

Headteacher: Mrs V Farr

## Welcome Back

What a great first week back we've had, there have been dragon eggs hatching, children cave painting and others making dragon wings. There have been smiles right across the school with children eager to share their learning. A huge 'thank you' to parents and carers for how smart everyone's looking, in the correct uniform. Let's ensure it continues. Just a reminder of our PE kit: black / grey shorts or black / grey joggers and a white / burgundy t-shirt (no logos) and trainers (any colour).

## Attendance

Wow - there have been so many classes with 100% attendance this week which is fantastic, well done everyone. Here are this week's percentages:

Class	Attendance
Nightingale	100%
Kingfisher	100%
Goldcrest	100%
Magpie	94%
Dove	100%
Jay	100%
Woodpecker	100%
Swift	100%
Siskin	94%
Robin	100%
Puffin	100%

The importance of school attendance is recognised at all levels, from us as a school right up to the government. Nationally a new penalty notice

framework has been introduced (see below).



Good attendance means being in school 95% of the time (or 180 days of the 190).

## Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

### Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

### 5 consecutive days of Term Time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for Term Time Leave.

### 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period. A session is either an AM or PM session.

### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance, the amount will be: **£160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days**  
Reduced to **£80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days**

### Second Offence

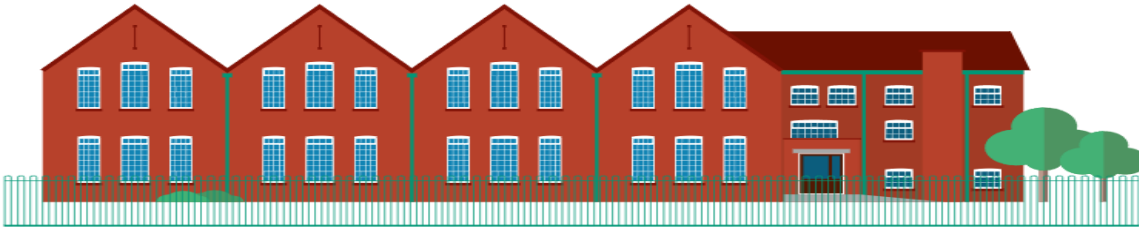
(within 3 years)  
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be: **£160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days**

### Third Offence and any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to **£2500 per parent, per child**.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to "failure to safeguard a child's education".

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## Morning Arrangements

We are constantly looking for ways to improve all aspects of our school and safety is obviously a top priority. We thank you for your patience during drop off and pick up as the children become familiar with their new classes whilst navigating the restricted access as the scaffolding remains in place. From tomorrow we are allowing KS2 parents/carers to see their child/ren on to the KS2 playground and leave them from 8:35 am, should they choose. Teachers will be on the playground from this time with 2 members of staff on the main gate for safety reasons.

## Photographs

The school photographer is in school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September to take individual and family photographs. For families wanting a photograph including siblings (younger or older) who don't attend our school they will need to come from 8 am. Unfortunately, staff are unavailable to look after children until the start of the school day so parents/carers will need to stay with them, the playground will be open. All siblings who do attend our school will have an individual photograph taken, as well as one together.



## Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all of those of you who came to our Meet the Teacher

afternoons, hopefully you found them informative and asked any questions you may have had about your child's learning, etc.

EYFS will hold a Phonics information meeting at 2:30pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The meeting for Year 1 will take place at 2.45pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

For those parents and carers unable to attend the meeting, all information should have been sent out.

## Absence Reporting

Just a reminder that in the event of a child being too ill to attend school, the parent or carer needs to telephone to let school know by 8:30 am.

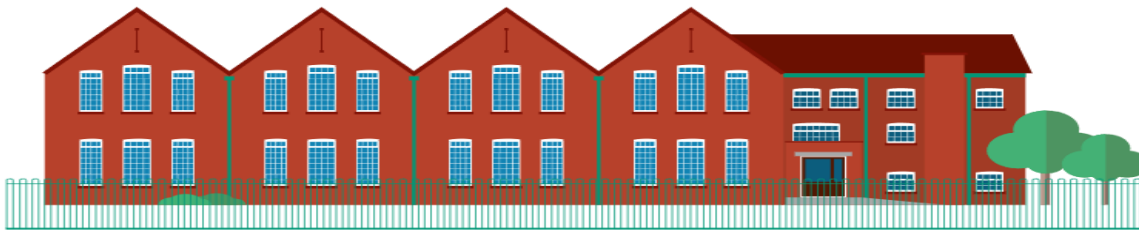
## School Dinner

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September we are having a special school dinner which is a 'Back to School Brunch':

All day breakfast –  
baked beans, sausage, hash brown and eggs  
Vegetarian option available  
Sprinkle cake and custard



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## Baby News

Congratulations to Mr Patten and his wife who welcomed their daughter on



Wednesday. We're pleased to share that they're all doing well and whilst Mr Patten is on Paternity Leave, Mrs Peters will be teaching Magpie class.

## Breakfast/After School Club

For those parents and carers who use our Breakfast Club and/or After School Club please be aware that on Monday (9<sup>th</sup> September) your child/ren will be given a copy of our contract which will need to be completed and returned asap. If any parents or carers are not already using these facilities but would like to, in the near future, please visit the school office to collect a contract.

## Flu Vaccinations

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/470f8f11>

The vaccinations will take place on 15th November 2024. The link will close on the 31st October 2024. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since September 2024, please disregard this message.

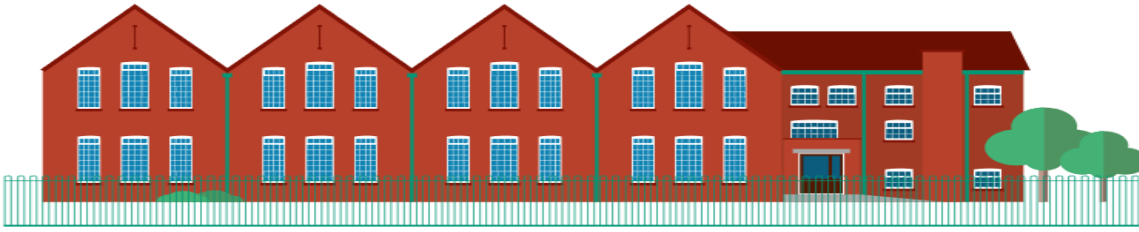
**If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 4, option 2.**

Diary Dates		
16.09.24	UKS2 Jeans for Genes day	
20.09.24	School Photographs	
23.09.24	EYFS Phonics meeting	2:30 – 3 pm
24.09.24	Year 1 Phonics meeting	2:45 – 3 pm
03.10.24	<b>EYFS &amp; KS1</b> Harvest Festival at St. Peter & St. Paul's church	9:45 am
03.10.24	<b>KS2</b> Harvest Festival at St. Peter & St. Paul's church	10:20 am
04.10.24	Jay Class library visit	1:15 pm
<b>11.10.24</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>	
16.10.24	Bring your Grown-up to... LKS2	2:15 pm
18.10.24	Dove class library visit	1:15 pm
<b>28.10.24 – 01.11.24</b>	<b>Half Term</b>	
08.11.24	Siskin class library visit	1:15 pm
15.11.24	Children in Need	
15.11.24	Flu vaccinations	
15.11.24	Swift class library visit	1:15 pm

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29.11.24	Nightingale class library visit	1:15 pm
<b>16.12.24</b> - <b>03.01.24</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	

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