



Newsletter 2 – 11th September 2026

DAY	WHAT'S ON Before School Club every day from 8.00am.
MONDAY 14TH SEPT	• Wear PE Kit • Mr Bateman Music Lessons • Whole Cygnet Class start group violin lessons. • Sports Club 3.15-4.30pm • ASC 3.15-4.15pm & 4.15-5.15pm • Sign up by tonight for Cookery Club.
TUESDAY 15TH SEPT	• Reception 2027 Open Morning 9.15-10.15am • Year 3 & 4 Swimming – Please bring a packed lunch • ASC 3.15-4.15pm & 4.15-5.15pm • Young Engineering Club 3.15-4.30pm
WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPT	• Mr Meade Music Lessons • Forest School Rec, Y1 & Year 4 • ASC 3.15-4.15pm & 4.15-5.15pm • Homework Club 3.15-4.15pm
THURSDAY 17TH SEPT	• Wear PE Kit • PTA AGM 3.30pm in school • ASC 3.15-4.15pm & 4.15-5.15pm • Cookery Club 3.15-5.15pm – Please sign up by Monday evening.
FRIDAY 18TH SEPT	• Musical Mania • ASC 3.15-4.15pm & 4.15-5.15pm • Clownz Circus Club 3.15-4.30pm
MONDAY 21ST SEPT	• Wear PE Kit • Mr Bateman Music Lessons • Whole Cygnet Class violin lessons • Sports Club 3.15-4.30pm • ASC 3.15-4.15pm & 4.15-5.15pm
TUESDAY 22ND SEPT	• Year 3 & 4 Swimming – Please bring a packed lunch • Lunchtime Chess Club TBC • ASC 3.15-4.15pm & 4.15-5.15pm • Young Engineering Club 3.15-4.30pm
WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPT	• Mr Meade Music Lessons • NO FOREST SCHOOL THIS WEEK • ASC 3.15-4.15pm & 4.15-5.15pm • Homework Club 3.15-4.15pm
THURSDAY 24TH SEPT	• Wear PE Kit • ASC 3.15-4.15pm & 4.15-5.15pm • Cookery Club 3.15-5.15pm
FRIDAY 25TH SEPT	• Musical Mania • ASC 3.15-4.15pm & 4.15-5.15pm • Clownz Circus Club 3.15-4.30pm



Message from Miss Davies

Firstly, a huge thank you for all your efforts with homework and reading as we settle into the new school year. I can see lots of reading being recorded this week, which is wonderful. There are still a few gaps, however, and some children have not yet signed up, so please make sure you are able to access PageTicker and that reading is being recorded regularly.

Reading – 20 minutes every night

From Year 2 upwards, children will now also have an Accelerated Reader book alongside the texts they are using in class. Please make sure children are reading for around 20 minutes each night. This regular reading really does make a difference – not only to fluency and comprehension, but also to vocabulary, spelling, writing and children's confidence as readers.

Thank you for helping us to build those good reading habits right from the beginning of the year.

Our Literacy Leaf Books

Thank you as well for the effort families have made to buy, borrow or source the books children are using for their Literacy Leaf lessons. I know there have been some misunderstandings and conversations around this, so I wanted to explain a little more about why having access to an individual copy is so valuable.

During Literacy Leaf lessons, children work closely with a text over a number of sessions. Having their own copy available means they can follow the text carefully, revisit sections, find evidence, explore vocabulary and reread passages to develop fluency and understanding. It also means the learning can continue at home, with children able to revisit the part of the book they have been studying that day. It is not simply about reading the story from beginning to end – the book becomes an important learning resource throughout the unit. Also hopefully the children will be exposed to different genres and authors and build a library they would be proud of.

We absolutely appreciate that buying a number of books can add up, which is why borrowing or buying second-hand copies is perfectly fine. There have also been some wonderful suggestions from parents about holding a second-hand book sale, allowing books to be passed on to the next group of children while families can recoup some of the cost. I think this is a great idea and something we can develop.

I have also contacted Waterstones to explore whether we may be able to purchase some of our texts in bulk. There is a possibility that the school could purchase the books and families could then make a donation to the school towards the cost, hopefully making this simpler and more affordable. I will share more once I know what is possible.

For reference, our Autumn 1 texts shared last week are:

Cygnets The Spider and the Fly and There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom.

Years 3 & 4. Zombierella: Fairytale Gone Bad and Annie Lumsden, the Girl from the Sea.



Years 5 & 6 Fly Me Home, On the Move: Poems About Migration and A World Full of Journeys and Migration.

Thank you again for supporting us with this. Our aim is to give children regular access to high-quality books and create confident, enthusiastic readers.

A little uniform nag...

Please, please, please **label school uniform!**

We have many skills between us as a staff team, but unfortunately we cannot guarantee that we can return the correct jumper to the correct child using the sniff test alone!

Please check that jumpers, cardigans, PE kit, coats and anything else likely to be removed during the day is clearly named. Unnamed uniform will be placed in lost property, so a name really does give it the best chance of making its way home.

OPEN MORNING – PLEASE SHARE!

Tuesday 15th September 2026

9.15am – 10.15am

Our first Open Morning of the year is next Tuesday. Please help us spread the word by sharing the details with friends, family and anyone you know who may be looking for a school place.

Visitors will have the opportunity to meet our children and staff, explore our school and see what makes our small school such a special place to learn and grow.

No booking is required – families can simply come along.

Clownz Club – Please Book all the sessions

The children have really enjoyed Clownz Club today. If you have not already done so, please can you make sure you sign up for the rest of the sessions as it is not viable for Mark to run the club unless 8 or more pupils are committed to attending each week. Only 6 pupils are signed up for 18th Sept, 5 pupils on 25th, 4 pupils on 2nd Oct, 4 pupils on 9th Oct and 4 pupils on 16th October. We will have to make a decision on Monday as to whether we can continue the club if bookings are too low.

Forest School Term 1

Forest School will take place for Reception and Year 1 plus one other year group. The remaining dates are:

16th Sept Rec & Y1 plus Y4

23rd Sept No Forest School

30th Sept No Forest School

7th Oct Rec & Y1 plus 5

14th Oct Rec & Y1 plus 6

21st October whole Cygnet Class.



Please make sure your child comes dressed appropriately for the weather, with a waterproof coat and wellington boots.

Year 3&4 Swimming – Packed Lunches

Year 3 & 4 start swimming lessons on Tuesdays from 15th September through until 1st December. There will be no swimming on 10th November due to a school trip. Their final sessions will be after Christmas from 12th January to 9th February. **Year 3 & 4 will need a packed lunch on swimming day.** You can order a school packed lunch or bring your own from home. Please let Mrs Simmons know if you would like a school one, either ham, cheese or tuna.

Climbing on the School Wall

Please can we ask that children do not climb or jump off the school wall, as well as being a safety concern we also want to prevent damage to the dry stone wall. Thank you.



