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Headteacher Letter to Parents Autumn Term 1

1st September 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and welcome to our school new families including the new Reception. In this letter I am starting by sharing our SATs results for 2025, then giving a mixture of practical information and then will share lots of dates ahead of various events.

1) Our End of Year 6 SATs Results Compared to the National Averages (2025)

Subject	School Result	National Average
Reading	80%	75%
Writing	89%	72%
Spelling and Grammar	80%	73%
Mathematics	78%	74%
Science	89%	82%

As you can see from the above our school scores were notably higher than the national averages in all the subjects. The school percentages are even higher for those students who started their school journey here in Reception.

At the end of Year 4 there is a national screening for times tables. The percentage of pupils who passed this was above the national average. Meanwhile, our Y1 phonics screening result of 83% is also higher than the national average for 2025

2) Who is teaching my child and which day will their class be swimming?

The table which showed which teachers from September for each class was shared in the summer term and this has stayed largely the same for today (please see the table below). On the school website we will be updating the Who is Who section and adding a short sentence or two about one area of teaching and one area of personal interest. We will also be gradually adding photos of staff. Mrs Bull will be a new role in school – our pastoral lead for days when not teaching in Year 1. Mrs Blake will be teaching Spanish to classes from Year 2 to Y6 for a lesson every week.

Mrs Forshaw officially returns from maternity leave straight after half term. In the meantime, she has agreed to work a number of Keeping in Touch Days (KIT) on Fridays and Mrs Monks has offered to teach on Thursdays for most weeks until half term – this has really helped continuity for the Y2 class. Swimming will start next week, with the exception of Pre-School and Reception who we are aiming to start swimming lessons in October. Y5 start swimming in the Spring Term 2026.

From September we are starting a leadership structure which should help parents with communication and to know who is overseeing year group rates of progress, parity and implementation of support plans. Many requests which are currently dealt with by Mr Boyd and I would be better addressed by a phased leader who is closer to where your child is working. The first port of call will always be your child's class teacher, but then it will be the Phased Leader and only then Mr Boyd or myself. Mr Boyd and I will always be around, including at the Hub every morning when children come in.



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Class last summer	Class Name from Sep '25	Teacher (if part-time for three days the substantive teacher is underlined)	Notes	Support Staff across year group	Phase Leader
	E1 (babies)	Mrs Currie		Mrs Langton Miss Neill Mrs Climpson Mrs Booth	Miss Cocks
	N1 (2yr olds) <i>Caterpillars</i>	Mrs McBride		Miss Henry Miss Swift	Mrs McBride
	N2 (Pre-School) <i>Butterflies</i>		N2 will be swimming on Thursdays	Miss Mason Miss Sumner Miss Riding New member of staff soon to be confirmed	
	RC	Miss Cocks	When Rec start swimming it will be on a Wed.	Mrs Bradley Mrs Kenyon Mrs Bullock & Mrs Webster	Miss Cocks
	RR	Mrs Reeves	When Rec start swimming it will be on a Wed.		
RC	1RB	<u>Mrs Routledge</u> & Mrs Bull	Swimming will be on a Wed.	Mrs Foster Mrs Barklem Mrs Simpson	Mrs Wadsworth
RR	1W	Mrs Wadsworth	Swimming will be on a Wed.		
1W	2MF	<u>Mrs Monks</u> & Mrs Forshaw	Mrs Forshaw using 'KIT' days on Fridays until half term Swim Thurs.	Mrs Hilton Mrs Holder (mornings)	
1B	2RH	<u>Mrs Redfearn</u> & Mrs Heaven	Upstairs Swim Thurs.		
2B	3G	Mrs Greenall	Upstairs Swim Tuesday	Ms Waterhouse Mrs Forshaw Mrs Bentley	Mrs Sheppey
2P	3S	Miss Swain	Downstairs Swim Tuesday		
3G	4ST	<u>Mrs Sheppey</u> & Mrs Tugwell	Downstairs Swim Thursday	Miss Rothwell Mrs Tugwell	
3S	4P	Mr Peetoom	Swim Thursday Miss Clarke 3 days from March 2026		
4W	5I	<u>Mrs Illingworth</u> Mr Boyd	Downstairs	Mrs Robinson	Mrs Hardman
4C	5W	Mr Wilkinson	Upstairs		
5I	6W	Mr Williams	Upstairs	Mrs Whitehead	
5W	6H	<u>Mrs Hardman</u>	Downstairs		

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		Miss Blake		Mrs Holder (afternoons)	
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3) Toast, Dinners, Permissions for Trips, Toys, Bicycles, Drop Off & Pick Ups

On your Gateway App you should now be able to book on for toast for the term and school dinners. Please remember to do this in advance. You can also start to book on for Breakfast Clubs and the After School Club. Please note that if you are booking on the day for either the Breakfast or After School Club we have increased the admin cost to £2. If you want to cancel a school meal or a club session then this will remain free to do if you put a message on the Gateway App before the day, if not the meal or session will still need to be paid for. All infant meals are completely free, but from Y3 only those who are entitled to Pupil Premium are entitled to free meals. Year 3 parents who pay may find that during the first week it looks like the meals are continuing to register as free, but this is purely a technical matter as the system picks up that the children are now in the juniors – so you will see your balance change in due course.

