



Weekly Newsletter – 11th September 2026

Welcome to the first weekly newsletter of the year. It has been a lovely start to the new school year with the children settling well into their new classes. It is so nice to still see the children playing at the skate park both in the morning and after school. What is really positive is how well the children are engaging with each other whilst there and everyone is looking out for each other and helping each other. I would like to give a big shout out to the Year 6 children who got help for a child who had had an accident whilst at the park.

The weekly newsletter is an opportunity to celebrate how well the children are doing and to highlight all the exciting things that have gone on during the week. Today, children in Year 1 to Year 6 had the opportunity to practice their climbing skills as a climbing activity wall came to the school. Lots of children overcame their fears by climbing as high as they could. The Year 2 children had a 'WOW' day to begin their castle topic. I have seen lots of dragons, knights and princesses making castles in the big hall. The children looked like they were having a great time.

The best news has been the completion of the modular building on the KS2 playground which will be the new home for Year 6 whilst the new Year 5 and 6 classes are built.

Stars of the Week

The 'Stars of the Week' are:

Y1: Mila Summerfield, Beau Jennings

Y2: Ryla Rigg, Freddie Gauld

Y3: Leo Gutteridge, Poppy Rogers

Y4: Kai Sherwood, Oscar Harrison

Y5: Lucy Milne, Rex Allison

Y6: Zach Kent, Phoebe Weare, Miles Robinson



Golden Pencil: Children who have made a real effort with their handwriting and shown improvement are awarded a golden pencil. The following children were awarded their golden pencil this week:

Year 6: Phoebe Weare, Sofia Lofty and Josh Wilson.



Dates For Your Diary

Please note we are postponing the 'colour run' until a date later in the year which has yet to be decided. Here are the dates for the rest of the term:

Term 1

Wednesday 16th September: Skateboard workshops

Thursday 1st October: 8.40am – 10am LWS open morning for Year 6

Friday 2nd October: INSET day – school closed

Tuesday 6th October: 6pm – 8pm LWS Year 6 open evening

Wednesday 7th October: Year 2 trip to Oxford story museum

Wednesday 7th October: Year 6 trip to Oxford Castle

Wednesday 14th October: 9am Harvest festival celebrations

Friday 23rd October: Flu vaccines

Monday 20th to Friday 23rd October: Arts & Culture week

Thursday 22nd October: School photographs

Friday 23rd October: Last day of term

Weekly Helpful Tip

Does your child have meltdowns after school? If the answer is 'Yes' you could try the '**4 S to reset**':

Silence: Implement a 'no-question' zone for the first 30 to 60 minutes after school. Talking can wait. If you drive home, try playing low-energy music. Chatting can wait until they have regulated.

Snack: Have a snack ready for when they get home or when they come out of school – 'the power of the crunch & cold'. Have something crunchy like carrots, pretzels, apples. Heavy chewing sends calming signals to the brain. Have something cold like an ice-cold smoothie or drinking through a straw.

Sensory space: This could be a pop-up tent, a corner behind the sofa with some pillows or even a den made of blankets. Inside you could include fidget toys, dim lighting, a weighted lap pad, mindful colouring. You could also include Lego.

Strenuous activity: Heavy work helps the brain understand where the body is which is grounding for a child who feels 'out of control'. They can try jumping jacks, trampolining, wall push ups, animal walks e.g. stomp like a bear, pushing and pulling activities, carrying things.

Clubs

Over the next few weeks, staff will be starting some extracurricular clubs. Some have already started. Children will be made aware as and when clubs start. These clubs have started:

- Year 3 to 6 choir: Friday 8.15am
- KS2 chess club: Wednesday lunch times

These clubs will start soon:

- Stitching club: Tuesday & Wednesday lunchtimes
- KS2 newspaper club: Thursday lunchtime
- Football club: day to be sorted
- KS1 & KS2 instrument club: Friday lunchtimes

Brief Reminders

Indoor Shoes: Children need to have a pair of black shoes or trainers for indoor wear. They can also use plimsols for indoor wear. They also need to have a pair of outdoor shoes to wear at breaktimes and lunchtimes. This is because we like them to go on the field as much as possible as there is so much more space, but it can get muddy. Even if they are on the playground, they can get wet when it has rained. Outdoor shoes can be any old shoes, trainers or wellies.

P.E / Forest School Days: This is a reminder that KS2 children need to come to school in their P.E kits when it is their day for P.E lessons. They also need to come in their forest school kits when it is their time to go to forest school. This is because we have limited cloakroom space due to moving 3 classes into the Y3 & 4 area whilst the building works are going on.

Bags: Please can you try to keep the size of school bags as small as possible as all the cloakrooms lack lots of space for large bags on the hooks.