



9th October 2026

“Learning Together for Life”

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our parents for supporting our new smartphone arrangements. Children should now only bring a phone to school if they are walking to or from school independently. Any phones brought into school are handed to the class teacher at the start of the day for safe keeping and returned at home time. We really appreciate the positive way families have supported this approach.

Technology is developing at such a rapid pace, and we know that keeping up with potential risks for children can sometimes feel challenging. As a school, we want to make sure we give you the very best information, advice and support to help you navigate this important area with your child.

This week, I met with Mrs de Wolff, who leads computing and online safety across the school. She will be working with our School Council to plan assemblies focusing on internet and smartphone safety. We will also be sharing top tips for families and planning information sessions for parents, so that we can work together to help children develop safe, healthy and responsible habits with technology.

Parents have found the resources from the NSPCC particularly helpful. Their *Children, Phones and Online Safety* guidance [Children, phones and online safety | NSPCC](#) offers practical advice about setting boundaries, managing risks, having regular conversations with children about their online lives and regularly monitoring smart phone, computer and gaming activity.

Our aim is to work in partnership with families, giving our children the knowledge, confidence and good habits, they need to make safe and responsible choices.

Best wishes,

Simon Kidwell
Principal

<u>School Dinners</u>	Next week, we will be on menu 1. Please pay for your meals via School Gateway.
<u>Secondary School Applications</u>	Many of our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been attending high school open days recently. A reminder that the deadline for Year 6 secondary school applications is 31st October 2026 . If you need any support with the application process, please don't hesitate to get in touch.
<u>Tempest Photography – Wednesday 14th October 2026</u>	Tempest Photography will be in school on Wednesday 14 th October to take individual photographs. All children are to wear full school uniform (no P.E kits please).
<u>Medication</u>	If your child requires pain relief medication but they are well enough to come to school, please give them a dose of medicine before they arrive at school. If medicine needs to be administered during the school day, you will need to provide the medicine and complete a form. We store an emergency supply of pain relief in school which we take on trips and visits.

Diary Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>						
Wednesday 14 th October 2026	Tempest Photography- Individual Photographs (children should wear full school uniform- no P.E kits)						
Thursday 22 nd October 2026	School closes for half-term						
Thursday 22 nd October 2026	FOHM Monster Mash Disco- tickets available on school gateway. <table border="1" style="margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <tr> <td>Year 1&2</td><td>3:30pm-4:15pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Year 3&4</td><td>4:30pm-5.30pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Year 5&6</td><td>5:45pm-7:00pm</td></tr> </table> There will be tickets available for every pupil to attend.	Year 1&2	3:30pm-4:15pm	Year 3&4	4:30pm-5.30pm	Year 5&6	5:45pm-7:00pm
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Friday 23 rd October 2026	School Closed- INSET Day						
Monday 2 nd November 2026	School Opens						
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Reception-Year 6 Flu Vaccinations (Further information will follow)						
Wednesday 4 th November 2026	Tempest Photography- sibling photographs (children should wear full school uniform- no P.E kits)						
Monday 16 th November 2026-Thursday 19 th November 2026	Parents' evening week (further information to follow)						
Wednesday 9 th December & Thursday 10 th December	2:00pm KS1 Nativity (school hall)						
Friday 11 th December 2026	9:00am and 2:15pm Nursery and Reception Nativity (school hall)						
Tuesday 15 th December 2026	11:00am Year 3/4 Carol Service (St John's Church) 2:00pm Year 5/6 Carol Service (St John's Church)						
Friday 18 th December 2026	School closes for Christmas break						
Monday 4 th January 2027	School re-opens						

HOLIDAY DATES 2026-2027

HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING	DATE OF RE-OPENING
AUTUMN HALF TERM 2026	Thursday 22 nd October 2026	Monday 2 nd November 2026
CHRISTMAS 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026	Monday 4 th January 2027
SPRING HALF TERM 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027	Monday 22 nd February 2027
SPRING BREAK 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027	Monday 12 th April 2027
SUMMER HALF TERM 2027	Wednesday 26 th May 2027	Monday 7 th June 2027

SUMMER 2027	Wednesday 21 st July 2027 (1:30pm finish)	
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INSET DAYS (Staff Training Days- school closed)		
Friday 23 rd October 2026	Friday 28 th May 2027	Thursday 27 th May 2027