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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer break.

We have been busy preparing for the new academic year, and we are excited to welcome everyone back to school very soon. **Children in Year 1 to Year 6 return on Thursday 4th September** while **Reception classes** will follow a staggered start commencing with a **Meet and Greet on 8th September from 9am-11am**. A member of the EYFS staff will meet you at the Main Entrance. Please see the Reception Class **Settling In Booklet** for full details. **Open Day** for our **Nursery class** is on **17th September from 9.30am-11am**. Please see the Nursery Class **Settling In Booklet** for full details.

We know that returning to school after the summer can feel like a big step for both children and families. Please be assured that we are committed to making the transition as smooth as possible and to supporting every child so that they feel secure, happy, and ready to thrive.

To help ease first-day nerves, you may find these tips useful:

- Prepare school bags and uniforms in advance to help your child feel ready.
- Talk about new curriculum topics to spark curiosity and excitement.
- Encourage children to share any worries they may have about returning.

Morning Routine

- **Children should arrive by 8:50am and wait in the main playground.**
- The bell rings at **9:00am**. Please make every effort to be punctual, as a calm, settled start supports learning.
- Late arrivals (after 9:00am) must report to the **Main Reception Office**. A reason for lateness will be requested and recorded.

Afternoon Routine

- The school gates will open at **3:20pm**, and classroom doors open at **3:30pm**.
- **Children in Year 1 to Year 6** will line up in the **main playground** and should be collected from their **class lines**.

School Uniform

Uniform can be purchased or collected from the school office on:

Monday 1st September- 9:00am to 5:00pm

Tuesday 2nd September-1:30pm to 5:00pm

Wednesday 3rd September-9:00am to 5:00pm

Please note: payment is cash only.

Children are expected to wear school uniform, though logo-branded items are optional. Supermarkets often stock items in our colour scheme:

- Yellow polo shirt
- Navy jumper or cardigan
- Black or navy trousers or skirt
- Blue or yellow checked summer dress
- Black or navy shorts
- Sensible footwear (no open-toe shoes)

Pre-loved uniform is also available from the school office.

Upcoming Events

Meet & Greet for Parents/Carers

Friday 5th September, 4:00pm (playground, weather permitting).

An informal chance to meet other families. Light refreshments will be provided.

Meet the Team

We are looking forward to seeing you at our **Meet The Team** session on **Wednesday 10th September, from 3:45 to 4:30 pm**

The event will start with a short welcome in the school hall, followed by a visit to your child's classroom.

During this session, your child's new class teacher and teaching assistant will discuss:

- The curriculum for the year
- Expectations around behaviour and routines
- Homework and reading at home

They will also be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Wraparound Care

Breakfast Club, Afterschool Clubs, and Afterschool Care Club

We are pleased to offer a range of wraparound care options to support our families:

- Breakfast Club runs from 8:00am to 8:50am.
- Afterschool Clubs run from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.
- Afterschool Care Club runs from 3:30pm to 6:00pm, and is available for children in Reception to Year 6.

Breakfast Club will begin the week commencing **Monday 8th September**, and all other clubs will start the following week, beginning **Monday 15th September**.

Sign-up information will be shared on **Friday 5th September**.

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

We will share other important dates including class assemblies at the start of the Autumn Term.

DATES FOR DIARIES

MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER- WEDNESDAY-3RD SEPTEMBER 2025	INSET DAYS
THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2025	SCHOOL OPENS FOR CHILDREN (YEAR 1-YEAR 6) NURSERY AND RECEPTION WILL HAVE A STAGGERED START. PLEASE REFER TO THE SETTLING IN BOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION.
FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2025	MEET&GREET EVENT FOR PARENTS/CARERS @4PM
WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2025	MEET THE TEAM SESSION FOR PARENTS/CARERS 3.45PM-4.30PM
TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2025 WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2025	PARENTS' EVENINGS TARGET SETTING
FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025	BLACK HISTORY MONTH ASSEMBLY THEME: ACTIVISM
FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025	END OF HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSURES @ 3.30PM
MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2025	SCHOOL OPENS FOR CHILDREN
MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2025	WORLD SCIENCE DAY
MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2025- FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2025	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK- POWER FOR GOOD MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER- ODD SOCKS DAY
FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2025	CHILDREN IN NEED PYJAMAS DAY
FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2025	WINTER FAIR
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025	ABCD CHARITY EVENT
THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2025	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY CHRISTMAS PARTY& DISCO
FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2025	CHRISTMAS NATIVITY & CAROLS
THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2025	CHRISTMAS DINNER
FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2025	END OF TERM SCHOOL CLOSURES @ 1.35PM