



Headteacher Update



2024 - 2025

General Update – Friday 11th October

Respect

One of our school rules is respect. We teach the children about what the word means, how they can show it and how they can earn it from others. I ask that you as parents support school with this by showing staff respect when communicating with them. On a few occasions lately, I have been made aware of parents speaking rudely and aggressively to staff members, this is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. If you have any questions or concerns, please use the chain of communication shared at the start of year. Please also remember that staff do have additional responsibilities during the day so cannot always be immediately available to you.

Speak to the class teacher

Speak to one of the Middle Leadership Team, they can support all families.

The middle leadership team include: Mrs Priddy (EYFS leader), Mrs Kelly (Lower School leader), Mrs Heywood (SENDCo) and Mrs Jones (Upper School leader).

Speak to one of the Assistant Headteachers or Deputy Headteacher

The Assistant Headteachers are: Mrs Thomas, Mrs Tee and Miss Priddle.

Deputy Headteacher is: Mrs Young

Speak to Mrs Duffin - Headteacher

Parking Outside School at drop off and pick up

Please can I remind you all to make sure you are parking safely and legally before and after school. I have received complaint from local residents about drives being blocked as well as parents reporting having to walk in the road due to cars blocking pathways.

Discos

Our next disco is on Monday 18th November. Please remember to book tickets via the Arbor app, they cost £2 each. All three discos for the year are available to book a place at via the app.

Bikes

If you are allowing your child to ride a bike or scooter to school, please make sure they are doing so safely and that they are not ridden on the school site. There have been complaints about pupils riding bikes up and down the pavement before school (8:30 – 8:40), please remember until pupils are on school site at 8:40 they remain the responsibility of parents.

Show Racism the Red Card – Thursday 17th October

Next Thursday (last day of term) we will be supporting 'Show racism the Red card' campaign. We are asking staff and pupils to wear something red (t-shirt, socks, hair bows etc.) to school along with non-uniform. If you do not have anything red, please wear school uniform. During the day, all pupils will take part in lessons about anti-racism and how we respect people regardless of skin colour.

Clothing Bank

Outside school we have our clothing recycling bin that many of our families have used to donate unwanted clothes. Your donations have already raised over £100 for school funds, so if you are having a clear out ready for winter, please bring clothes bagged up and pop them in the donation container.

Christmas cards

After the success of last year, the children have been very busy in school designing their own Christmas cards with Mrs Maker. Please keep checking your child's book bag for a preview of their own design, and information on how you can order Christmas cards, wrapping paper and much more. These make a lovely personal keepsake, and also raise money for our school.

School Photos

On Tuesday 5th November, pupils will be having their individual school photos taken. Please look out for the link to request sibling photos – these will not be taken without consent being given.

October Holiday Clubs

Unfortunately, we are unable to run OBS holiday clubs during the October half term but will try again for future school holidays.

Breakfast and After School Club

Bookings are open for our Breakfast and After School clubs for next half term. If your child has attended one of these clubs this half term, you will soon receive a link to a Microsoft form for you to confirm your requirements up until the Christmas break. If your child has not attended but you wish to request a place, please collect an application form from the school office. The deadline for confirming your requirements is Wednesday 16th October.

Arbor Parent App

To ensure you receive prompt messages from us and you are able to make convenient online payments for school dinners and trips, we strongly recommend all parents activate and regularly access their Arbor account. When we send you an in-app message, you will receive a notification, please also ensure you have enabled this feature on your phone.

If you have any issues with using the Arbor Parent App then please ask at the school office and we will be more than happy to talk you through the features.

Autumn Term dates

School breaks up on Thursday 17th October – school is closed on Friday for pupils

Dates that have been added are highlighted yellow

14.10.24		9:00 – Y4 parents Maths workshop			INSET DAY – school closed to all pupils
HALF TERM					
4.11.24		Pupils individual class photos		9:00 Willow parents art workshop	
11.11.24		9:00 – Y3 parents Maths workshop Odd Socks day – anti bullying week	9:00 – Y1 parents Maths workshop	10:45 – morning Nursery parents stay and play 2:30 – all day Nursery parents stay and play	Children in Need Day – more information to follow
18.11.24	Disco (pupils) F2 – Y2 4:30 – 5:30 Y3 – Y6 6:00 – 7:00	9:00 – 10:30 – Parents OPAL event			
25.11.24				9:00 SEND parents coffee morning	
2.12.24	Christmas jumpers/clothing can start to be worn (for month of December)		Nursery and F2 Nativity to parents (more information to follow)		9:00 – Y2 parents Maths workshop
9.12.24					
16.12.24	9:00 - Y1 parents – Achievement Assembly 2:45 – F2 parents – Achievement Assembly	9:00 – Y2 parents – Achievement Assembly 2:45 – Y3 parents – Achievement Assembly	9:00 – Y5 parents – Achievement Assembly Christmas Dinner Day! 2:45 – Y6 parents – Achievement Assembly	9:00 – Y4 parents – Achievement Assembly 11:00 - Nursery parents – Achievement Assembly 3:05 – Y5 parents showcase	
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS					