

*'Eager to learn ,
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Welcome Letter - September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the start of the new school year! I hope you and your families have had an enjoyable and restful summer. We are very excited to begin the year ahead and to continue working together to support your children's learning and development.

Over the holidays, a great deal of work has taken place across the school. We are delighted to share some of the improvements with you:

- A brand-new sensory room, The Reef, which will provide a calming and supportive environment for children.
- Additional outdoor seating areas.
- Renovations to both The Dragon's Den and Nest.
- Significant works to the KS1 playground, including new fencing.

The new fencing has been introduced to support children's outdoor learning on a daily basis. This space will be used to provide outdoor provision for the children, similar to the setup enjoyed by Year R. As with any new development, there may be some teething problems, but please be assured that we will address any issues as they arise – thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Parents are kindly asked to wait outside of the Infant hall doors until the new gates on the playground are opened by a member of staff.

Uniform reminders

As we start the new year, we would like to remind families of our uniform expectations:

- Grey bottoms, white polo shirt, and a school-logo jumper or cardigan.
- Black shoes.
- No jewellery, makeup, or nail polish.
- Long hair should be tied back.

We'll be placing a real focus on uniform this term. A smart and consistent uniform helps children to feel part of our school community, creates a sense of pride and belonging, and allows them to come into school ready to learn. We really appreciate your support in helping us keep standards high.



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Attendance and punctuality

A reminder that the school gates open at 8:25am, and all children should be in class no later than 8:45am. If your child arrives after this time, please take them to the main office so they can be signed in.

Parent communication

At the end of last term, we informed you that we will be moving to Arbor as our parent app. More information will be shared in the coming days, and we aim to have the system fully up and running by October half term. To support this transition, we will also be offering parent workshops (dates and times to follow).

Staffing news

We'd like to share some staffing updates with you. Mrs Taylor will be going on maternity leave from 4th September, and during this time Mr Johnson will be stepping into the role of Acting Deputy Headteacher. As you know, Miss Davies retired at the end of last term. We're pleased to let you know that Miss Kingdon will now be our Designated Safeguarding Lead. We wish Mrs Taylor all the best for this exciting new chapter and thank both Mr Johnson and Miss Kingdon for taking on these important roles.

We are looking forward to another exciting and successful year together. Thank you for your continued support, and we cannot wait to see what this year brings for our children and school community.

With warm regards,

Kathryn Wilden
Headteacher