

Parent Communication Letter – Friday 10 October 2025

Academy News

World Mental Health Day

Thank you for supporting World Mental Health Day by sending your children in with yellow accessories.

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, Year 3 and Year 4 will be at 9.45am, Year 5 and Year 6 will be at 10.30am.

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. Years 1, 2, 3 will be at 4.15pm to 5.30pm. Years 4, 5, 6 will be at 5.45pm to 7.00pm.

School Lunch Cost Increase

We have been informed by our Caterers, Edwards and Blake, that as of Monday 3 November 2025, there will be an increase in the cost of school lunches to £2.65 per meal.

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.

Compass Fostering

Compass Fostering are 'on a mission to make a lasting and lifelong difference to children's lives' and have asked us to share their details with parents / carers. Please do follow this link if you would like more information on fostering <https://www.compassfostering.com/fcra/?key=320>

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.

- Wednesday 15 October: Y2 at 2.30pm.
- Thursday 16 October: YR at 2.00pm.
- Monday 20 October: Y6 at 8.45am.

Academy Staff INSET Days

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

Diary Dates

- Monday 13 October: Harvest Festival Assemblies – 9.00am, 9.45am, 10.30am.
- 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: Liam
- Explorers: Beatriz

- Searchers: Olivia
- Seekers: Esme-Rose
- Pioneers: Catherine
- Investigators: Finley
- Wayfarers: Haythen
- Navigators: Luca
- Creators: Parker T.
- Pathfinders: Theo
- Voyagers: Clara
- Venturers: Apollonia
- Crusaders: Eva
- Discoverers: Maisie

This week's Principal Award goes to Oakley (Y1), Alexander (Y1), Mizpah (Y3), Autumn (Y3), Gabriel (Y4), Aga (Y4), Daisy (Y5), Xavier (Y6).

This week's Best Dressed Class is Pioneers!

This week's winning marble colour is the 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: Pioneers

Key Stage 2: Creators

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 96.34% this week.

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