

Newsletter – 11th September 2026



Dear Parents

I'd like to start this first newsletter of the year by saying 'well done' to children, staff and families. September is always an exciting but slightly stressful month as everyone gets into new routines and returns to some more familiar ones. The Reception and Nursery children are settling well and the teams in those year groups are working very hard to keep all the settling in plates spinning. Further up the school, children have quickly got back to their school routines. I was also impressed by how good all the parents' memories have been as to where to go for drop off and collections at the beginning and end of the day. It's gold stars all round.

This newsletter has some updates and reminders for everyone.

FoTIS AGM

Tuesday 15th September 7.15pm in the school hall

Please join the fabulous FoTIS, our school PTA, to find out, suggest and join in with all the fantastic fundraising we will be doing this year. They are a very friendly and well-organised group who are always pleased to welcome new parents. It's a great way to connect with and meet people as well as supporting the school.

Labelling clothes and lunchboxes

Please make sure that everything your child brings to school is labelled.

We already have a collection of cardigans and jumpers in our lost property box that don't have names.

Reading books

Please would you make sure that your child's reading book is in their book bag each day, as they will also need it in school. Thank you.

Headlice

We've had some cases of headlice reported in school this week. Please make sure that you check your child's hair regularly and treat headlice when you find them. Follow this link to learn how to wet comb your child's hair and 'bust the bugs' [For Parents - Community Hygiene Concern](#)

Attendance

Our overall attendance last week was 96.2%. That's a good start to the year but we want to keep this up.

Good attendance matters because

- Missing time from school quickly creates gaps in children's learning that makes it hard to catch up on, particularly in subjects like phonics, reading and maths
- Repeated absence in a term or school year means that those gaps get wider
- Repeated absence disrupts the routine of coming to school regularly and makes it harder for your child to enjoy school

- It can affect children's friendships and their social enjoyment of school

One of the questions that parents often ask themselves is, is my child too ill for school?

- If your child has a cold or a cough, they should still come to school. If we think that your child is too poorly to be here, we will always call you and ask you to collect them.
- If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, your child needs to stay off school for 48 hours from the final time they were poorly

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Pupil Premium

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. Please see the attached information letter, and if you think you/your child may be eligible, contact the school office, in confidence.

OPAL

Our school is an 'Outdoor Play and Learning' (OPAL) school. This means that the children can play with a wide range of resources in the playground at playtime and lunchtime. Children are also able to play on the field for almost all of the year, go into the nature area and play in the mud kitchen. Having so much fun in all weathers does mean that children can sometimes get quite muddy. We therefore ask all parents to send in the following things to be kept in school

- A named pair of welly boots
- A complete change of warm clothes

Children should bring a waterproof coat to school **every day**. Please would you also ensure that shoes are named, as children have difficulty in recognising their own shoes when they change out of their wellies. Thank you.

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	Open on morning of	Close at end of afternoon of
Autumn Term	Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026
	Tuesday 3 rd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026
Spring Term	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027
	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Summer Term	Monday 12 th April 2027	Thursday 27 th May 2027
	Monday 7 th June 2027	Wednesday 21 st July 2027
Staff Training Days	Tuesday 1 st September 2026 Wednesday 2 nd September 2026 Monday 2 nd November 2026 Monday 4 th January 2027 Friday 28 th May 2027	
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2027 (school closed)	

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Tuesday 29 th	OPAL Stay & Play (am)
October	
Thursday 1 st	Flu immunisations (Nursery-Year 2)
Monday 5 th	Photographer in for individual photos
Monday 5 th	Parent Discussions 5.30-7.30 pm
Tuesday 6 th	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm
Wednesday 7 th	Parent Discussions 3.30-4.30 pm
Friday 9 th	Year 2 Harvest Assembly, 9.15 am
Friday 16 th	Year 2 Road Farm visit
Wednesday 21 st	Parent involvement morning
November	
Monday 2 nd	Staff training day (children not in school)
Monday 16 th	Diwali dance with Kalpesh
Tuesday 17 th	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDCo, Mrs Gerhardt 9.00 -10.00 am
December	
Friday 4 th	Pantomime (in school)
Monday 7 th	Reception walk to the post box (am)
Friday 11 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14 th	Year 1 Christmas production, 9.15 am
Tuesday 15 th	Year 2 Christmas production, 9.15 am
Wednesday 16 th	Reception Christmas production, 9.15 am
Thursday 17 th	Christmas party day
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January	
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Thursday 14 th	School Health Screening for Reception children – measurement of heights and weights
Tuesday 19 th	SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDCo, Mrs Gerhardt 9.00 -10.00 am
February	
Wednesday 10 th	Parent involvement morning
March	
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Tuesday 27 th	School Health Screening for Reception children – vision checks
Thursday 29 th	Year 2 to Woburn Safari Park (<i>provisional date</i>)
May	
Wednesday 5 th	Year 1 to Warwick Castle (<i>provisional date</i>)
Monday 17 th	Year 2 SATs week 1
Monday 24 th	Year 2 SATs week 2
Friday 28 th	Staff training day (children not in school)
June	
Monday 14 th	Year 1 Phonics check / Year 2 recheck week
Monday 21 st	Meeting for new parents (starting school in September 2027) 6 pm
Tuesday 29 th	Year 2 SEND Coffee Morning with our SENDCo, Mrs Gerhardt 9.00 -10.00 am
July	
Thursday 1 st	Open Evening
Friday 2 nd	Beach Day
Tuesday 6 th	Move up day 1
Wednesday 7 th	Move up day 2
Thursday 15 th	Sports Day
Monday 19 th	Year 2 Leavers' Party