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Newsletter 2 – Friday 19th September 2025

Dear parents,

Message from Mrs Hulse

All the children have made a fantastic start to the academic year and have settled in well to their new classes. It's been a pleasure visiting classrooms and seeing the children engaged in their learning.

This week, pupils took part in elections for our School Council. Today, the successful candidates proudly received their badges during our Celebration Assembly, congratulations to them all! I'm looking forward to our first School Council meeting next week.

Meanwhile, our Year 6 children are preparing for their interviews to become School Ambassadors. These roles will be announced soon, and we're incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and commitment. Taking on extra responsibilities is a wonderful way for pupils to contribute to our school community. A key role of our ambassadors is showing prospective parents and pupils around the school.

We are finalising arrangements for our upcoming Open Mornings, which will take place on Wednesday 1st October and Monday 13th October. If you know anyone looking for a school place for September 2026, please encourage them to contact the school office to book a visit. We also currently have a few spaces available in Year R, Year 1, Year 2 so if you're aware of anyone seeking a school place now, do let them know.

Jeans for Genes

Today we held a non-school uniform day to support Jeans for Genes. I am pleased to announce that we have raised £113 from cash donations today. Thank you all for your contributions.

Collective worship

This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about truth. This is one of our school values, which together with truth and forgiveness, enables us to build a secure and loving environment where everyone works together so that the whole community can thrive. Our value of truth inspires integrity and the courage to stand up for what is right.

School Dinners and Census Day – Thursday 2nd October

Thursday 2nd October is Census Day, and it's a great opportunity for children who usually bring a packed lunch to give our delicious school dinners a try! Not only is it a chance to enjoy a hot, nutritious meal

with friends, but it also helps the school. The number of Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 children who have a school dinner on Census Day directly affects our funding for infant free school meals, so every meal really does count. We'd love to see as many children as possible enjoying lunch with us.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is essential for academic success. When students attend school consistently, they are better able to keep up with the curriculum, develop strong learning habits, and build a solid foundation for future achievement. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child arrives on time and attends school every day, unless unwell. Together, we can support every student's learning journey. If your child is unwell then please check the NHS guidance about if they are well enough to attend school <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> this contains important advice about when your child is well enough to attend and when they should stay off school. If they are unwell, please inform school by either ringing or emailing the school office.

Parking

A polite reminder to ensure that you are parking responsibly at the beginning and end of the school day. We all have a responsibility to ensure that we are keeping our children and members of the public safe by parking legally and responsibly. We have some members of our school community who need to use the disabled car parking space. Please ensure that you are only using this if you are eligible to do so.

Dates for your diary / Reminders

The website will be updated with the key dates for the Autumn term in the coming weeks. We will also inform you of events and provide reminders in newsletters.

- **Monday 22nd September at 6pm** – Information meeting for parents of Year R children
- **Wednesday 24th September at 3:20pm** - Information meeting for Class 4 parents about the Residential Trip
- **School Association AGM** – All parents are welcome to the AGM which will be held on **Wednesday 24th September at 7pm** in the school library.
- **Flu immunisations** – You will have received an email regarding the whole school flu immunisations which are taking place in school on **Friday 26th September**.
- **175th Anniversary Celebrations** – You are all invited to come and celebrate the 175th anniversary of the school on **Saturday 27th September**.
- **Parents evenings** for the Autumn term will be held on **Monday 10th October** and **Wednesday 13th October**. More details of how to book will follow.

Have a great weekend,

Caroline Hulse
Acting Headteacher