

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children are now settled into the routine of the new term. Our website is updated regularly with key diary events including coffee mornings, class assemblies and trips, news and community information. Term dates can be found on the back of the fortnightly newsletter to help you plan ahead for holidays. If you have suggestions or comments, our school office has a parent comment box that can be used to share your thoughts.

Last week, we were delighted to welcome 30 trainee teachers from London Metropolitan University for a morning of observation and professional learning. As part of our long-standing partnership with the university, we are fortunate to host trainee teachers each year, giving them the opportunity to see excellent teaching in action and gain a deeper understanding of the rewarding role of a teacher. Our visitors spent the morning observing lessons, learning from our staff and experiencing the welcoming, inclusive atmosphere of our school. We were thrilled to receive so many lovely comments as they left. We are proud to support the next generation of teachers!

This week we welcomed significant males into school to learn alongside children. A big thank you to those who came along! There are also special days for significant female family members and grandparents later in the year as well as our International Evening in October to look forward to. During their time with us, children will learn about a range of local and global historical events, as well as about different cultures and religions. We aim to provide children with lots of meaningful, creative, and inspiring educational opportunities, which, with your support, will ensure they become enthusiastic lifelong learners.

Physical activity in school is very important and we aim to provide a range of opportunities for structured physical games at playtime, and a range of physical activity curriculum clubs after school in addition to designated weekly PE lessons. PE days were shared on the curriculum newsletters. Please take note in particular of PE days. We have a PE kit that we expect children to wear which will need to be brought into school on these days. One of the reasons that children are asked to change into their PE kit at school is for hygiene purposes. For example, the children learn that when they exercise, they sweat, and it is good practice to not wear exercise clothes all day. Changing for PE in school also allows younger children to develop their independence and learn how to dress themselves. For example, putting jumpers on, managing buttons, putting shoes on, and tying up laces.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Ms Rachael Carr - Interim Executive Headteacher

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PE Kit

Please ensure children have the correct PE kit to take part in physical activity learning.



Packed Lunches

We are committed to healthy lunches.

If your child does bring a packed lunch, this must contain healthy options. Please do not include chocolate bars, crisps or biscuits.



Picking Seeds

Reception are settling beautifully into their new class and have been enjoying lots of hands-on learning. They particularly enjoyed picking seeds from a sunflower head and have also loved taking part in their very first parent reading session!



Electrical Safety

This week, Year 2 have been learning all about electricity. They identified possible dangers in their homes and classroom. They then discussed and wrote down what they would need to do to be safe and prevent themselves from potential hazards.



IntoUniversity

Year 4 had an inspiring workshop with IntoUniversity, where pupils discovered what it takes to become a designer and engineer. They explored how they use creativity, problem-solving and teamwork to develop ideas and create products that can make a difference.



Significant Male Morning

We had a wonderful time celebrating Significant Male Morning! It was lovely to welcome everyone into school to spend some quality time with the children. They joined in with a variety of fun activities, creating and learning together. The children were delighted to share their classroom with their special guests!



Pupil Voice Fayre

This week children took part in our Pupil Voice Fair, where they were introduced to a range of exciting roles and opportunities across the school. They learned about each role and how they can make a positive contribution to school life. Children will now choose the role they would like to take on and have their voice heard!



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 9 th October	<u>Culture</u> : How does World Week develop a sense of belonging? (Children can attend this coffee morning)
Date	Nursery and Reception Workshops
Thursday 1 st October	<u>Phonics</u> : How can I help my child learn to read? (Parents/carers can join their child in class after the workshop?)

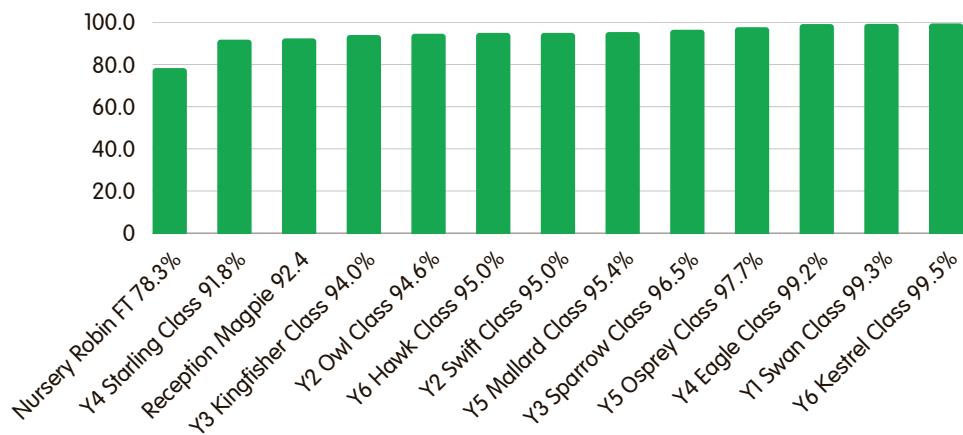
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.5%.

Well done to Year 6 Kestrel Class, last week's winners with 99.5%.

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

Year 6 Kestrel Class Assembly
Wednesday 30th September at 9:05am

Year 6 Hawk Class Assembly
Wednesday 30th September at 9:05am

Year 5 Mallard Class Assembly
Wednesday 7th October at 9:05am

Year 5 Osprey Class Assembly
Wednesday 7th October at 9:05am

World Week
wb Monday 12th October

Cultural Dress Day
Thursday 15th October

International Evening
Thursday 15th October from 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Democracy Day and School Council Elections
Friday 16th October

Year 4 Eagle Class Assembly
Wednesday 21st October at 9:05am

Year 4 Starling Class Assembly
Wednesday 21st October at 9:05am

Individual and Sibling Photographs
Friday 23rd October

Break up for the half term holiday
Friday 23rd October at 3:30pm

Term End and Start

The first half of the autumn term ends on Friday 23rd October at 3:30pm.
Please scan the QR code to view our 2026 -2027 term dates.



School Uniform

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