

Parent Communication Letter – Friday 3 October 2025

Academy News

Nursery World Awards

We are delighted to announce that our Early Years Team won the Nursery World 2025 award for Early Years in School.

Harvest Festival Assemblies

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers in for our Harvest Festival Assemblies on Monday 13 October 2025. Please complete and return the slip provided earlier this week to book your place – seating is strictly limited to 2 guests per child due to capacity restrictions. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be at 9.00am and Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will be at 9.45am.

Disco – Dance Your Worries Away

We will be hosting our World Mental Health Day disco on Wednesday 15 October 2025. We look forward to the children joining us to dance their worries away. Ticket details to follow shortly.

Morning Messages

Please can we politely ask that if you need to pass on information to a member of staff on the door, and it is going to take more than a couple of minutes, that you arrange a phone call or send an email. We have had some parents contacting us to say that they are having to wait a long time, especially to speak to Mrs Norton.

Morning Arrival

Thank you to all those parents / carers who are dropping their children off in good timing in the mornings. A reminder that children must be in their classes ready to learn by 8.50am (doors close at 8.45am). Parents who regularly drop off their children late after the register closes may receive a fine from Norfolk County Council.

Dinner Arrears

Please ensure that dinner arrears are cleared and kept up to date. We are owed a significant amount of money for unpaid dinners.

Reading Cafes

We are looking forward to welcoming parents / carers to our upcoming Reading Cafes. These sessions are a great opportunity for you to see what your child has been learning about recently and for your child to proudly show off their work. Dates and times below.

World Mental Health Day

Friday 10 October 2025 is World Mental Health Day – we will be supporting this by inviting children to wear a yellow accessory along with their normal uniform (yellow socks, ribbon, hair band etc.)

Academy Staff INSET Days 2025/26

The Academy will be closed on the following dates for Staff INSET Days:

- Friday 17 October 2025

- Friday 5 December 2025
- Monday 5 January 2026
- Monday 23 February 2026
- Monday 13 April 2026
- Monday 20 July 2026

Community News

Learn to Swim Open Weekend

The Marina Centre and Phoenix Leisure Centre are running FREE swim assessments on Saturday 11 October 12.00pm to 4.00pm (Marina Centre) and on Sunday 12 October 9.00am to 1.00pm (Phoenix Leisure Centre). For more information go to www.freedom-leisure.co.uk.

Reading Cafes

- Tuesday 7 October: Y3 at 8.45am.
- Thursday 9 October: Y1 at 8.45am.
- Wednesday 15 October: Y2 at 2.30pm.
- Thursday 16 October: YR at 2.00pm.
- Monday 20 October: Y6 at 8.45am.

Diary Dates

- Friday 10 October: World Mental Health Day.
- Friday 10 October: J G Plummerts Dental Screening.
- Monday 13 October: Harvest Festival Assemblies – 9.00am and 9.45am.
- Wednesday 15 October: Disco.
- Friday 17 October: Academy Closed for Staff Training Day.
- Tuesday 21 October: Individual and Sibling Photographs.
- Friday 24 October: Class Photographs.
- Friday 24 October: Academy Closes for Half Term.
- Monday 3 November: Academy Opens for Autumn Term 2.
- Monday 10 November: Herman 70 Year Anniversary week.
- Monday 10 November: Flu Immunisation.
- Tuesday 11 November: Parents' Evening.
- Thursday 13 November: Parents' Evening.
- Friday 21 November: Flu Immunisation.
- Friday 5 December: Academy Closed for Staff Training Day.

Weekly Winners

Each week, teachers select a pupil who has particularly impressed them with their attitude to learning, behaviour, effort etc. This week's stars are:

- Adventurers: Iza
- Explorers: George
- Searchers: Miguel
- Seekers: Brooklyn
- Pioneers: Oakley
- Investigators: Archie
- Wayfarers: Georgina
- Navigators: Stanley
- Creators: George
- Pathfinders: Memphis-Rose
- Voyagers: Binky
- Venturers: Maya
- Crusaders: Scarlett
- Discoverers: Quinn

This week's Principal Award goes to Tommy (Y1), Eva (Y3), Mohab (Y4), Maheshwar (Y4), Libby (Y5), Reeve (Y6), Dani (Y6).

This week's Best Dressed Class is Navigators!

This week's winning marble colour is the BLUE and YELLOW team!

Attendance

All children whose attendance is 98% or above for the Autumn Term will be entered into a draw to win a special prize.

The winning classes for the collective highest attendance this week are:

Early Years and Key Stage 1: Investigators

Key Stage 2: Navigators

A big well done to both classes!

We are always striving to improve our attendance figures. Children who are in school are safe and accessing education to help them thrive. They are socialising with peers and learning how to be positive members of their community.

Our year-to-date attendance target is 96%, the whole school's attendance is 95.37% this week.

Wherever possible, please ensure your child is attending every day to avoid missing valuable learning opportunities.