OCTOBER 2026

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors, Friends, Staff and Pupils,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

The children have enjoyed a wide range of opportunities and experiences over the past few weeks. It was fantastic to see so many pupils taking part in our cross-country events, demonstrating determination, resilience and excellent sportsmanship. Our Halloween discos were also a great success and provided lots of fun for the children as we celebrated together.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Stay and Read, Stay and Play and Stay and STEM sessions. These events are always valuable opportunities for families to share in their children's learning, and it was wonderful to see so many parents and carers joining us in school. We also appreciate your support and engagement during Parents' Evenings, which are an important opportunity to celebrate progress and discuss next steps for learning.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you for your generosity in supporting our Harvest Festival. Your donations will make a real difference to those in our local community, and we are incredibly grateful for your kindness and support.



As always, the children have worked incredibly hard this half term and continue to make us proud through their enthusiasm, achievements and positive attitudes. Thank you for all you do to support both your children and our school community.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half-term break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term.

Best wishes,

Jane Marson

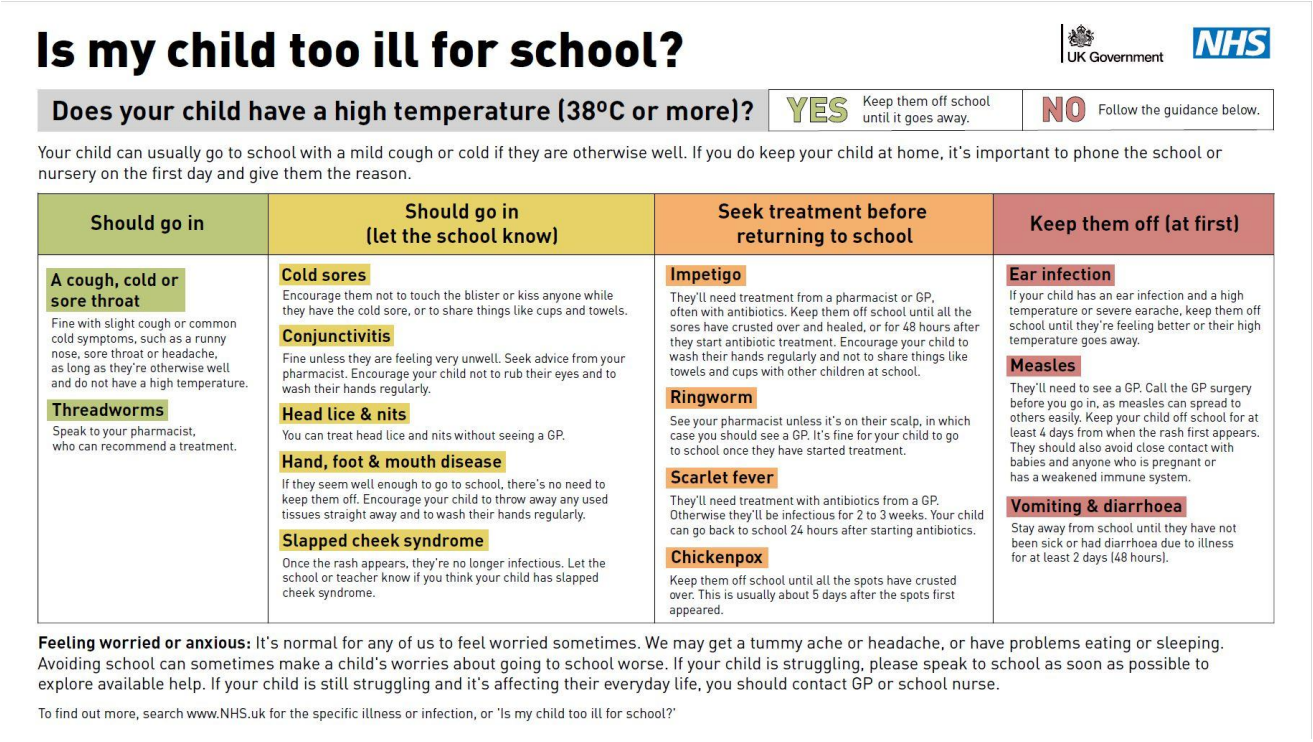
Attendance

A gentle reminder that good attendance is vital for your child's progress. Please avoid booking holidays during term time. If your child is unwell, remember to call the school on the first day of absence to let us know.

Attendance from September 9th until 21t October 2026

Class	%
FS1 Mrs Silverwood	96%
FS2 Miss Carrick	97%
FS2 Mrs Wilkinson	91%
Y1 Mrs O'Loughlin	96%
Y1Miss Habbal	94%
Y2 Miss Blakeston	96%
Y2 Mrs Jones	96%
Y3 Miss Dale	98%
Y3 Miss Robinson	96%
Y4 Miss Clappison	97%
Y4 Mr Morgan	97%
Mrs Hebden	89%
Y5 Miss Hull	97%
Y5 Mrs Carrick	97%
Y6 Mrs Porteous	97%
Y6 Mr Sutton	95%

Whole school attendance is 96%. A FABULOUS start to the new school year!



Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

We have been busy…

We love sharing what's happening in school! Visit our school blogs and follow us on Twitter to see photos and updates from classrooms, trips, and special events. It's a great way to stay connected with your child's learning journey.



Owl Babies in FS2



Year 1 Geography Hunt



Year 6 History

Follow us on Instagram@chrispickpri

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term	
2nd November 2026	Back to school
11th November 2026	Y5HUL trip to Edinburgh
13th November 2026	Children in Need
18th November 2026	Y5CAR trip to Edinburgh
25th November 2026	White Ribbon Day
1st December 2026	Christmas Fair
11th December 2026	Christmas jumper day/Christmas dinner day
14th December 2026	FS/Y1 Nativity pm
15th December 2026	FS/Y1 Nativity pm
17th December 2026	Christmas Party Day
18th December 2026	Break up for Christmas

School Holiday Dates

Date	Open/Close
Wednesday 9th September 2026	School opens
Friday 23rd October 2026	School closes for Half Term
Monday 2nd October 2026	School opens
Friday 18th December 2026	School closes for Christmas
Tuesday 5th January 2027	School opens
Friday 5th February 2027	School closes for Half term
Monday 15th February 2027	School opens
Friday 19th March 2027	School closes for Easter
Tuesday 6th April 2027	School opens
Monday 3rd May 2027	School closed for Bank Holiday
Friday 28th May 2027	School closes
Monday 7th June 2027	School opens
Friday 23rd July 2027	School closes for Summer