



Friday 11th
September 2026

Newsletter

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News from Mrs Parr

What a great start to the school year! Our reception children have settled into school effortlessly and every class is up and running with enthusiastic learning taking place across the school.

Our extra-curricular clubs start next week – sign up on Arbor. There is a charge for some clubs and others are free. Clubs will change/adapt each half term, and new clubs are often added throughout the term to cater for all year groups. The Junior Choir started this week and already have performance on the cards – The Autumn Fete at Marine Gardens at 12pm on Saturday 19th September!



See dojo next week for more details.

Up and coming events

14th October Readathon events and community reading relay

16th October PTA Disco
Readathon events and relay

3rd November Parents' Evening

4th November Parents' Evening

Whole school dates to follow .

Attendance Matters

Key information

Gates open at 8:35.

Classroom doors open at 8:40.

Gates close and registration takes place at 8:45.

Learning takes place the moment the children walk through the classroom door so please try to get to school on time. Punctuality is a good skill for life not just for school.

Office Hours

The school office will be closed between 12:30pm and 1:00pm every day.

Safeguarding

Phone free pick-ups

Please refrain from using your mobile phone on the school premises. Thank you

Bikes and scooters

Reminder - once at the school gate please walk bikes/scooters into school and place in the bike sheds.

Emergency contacts/permissions

Please ensure all data on Arbor is up to date. This includes phone numbers, emails, contact names, photographic permissions. Thank you

Achievements/Awards

After consultation with children, staff and families here are our new awards categories for 2026.

English

Maths

Subject

Wellbeing

Rights Respecting

Yellow star (overall achievement)

Headteacher Award

Teachers' Corner: How to help your child at home

Daily Reading Habits

Set a routine

Read aloud to your child

Take turns

Follow their interest

Repeat books

Ask questions



Quote of the week!

"Miss Metcalfe, I just love your face!"



Awards assemblies this half term

Infants and Year 4 9am
Wednesday 21st October 2026

Juniors 9am Thursday 22nd October 2026.