



School News

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What's New

We really have had such a positive start to our Autumn term so far. The children have all settled into their class routines so quickly and confidently. We have our new School Councillors for each class who will be bringing their ideas for ways we can improve the school. Thank you to all the children who courageously put themselves forward for the role, it is always lovely to see children wanting to get involved in supporting and leading decisions in their own school. This group will be led by Ms Woolway and I can't wait to hear their proposals. We also have our new Worship Team, who are fantastic role models to our younger pupils, they lead our prayers on a daily basis in Collective Worship and will be taking on leading more parts of Worship as the year continues.

School Councillors: Charlie, Jade, Kyshaiah, James, Harry D and Freyja.

Collective Worship Team: Jade, Arabella, Theo, Oscar and Matthew.

This term we have also introduced **Messy Church** to our Worship schedule. Messy Church is a fun, welcoming and creative way for children and families to explore and celebrate God's love. Through hands-on activities, stories and discussion, children interact with one another while learning about God's teachings and discovering how they can apply these lessons in their everyday lives. Every Thursday we come together to celebrate in this way. Due to the nature of these activities, we would welcome any parent support, starting this Thursday. If you are able to help, either as a one off, or on a regular basis (DBS would be required to help regularly) then please speak to Mrs Lee on the playground or send an email. Any help from 12.45pm until 1.30pm would be greatly appreciated.

Following on from pupil voice, the children stated they wanted more than just football as an option at break times. Now we have introduced more **games and activities** at break times on The Maze. the children have absolutely loved playing a variety of games such as cups and bowls, cat and mouse, races and showing their skills with hula hoops – Mrs Halford particularly enjoyed this activity! It has been lovely to see the children asking for some of their favourite games and volunteering to lead by sharing instructions. A great example of young leadership, a real joy to see.

Reception 2027 Tours

We will be conducting tours of the school for parents who have children due to start school in September 2027. If you have a younger child due to register for school, or know of any family members or others in the community, please encourage them to get in touch with Heidi in the school office to book a tour of the school. Tours are available on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings, but if you need a different time to suit your schedule, please do ask.

Attendance

Attendance Matters

Regular school attendance plays a vital role in every child's learning, wellbeing and social development. Every day in school provides valuable opportunities to build knowledge, develop confidence and strengthen friendships. We encourage all families to support good attendance habits and to ensure children attend school every day, unless they are too unwell to do so. Working together, we can help every child achieve their full potential and make the most of their education.

Last week our total school attendance averaged at 88%. Missing 12% of time at school is the equivalent of 47 minutes per day, for every lesson they miss they require catch up support. Help your child to thrive and value their education. If your child's attendance falls below 90% then Mrs Lee will contact you directly to offer help and support.

As we enter the season of cold and flu (**NOTE FLU SPRAY ON FRIDAY**) we ask that you consider carefully if your child needs to remain at home. If they have a runny nose and a general cold, please do send them to school.

Reasons to keep your child at home: Temperature, sickness or diarrhoea – in which case your child should remain at home for 48 hours after the symptoms clear up.

Our school gates open at 8.35am, this soft start to the school day gives children the opportunity to settle into the classroom calmly and positively before formal learning begins. By allowing pupils time to arrive, organise themselves and engage in purposeful activities, a soft start can help reduce anxiety, build confidence and create a smooth transition from home to school.

Coffee Mornings

We would also like to warmly welcome any members of our school community and their family to join us, once a term, for some hot refreshments, good company and the chance to strengthen connections within our local community. There will be no charge for any of the refreshments, this is purely for the school and community to strengthen relations.

Dates	Event
Monday 21 st Sept	YV Choir Club 3.10-4pm
Tuesday 22 nd Sept	Sports Club 3.10-4pm
Friday 25 th Sept	Nasal Flu Sprays in school
Monday 28 th Sept	YV Choir Club
Tuesday 29 th Sept	Sports Club
Friday 2 nd October	Community Coffee Morning
Monday 5 th October	YV Choir Club
Tuesday 6 th October	Sports Club
Thursday 8 th October	Phonics meeting – 3.15pm Robins' Parents
Monday 12 th October	YV Choir Club – Last club of the term
Tuesday 13 th October	Sports Club – Last club of the term
Wednesday 14 th Oct	Robins visit Wholly Gelato - pm
Thursday 22 nd October	Open afternoon for parents 2.45pm – 3.10pm
Friday 23 rd October	Harvest Assembly by Kingfisher Class 2.30pm
Friday 23 rd October	Last day of Autumn Term 1 – <u>No ASC</u>
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Wednesday 4 th Nov	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Monday 9 th Nov	YV Choir Club
Tuesday 10 th Nov	Sports Club
Monday 16 th Nov	YV Choir Club
Tuesday 17 th Nov	Sports Club
Monday 23 rd Nov	YV Choir Club
Tuesday 24 th Nov	Sports Club
Monday 30 th Nov	YV Choir Club
Tuesday 1 st Dec	Sports Club
Thursday 3 rd Dec	Open morning for parents 8.45am – 9.15am
Friday 4 th Dec	Community Coffee Morning
Wednesday 9 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 15 th Dec	Robin's Nativity Performance
Friday 18 th Dec	End of Autumn term 2 – <u>No ASC</u>