



Learning Together for Life

Headteacher's Newsletter – October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy start to the term with lots of exciting trips and visitors and a positive return for our children.

This term is going very quickly; it is hard to believe we are over halfway through already.

Our Parents' Evenings were really well attended – thank you to everyone who joined us to hear lots of updates about your children's progress. If you were unable to make the evenings, please contact the school office to book in a separate appointment.

As ever, if there is anything I can help with or if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Nichola Allerston

Executive Head Teacher

School Uniform

It is wonderful to see the children back in school looking so smart in their new uniforms and we really like our new PE T-shirts. Please can we remind you to send your children into school in the correct uniform, particularly on PE days.

If affording uniform is a problem, please access the MRAG uniform shed or contact us at school regarding spare uniform.

Swimming

Our swimming provision finishes at the end of half term, so we only have a few weeks left before we close the pool until April. Please can we remind you to make the payment for your child's swimming on Wisepay as soon as possible. We rely heavily on your donations to ensure we can meet the ever-increasing running costs of keeping our school swimming pool open.

Email communication

In the busy world we live in, we use email as a form of communication more and more. Please can I ask that any email correspondence for teachers is sent within school hours as much as possible as staff are encouraged not to respond to emails later in the evening. Any emails you do send will be responded to the next school day. If you need to communicate with school outside of school hours regarding an urgent matter, please email myself directly.

Staff will be available to speak to on the playground from 8.35am each morning and after school when they are dismissing their class. If you would like to make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher, please do so through the office.

Carlton Lodge Residential

Our Year 5/6 children had an amazing time at the residential trip. Hopefully your child brought back all of their belongings – please let us know if you have things missing! Look out for information regarding our next residential trip to London, we are already putting plans in place!



Parking

Thank you for helping to help to keep our children and adults safe by not parking on the double yellow lines outside school. Just a polite reminder, if you park on Mill Road, please be mindful of our neighbours to ensure you don't block their drives or entrances to their properties.

Attendance and Lateness

We continue to monitor attendance as a high priority, and I need to remind you that term time holidays will not be authorised. Taking children out of school during term time means they miss vital learning. Please book trips during the holidays.

Also, can I remind you that school starts at 8.45am. Children need to be in their lines to come into school with their class. We will closely monitor attendance and lateness and arrange panel meetings if they are required.



INSET Days

Just a reminder our next Inset Day is Friday 24th October. Children will finish for half term on Thursday 23rd October and return to school on Monday 3rd November.

School Photographs

We will be taking individual and sibling photographs on **Wednesday 15th October**. If your child has P.E or swimming that day, please send them in school uniform with their P.E Uniform to get changed into.

The photographer will be available to take photographs with siblings that do not attend the school between 8:15 and 9am. If you would like a sibling picture taking, please wait by the entrance to the hall on the main playground from 8.15am and the photographer will be happy to take these photographs for you. Please only do this if your child has a sibling that does not attend the school, any siblings in school will be automatically taken during the school day.

Packed Lunches

If your child has packed lunches, please make sure you follow the policy which has been written with pupil health and wellbeing in mind. Please remember nuts are not allowed in school due to allergies.

Hot lunches

Please remember to order your hot meal from the school kitchen via Wisepay by the preceding Monday each week. If you have any issues with Wisepay or if you don't have access to the internet, please speak to the office staff who will be happy to help you.

Could we also ask that you order meals with your child where possible so they know what you have ordered.

Prospective Parents' Evening

We will be holding our Prospective Parent Evening on Thursday 9th October from 6.00pm – 7.00pm. This will be for parents with children due to start school in September 2026. If you know any parents who have children who will be eligible, please share this date with them.

We will also be holding tours for prospective parents during the week beginning Monday 6th October.

FAFF



Our FAFF committee will be holding their annual AGM followed by their first meeting of the academic year on Tuesday 7th October. This will be from 6.00pm at school. We would love to have new members join us and help fundraise for lots of extra resources for our children.

World Mental Health Day

On Friday 10th October, we would like to encourage the children to wear yellow for World Mental Health Day. Please bring a donation to support this worthy cause and help to fund lots of vital work.

Harvest Festival

We have sent a letter recently to let you know about our Harvest Services at St. Thomas' Church on Friday 17th October. Just a reminder – Key Stage One will be at 9.30am and Key Stage Two will be at 1.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please bring donations for our Harvest collection to the office – we are not able to take any glass items.

Term dates

Below are some term dates for your diary. We will update term dates in each monthly newsletter.

7 th Oct	FAFF meeting – 6.00pm at school
9 th Oct	Prospective Parents' Evening
10 th Oct	Wear yellow for World Mental Health Day
15 th Oct	Individual and sibling school photographs
17 th Oct	Harvest Festival Services – Key Stage One 9.30am / Key Stage Two 1.30pm
23 rd Oct	End of Term One (This is Thursday, not Friday)
3 rd Nov	Children return to school for Term Two
10 th Dec	EYFS Nativity 9.30am / 2.00pm – tickets to follow
16 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
16 th Dec	Enterprise event – pm
17 th Dec	Key Stage One Show 9.30am / 2.00pm – tickets to follow
18 th Dec	Key stage Two Church Carol Service – 1.30pm

We will update with further dates and information regarding future planned events throughout the term.