

Autumn Newsletter 2

We have had a busy last 2 weeks in school. The Senior Leadership Team have been carrying out learning walks around school. We have been really impressed with the children. They are engaged in their learning and have quickly settled into following school routines. We have seen super behaviour, excellent manners and the children working hard on new learning challenges. We are very proud of the children and our staff!

What's been happening in school?

In Reception: Classes 1, 2 & 3

We have been reading stories about different families. We have loved hearing all about the children's families and sharing the family photos you have sent in. (Can we please remind you to send in a family photo if you haven't yet.) In maths we have been sorting objects. We have been practising holding and using scissors.

In Year 1: Classes 4, 5 & 6

The children have been finding out about their senses through exciting investigations. In maths the children have 'counted on' using number tracks and lines. In art the children have made their own artworks in the style of Roy Lichtenstein, including dots, stripes and primary colours.

In Year 2: Classes 7, 8 & 9

The children have been retelling the story of Farmer Duck. In Maths we have been representing numbers in different ways, including deines, coins, numicon and part, part whole models. In Art the children have created self-portraits and had a fantastic trip to Trent Bridge Cricket Ground with a tour.

Reception Information Meeting

Many thanks to parents of children new to Reception who attended our information meeting on the evening of Wednesday 25th September. It was lovely to meet you all! We hope you found the information useful. If you were unable to make it you will be able view the presentation on our website here:

[Reception Parents Information Meeting Autumn 2024](#)

If you have any questions or want to know more about anything in the meeting or curriculum, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Parents Evenings

These will take place after school on Tuesday 8th October, Wednesday 16th October, and Thursday 17th October. The autumn meetings will take place online, via Microsoft Teams.

A link will be sent via email today to choose your preferred date and time so please look out for this. Bookings will open at 6pm this evening. The deadline for booking is **Wednesday 2nd October, 3:30pm**. Your child's teacher will inform you of your allocated slot, and email a link for your Teams meeting. After half term there will be an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and see their work during our 'Open Classroom' sessions. Dates to be confirmed.

Class links with the Junior School

As we begin our journey of collaboration with WBJS, there are many ways we are aiming to work together more closely. One of these, is a plan to pair each of the infant classes with one of the classes from the juniors to allow them to come together on occasions for shared learning experiences. We know the children will really love getting together, whether online or in person, and will benefit from this valuable interaction.

The classes will be paired as follows:

Infant Class 1 (Mrs Angus) and **Junior Class 7** (Miss Aleksic)

Infant Class 2 (Mrs Pavier/Miss Pickering) and **Junior Class 8** (Mr Martin)

Infant Class 3 (Mrs Nuñez) and **Junior Class 9** (Mrs Green/Mrs Lewis)

Infant Class 4 (Mrs Chappell) and **Junior Class 2** (Mr Dudgeon)

Infant Class 5 (Miss Saunders) and **Junior Class 1** (Mrs Cox)

Infant Class 6 (Miss Williams/Mrs Kennerley) and **Junior Class 3** (Mrs Moss)

Infant Class 7 (Mrs Penhale) and **Junior Class 4** (Mr Simmonds)

Infant Class 8 (Mrs Dinsdale/Mrs Ward) and **Junior Class 5** (Mr Jinks)

Infant Class 9 (Mr Heeley) and **Junior Class 6** (Mrs Wood)

Year 6 won't be paired with another class but there will be many opportunities for them to work with the younger children.

Curriculum Information

If you'd like to know more about the subjects taught to your child in school, have a look at the information on our website here:

[WBIS Curriculum](#)

Harvest Festival

The school celebrated the harvest festival season with a delightful visit from Reverend Joanna Seabourne and Ellen Dann from St. Giles Church on Thursday 26th September, who shared a story in assembly and listened to our harvest songs. We are very grateful for all the donations of food which will be passed onto The Friary on Musters Road.

Thrilling Thursday/Fantastic Friday

It's back! Our first Thrilling Thursday/Fantastic Friday will be on 18th October. For those new to our school, this is an opportunity for children to celebrate talents, achievements and participation in sporting, arts or cultural activities outside school. They can show certificates or trophies, perform dances/songs, recite poems or play an instrument. As our Reception children have not yet started attending assemblies yet, this first event will be open to Year One and Two only. Places are limited and children will need to sign up with Mrs Cutts. We can't wait for them to share what they've been up to!

Assembly Themes

In assemblies over the last two weeks we have continued our Shine Brightly Theme of 'Be Responsible'. We have talked about the British Value 'Rule of Law'. The children have been learning about why rules are important to keep us safe. We introduced our Shine Brightly superheroes and started to learn how we can all learn to do new things and how our brain can grow through challenge.

The children have looked specifically at 'Have a Go Hero'.



Why he just can't do it 'yet' and when he is in the 'pit', practise, getting others to help him and trying again will make him succeed.

Year One and Two have been thinking about the British Value of 'Democracy'. They have been voting for this year's School Council. The successful candidates will be announced shortly.

Key dates for Autumn term

Friday 27 th September - 3:30pm	PTA cake sale in the hall
Friday 4 th October 4:30 – 5:30pm	Year 1 PTA Pyjama Party in the hall
5:45 – 6:45pm	Year 2 PTA Pyjama Party in the hall
Tuesday 8 th October 3:45 – 6:15pm	Parents' Evening (Online)
Wednesday 16 th October 3:45 – 5:15pm	Parents' Evening (Online)
Thursday 17 th October 3:45pm - 6:15pm	Parents' Evening (Online)
Friday 18 th October	PTA Break the Rules Day
Monday 21 st Oct – Friday 1 st Nov	October Half Term
Monday 4 th November	INSET day
Friday 8 th November	PTA Christmas Chocolate collection
Friday 15 th November	Children In Need
Friday 22 November	PTA Christmas Bottle collection
Saturday 30 th November 12 – 2pm	School Christmas Fair
Friday 6 th December 3:45pm	Family Christmas Photographer (hall)
Friday 20 th Dec	Finish for Christmas
Monday 6 th Jan 2025	First day of Spring Term