



Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

A lovely Autumnal week to finish the first half-term of this Academic Year. We hope all our families have a lovely week off from school. Enjoy Halloween and Bonfire Night celebrations and remember to keep safe. Thank you to all the parents that attended the Parent's Evenings earlier this week. Alos a huge thank you to all the EYFS parents who came to the Stay and Play sessions. We look forward to helping all children grow in their learning in the next half-term.

See you when school reopens for children on **Monday 2nd November 2026**.

Christmas Creations

A huge thank you for your support with the Christmas Creations this year. Your orders have helped to raise £190.65 for PTFA funds.



Poppy Appeal 2026

We have taken our delivery of poppies and some other Poppy based items (including snap bands, bracelets and reflectors). The school council will continue to sell these every breaktime starting on Monday. All donations will be sent to the Royal British Legion. We only have a few items left.

We will also be laying a Poppy Wreath at the Annual Remembrance Sunday Parade in Loftus on Sunday 8th November.

Children in Distress Christmas Shoebox Appeal Collection Date

A leaflet has been emailed to all parents regarding this year's shoe box appeal. This outlines all that is required to make a shoebox gift. **We ask that all shoeboxes are returned to school by Friday 6th November**. That way, we are able to hold a celebration of all of the wonderful kind acts of service that our children have done before they are packed on a vehicle and taken to Romania at the end of that week

PE timetable for next Half-Term:

- Monday - FS2, Y1, Y4
- Tuesday - Y2, Y3
- Wednesday - Y2, Y5, Y6
- Thursday - Y1, Y3, Y4
- Friday - Y5, Y6

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School Council

We were overwhelmed with entries for the Halloween colouring competition. Well done to all the class winners.

New Science Club with Miss Ogden.

A new after school Science Club with Miss Ogden will start in the second week of half-term on Thursdays after school starting Thursday 12th November for 5 weeks.

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.

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| ✓ 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.

Final Thoughts/Prayers:

Heavenly Father,
In the mighty name of Jesus,
Fill my heart with joy this October.
Let me find delight in Your creation,
Your love, and Your promises, regardless of what I face.
"The joy of the Lord is your strength."
Let Your joy be the song that carries me through each day.
Amen.

Have a great half-term week and see you back again on Monday 2nd November.

Warmest wishes,

Mr Geaves



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