

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a wonderful first week back at school! We've loved welcoming all our pupils back and it has been great to see how well they have settled into their new classes. The children are already getting to know their new teachers and classmates, and it has been a joy to see them reconnecting with their friends. They have shown great enthusiasm and are already diving into their new learning with a positive attitude.

Staffing

We are thrilled to introduce and extend a huge welcome to the new members of our school community. We know they will be fantastic additions to our team and we are so happy they have joined us.

- **Miss Richardson** (Assistant Headteacher & Year 6 teacher)
- **Mrs Maher** (Assistant Headteacher & Year 5 teacher)
- **Mrs Johnson** (Year 4 Teacher)
- **Miss Lockwood** (Lunchtime Supervisor)
- **Mrs Bradley** (Nursery Nurse)
- **Mr Starkey** (Teaching Assistant)
- **Mrs Tebbett** (Admin Assistant)

Our Pocket Principles

We have been so impressed with how well the children have remembered and demonstrated our school's **Pocket Principles**. They have been showing great **respect** and **responsibility** towards each other and their teachers as well as ensuring they're **ready** to learn. It's wonderful to see them put these important values into practice every day, creating a positive and supportive learning environment for everyone.

Preschool for 2-Year-Olds

We are excited to announce the opening of our new **Preschool for 2-Year-Olds**! This new provision will provide a nurturing and stimulating environment for our youngest learners, helping them to develop key skills and prepare for their journey through school. We look forward to welcoming our new preschoolers and their families to the school community. We have some spaces remaining so if you, or any friends/family require a space, please contact the school office.

You are welcome to come visit during the school open day on Monday for a look around!

Meet the Teacher Meetings/ School Open Evening

We would like to invite all parents to our "Meet the Teacher" evenings on **Monday 8th September**. There are 2 sessions running **3.30-3.45pm and 3.45-4pm** to ensure you can visit multiple classrooms. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and hear all about the exciting year ahead. Teachers will share key information about their class, including the curriculum, daily routines, and how you can support your child's learning at home. We will also cover important school-wide updates and policies. These sessions are a wonderful way to build a strong partnership between home and school, ensuring a successful year for your child. We look forward to seeing you there. Myself and Miss Lucas will also be around to answer any questions you may have.

This will also be an opportunity for you to tour school and see all of the changes we have made. We are extremely proud of the environment and would appreciate any feedback you can offer. Due to the roof being delayed through the holidays, work will begin on the quad area next week. Although if you do take a peek, you will see some of the new equipment out there.

Recognition

Congratulations to all of our children who have been recognised this week, we are extremely proud of you! Children are rewarded with Dojo points, Star of the Week certificates, Expectation bands and Recognition Awards!

All children who receive a Recognition Award or Expectation Band are invited to have a treat with Mrs Whalley on Friday afternoons. Here are this week's winners...



Attendance

*At our school, we believe that excellent attendance is key to a child's success. That's why we've set a whole-school attendance target of **97%**. To celebrate this effort, any class that achieves 97% or higher in a week earns a star. Once a class has collected nine stars, spelling out the word **EXCELLENT**, they'll be rewarded with a special attendance party! We also want to recognise individual effort, so at the end of each half term, every child who has maintained an attendance of 97% or above will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win the coveted attendance box, filled with fun prizes and treats.*



Diary Dates

We are finalising the diary dates for the upcoming academic year and will share them with you as soon as possible. We know many of you need to book time off work for school events like concerts, and we appreciate your patience as we get these dates confirmed.

We are so excited for the year ahead and all the learning and fun it will bring. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming you all into school on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Whalley

Headteacher

