



Value - Hope

Message from Headteacher

Newsletter

Welcome back to a new and exciting academic year. As you are already aware, we are having some exciting changes to our school and we would like to thank you for your understanding for some of the changes to drop off and collection times, we have had to implement. We will keep you updated with the progress.

It has been delightful seeing our pupils return in their smart new uniforms. Please ensure that all items are labelled so that lost items can find their way back to them. This is really important. Also please ensure your children are wearing black school shoes (not trainers) and all long hair is fully tied back with the correct coloured hair bands.

Staffing - We would like to welcome two new members of staff to our school team. Miss Wood, who will be our Teaching Assistant working primarily in Year 6 and Mrs Mephram, our Teaching Assistant for Reception Class. I hope you will extend your warm welcome to our new staff too.

Nut free school - Just to remind you we are a nut free school. Please do not bring in any foods containing nuts (especially in their home pack lunches). If you are giving snacks to your child after school, please ensure these are nut free treats and that they are eaten outside of the school gates and not on school grounds- thank you. This is particularly important as we have children with nut allergies in school.

We are a 'Healthy School' therefore we only allow fruit or veg at break times - please do not send other items of food as these will not be allowed. KS1 have a fruit snack provided.

Clubs and Lunchtimes activities - We are in the process of developing and improving our lunchtime activities and clubs. Information to follow.

- Parking - Polite notice, please do not park in the staff car park
- during pick up and drop off time. If using 'Drop n Go' please stay in your car so that the traffic moves swiftly.
- In addition, there are a few cars parking on the footpaths and on the yellow Zig Zag lines - this not only creates traffic problems but is dangerous for car users and other pedestrians trying to pass to walk to school. Please park considerately.

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARD



The Headteacher's Award - this is an award given by staff or the Headteacher for something special that has been identified following our school values. The children receive a certificate in our Celebration Collective Worship and then the following week enjoy a hot chocolate with the Headteacher. Marsh-mallows are included!

**Head Teacher Award
Congratulations!**

for

Date

signature

As well as House Points and Headteacher award, we are introducing a Positive Postcard Home. This will be given for excellent work, exceptional effort or notable achievements. The aim is to celebrate children who go above and beyond, and to share those successes with families so they can join us in recognising their hard work and positive attitude.

Upcoming Events

ATTENDANCE

Year Group	Attendance % for the Academic Year so Far
Pear Class (R)	94.44%
Oak Class (1)	95.67%
Elm Class (2)	91.38%
Beech Class (3)	97.32%
Maple Class (4)	96.77%
Silver Birch Class (5)	96.61%
Mulberry Class (6)	94.53%
School Attendance this year - 95.7%	
Arbor National Attendance - 95.5%	
Whole School Target - 96%	

PTA



PTA AGM will take place on Monday 28th September 2026 at 6pm.

- Save the date.
- If you are interested in being part of the PTA please see Leonie (Year 5) or Liz (Year 3) for more details.

CALL for VOLUNTEERS



- GLOW DISCO - 4/11/26
- JIGSAW JAM - 4/12/26
- CHRISTMAS DISCO 10/12/26

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12 th & 13 th September	Scarecrow Festival
14 th September	Grittleton House - Year 6
23 rd September	Flu Vaccination Rec - Y6
7 th October	Celtic Harmony - Year 3
8 th October	Individual Photos
9 th October	Boogie Bounce
14 th October	ISP (Individual Support Plan) Meetings - Year 6 only
15 th October	ISP (Individual Support Plan) Meetings - N-Y6
15 th October	Show Racism the Red Card
19 th October	Parent Consultations
21 st October	Parents Consultations
26 - 30 th October	Half Term
3 rd November	Swimming Starts - Year 6
4 th November	PTA Glow Disco (EYFS & KS1) 3.30 - 5pm
4 th November	PTA Glow Disco (KS2) 5.30 - 7pm
27 th November	Occasional Day- school closed
4 th December	Jigsaw Jam (PTA) 7pm - 10pm
9 th December	Whole School Panto - am
10 th December	PTA Christmas Disco (EYFS & KS1) 3.30 - 5pm
	PTA Christmas Disco (KS2) 5.30 - 7pm
17 th December	Church Service



Important Diary Dates - Please note these may be subject to change!



Scarecrow Festival - High Wych

Just a reminder that High Wych Scarecrow Festival is this weekend 12th and 13th of September from 10 - 5.00 pm on Saturday and 11 - 5.00 pm on Sunday. Year 4 from last year painted fish that will be displayed on the railings of High Wych House, next to the allotments in High Wych Road. Year 5 painted Mr Men and Little Misses that will be displayed on the school railings.

On the following Saturday, 14th September from 10 - 1.00 pm there will be a sale of items from the festival at St James' church. This will include the large Mr Men and boats from the marina that are being displayed outside High Wych Memorial Hall. They can be such fun for a children's party or to play with in the garden. Also, at the sale there will be beautiful, knitted items from the Enchanted Forest. This is a display that will be held in the church during the Festival, and you will be able to buy hedgehogs, fairies and frogs to name but a few.

Why not come and buy presents early for Christmas stockings at great prices? Stay and browse and enjoy coffee and cake as well. All money raised goes towards local charities and the upkeep of our village church.

Janet B and Rev Alison



Back to School



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Year 1 - Scooter Training



Making healthy school lunches easy!

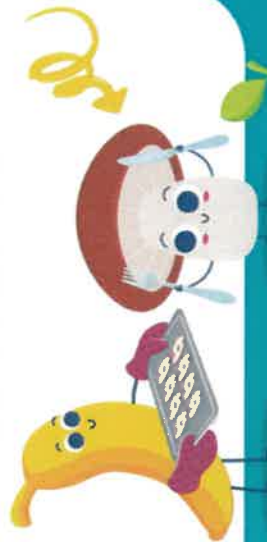


Helping children make healthier choices at school doesn't have to be complicated. A few simple changes can build healthy habits and help your children stay energised and ready to learn throughout the day. Here's a few tips to help you get started:

Tip 1:

Pack some healthy snacks

Including a healthy snack in your child's lunchbox, like a preferred fruit or plain popcorn, can help them stay energised throughout the school day and make nutritious choices easier.



Tip 2:

Know what options are available

Take a look at your child's school lunch menu together and talk about the healthier choices available. Exploring the options in advance can encourage children to try new foods and make balanced choices at lunchtime.



Tip 3:

Talk about healthy choices

School lunchtimes can be a great time to encourage independence and positive decision-making. Agree simple goals together and celebrate healthy choices throughout the week.



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