



STARS OF THE WEEK

Our Star of the Week awards will be back as usual next week. These are awarded during our weekly Friday assemblies that parents are welcome to attend if they are able to.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

THE TARGET SET FOR OUR SCHOOL BY THE GOVERNMENT LAST YEAR WAS 95.8%

THE ATTENDANCE FIGURE WE ACHIEVED WAS 95.2%
THE NATIONAL ATTENDANCE FIGURE WAS 94.7%

THE PERCENTAGE OF OUR PUPILS WHO WERE PERSISTENTLY ABSENT (BELOW 90%) WAS 9.5% COMPARED TO THE NATIONAL AVERAGE OF 13.9%.

WE HOPE THAT PARENTS WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE IN THE COMING YEAR BY AVOIDING UNNECESSARY ABSENCES & HOLIDAYS.

2026 SCHOOL DIARY

Weds 2nd September	SCHOOL REOPENS FOR 2026-27 YEAR
Tuesday 22nd September	Individual and Family Group photographs
Friday 25th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning after assembly
NEW Mon 28th, Tues 29th, Weds 30th September	SEND Parents Evenings
NEW Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th October	Parents Evenings
NEW Thursday 8th October	Special School Dinner Day— Curry Day!
Friday 16th October	EY/KS1 parents visit classrooms after assembly
Friday 23rd October	KS2 parents visit classrooms after assembly
NEW Friday 23rd October	Pumpkin Competition
Friday 23rd October	3.15pm School Closes for half term

CONSENT FORMS

It is vital that parents complete the relevant 2026 consents on the Arbor app that give permission for the children to use the internet in school, take part in trips and visits, and be in school related photographs. It is also important that emergency contacts, and medical/allergy information is updated. Please help us by doing this and saving us having to contact you.

A GOOD START TO THE YEAR

We've had a good start to the school year with the children settling quickly and happily into their new classes. The information parents provided in the questionnaires about returning to school has helped to us to provide additional support and reassurance for children where necessary. You can find about what your child will be learning on the 'curriculum' section of the school website [HERE](#).

NAMES IN UNIFORMS

Earlier this week we've done a check of school jumpers to see that they are named, and rewarded children with Dojo points if they were. We've checked again today in the hope that even more names have appeared and given more Dojo points. We are delighted that the majority of jumpers were named already. Where this was not the case, staff have added names to jumper labels today. Keeping jumpers named means it is highly unlikely that your child will lose their jumper and will hopefully save you some money replacing jumpers.

STAFF UPDATES

We have a couple staff updates to share with you. During the summer Mrs Caven-Gomez has persuaded Mrs Ramsay to stay on with us a cleaner; she'll now be doing this early each morning. We have also been pleased to welcome Kerry Kendall to our kitchen team, replacing Mrs Hogg who has moved into a teaching assistant role in Reception. Ms Bainbridge will continue as our kitchen unit manager in Mrs Christie's absence. We are also delighted to announce that Miss Vescio and Miss Rogers are expecting babies in December. They will begin their maternity leaves at some point during the autumn term. We will keep parents updated on cover arrangements.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We will shortly be sending online form links out to parents of children in Y1-Y6 for additional after-school club places. We offer a range of additional after school clubs (although these are quite limited for younger children). Please ensure that choices are made before the deadline and forms are submitted. Places for clubs are limited and late entries are only considered after other requests are allocated.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons will resume on Tuesday 8th September for children in Y2 and Y4. Swimming is a compulsory part of the National Curriculum. Please ensure that children come to school with an appropriate swimming kit on Tuesday mornings. To ensure that these lessons are viable, we ask for a contribution of £2 per lesson (£1 for children entitled to Pupil Premium) - this will be added to be paid through Arbor.

IMPORTANT ALLERGY INFORMATION

Based around Benedict's Law, we are now working under new government statutory guidance regarding allergies and anaphylaxis. Staff will be undertaking specific training and we will also be required to keep spare adrenaline devices in school should a child have an allergic reaction. It is absolutely vital that parents provide us with very clear information about any allergies or intolerances that your child has, or even if you have suspicion that they may have an allergy. This will allow us to be extra vigilant in school. Due to this, we have also taken the decision that we will not allow cakes to be brought into school for classmates to celebrate birthdays (regardless of whether they are packaged or homemade). If parents would like to send gifts in for classmates, it would be best to be in the form of either small toys or small pre-packaged bags of sweets. On occasions such as school fairs or our Macmillan Coffee Morning (September 25th), where children are not supervised by parents, we will send the cakes they have chosen home with them. We appreciate that this is a big change but for very good reason. We also ask that, parents avoid sending items containing nuts in packed lunches.