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Newsletter September 2026

Dear Families,

What a wonderful start to the new term! The children have settled so well into their new classes, and we are proud of how smart, responsible and enthusiastic about learning they are. It has already been a busy and exciting few weeks. We have welcomed our new Reception class into school too. Already, they are making friends, listening carefully to their teachers, learning new routines and engaging in exciting activities.

In our Collective Worship and Assemblies, we have been learning about our school rules;

Be Kind

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Our Best-Selves

The children have been brilliant at talking about our rules and how they help us learn well together. I have been especially impressed by their **Wonderful Walking** and **Marvellous Manners**!

Our Year 6 children have been taking up a number of Leadership Roles including Reading Buddies, Sports' Leaders and the Worship Team. I also look forward to listening to the children's thoughts and ideas with the new School Council Representatives.

I hope you enjoy this monthly newsletter.



Upcoming events

24.9.26 Flu vaccinations

9.10.26 Harvest Service (St Mary's) @2pm

13/15.10.26 Parents' Evenings

19.10.26 Half term begins

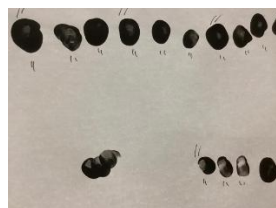
Reminders

Arriving on time each day is so important for all our children. The gates open at 8.40am and lessons start at 8.50am. Please do all you can to arrive on time so your children feel comfortable starting with their friends at the beginning of the school day.

Please take care when parking around school. We all want to keep our children safe, and we also want to be considerate to our neighbours.



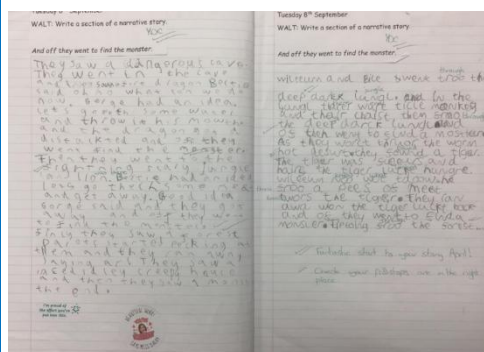
In **Ash Class** the children have been getting to know their new classroom, teachers and friends! I have loved seeing them dressing up and playing in the outdoor area. We have some super strong children who love climbing and showing me their balancing skills! I have also been impressed with how they are learning to sit and listen carefully to their teachers – It's always a treat to see them listening at story time. Look at their portraits! What artists!



In **The Hub** the children have been learning new songs and routines. They have enjoyed their topic – All about me'. I love the portraits they have worked on. They have also been learning the letter sound 'a'. Look at their a... a... ants paintings! 😊



Elm Class have been investigators and historians! This week the children have been looking at and learning about their own, modern toys. Next week they'll be learning about their parent's toys and toys from the past.



In **Willow Class** the children have been working hard on their writing. Their stories were based on the book 'We are going to find a Monster.' They had a map of school to plan their story and changed areas in school into different settings like a jungle or a lake. They tried very hard to include expanded noun phrases and even some alliteration in their stories. I was impressed with their incredible imaginations. Well done Willow Class!

Cedar Class went on the bus to a tennis festival at Melton Mowbray this week. The coaches taught them games to play and skills to practise to help them become the tennis stars of the future!





In **Chestnut Class** the children have been enjoying their stretch and challenge maths investigations finding many different solutions to problems. In art the children have been making Greek clay pots with their very own imaginative designs.



In **Hawthorn Class** the children have been scientists! They have been learning about what a 'mixture' is and what a 'solution' is, by carrying out a number of investigations. They have been using their new science vocabulary 'soluble' and 'insoluble', as they complete their experiments.

Sycamore Class have been working hard. I've seen them really challenging themselves with their maths (Algebra on day 1!) and writing, but this week I was amazed to see them develop their food prep skills making sushi rolls! I was especially impressed with their knowledge and skills, always cutting the food accurately and safely.



Communication with teachers - we hope you are feeling informed about school life on Class Dojo. You can message class teachers using this system on weekdays between 8am and 5pm. Please be aware, they may not be able to respond during the school day while they are teaching. You can contact the school, for urgent matters, via the school office on 01949 842224 or by email office@bot.learnat.uk.

Attendance - Good attendance is essential for best learning outcomes. Please do not book holidays in term time and make every effort to attend on time, every day. We have a class attendance award each week, recognised in our Friday Celebration Assemblies. Any attendance below 90% is a cause for concern, and we will be in touch to see how we can best support you and your child to be in school and maintain good progress in learning.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Please make sure all uniform is named. Our lost property pile is already growing! 😊

The children may wear

- Black/charcoal trousers, skirts, or pinafores

- White or pale blue polo shirt/blouse/shirt
- Blue logo sweatshirt or cardigan
- Pale blue gingham dress (summer months)
- Plain black shoes (no boots)
- Long hair tied back with plain black/blue accessories



Uniform can be ordered via **YourSchoolUniform.com** Our PTA runs an eco-shop selling high-quality pre-loved items. Donations may be left in the green recycling bin in the school foyer.

PE Kit: Children should come to school in their PE kit on PE days. Please, no branded sportswear or football kits.

Mobile phones – Only Year 5 and 6 children who have permission to walk unaccompanied to and from school, (this must be agreed by school using Arbor>Parental Consents) may bring a mobile phone to school. Mobile phones must be handed to class teacher at the beginning of the school day to be stored safely till the end of the day. We ask that mobile phones stay off and away, until the children have left the school site.



Bikes and Scooters – We love that children are walking, scooting and biking to school. It's good for health, safety and the environment! Do walk with your bike or school once on the school site to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

Safeguarding – Our **Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)** in school are Mrs D Giles, Mr C Andrews and Mrs H Killen Smith. If you have any concerns about a child, please speak to one of our DSLs.

That's it for our September Newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you at our Harvest Festival Service at 2pm at St Mary's Church on Friday 9th October.

Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes,

Mrs Di Giles.