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Learning together in friendship and faith gives us 'life in all its fullness'

**WELCOME
BACK TO
SCHOOL**

NEWSLETTER – September 2026



Welcome back to school and to the Autumn Term. The summer holidays and all the sunny weather are a distant memory and there are lots of exciting things ahead.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL?

NEW CHILDREN

We are incredibly excited to welcome our **6 new** reception children and their families to school this term. They are all doing brilliantly and have adapted to school routines very quickly.

Welcome to **Jasper, Gracie, Vinnie, Wynn, Noah and Tiger**

CHANGES

Mrs Minney will now be Bee Class teacher on Mondays and will teach Dragonfly Class on Wednesday afternoons.

Mrs Free will continue to work Tuesday to Friday in Bee Class.

Mrs Marston will still be your point of contact when Mrs Watkins is not in school.

Miss Spring will now be in school teaching Dragonfly Class for some afternoons of the week as well as each morning.

Mrs Hughes will join Ladybird Class on Mondays to support Mrs Marston.

Miss Robins has joined us as our Midday Supervisor.

Mrs Watkins will work in Charlton Horethorne on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. She will no longer work in Bradford Abbas.



OUR VALUE this half term is THANKFULNESS "Always be thankful." (Thessalonians 5.16)

This half term we are introducing a new value and will be focusing on Thankfulness in our Collective Worship.

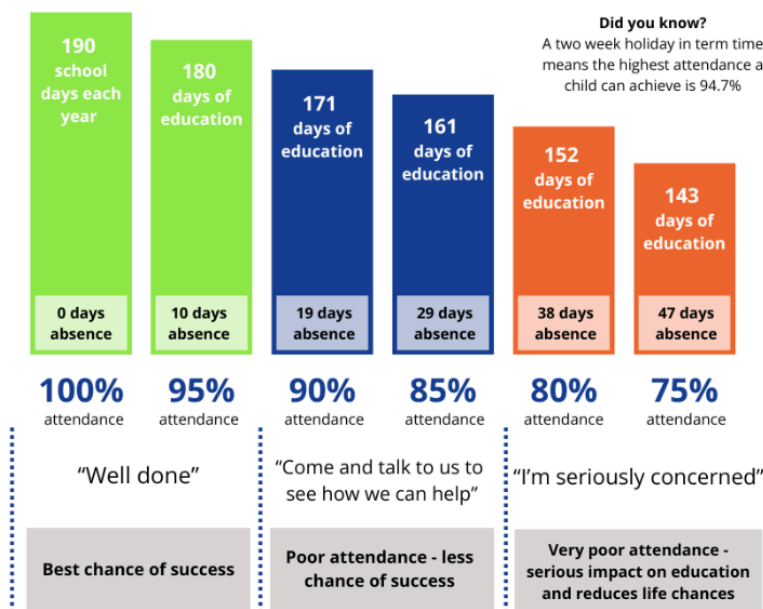
We will look at what this means to the children, and how they can think about being thankful in their lives in and out of school.

Wrap Around Care

Our wrap around care continues from Monday to Friday mornings and Monday to Thursday after school, and provides both before and after school care for your children. (7:45 – 8:45 and 3:15 – 5:30) For a programme of activities please see Class Dojo. There is a Sports Club with our PE coach on Fridays. (3.15 – 4:30)
Please see Mrs Vaughan in the office if you wish to book children in.

SAST Attendance Requirements – a reminder for parents: the same message as last year.
Please be aware that any holiday in term time is unauthorised and may be subject to a fine.

Getting the most out of school



Last academic year we were below the national average for our attendance: 91.9% compared to the national average of 94.7%. This year we hope to be in line or above.

