



### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break. We extend a warm welcome to our new pupils and families joining our Reception and Nursery classes this academic year.

This week we have held 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for Years 1 to 6 to share the learning that will be taking place across this half term. If you missed this, please take a moment to read the year group curriculum newsletter which includes what children will be learning, homework expectations and what day PE will be taking place.

Within this newsletter, you will also find details of who is who on our whole school staffing structure for this academic year. Don't forget, lots of other useful information including diary dates and news can be found on our school website and social media accounts so don't forget to check and follow us. The details can be found on the overleaf of this newsletter.

Children have been talking about and celebrating their holiday homework projects which are being proudly displayed in classrooms and shared in assemblies. Thank you for taking the time to discuss and research new learning topics, this helps children to make links, ask questions and practise vocabulary with ease.

Children have been given new home reading diaries and reading books this week. Reading is an important part of wider learning. Daily practice supports fluency and understanding. Please help us to support children in developing this most important of skills by ensuring they read to, or with you each day.

Earlier this week you received a letter regarding a one off voluntary contribution for trips and enrichment. This year, instead of asking for a contribution for each trip/workshop, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £20.00 per pupil at the beginning of the academic year. Asking for a contribution now will help the school to manage the cost of trips/enrichment and makes it possible for all pupils to participate in these opportunities which enhance the learning that takes place inside of the classroom. Please note that this is entirely voluntary.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Ms Ruth Grover - Headteacher | Mr Stephen O'Brien - Executive Headteacher**

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### Reminders

#### School Start Time

School starts at 8.55am. Please ensure children arrive on time to line up and enter the school with their class teacher when the bell goes.



#### Book Bags & Reading Diaries

Remember book bags and reading diaries need to be brought to school every day. This teaches both responsibility and independence.



### Exploring EYFS

Robin class have been settling in well this week. They have been exploring how to make faces using play dough, painting flowers with their hands, and learning how to share and collaborate during play. What a wonderful start to their first week!



### Great Fire of London

Year 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London. Using a range of sources and evidence, they investigated what happened over the five days of the fire. They placed key events in chronological order. What a fantastic start to the term for our young historians!



### Exploring Antonyms

This week, Year 6 have started their first big six text, 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'. They started off their unit by exploring different antonyms to support them in expanding their vocabulary when describing moods and emotions of different characters.





## Staffing Profile 2025 - 2026

Children have now settled into their new classes and are back into a routine. A big welcome to the new members of the teaching team who joined us this September!

Mr Stephen O'Brien - Executive Headteacher Ms Ruth Grover - Headteacher		
Ms Linda Hanley EYFS & KS1 Deputy Headteacher		Ms Keisha Nelson KS2 Deputy Headteacher
Year 6	<b>Kestrel Class</b> Hannah Hinde	<b>Hawk Class</b> Nuressa Khatun Ahmed
Year 5	<b>Mallard Class</b> Peter Storey / Anna Willberg	<b>Osprey Class</b> Ross McCarthy
Year 4	<b>Eagle Class</b> Ishita Ahmed	<b>Starling Class</b> Diandra Todesco
Year 3	<b>Sparrow Class</b> Tessa Thompson	<b>Kingfisher Class</b> Eirini Avramidou
Year 2	<b>Swift Class</b> Ruzina Akhtar	<b>Owl Class</b> Ciara Dodd
Year 1	<b>Woodpecker Class</b> Rachael Warrington	<b>Swan Class</b> Krystal Ellis-Townsend
Reception	<b>Magpie Class</b> Lauren Ani	
Nursery	<b>Robin Class</b> Grace Cooper	

## Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in Raven Room or the Lower Hall at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home. EYFS Workshops are held separately.

Date	Focus
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>Culture</u> : How do we celebrate diversity and promote inclusivity through our school values?
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	<u>Knowledge and Understanding</u> : How can I support my child to recall and make links to prior learning?

Date	EYFS Workshop
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>Phonics</u> : How can I help my child learn to read? (Parents/carers can join their child in class after the workshop)

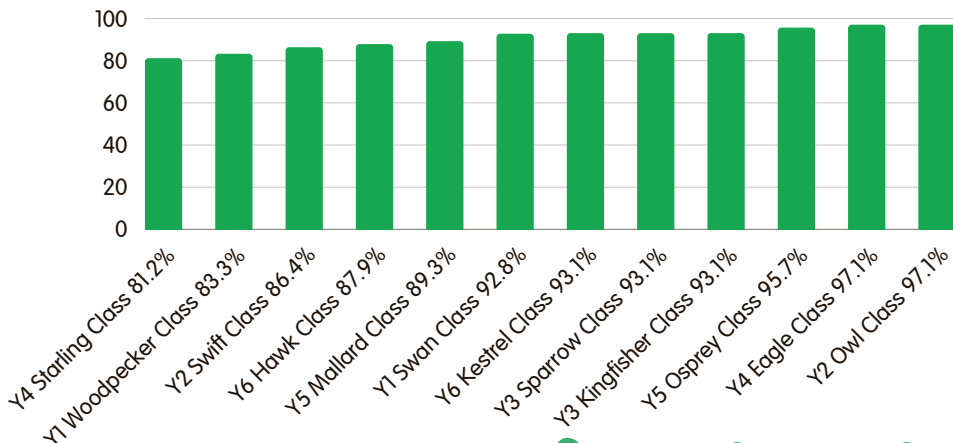
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 91%.

Well done to Year 2 Owl Class and Year 4 Eagle Class, last week's winners with 97.1%.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



## Key Dates

### Pupil Voice Fair

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

### Bring A Significant Male to School

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 8:55am - 9:45am

### Year 6 Kestrel Class Assembly

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 9:05am - Middle Hall

### Year 6 Hawk Class Assembly

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 9:05am - Top Hall

### World Week

w/b Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October

### International / Cultural Dress Day

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

### International Evening

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm

### Democracy Day and School Council Elections

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October

### Year 5 Mallard Class Assembly

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9:05am - Top Hall

### Year 5 Osprey Class Assembly

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9:05am - Middle Hall

### Individual and Sibling Photographs

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

### Term End and Start

The first half of the autumn term ends on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm. Please scan the QR code to view our 2025 -2026 term dates.



### School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



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