NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2026

What a Fantastic First Half-Term!
As we reach the end of our first half-term, I would like to say a huge **thank you to all our children, families and staff** for making the start of this academic year such a success!
It has been a busy and exciting few weeks, with so many wonderful opportunities for our children. We began the year with our Musical Mondays, giving children across the school the chance to perform, develop their confidence and celebrate their talents. We have also welcomed a range of workshops exploring Shakespeare, tolerance and fire safety, helping our children develop their knowledge and understanding of the wider world.

Our Reception children have enjoyed beginning their Forest School sessions, exploring the outdoors and developing their curiosity and independence. This week alone, the whole school has also enjoyed some fantastic musical performances as part of our Black History Month celebrations, with children sharing songs they have been learning.
I am also delighted that our **attendance this half-term has been stronger than during the same period last year.** This is a fantastic achievement and I would like to thank parents for their continued efforts in ensuring children are in school every day. Every lesson matters and strong attendance gives our children the best possible opportunity to succeed.
There is so much to celebrate already and I am incredibly proud of the start our children have made. We look forward to building on this success when we return for Autumn 2!

Black History Month Showcase - Tuesday 10th November
We are really looking forward to welcoming families into school for our **Black History Month Showcase on Tuesday 10th November, after school.**

This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the learning that has taken place across the school. Children will be performing and families will have the chance to explore a range of work produced by pupils from **Reception all the way through to Year 6.**

We are incredibly proud of the effort and creativity that has gone into these celebrations and cannot wait to share the children's achievements with you. We hope to see as many families there as possible!

Half-Term Homework - Keep Learning, Keep Reading!
Although the half-term holiday is an important opportunity for children to rest, spend time with family and recharge, there are also some simple ways to keep learning ticking over.

A separate homework letter has been shared with families, including details of an optional art project that children can enjoy completing over the break.

My biggest message, however, is simple: **Read, read, read!**
All children have now received their new core text for literacy, which they will be exploring in Autumn 2. The more familiar children become with their book, its characters, vocabulary and storyline, the more confidently they will be able to discuss it and use it to inspire their own writing. Please encourage your child to read regularly and, just as importantly, talk to them about what they have read.

Children will also have access to their **online maths homework**, which we encourage them to complete over the holiday.
For children in Years 3 to 6, please continue practising times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars. Regular, short bursts of practice can make a huge difference to children's confidence and fluency in maths.

Parents' Evenings - Coming Soon!
A reminder that our parents' evenings will be taking place shortly after we return from the half-term break.
These meetings are an important opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, discuss the progress they have made so far and identify the next steps in their learning.

Please keep an eye out for an email from school with details of how to book your appointment. We look forward to welcoming you and discussing the fantastic work your children have been doing.

Enjoy the Half-Term Break!
Finally, a reminder that our half-term holiday is two weeks this year. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Monday 9th November.**
I hope all our families enjoy a wonderful, restful break. Thank you once again for your continued support and for helping make this first half-term such a positive one.

Mr O'Driscoll
Head of School

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Important Information

COLLECTION

Please ensure you collect your child on time at the end of the day. School finishes at 3:15pm. If your child is in an afterschool club, please familarise yourself with the correct finish times.

SCHOOL DINNERS

If your child has school dinners, please ensure you are booking them via Parent Pay. You can book them for the week, term or daily. If booking daily, they have to be booked before 8am that day. If you need to book your child's meal after 8am, please contact Edwards and Ward:

07767418062

Upcoming events

9th November 2026: Y5 The Hive Trip

10th November 2026: BHM Showcase

11th November 2026: School Photographs in school: Please ensure your child is in the full correct school uniform.

Stars of the week:

Well done to the following children who have been awarded Star of the week.

RP:	**Dakshith**
RK:	**Nana-Anna**
Year 1D:	**Bezaleel**
Year 1J:	**Lakshmi**
Year 2D:	**Alyzah**
Year 2J:	**Lovish & Dilva**
Year 3D:	**Vrithik**
Year 3J:	**Lordson**
Year 4D:	**Lily-Rose**
Year 4J:	**Vihaan**
Year 5D:	**Chris**
Year 5J:	**Kanish & Cecilia**
Year 6D:	**Desire**
Year 6J:	**Marcia**

WEEKLY
Attendance

WHOLE SCHOOL :

96.66%

Congratulations to our top 3 classes for the best attendance this week!

1	4J	100 %
2	1J	98.33 %
3	1D	98.28 %

Term dates
2026 - 2027

September 2026

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October 2026

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November 2026

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June 2027

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July 2027

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August 2027

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Bank Holidays

School Holidays

Staff Training (Inset days) – Pupils not in school

3rd September 2026 – First day of Autumn Term

Last day of terms – school closes at 1.30pm