For all trips you will need to go into the Gateway App as though you are going to pay and then tick the permission. All of the school trips for the autumn and the spring term are completely free. We only ask for parents to contribute to trips in the summer term. There is normally one trip per term and these tend to be right at the beginning of a new topic. The exception is Reception whose autumn trip is right at the end of the autumn term as they go to a pantomime.

Please send in your child's PE kit which can stay in school for the full week at a time (Reception and Y1 can keep their kits in school for a half term at a time). Children should have a name label on all of their clothing, including PE kits and coats. Ideally water bottles and lunch boxes too. Children should not bring in any toys or trading cards unless there is a specific reason eg for Show and Tell. Scooters and bicycles should not be ridden across the school playgrounds. They can be stored on the Greetby Hill side of the Hub as we used to before the shutter broke. The shutter has been repaired (again) and so the Hub should be open until 9.05am every day. Lunch boxes should be placed on the trestle tables in the dining hall.

Reception drop and pick up is from the side doors of the gym near the Pupil Office, Y1 go in and come out via the door between the elephant and the sandpit. Y2 to Y6 go in via the Hub. Y2 and Y3 collection point is opposite the corner of the Butterfly Garden. Y2 leave at 3.25pm. Juniors are picked up at 3.30pm. Y4 and Y5 are collected from opposite the Trim Trail. Y6 are collected from one of the fire doors in the hall. Please note that there is no Pedestrian Crossing person at the top of Waterworks Road for a few days until county can source a member of staff to cover.

For this half term there is no Born to Move. Lots of extra-curricular clubs are starting from the week beginning Monday 15th September. Details will come out in the newsletters which will come out via emails on Fridays or Saturdays.

Order of priority for communication: Urgent – ring school; Semi urgent – use Gateway; not urgent - email putting 'OCE' in the subject heading. Please let us know by Gateway if you have changed any contact details over the summer holiday or if you are now likely to be entitled to receive Pupil Premium (*free school meals*) or if your child has developed an allergy. If your child has an inhaler please check it is in date, full and has your child's name on, thank you.



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Funding from tax free childcare vouchers comes through at the end of every month, so we will soon receive from county details of who paid any money using this method at the end of July and in August. The window to start processing the funding from the government for free nursery childcare for the autumn term is now open and the new forms for parents to sign will be on orange paper and will be distributed by nursery staff in the coming days. Please note that accounts for nursery from last year will continue to be active (so balances can continue to be settled), but we are setting up a new account for this year onwards.

4) Key Dates Ahead:

More trip dates, Reception Parents' Evenings and Christmas Production and party dates will be shared on newsletters when we have confirmed them.

Friday 5th September: Y5 Trip to Conwy Castle and Going Up Snowdon (via the train) to do sketching of the Welsh landscape

Tuesday 9th September: Y6 Trip to Rock and River (canoeing & abseiling etc)

Sunday 21st September: A large number of children and some staff doing the Ormskirk Park Run (a one-off for many, but it may catch on for some – more details in newsletters)

Wednesday 24th September 3.40 to 5pm: Informal 'Meet the Teacher' in the hall and looking some at artwork by the children.

Thursday 25th September 9.30 & 11am Open Day tours for prospective parents

Wednesday 1st October: Y1 trip to Knowsley Safari Park

Friday 10th October: 6H leading morning worship

Friday 17th October: 6W leading morning worship

Friday 24th October: Y2 leading Harvest worship for the whole school (not Rec) in the Parish Church (drop off at church at 8.50am not school).

Mon 22nd Oct to Fri 31st Oct: Half Term

Tue 4th Nov: Firework display

Mon 17th (4-6pm) & Wed 19th November (5-7pm): Parents' Evenings for Y1 to Y6

Tue 25th Nov: Individual & sibling photos

Wed 10th Dec: Y3 & Y4 Christingle

Thur 11th Dec: Y5 & Y6 community carol concert TBC

Fri 19th Dec: Last day of term

Tue 6th January Start of Spring Term

Fri 13th Feb: Young Voices

Mon 16th to Fri 20th Feb: Half Term

Mon 30th Mar to Fri 10th April: Easter holidays

Thur 21st May Y4 Camp Night (weather permitting)

Fri 22nd May Inset Day then Half Term to Fri 29th May

Mon 29th June to Wed 1st July 2026: Y6 London residential

Fri 19th June 2026: 1.15pm Sports Day (weather permitting)

Mon 6th July to Wed 8th July 2026: Y5 York residential

Fri 17th July: Last day of school year!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow and Reception next week,

Mr Storch