Leave of absence request

- Parents are required to complete a Term Time Leave of Absence Request Form in advance of planned absence taking place.
- We ask that this is at least four weeks before the required absence, where possible, to enable the school to consider and respond to the request.
- Parents must detail and evidence the exceptional circumstance of the request.
- In accordance with The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 and subsequent Amendments, SAST Schools are unable to authorise any period of absence unless it is for exceptional circumstances.
- If leave is not authorised and the parent proceeds to take their child out of school, the absence will be marked as unauthorised. Although such absence may be unauthorised, it is better that the school knows where the child is, and that they are safe rather than missing.
- SAST and LA policy states: Parents may be issued with a penalty notice or be subject to prosecution by the local authority for unauthorised leaves of absence.
- School may inform you by letter if your child's attendance falls below the expected range.

- As a rule a penalty notice consideration threshold is met if there are 10+ unauthorised absences in 10 rolling school weeks. (1 day =2 absences)

Please be advised: a holiday in term time is generally not considered exceptional circumstances

IMPORTANT: All school absences MUST be reported to the school office by email or telephone. Please DO NOT use CLASS DOJO to report absences.

PARENT SHARING MORNINGS and LEAF VALUE WORSHIP

Parent Sharing will happen once every half term and will give your children the opportunity to share their learning with you in their classroom. We will try to vary the days and times to accommodate as many parents as possible.

Leaf Value Worship will be once every half term on a Thursday afternoon at 2.50 and we will gather together to celebrate the achievements of our pupils.

Dates for your diary: Autumn Term

Friday 25th September: am - Parent Sharing

Thursday 22nd October - Leaf Value Worship

Wednesday 18th November: pm - Parent Sharing

Thursday 10th December - Leaf Value Worship

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Look out for the Home School Agreement that your child will bring home. Please could you spend some time talking this through with your child, and then sign and return to school.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival will this year be on **Thursday 1st October at 2.15 in the church**. All are welcome. We will be supporting the Wincanton Food Bank again this year.

Any dry/tinned foods are very welcome. Please **do not** bring fresh fruit/vegetables. The food bank particularly needs: tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned fish, biscuits, long-life milk, pasta, jars of sauces, peanut butter.

Other items such as toiletries: toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo and deodorant are very welcome.

Please make sure the food donations have a reasonable use by/sell by date

CAR PARK

Please be advised that the car park is for staff only at all times. This is to ensure the safety of children and parents at drop off and pick up. We appreciate your consideration when parking on the roads outside school.

The little approach road between Cowpath Lane and the school gate is for accessible parking only. We do have families who need this facility so please refrain from parking along this short stretch of road.

FSA

Our Friends of the School Association (FSA) welcome you to a new school year, with a reminder that, having children at the school, you all automatically become members. As we are a small school, this invitation is extended to other family and friends. Any involvement big or small is welcomed and all the funds raised go to supporting every child in the school to enhance and enrich their education. **OUR FSA NEEDS YOU!!! We need new active members. Please help us to keep this valuable resource alive!**

AGM: Friday 25th September 3.20pm in the library.

Please see the flyer forwarded to you by email.

NEW ROUTINES

A HUGE thank you to all parents and children for quickly adapting to the new routines at school drop off and pick up. Your children have been amazing: growing independence and resilience and it is lovely to see them confidently make their way into school each morning. This all means that the classrooms are settled quickly and learning is starting immediately, all benefitting the children.

NEW HOUSES FOR THIS YEAR

Red House, Blue House and Yellow House Teams for this year.

<u>Reception</u> Tiger Vinnie	<u>Reception</u> Noah Wynn	<u>Reception</u> Gracie Jasper
<u>Year 1</u> Rupert Florence Greyson	<u>Year 1</u> Bertie Emilie George	<u>Year 1</u> Michael Roman Rosemary
<u>Year 2</u> Luna Ronnie Esther	<u>Year 2</u> Wilfie Olivia	<u>Year 2</u> Willow Jasper Georgia George
<u>Year 3</u> Roman Redemption	<u>Year 3</u> Oliver Barney Arthur	<u>Year 3</u> Chester Sienna Addie
<u>Year 4</u> Brewis Clementine	<u>Year 4</u> Harry Finn Dolly	<u>Year 4</u> Connie Joseph Arthur
<u>Year 5</u> Cassia Charlie Rex	<u>Year 5</u> Betsy Pria Pippa	<u>Year 5</u> Aria Billie
<u>Year 6</u> Izzy Olivia	<u>Year 6</u> Billie-Mae Ottilie Freddy	<u>Year 6</u> Alfred

