

NEWSLETTER

12 September 2025



Headteacher's Message

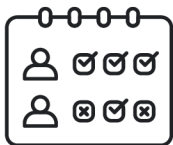


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We have had a fantastic first full week back at school, and it has been wonderful to see the children settling so positively into the new year. Our assembly theme this week has been **kindness**, which is also one of our core academy values. The children have been encouraged to think carefully about what kindness looks like in action, from helping a friend in the classroom to showing respect and care on the playground. It has been lovely to see so many examples of children putting this into practice already. Across the school, pupils are quickly becoming familiar with their new routines and rising to the expectations of their teachers. They are showing great enthusiasm for their learning and demonstrating a really positive attitude towards school life. We are very proud of the way they have started the year and look forward to all the progress, achievements and kindness that the weeks ahead will bring.



On **Monday 15th September**, children are invited to come to school wearing non-uniform and jeans as we show our support for the charity **Jeans for Genes Day**. We kindly ask for a **£1 contribution**, which can be made via our Just Giving page. Please note that as we are a cashless school, we are unable to accept cash donations.



Class Attendance

The class with this week's highest attendance is:



Bears Class
Not started full time



Emus Class
Not started full time



Raccoons Class
98.35%



Penguins Class
95.82%



Elephants Class
100%



Yaks Class
100%



Geckos Class
92.59%



Roadrunners Class
99.18%



Macaws Class
96.59%



Hummingbirds Class
98.09%

Stars of the Week

Reception

Our first Reception awards will begin next Friday.

Key Stage One

- Harvey Murray
- Scarlett Drewery
- Ruby-Rae Rutherford
- Hudson Faragher

Lower Key Stage Two

- Harry Greenwood
- Ifedayo Segun-Agbolade
- Kamile Straukaite

Upper Key Stage Two

- Darius Demian



Dates for your Diary



Term Dates

Jeans for Genes Day
Monday 15th September
(£1 non-uniform day)

Individual and Sibling Photographs
Friday 19th September

Year Five Bikeability
Wednesday 1st October
(all day)

Harvest Food Bank Collection
Wednesday 2nd October
(deadline for contributions)

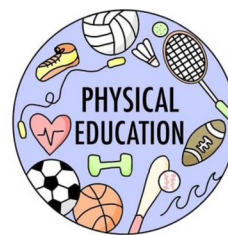
Term Dates

Autumn Term 2025

School Opens
Wednesday 3rd September

Half Term Break
27th October – 31st October

End of Autumn Term
Friday 19th December



Penguins: Monday Indoor PE, Thursday Outdoor PE
Raccoons: Monday Indoor PE, Thursday Outdoor PE
Elephants: Wednesday Indoor PE, Friday Outdoor PE
Yaks: Wednesday Indoor PE, Friday Outdoor PE
Geckos: Tuesday Outdoor PE, Thursday Indoor PE
Roadrunners: Tuesday Outdoor PE, Thursday Indoor PE
Macaws: Monday Outdoor PE, Friday Indoor PE
Hummingbirds: Monday Outdoor PE, Friday Indoor PE.

Enriching Curriculum

Nursery Team

We are delighted that our children have had a wonderful start to their time in Nursery. They are settling in beautifully and beginning to explore their new environment with curiosity and confidence. Our first year children are fabulous role models for our new children, and it is lovely to see new friendships forming with smiling faces and happy play. All our children have embraced the daily routines such as registering their name and picture cards to get to know “who’s who”; learning our welcome Song; dancing and singing; story time and enjoying books at reading time; helping to prepare snack time food. We had great fun making grape juice too this week – squishing and mashing the grapes and having sticky juicy fingers! We are looking forward to many fun and exciting opportunities as our children grow and learn together.

Reception Team

We have had a great first week in Reception! They’ve settled in beautifully, exploring their classrooms, making new friends, and getting to know their teachers. We have been painting, playing outside and building dens, castles and houses in our construction area! We are so proud of how confidently the children have begun their learning journey. We look forward to watching them grow throughout the year!

Key Stage One Team

This week in PSHRE across Key Stage One, the children have been thinking about what identifies them as a person. We recognised that we can all like different games and activities and that both boys and girls can enjoy the same activities.

We have also explored the seasons within science and identified what ‘technology’ is in Computing. Year One have begun their new Writing focus book ‘Cave Baby’ and Year two have begun to explore ‘The bear under the stairs’. We had some exciting hooks to draw us in to the stories it has been a great first week!

Lower Key Stage Two Team

The children have been honing their cricket skills, having a blast on the field! Year Three have dived into their new Writing book, ‘Leon and the Place Between’, and crafted some delightful setting descriptions. Meanwhile, in History, they’ve kick-started their fascinating new topic on the Romans. Year Four have been perfecting their column addition in Maths, working hard and enjoying every moment! They have been working to identify beats in their Music lessons.

Upper Key Stage Two Team

This week, the children have started their first book in Reading lessons, ‘Good Thieves’ by the wonderful Katherine Rundell, who happens to be Miss Hillson’s favourite author. In Writing, we’ve been diving into the incredible story of Philippe Petit and his breathtaking wire walk between the Twin Towers in New York. It’s really sparking the children’s imaginations! To complement this, the children are getting creative in Art by drawing 2D images of the Twin Towers which they will eventually transform into fantastic 3D structures.

