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Our Core Christian Values

Compassion, Courage and Endurance, Interior Posture and Wisdom

Update from the Headteacher

18th September 2026

Parent Governor

Applications are now open for the Parent Governor vacancy. Details can be found on the whole school website letters area of the app and school website. Application forms are available from the office and the closing date is noon on 30th September.

100% attendance hot chocolate

Children who achieve 100% attendance this term will be invited to join Andrew Knight, Headteacher, for a 100% hot chocolate!

Every day counts so keep coming to school and you could be joining me for a hot chocolate!



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Individual Healthcare Plans

If your child was given a Healthcare Plan to complete before the holidays, would you please return this as soon as possible to ensure we can meet any medical needs while they are at school. Thank you

Reception and Nursery pupil progress meetings

Next week, Miss Smith, Miss Papa and Miss Ball will be meeting with parents and carers for their child's pupil progress meeting.

These meetings are held early in the school year to provide an opportunity for colleagues to reassure parents and carers that children have settled well into school life and to begin building strong home-school relationships. Where any early concerns have been identified, these may also be discussed during the meeting.

As part of the meeting, parents and carers will have the opportunity to share their own thoughts about their child's start to the school year and raise any questions or concerns they may have.

In some cases, it may be necessary to arrange a further meeting at a later date if more than the allocated ten minutes is required.

Following feedback from families last year, we are pleased to share the typical structure of the meeting:

- Welcome and settling in
- Behaviour and personal development
- Early learning observations, including:
 - Communication and language
 - Physical development
 - Early mathematics
 - Early literacy
- Parent/carers views and home experiences
- Next steps and closing

We look forward to meeting with you and working together to support your child's successful start to school.

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Year 6 Parent Information Meeting

We would like to invite all Year 6 parents and carers to a Year 6 Information Meeting on Wednesday 23rd September in the Year 6 classrooms.

This meeting will provide information about the year ahead, including SATs, homework expectations, secondary school applications, and how you can support your child to have a successful final year of primary school.

There is no need to book or confirm attendance. Please make your way to the Year 6 door and wait there for a 3:30pm prompt start.

The meeting is expected to last for approximately 30 minutes, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end.

We look forward to seeing you there! Hannah Child & Jonny Duthoit

Harvest Festival Donations - open to all families

As part of our Year 6 Harvest Festival Service, we will be collecting donations for the local food bank. The children will be leading the service at church and would greatly appreciate your support in helping those in our community who may be facing difficult times.

Donations can be brought to the Year 6 door at the start of the school day or given to your child's class teacher, who will ensure they are passed on to the Year 6 teachers.

We will be collecting donations until Wednesday 30th September.

Suggested donations include any of the following:

- Tinned soup, Tinned vegetables, Tinned fruit, Baked beans, Tinned meat (e.g. tuna, ham, corned beef)
- Pasta, Rice, Pasta sauces, Biscuits, Crackers, Jam, Sugar
- Cereal, Porridge oats
- Tea bags, Coffee, UHT milk, Long-life fruit juice
- Toilet rolls, Toothpaste, Shower gel, Shampoo

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Andrew Knight, Headteacher