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Newsletter - Sept 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

It has been absolutely wonderful to see our children returning to school with such enthusiasm and excitement, and to hear the buzz of learning around the school once again. A very special

welcome also goes to all of our new families. We are delighted that you have joined our school community and hope you are enjoying your first full week with us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to adapt to the temporary arrangements at the end of the school day. I appreciate that collection arrangements, in particular, have presented some challenges, and I would like to apologise again for the initial disruption. Your patience, flexibility and kindness have been greatly appreciated as we work together to ensure that everyone remains safe. We are grateful for the positive way in which families have supported us through these changes, and it has been lovely to see everyone working together with such a strong sense of community.

We also know how important it is for families to have key dates and events as early as possible. To help with planning, we will be sharing important dates with you at the earliest opportunity and will provide an updated list each week to reflect any new events or changes. All the dates are included at the bottom of this Newsletter. We hope this will make your planning a little easier and ensure that everyone has plenty of notice of upcoming activities and celebrations.

Despite the initial challenges, it has been a fantastic start to the term. The children have settled wonderfully into their new classes, are engaging enthusiastically in their learning, and are already making us incredibly proud. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead and thank you for being such an important part of our school community.

With best wishes,

Mrs Garner

Building Work Update

We are pleased to share that the building works remain on schedule and are expected to be completed by half term. We appreciate that the ongoing work has created some disruption to our usual routines, and we would like to thank everyone for their patience, understanding and continued support as these improvements are made.

Parking

As we continue to manage the temporary arrangements, we kindly ask all families to be considerate when parking near the school. We are very fortunate to have supportive neighbours and want to ensure that we remain respectful of those who live and work in the surrounding area. Parking without consideration for others can create difficulties and, at times, can pose a

safety risk for both pedestrians and road users. We would be grateful if everyone could take a little extra care when parking, avoiding driveways, junctions and areas where visibility may be reduced.

By working together and showing consideration for one another, we can help ensure that the start and end of the school day remain as safe and pleasant as possible for everyone in our community. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Big Futures Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, is inviting children and young people across the country to take part in *The Big Future* survey. This is an opportunity for children to share their views, experiences and aspirations, helping to ensure that their voices are heard and represented when findings are shared with Government. Parents and carers can find out more and support their child to take part by visiting:
<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>. Every child's voice matters, and we encourage our pupils to get involved.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term

14.09.26 – Individual and Sibling Photos all day

16.09.26 – Flu Immunisation whole school

22.09.26 – Open Classrooms for Parents to meet Teachers and visit new classrooms until 4pm

25.09.26 – Coffee Morning at 9am about SEN

25.09.26 – Year 2 to Hughenden Church

30.09.26 – Year 3 Harvest Festival Performance to Parents at 2:15pm

02.10.26 – Year 1 Windsor Castle trip

06.10.26 – Parents Evening 3:30 to 6pm

07.10.26 – Parents Evening 3:30 to 6pm

14.10.26 – Year 5 Liddington Residential until 16.10.26

16.10.26 – Year 2 Explorer Day

22.10.26 – Parent Workshop on Emotional Regulation

23.10.26 – School Closed INSET Day

02.11.26 - Back to School

05.11.26 - M&M Theatre Production Visit for Sleeping Beauty (Reception, KS1 and Year 3)

10.11.26 – Open Classrooms children to share their work with families until 4pm

13.11.26 - Year 4 St Albans Verulamium Trip

01.12.26 - Preschool Christmas Sing 2.30pm

03.12.26 – Year 1 Toy Day

04.12.26 – School Closed INSET Day

09.12.26 – Christmas Jumper Day

10.12.26 – Reception Christingle Service at school

11.12.26 – Church Service at Hughenden Year 3,4,5 and 6. Parents to drop children at Church from 8:45am

11.12.26 - Year 5 trip to Hughenden Manor (after Church Service)

14.12.26 – Year 2 Nativity Performance 2pm

15.12.26 - Year 2 Nativity Performance 6pm

15.12.26 - Reception Nativity to Parents at 9:30am and 2:30pm

18.12.26 – End of Term finish at 1:30pm

Spring Term

04.01.27 – School Closed INSET Day

05.01.27 – Back to School

07.01.27 – Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park

19.01.27 - Year 5 'Planetarium: Out in Space' Visit (Science Oxford)

22.01.27 - Reception Dinosaur Day Visit

28.01.27 - Year 4 Science Museum Trip

29.02.27 – Parent Workshop on Managing Behaviour

09.02.27 – Parents Evening 3:30 to 6pm

10.02.27 - Parents Evening 3:30 to 6pm

12.02.27 – Finish at 3:10 or 3:15pm for half term

25.02.27 - Year 5 Anglo-Saxon and Viking Day

04.03.27 – World Book Day

05.03.27 - Year 4 Spirit of The Wild Workshop

15.03.27 – Year 6 Residential until 19.03.27

22.03.27 – Open Classrooms children to share their work with families until 4pm

23.03.27 – Year 1 Easter Assembly to parents at 2:15pm

25.03.27 – End of Term finish at 1:30pm

Summer Term

12.04.27 – Back to School

07.05.27 - Reception Lookout Discovery Centre Trip

10.05.27 – Year 6 Statuary Tests all week (SAT's)

27.05.27 – Parent workshop Dyslexia Awareness

28.05.27 – Finish for half term at 3:10 or 3:15pm

07.06.27– Back to School

16.06.27 – Class Photos

29.06.27 – Reception Class Assembly at 2pm

01.07.27 – Year 3 Class Assembly at 2pm

02.07.27 – Year 1 Mop End trip. (Parents to drop children at Mop End between 09:30 and 09:45 and collect children between 14:30 and 14:40).

05.07.27 – Year 1 Class Assembly at 2pm

06.07.27 – Transition day for all children

08.07.27 – Year 6 Play to Parents

09.07.27 – School closed INSET Day

13.07.27 – Year 2 Class Assembly at 2pm

14.07.27 - MFL Culture Day

15.07.27 – Year 5 Class Assembly

16.07.27 – Reception and Preschool Sports day in the afternoon

19.07.27 – Sports Day morning will be Years 4, 5 and 6 afternoon will be Years 1,2 and 3

20.07.27 – Colour Run

21.07.27 – Year 6 Leavers Service for Parents at 12:30pm

21.07.27 – Break up for summer at 1:30pm