

Parents' Newsletter

Love, Respect, Honesty, Perseverance



Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents,

We are already on our second newsletter of the school year, and I must say, it has been a pleasure to engage with the children in their classrooms. They are enthusiastically embracing our Learning for Life behaviours at an age-appropriate level and earning copious Dojo points in the process, which is great to witness.

Looking ahead, we have arranged our Learning Together Sessions and Family Friday events for the upcoming term. Each session will be tailored to reflect the specific data profiles of each class, ensuring that we focus on areas where support is most needed. This targeted approach will enable us to support accelerated progress effectively. Please refer to your child's class date in our attached "Dates for Your Diary". The children thoroughly enjoy the presence of parents or other willing caregivers during these sessions, and they benefit immensely from this involvement, as it enhances their learning experience both at school and at home. We encourage you to take full advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

Please note that any additions or changes in our Dates for Your Diary will be clearly highlighted to facilitate easy identification of new information.

I would also like to remind everyone about the school carpets. Over the summer break, we invested in cleaning machines to refresh our carpets in corridors and classrooms. Regrettably, we have noticed new stains appearing from squash brought in water bottles. We kindly ask that only water be used in bottles during lessons. Children occasionally sit on the carpets, even those in Year 6, for their PSHE and Philosophy sessions, and stained carpets make this far less appealing. Also, we are aiming to manage sugar levels in snacks and drinks, and limiting sugary drinks can assist in this effort.

Kind regards

Bridgette Gough

Jeans for Genes Day

We're excited to let you know that we will be supporting the Jeans for Genes Campaign, with a denim themed non-uniform event next Friday, the 26th September! This annual campaign, run by Genetic Disorders UK, aims to raise both money and awareness for children facing genetic disorders. By participating, we can help fund projects and charities that provide vital support, research, and therapies, all of which work towards improving the lives of these children and creating a brighter future for them and their families.

We encourage everyone to wear their favourite jeans or denim clothing and make a small donation (£1 suggested) to support this worthy cause. Together, we can make a real difference. For more information about the charity and its work please follow the link below.

<https://www.jeansforgenes.org/who-we-are>

Love Life and Learning

Collective Worship Themes

Last week, our theme for Worship was Someone to Watch Over Me. This linked to our school's Reflection Area; we invited pupils to explore the comforting concept of Guardian Angels—those gentle guardians who watch over us as we navigate through life's challenges. We shared stories and scripture linked to this idea as well as the book *The Invisible String*, a book which explains the bonds of family and friendship tying us to those we love even when they may not be with us. A super book at any age but especially for our youngest pupils who may be spending an extended period away from parents for the first time.

This week in our Worship Sessions we have been focussed on all things family, what family means to us and their unique nature. The children have been part of two No Outsiders stories that illustrate that families are not always about blood relations. As always, they were thoughtful and demonstrated a real desire to ensure our school has a "Family Feel," giving great ideas for supporting this.

As a prompt for talk, I have shared the picture from one of the articles that stimulated discussion and hope the children will enjoy sharing their take on the story of Mezea and Owen.



Key Stage 1 Playground Drop off and Pick Up

For those new to KS1 drop off and pick up can I ask that when going from the Key Stage 2 playground can you use the central path through the Reflections Area, this allows the children from Year 4 and 5 to exit safely and keep together in their line, allowing staff ease of monitoring their safe exit. We thank you for your co-operation in advance.

Headteacher's Cup

Joey Class:	W1-Raven W2 - Aubrey
Aardvark Class:	W1-Daniel W2 - Elsie
Giraffe Class:	W1-Harper W2 - Ewan
Capybara Class:	W1-Jacob W2 - Jack
Koala Class:	W1-Georgie W2 - Connie
Jellyfish Class:	W1-Elsie W2 - Archie
Falcon Class:	W1- W2 - Jacob



Birthdays in September

Niya	Archie C
Daice	Sadie
Harrison	Joey C
Wilfred	George K
Alysia	Bella
Amelia	James G
Jacob C	
Éva	
Leon	
Ewan	
Henry B	
Isla T	



Going For Green

Lybbie & Lennox

Sports Cup

Tommy W & George P

Book Amnesty/ Donations

Can we ask that pupils past and present have a little check at home for any school reading books, these are usually stamped on the inside cover or pages with a school stamp. We are used to having to replace book stocks and realise they do not last forever, especially those that are particularly popular, but we have found that we just have fewer books and prior to the cull this year. Therefore, if you could have a check for us, we would be really grateful, also, if you have any books you have read and are unlikely to re-read, please consider donating these to school, especially if you know they are popular with peers.

Thank you in advance, please hand any donations back at the school office and they can then be banded.

Local Secondary School Open Events

It's that time of year again! Our local secondary schools are gearing up for their open evenings and tours, giving you a fantastic opportunity to explore what they have to offer. We've attached the flyers or links detailing these events for the schools closest to us, and we highly encourage parents of Year 5 and 6 students to take advantage of these events. It's a great chance for you and your child to see the facilities, meet the staff, and get a feel for the school environment. Don't miss out on this invaluable experience—mark your calendars and enjoy these informative evenings together!

Halstead Guy Fawkes Display

Sunday 2nd November

Get ready for a spectacular Guy Fawkes Display this Sunday, 2nd November! Halstead Friends of the Public Gardens are inviting residents to craft their very own Guy, to be showcased in the park for everyone to enjoy. Your creation can be engaged in any pastime you fancy - think fishing, bird watching, or whatever sparks your imagination!

It's a fun way to join in the celebrations and let your creativity shine.

For more details on how to enter your Guy and participate in the exciting Guy spotting event, please check out the attached flyer. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

YEAR 6 PGL TRIP

Last week, Year 6 went on a trip to PGL, which is an activity centre in Lincolnshire. It was packed with amazing, exciting activities and fun new experiences. Some of our favourites were the zip wire and 'the Big Swing'. Over the 5 days we tried a whole range of activities that tested our courage and our teamwork.

Another new experience was staying away from home for so long and getting to share a room with our friends. The food was wonderful, with delicious desserts for dinner. At the end of the week, we were really proud of ourselves for trying lots of new things and giving everything a go even when we felt nervous to do so. We made lots of memories that we will never forget!

By Theo and Agnes - Year 6



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AUTUMN LUNCH

Thursday 2nd October

Chicken Nuggets

or

Beefburger in a Bun

Chips

Baked Beans

Or

Grab & Go Lunch

(NB. There will be no jacket potatoes)

followed by

Mini Sugared Ring Doughnuts

Or

Fruit Lollies

Remember, Reception, Years 1 & 2 are

FREE!

(Junior meal charged at £2.20 order as normal in the morning)

