



School News

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92%

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What's New

We have made it to the final week of Autumn 1. It has been wonderful to see how positively our children have embraced their new classes, routines, roles and responsibilities. They have shown resilience, enthusiasm and determination, even while battling the usual seasonal coughs, colds and autumn germs that seem to make the rounds at this time of year! Thank you to everyone who has supported their child to attend school to maximise their attendance. There has certainly been no shortage of exciting opportunities. Pupils have enjoyed working with our visiting artist, exploring and developing their creativity, while trips to the river and local farm have brought learning to life beyond the classroom. Visits to church have helped children reflect on our values and strengthen links with our wider community. Playtimes have also been full of energy and fun, with new games and activities providing even more opportunities for friendship, teamwork and enjoyment. We have been especially delighted to launch our new Messy Church sessions, which have brought families together through creativity, worship and shared experiences.

We are incredibly proud of how well our children have settled into school life this term. Their positive attitudes, kindness and eagerness to learn continue to make our school a vibrant and welcoming place for everyone.

Please don't forget to pop along to our Harvest Service – St Lawrence Church – Friday 23/10/26 at 2.30pm

FoLS: We say a huge 'thank you' to Jordan Cavanagh for leading our FoLS last year and the fantastic support this brought to school. This year, our parent volunteer group is being chaired by Bethany Pollock who has hit the ground running with her ideas, community events and fundraising for the school. We are delighted to announce that FoLS are going to fund a term of Forest School for our pupils. We hope this will start in January, and we can't wait to bring you more news and confirmation of arrangements when we have it. The other big aim is to fundraise for a Trim Trail for our adventure playground – another thing we will keep you updated on. Please help support our FoLS in all they do to help our school.

Writing Pathway: In each of our newsletters I hope to provide you with 'behind the scenes' information on how we deliver parts of our curriculum. One of the questions parents often ask is how writing is taught across the school. When planning and teaching writing, we follow the National Curriculum objectives for each year group, which can be found on our school website. However, we recognise that these objectives can sometimes feel complex for children.

To make expectations clear and accessible, we have developed our own **Writing Pathway**. This breaks writing down into simple, child-friendly steps that help pupils understand what successful writing looks like and what they need to do next to improve. It provides a clear journey from developing early writing skills through to becoming confident, capable and independent writers.

The Writing Pathway is used consistently throughout the school, meaning that children become very familiar with the language, expectations and success criteria as they move from one year group to the next. This consistency helps pupils build confidence, understand their next steps and take greater ownership of their learning.

As the children know and use this pathway regularly in school, we thought it would be helpful to share it with families too. We hope it gives you an insight into how we support children to develop as writers and enables you to celebrate their progress with them at home. See attached sheet.

Leavers: We say a very fond farewell to Mrs Freeman and Mrs Hinde this week. We are also sad to say goodbye to Desi in our school kitchen, who has decided to take on a new adventure in life. We would love you to provide a very warm welcome to our very own Mrs Fiona Keepin who is going to be working part-time in our school office to ensure things run as smoothly as possible until we can find a permanent replacement for our super organised Mrs Hinde.

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 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.

Dates	Event
19-20/10/26	NO CLUBS
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	Pantomime visitors to school
Monday 9 th Nov	Young Voices Club
Tuesday 10 th Nov	Sports Club
Monday 16 th Nov	Young Voices Club
Tuesday 17 th Nov	Sports Club
Monday 23 rd Nov	Young Voices Club
Tuesday 24 th Nov	Sports Club
Monday 30 th Nov	Young Voices Club
Tuesday 1 st Dec	Sports Club
Thursday 3 rd Dec	Open morning for parents 8.45am – 9.15am
Wednesday 9 th Dec	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10 th Dec	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 10 th Dec	Christingle Service – St Lawrence Church
Tuesday 15 th Dec	Robin's Nativity Performance

Thursday 17 th Dec	FoLS Christmas Fete
Friday 18 th Dec	End of Autumn term 2 – <u>No ASC</u>
Tuesday 5th Jan	Term starts back – YOUNG VOICES CONCERT