



NEWSLETTER

18th September 2026

A message from our school leaders...

The week began with children celebrating Roald Dahl Day, learning about his fascinating background and life before he became one of the world's most beloved authors. Throughout the day, children explored one of his stories in class, discussing the characters, themes, and rich vocabulary used within the text. These activities inspired the children's own writing and encouraged a deeper appreciation of literature and storytelling.

We are delighted to share that our Forest School provision has now begun. Children thoroughly enjoyed their outdoor learning sessions led by Mrs Emery, taking part in a range of practical and creative activities in our outdoor environment. Forest School provides valuable opportunities for children to develop their confidence, resilience, teamwork, and problem-solving skills while fostering a strong connection with nature. We look forward to watching this provision grow throughout the year.

I am also pleased to announce that our Head Boy and Head Girl have been selected. Lexie has been appointed Head Girl, with Charlotte serving as Deputy Head Girl. Congratulations also go to Noah, who has been selected as Head Boy, and Caleb, who has been appointed Deputy Head Boy. We are incredibly proud of all four pupils and are confident they will be excellent role models for their peers. We look forward to seeing them embrace their leadership responsibilities and make a positive contribution to school life throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that children attend school in the correct uniform. We greatly appreciate the efforts of parents and carers in helping us maintain our high standards and foster a sense of pride within our school community. As PE lessons are now fully underway, we would like to remind families that, in line with our school uniform policy, children should wear plain navy bottoms for PE. We still have a small number of pupils attending lessons in black bottoms, which are not part of the approved PE kit. Thank you again for your support.

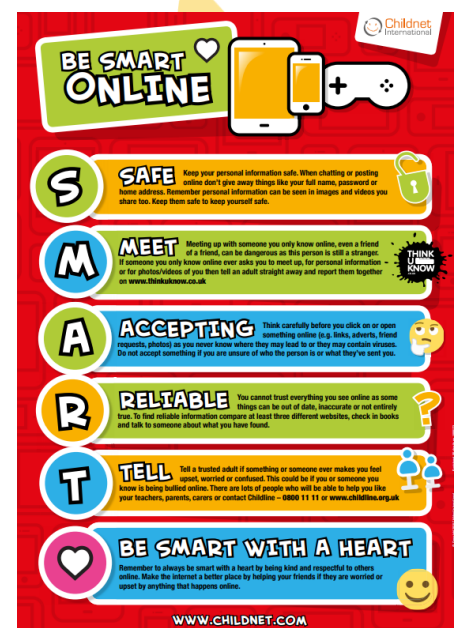
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Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a **'NUT FREE'** school.
- **POLITE REMINDER:** We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Rec/Yr 1	87.5%
Yr 2/3/4	96.0%
Yr 5/6	96.0%



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What have we been up to?



Nursery – Mrs Dobson

This week, in Nursery, we have been learning all about the nursery rhyme, *Hey Diddle, Diddle*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed singing the song and joining in with the actions. Alongside our rhyme, we learnt three new **Wondrous Words**: *dish, over* and *fiddle*. We talked about what a fiddle is and watched a video of someone playing one, which the children found very interesting. Also, many creative activities were inspired by the nursery rhyme - the children painted pictures of the animals from the song, used bubble wrap to create textured moon pictures, and designed their own dishes and spoons. We loved seeing all of their wonderful ideas and artwork.

During our outdoor learning, we discovered lots of worms in different sizes. We talked about which worms were long and which were short, helping to develop our understanding of size and measurement. The children were fascinated by the worms and enjoyed observing them closely. To finish our outdoor exploration, we sang, *There's a Worm at the Bottom of My Garden*, which everyone joined in with enthusiastically.

We have had a fantastic week of singing, creating, exploring, and learning together





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YrR/1 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Niven

What a fantastic week of learning we have had!

Reception 🏠 Reception have been enjoying, *We Are Family* and learning that families are all different and special. They have also made a fantastic start to their daily phonics lessons, with some brilliant letter formation already! The children are beginning to write initial sounds and even some CVC words in their literacy lessons.

In maths, we have continued exploring matching and sorting, developing our ability to group objects by their features.

Year 1 🐛 Year 1 have been working hard with numbers to 10, practising one more, one less and counting backwards. In English, we have been focusing on capital letters and finger spaces and will continue writing short sentences about *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

In geography, the children have enjoyed learning about the continents and exploring maps of the world. During DT, they have been tasting different fruits and vegetables and learning about what makes a healthy diet.

Both classes also had a fantastic time in their first cricket session, where they enjoyed practising their catching skills. We were so impressed with their enthusiasm and teamwork! 🏏

Well done everyone for another brilliant week! ✨





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Yr2/3/4 – Mrs Wharton, Mrs Emery and Mrs Aislalie

This week, we have been incredibly impressed with the high standard of writing across our mixed Year 2, 3 and 4 class. The children worked hard to remember the key features of good sentence writing, including using capital letters and full stops correctly. Using a lighthouse video as a stimulus, the older children challenged themselves further by including similes in their descriptions, creating some imaginative and effective pieces of writing.

In geography, the class learned about how mountains are formed and developed their understanding of important geographical vocabulary. The children were able to explain the meanings of words such as **summit**, **ridge** and **tree-line**, and used these confidently when discussing different mountain features.

Our art lessons marked the beginning of our new topic on colour theory. The children enjoyed exploring colour mixing and discovering how primary colours can be combined to create secondary and tertiary colours. They showed great curiosity and creativity as they experimented with a range of colour combinations.

We also had a fantastic first Forest School session, led by our recently qualified Mrs Emery. The children learned about animals that hibernate and discussed how different creatures prepare for the colder months. Working collaboratively in small groups, they designed and built hedgehog houses, demonstrating excellent teamwork, problem-solving skills and creativity. The children thoroughly enjoyed being outdoors and were excited to apply their learning in a practical way.





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Yr5/6 – Mrs Garnett and Miss Spenceley

This week has been full of exciting learning.

In English, we drafted our final piece of writing to be published, based on the Tommy War image. The children's work was very heartfelt and included some lovely figurative language.

In maths, Year 5 have continued working on place value, looking at numbers to 1,000,000. Year 6 have focused on the power of 10, multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000.

We also had our first Forest School session, where the children created their own bug hotels using the nature around them.

During science, we have been learning about the circulatory system. The children investigated which exercise increases heart rate the most, considering variables and how to make each test fair.

Mr Waite also took the class for their music session in African drumming. The children explored a rain song, focusing on its rhythm and beat.

To end the week, we enjoyed tag-rugby. Although the weather is getting colder and wetter, ideal for rugby - we will continue outdoors, so please ensure all children bring coats.





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Upcoming
Events:

	Event
SEPTEMBER 2026	
Wed 23 rd Sept	Author 'Adam Bushnell' visiting school
Tues 29 th Sept	Flu Immunisations in School for Rec-Yr6
OCTOBER 2026	
Fri 23 rd Oct	School Breaks up for Half Term Holiday
NOVEMBER 2026	
Mon 9 th Nov	Pupils Return to School
Mon 9 th Nov	Bikeability – Level 1 for Years 4 and 5
Tues 10 th – Thurs 12 th Nov	Bikeability – Level 2 for Year 5
Mon 16 th Nov	Odd Socks Day
Fri 27 th Nov	Remembrance Day
Mon 30 th Nov	Phototronics in School – Individual + Sibling Photographs
DECEMBER 2026	
Fri 4 th Dec	Panto @ The Georgian Theatre, Richmond
Fri 18 th Dec	School Breaks up for Christmas Holiday