days, children should come to school wearing their P.E. kit. For safety and hygiene reasons, proper P.E. attire is essential.

School Website

We are excited to share our new school website, which has just been launched. It's still a work in progress, but we will continue updating it over the coming months to reflect our whole school community.

Class Assemblies

In each school year, every class prepares an assembly to present to the rest of the school and to their parents. This may be on a topic they have been studying, or on something in the news.

Parents are invited to watch at 10.00am.

DATE	CLASS
Thursday 22 nd January 2026	Year 6 Ebony
Thursday 29 th January 2026	Year 6 Sycamore
Thursday 5 th February 2026	Year 5 Acacia
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Year 5 Olive
Thursday 12 th March 2026	Year 4 Hazel
Thursday 19 th March 2026	Year 4 Holly
Thursday 23 rd April 2026	Year 3 Elder
Thursday 30 th April 2026	Year 3 Willow
Thursday 11 th June 2026	Year 2 Chestnut
Thursday 18 th June 2026	Year 2 Palm
Thursday 25 th June 2026	Year 1 Nutmeg
Thursday 2 nd July 2026	Year 1 Walnut
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Reception Beech
Friday 10 th July 2026	Reception Oak

DATES FOR DIARIES

WEDNSEDAY 10 TH SEPTEMBER 2025	MEET THE TEAM SESSION FOR PARENTS/CARERS 3.45PM-4.30PM
TUESDAY 14 TH OCTOBER 2025	PARENTS' EVENINGS
WEDNESDAY 15 TH OCTOBER 2025	TARGET SETTING
FRIDAY 24 TH OCTOBER 2025	BLACK HISTORY MONTH ASSEMBLY
	THEME: ACTIVISIM
FRIDAY 24 TH OCTOBER 2025	END OF HALF TERM
	SCHOOL CLOSES @ 3.30PM
MONDAY 3 RD NOVEMBER 2025	SCHOOL OPENS FOR CHILDREN
MONDAY 10 TH NOVEMBER 2025	WORLD SCIENCE DAY
MONDAY 10 TH NOVEMBER 2025-	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK- POWER FOR GOOD
FRIDAY 14 TH NOVEMBER 2025	MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER- ODD SOCKS DAY
FRIDAY 14 [™] NOVEMBER 2025	CHILDREN IN NEED PYJAMAS DAY
FRIDAY 21 ST NOVEMBER 2025	WINTER FAIR
FRIDAY 5 TH DECEMBER 2025	ABCD CHARITY EVENT
THURSDAY 11 TH DECEMBER 2025	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
	CHRISTMAS PARTY& DISCO
FRIDAY 12 TH DECEMBER 2025	CHRISTMAS NATIVITY & CAROLS
	
THURSDAY 18 TH DECEMBER 2025	CHRISTMAS DINNER
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FRIDAY 19 TH DECEMBER 2025	END OF TERM
	SCHOOL CLOSES @ 1.35PM

I will be available in the playground before and after school, and a member of the Senior Leadership Team will also be present. If you prefer, you are always welcome to contact me via email or phone, or get in touch with the Main Reception Office to arrange an appointment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely,

Miss Margaret-Mary Boateng