

Let your light shine...

HSA NEWSLETTER

4TH SEPTEMBER 2026



Welcome Back!



It's so lovely to have all the children back in school! Thank you for helping them to make a good start to the term.

We are especially proud of our youngest learners in Nursery and Reception who have started their learning journey with enthusiasm and real curiosity. I have seen some lovely writing of letters and numbers - and some great sweeping outside with new brooms!

Well done to all of you too, parents, for getting to grips with our new lunch system so quickly! Miss Leahy is here to help if you are still having problems, just ask.

Have a lovely weekend - hope we haven't tired the children out too much!

Ms Cooper

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT

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Introduction to Year Group meetings for each class

OCT

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Parent Consultations

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Values Day: Curiosity

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INSET - school closed to children

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HALF TERM WEEK

ATTENDANCE CUP

The Attendance Cup will return!

We are committed to helping children stay happy, safe and learning in school. If you have any worries that may affect your child's attendance or if they have any medical needs, please get in touch: Miss Leahy and Mrs Want can help.

Last year we exceeded our DfE Attendance Target - which means more children than ever before having good attendance. Children are expected to be in school 96% of the time. That means they don't miss more than 7 days of school over a year. 90% attendance is a worry. At 90% attendance, your child has missed 4 full weeks of school. That's a lot of fun and learning missed. We will contact you if your child's attendance drops to 92% to see how we can help you and support your child. Every child deserves to be in school as much as they can.

Shining Lights Awards

Let your light shine



20 children were nominated in the first week back! My favourite nomination was "for spontaneous courtesy". So many children have remembered our values and are showing us what they can achieve.

Elm
Olivia
Tyrese

Willow
Kayden
Aaliyah-Marie
Nicholas L

Hazel
Rita
Kayden
Alivia-Rose

Birch
Theo
Jenson

Hawthorn
Ellie
Rayana
James
Logan
Jacob
Harper
Parker

Rowan
Amana
Tyler

Reminders



Breakfast Club

We enjoyed Welcome Back Pancakes on Wednesday!

Breakfast club is free to all in Reception and above. Please join us every morning. Children have a variety of healthy and tasty breakfasts. Y5 and Y6 have their own Common Room area to enjoy.

Start of the Day

This morning's downpour is a good reminder that children should come to school in a waterproof coat. We had some soggy children (and staff!) today.

Children also need:

- a water bottle
- a book bag
- a healthy snack in KS2

Children don't need anything else. Please check that your child isn't bringing toys or precious things to school. We will look after anything brought in and ask you to collect it at the end of the day. If your child needs fidgets or other SEND equipment, we will provide it.

Becoming independent

We are always looking to the future for children, and that means helping them to become independent at the right pace.

We encourage **Year 5 and Year 6** to come into school by themselves. We especially encourage them to come and get some breakfast from 8am.

Year 4 and Year 3 can say good bye at the gate walk across the playground themselves. Watch them walk taller as they feel more grown up!

Younger children should be taken to class – they're not ready to walk by themselves. If you are late, please bring them right up to the Office. They're too little to come in alone.

School Uniform

This is the smartest time of the year with all the new uniform and sharp haircuts.

Just a few safety reminders:

- Children should not wear necklaces or bracelets
- Earrings must be small and children must take them out for PE
- Long hair is best tied back – in whatever style children like
- Children need trainers in school every day – it's not safe to run in school shoes.

Phones

It is now government policy that children shouldn't have phones in school. We are ahead of the game as we have been phone-free for a year. Thank you for your support and helping us get ahead!

Smoking or Vaping

Please don't smoke or vape on or near the school site. This includes just outside the school gate. It's so we can keep our children safe.