



We hope you all had a super summer break. We have been extremely impressed with the way the children have quickly settled back into the school routines, displaying high levels of enthusiasm for their learning and have been behaving impeccably. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our 12 new Reception children who have enjoyed spending time with their Year 6 buddies.



Two of our main focus areas for the year, not just for our school, but the Academy Trust as a whole is about maintaining high levels of attendance and high standards of behaviour at all times. A copy of our behaviour policy can be found on the school website. Attendance is also a national focus and as such there are very few term time absences that we are allowed to authorise. Schools have been set a target of a 97% attendance rate and to put it in context, last year we were just under 96%. Please remember if your child is simply feeling tired, under the weather or has a cough or cold, they should still be attending school. If for any reason your child is too ill to attend, please call the school office by 9am. The fining system for unauthorised absences has also changed. Please see the flyer regarding this at the end of the newsletter for further information.



You will have already received or will shortly be receiving Google forms to complete regarding photo permissions, our local trip permission form and a form to sign your child/ren up for any extra curricular clubs.

All our teachers look forward to welcoming you to their classrooms on Monday afternoon. Those of you with more than one classroom to visit are welcome to visit one and then the other. Please note that this is not for parents of Reception children. Mrs PC is arranging a separate meeting for the following week when the children are in full time.

*Mrs Cowgill and Mr Turull*

## **Clubs**

As in previous years clubs will run on a 10 week block. This means clubs will begin on the week commencing **Monday September 23rd** and finish on **Friday 6th December**. A Google form to sign up for clubs will be sent out next week. All afterschool clubs will run from 3.15pm until 4pm unless stated otherwise.

The exception to this will be our multi sports club run by PH sports which this year will run on **MONDAYS** with the first session being on **Monday September 16th 3.15-4.15pm**. Sign up for this club will be directly through PH Sports. Details of which are to follow.

Please be advised that the majority of clubs are run on a voluntary basis and may from time to time have to be cancelled. If this is the case we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible.

## **Summer Reading Challenge**

We're really pleased to see that so many of our children have completed their library Summer Reading Challenge 2024! Thank you for bringing in your certificates and medals to show us today. I'm sure there will be more certificates to show next week!



If you would like to book up for instrumental lessons, you can do so via our new West of England Music Alliance website here:

<https://wema.org.uk/young-people-and-families/learn-to-play-a-musical-instrument/>



## Certificates of the week

### Head Teacher Awards



Congratulations to the following children for receiving the first Head Teacher Awards of the school year:

Sophie, Phoebe, Ellis, Bonnie, Kady and Margo.

### Other Achievements

Hera brought in her swimming awards and colour run medal. Sophie and Phoebe shared their gymnastics awards.



Doodle Maths awards will start up again next week.

Please make sure all children are completing their Doodle Maths at home this week. Thank you.



15 of our Year 1 children were excited to discover that their drawings have been chosen to be published in a book! The children submitted drawings when they were in Cherry Class which will be printed in a book called *Me and My Family*. The book is being published by Young Artists, and children in reception classes all over the country were invited to enter.





## Notices

- **Long hair** - For reasons of health and safety, long hair should always be tied back.
- **Coats** - Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school. Unless it is torrential rain, children will still go outside at break, lunchtime and PE sessions.
- **Water bottles** - Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. This should be of a sensible size (holds approx 500 - 750ml). Water bottles can be refilled!
- **Medications in school** - We are unable to administer non-prescription medications in school. If your child needs medication, your Dr should prescribe it and the medication can be signed into school in the normal way. If you feel your child needs non-prescribed medication during the school day, you will need to come into school to administer it.
- **Parking** - Please can we remind parents to be mindful when parking near the school, local residents driveways have been blocked on a number of occasions and cars are being parked dangerously close to the end of Broomhill lane making it dangerous for pedestrians. Please think before leaving your car in a place that makes it unsafe for our children accessing and leaving the school. This continues to be monitored by the PCSOs.
- **School day** - Begins at 8.45am and ends 3.15pm
- **School lunches** - Paid school lunches cost £2.80 due to the rise in food prices and need to be booked by the Thursday of the previous week.
- **School pick up** - Please remember to inform the school if collection arrangements are different from normal.

## Diary Dates

Monday 9th September	3.15pm Meet the teacher (Not Reception parents)
Wednesday 18th September	Reception parents phonics meeting 2.45pm
Friday 20th September	Swimming Starts - Enrichment Group 3
Friday 27th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning (8.50am)
Thursday 10th October	2.30pm Oak Class Learning Exhibition to Parents
Thursday 17th October	Year 6 Lifeskills - am
Wednesday 23rd October	3.30pm - 7pm PARENTS EVENING
Thursday 24th October	3.30 - 5pm PARENTS EVENING
Friday 25th October	INSET DAY



# PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING



# 1

## FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days  
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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## SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

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## THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

## 10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.