



Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have already reached the end of another week, and I cannot believe that next week will see us move into October. Thank you to all of you for parking beautifully over the past few days. It has been noticed and your support with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please can I ask that you send in all donations for the Harvest Festival Foodbank Appeal during the week for us to make a display in the hall. Parents are of course invited to the Harvest Singalong at 2.15pm on Friday 2nd October 2026.

Please take the time to read the important reminders and announcements below. I have also updated the school website and have attached a copy of the Parent Calendar 2026-2027 for you all to view. This has all the dates for Christmas, Sports Days and Parents Evenings. We will endeavour to stick to these dates throughout the year.

Harvest Assembly: Friday 2nd October we will be collecting tinned goods again for the local Foodbank. **Please can all donations be placed in the school hall** throughout the week of Monday 28th September. Visitors are invited to our Harvest Assembly where we will sing a few traditional Autumnal Songs. This will take place at 2.15pm.

School Uniform & Jewellery-

Thursday is School Photograph Day, and we expect children to be in full school uniform. As mentioned in a previous communication we now move away from Summer Uniform as the weather starts to change. Please check the school website if you are unsure of the correct uniform.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all families that children are not permitted to wear earrings in school, for health and safety reasons.

I appreciate that this can sometimes be frustrating, particularly when children have recently had their ears pierced. I have two daughters myself, so I completely understand that ear piercings can sometimes come with complications and that it can feel difficult to remove earrings while the piercings are healing.

However, earrings can present a significant safety risk during the school day, particularly during PE, sporting activities, playtimes and other physical activities. Children are also required to remove earrings for swimming and school sports, and we need to ensure that our approach is consistent and safe for everyone. For this reason, earrings must not be worn during the school day, and children should come to school without them.

I would really appreciate your full support in following this requirement. Our aim is simply to keep all our children safe and to minimise the risk of injury.

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If there are circumstances or concerns regarding your child's ears or a recent piercing, please contact the school office so that I can discuss this with you further.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support in helping us to keep our children safe.

Parent Council First Meeting of the New School Year: I would like to meet with the newly formed Parent Council now that the new Academic Year has settled. The first meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th October at 9am. I am looking forward to meeting regularly to discuss what the school does well and what we might do even better.

Job Opportunity:

We have a vacancy in our school kitchen to support the kitchen team 10 hours per week over the lunch period from 11.30-1.30. If you are interested in this vacancy either contact the school office or even better still get in touch with the catering company Caterlink by emailing jbednarz@caterlinkltd.co.uk

Communication:

One item that is often discussed with me is communication between school and home.

We know that each class has one or sometimes two 'WhatsApp' parent groups. I would like to take this opportunity to remind families that 'WhatsApp' parent groups are not an official source of information from school. While they can be a useful way for parents to communicate with one another, information shared within these groups can sometimes be incomplete, out of date or simply incorrect.

Today a parent has been in touch regarding a message communicated through WhatsApp that was completely inaccurate and led to some confusion among some families and even upset some children. We only use Facebook and Arbor to communicate with families. If you are ever unsure about a school rule, expectation or piece of information, please contact the school office directly. We are always happy to clarify things and would much rather parents check with us than rely on information that may have been passed on incorrectly.

Packed Lunches & School Meals-

As A Healthy School, we aim to promote healthy eating. Please don't send sweets or too many treats in the packed lunch box. We still have children attending the school with nut allergies so **don't send anything that has nuts in please.**

Final Thoughts/Prayers:

Daer Lord, instil in my heart the desire to know and love You more. May I respond to Your will for my life.
Amen

Mr Geaves

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