



Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been a lovely week at school and I have been delighted to see how well the children are doing in their classrooms.

A particular highlight for me was attending the Y5/6 swimming session on Monday and seeing how hard our children are trying in this area of their learning. Swimming is part of the Key Stage 2 PE curriculum and we have prioritised Year 5 and Year 6 children who have not yet met the required National Curriculum standard. This is something we have to report on every year as part of the money that the Government gives the school through the Sports Premium. I hope the children continue to blossom in the second week of their swimming sessions.

Red Day- Show Racism the Red Card

Today the school is less green and yellow and predominantly red. This is just to remind us all that we should stand together and say no to racism. At our school one of our values is 'respect' and this is something we take very seriously. The 'show racism the redcard' website has lots of excellent information on to help you to explain this to your children. One of their key messages is that we need to learn that racism is NOT Acceptable. More information is on the website here: <https://www.theredcard.org/>



Parent Council First Meeting Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 3rd November at 2.30pm

We held a very positive meeting on Wednesday with plenty of interesting discussion and feedback. The main topics of discussion were as follows:

- Y5/6 Swimming session changes (class specific)
- Changes to FS2 collection at the end of the school day (class specific)
- Photographs on Facebook- As a school we are looking at our Facebook page as some schools have made the decision to stop posting photos of children on their Facebook page. This is not something we are planning on doing at this stage.
- Parking on the Zig Zag lines- There was a strong feeling amongst the Parent Council that the parking outside the school should be observed by all carers as this was a safety issue. We discussed the possibility of purchasing some bespoke cones for this area
- School Photos- Hopefully the photos are of better quality this year as we have asked for some slight changes to practise.
- Christmas Cards Fundraiser- Overall parents were very positive about the Christmas Card Fundraisers this year.
- Communication updates (class specific)
- School Website- I also took the time to show the Parent Council the raft of information on the school website. Hopefully more parents will start to use this as there is a calendar on there with the main events listed.

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School Council

Our wonderful newly formed school council have been busy at the start of this new school year. They have asked to organise a Halloween inspired Cake Sale on the last day of this half-term and also are going to run a colouring competition. Your child may bring home the sheets today. **If you are able to help by sending in any cakes please make sure that they do not contain any nuts within the ingredients as we have children with nut allergies in school.** I look forward to working with the school council who are wanting to raise money for the school.

Letter from Fr Simon and First Holy Communion

All families should have received a letter from Fr Simon. He has asked me to publish the Mass times for our Parish here.

- ✓ Saturday 6.30pm Holy Mass - Staithes
- ✓ Sunday 9.45am Holy Mass - Loftus
- ✓ Sunday 11.15am Holy Mass - Brotton

Also, this week we have sent home our First Holy Communion Letters for children in Y4 upwards. If you would like your child to join the Catholic Family in this special way, then please get in touch with the school.

Notification of Ticks

We have had a notification of a child having a tick after being picked up at school. Please use this website link for further guidance if you require it: <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2026/06/30/what-are-ticks-and-how-can-you-avoid-being-bitten/>

Parents Evening:

We are looking forward to hosting our first Parent's Evenings of the school year on Monday and Wednesday.

Final Thoughts/Prayer:

Our children have been saying the rosary in school this week. Therefore, we will finish with the Hail Mary

Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Have a great weekend when it comes.
Mr Geaves

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