IMAGE CONSENT FORM

In the next few days Mrs Vaughan will be sending out a link for this year's IMAGE CONSENT FORM. This is an online permission form that needs to be completed by ALL families ANNUALLY to make sure all the information is up to date.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school.
- Promotes a sense of community and belonging towards the school.
- Is practical and smart.
- Identifies the children with the school.
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money (non badged options acceptable)
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.
- All clothing should be clearly labelled with the child's name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

UNIFORM	PE KIT
● Polo shirt/blouse/shirt – white (white branded polo shirts are available from Schoolwear and More, although not compulsory) ● Pinafore dress/skirt/trousers – grey ● Summer dress (red & white check) can be worn in appropriate weather ● Trousers or shorts – dark grey ● Sweatshirts/cardigan – red (available from Schoolwear and More, branded with school logo preferable) ● Socks – grey or white ● Tights – grey ● Shoes – black school shoes, no boots or coloured trainers (black acceptable) ● Hair tie – plain or red/red & white check: hair should be tied back wherever possible, especially for PE, Art and DT	● Plimsolls or trainers ● PE t-shirt – red (available from Schoolwear and More, branded with school logo preferable) ● PE shorts – black ● Tracksuit bottoms or leggings – black ● School jumper – red (for outdoor PE sessions or colder weather)

AUTUMN TERM 2026 KEY EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

INSET DAYS	Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd,	All Day	Staff only
School starts	Thursday 3rd	All Day	Whole School
Flu Vaccinations	Wednesday 16th	9am	Please sign up!
Governors Meeting	Tuesday 23rd	4:30pm	LGB only
KA Open evening	Thursday 24th	4:30 – 7:00pm	Years 5 and 6
Parent Sharing	Friday 25th	8:45 – 9am	Classes
Reception Parents Phonics Talk	Tuesday 29th	3:20	Reception Parents

OCTOBER

Harvest Festival	Thursday 1st	2:15pm	Whole School and all welcome: in the church
School Open Morning	Thursday 15th	9.30am	Prospective parents
LEAF Value Award Worship	Thursday 22nd	2.50pm	All welcome
INSET DAY	Friday 23rd	All day	Whole School
Half Term begins	Monday 26th		Whole School

NOVEMBER

Back to school	Monday 2nd	All Day	Whole School
Odd Socks Day: Anti Bullying	Monday 9th		Whole School
Parents Evening	Monday 9th	3:20 onwards	Please book
Parents Evening	Wednesday 11th	3:20 onwards	Please book
Tempest School Photographs	Wednesday 11th	9am	Individuals and family groups
Odd Socks Day	Monday 10th	All Day	Donation for anti bullying charity
Armistice Day	Wednesday 11th		Service in School tbc
Children in Need	Friday 13th	All Day	Fundraising activities in school
Parent Sharing	Wednesday 18th	3:00 – 3:15pm	Classes

DECEMBER

Treehouse Theatre	Thursday 3rd	10.00am	School Hall
Christmas Movie Night	Friday 4th	3.15 – 5:15pm	In classes
Dress Rehearsal and Christmas Production 1	Monday 7th	2.00pm and 6:00pm	Whole School
Christmas Production 2	Wednesday 9th	6:00pm	Whole School
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 10th	All Day	Whole School
LEAF Value Award Worship	Thursday 11th	2.50pm	All welcome
Christmas Lunch and Party	Tuesday 15th		Whole School
Christmas Service/last day	Thursday 17th	1.45pm	Church
INSET DAY	Friday 18th	All Day	No children

JANUARY 4th BACK TO SCHOOL for SPRING TERM