

PARISH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK!

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026



OUR NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our children, families and staff as we begin another exciting school year at Parish. Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Meet The Teacher' event this morning for Year 1 to Year 6. Don't worry if you were unable to attend – the information has been sent home on School Spider earlier today.

It has been wonderful to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm, positivity and readiness to learn. The children have settled quickly into their new classes and routines, and staff have been incredibly proud of the mature and positive attitudes they have shown during their first few days back.

I would also like to thank you as parents and carers for supporting us with attendance. Building on our attendance of almost 96% last year, we have made a really positive start to this academic year, and strong attendance will continue to play a vital role in ensuring every child has the best possible opportunity to achieve their potential. On page 2 of this newsletter are some top attendance tips!

This year, we have introduced our daily 'Music Mornings' (no longer just Mondays!) on the playground. Each morning, children are welcomed into school with music, helping to create a positive, calm and enjoyable start to the day. It has already been lovely to see the children engaging with this and arriving ready for learning.

We know that many children are eager to participate in our extra-curricular opportunities. Information about our after-school clubs will be sent home shortly with clubs going live on School Money on Tuesday morning at 8:30am. We really encourage all children to take advantage of the wide range of activities available.

As always, we value the strong partnership between home and school. By working together, we can ensure that every child enjoys a happy, successful and rewarding year ahead. Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to sharing many achievements and celebrations with you throughout the year. Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday for our first full week.

Mr Hardy



Visit our new Instagram page to see some of the highlights from the start of the new academic year!

NUT FREE SCHOOL REMINDER

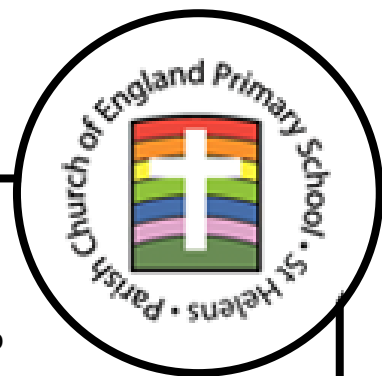
We have several children in school who have a nut allergy. Please remember that we are a nut free zone when bringing any food into school. This includes snacks, packed lunches and also treats for birthdays.



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ATTENDANCE TOP TIPS AND REMINDERS:

Please see below for some key attendance information. If you plan to take a leave of absence, no matter how long or short, please collect a form from the school office to let us know!

Role of Parents:

Make sure your child attends every day! <i>97% is our whole school target!</i> 	Notify the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence (by phoning the school office). This will be followed by a phone call if a voicemail is left. 	Try to make all medical appointments (doctors, dentist and hospital) out of school time. 
Discourage your child from staying overnight with friends during the week. This sometimes leads to them both being late (or not attending at all) the next day. 	Talk positively about going to school. Encourage your child to take responsibility for being on time for school ensuring they have a realistic bedtime and will not be too tired to get up in the morning for school. 	Work with the school and local authority to help them understand their/your barriers to attendance. Proactively engage with the support offered to prevent the need for more formal support. 
If invited to attend a meeting, come and speak to us. If your child is on an attendance support plan /attendance contract, ensure they undertake the actions that have been agreed. 	Monitor your child's internet and social media use to ensure they are not experiencing any difficulties that may prevent them from wanting to attend school. 	 Leave of absence during term time is not a parental right. If there are special or exceptional circumstances, please contact the Executive Headteacher and complete the correct school documentation and a decision will be made if the absence can be authorised or not.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Remember that school
starts at:



Coming into school at 8:40 means that:

- You take part in an extra 10 minutes of learning each day.
- You get to have extra practice during retrieval times.
- You can take part in your class morning routine.

PARISH ATTENDANCE TEAM



Mr M. Hardy
Acting Head and Designated Attendance Lead



Mrs J. Young
Executive Head Teacher



Mrs D Morris
Leadership Team



Mrs A. Maloney
Office Manager



Mrs R. Clare
Trust Business Manager



Mrs J. Fowler
Education Welfare Officer

We will be helping you attend school regularly and on time. We may phone or visit your home to support you.

