



Newsletter 1
12th September 2025

'Let us love one another, for love comes from God'
1 John 4:7



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have enjoyed the summer break. What an exciting week we have had! Zack George, aka Gladiator Steel, visited us on Wednesday. The children really enjoyed the Zactiv workshop which promoted healthy balanced eating, hydration, exercise, confidence and mindset. Zack spoke to the children about glimmers, the small moments of the day that made them feel joy. He asked them to write their glimmers on a piece of paper and put them in his glimmer jar. He has taken these away to read. For more photographs, please see our [gallery page](#) on the school website.



We also found out that we won the Echo Tokens for Schools competition and have been awarded a £1000 Amazon voucher! The School Council will talk to classes and find out what the children would like to buy with this. Thank you so much for collecting so many tokens for our school!

Best wishes

Miss Michelle Prince
Headteacher

Congratulations to these children who have gone above and beyond and **sparkled** this week:

Giraffes: Henry and Ronnie
Dolphins: Albert and Ayla
Pandas: Oliver-Lee and Skye
Snow Leopards: Poppy and Sienna L



Meet the Teacher

There will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and find out about their new year group curriculum and routines. These meetings will take place in your child's new classroom. Please enter the school through the front office. It would be great to see as many families as possible.

Monday 15th September Y2 Meet the Teacher 2:55pm

Tuesday 16th September Y3 Meet the Teacher 2:55pm

Wednesday 17th September Y1 Meet the Teacher 2:55pm

Thursday 18th September Y4 Meet the Teacher 2:55pm



Wednesday 24th September YR Curriculum Meeting 2:45pm

Staffing Update

Welcome to our new members of staff! Miss Self and Mrs Jones will be working with a group of schools across Initio Learning Trust. If you would like to book an appointment to discuss any inclusion matters with Mrs Jones, please contact the school office.

			
Miss Self Deputy Headteacher Teaching and Learning (Maternity Cover)	Mrs Jones Inclusion Lead (Maternity Cover)	Mrs Hancock Y1 Class Teacher (Maternity Cover)	Mrs Randall Lunchtime Supervisor

Arbor

Thank you for your patience while we transition our communication system to Arbor.

You can now use Arbor to:

- **Book and pay for breakfast club.** Please book in advance, as places are limited.
- **Access the school shop** to purchase book bags, PE bags, and baseball caps. These can be collected from the school office.
- **Update your child's information**, such as address and phone number.
- **Report your child absent.**
- **View your child's attendance and reports.**

We highly recommend downloading the **free Arbor Parent App** for easy access to all these features.

Please note: If you have children at other schools within our Trust, you will need to create separate accounts for each school. If you have any problems, please contact the school office, and we'll do our best to help.

P.E. Days

Children should bring their P.E. bag to school on Mondays and take it home on Fridays. P.E. bags should be a drawstring style as there is no space on the pegs for backpacks. The P.E. bag should contain black shorts, white school P.E. t-shirt (logo t-shirt optional), black plimsolls/trainers and a spare pair of socks (especially if your child wears tights to school).



For your information, these are the planned P.E. days for each class.

Year R - Wednesday and Friday

Year 1 - Monday (Forest School) and Wednesday

Year 2 - Monday and Tuesday

Year 3 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 - Thursday and Friday

Google Classroom

Home learning will continue to be set on Google Classroom on Fridays. The children's login details will be the same as last year. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you need support with this.

School Council and Worship Team

Children in Year 1 - 4 have the opportunity to apply to be on the School Council or Worship Team for one term. These are pupil voice groups that work alongside Miss Prince to come up with and help make school improvements. They are responsible for talking to the children in their class about what is discussed in the meetings and invite them to get involved with finding solutions. They may be required to share ideas within whole school worship or help write a section of the school newsletter. They will promote the school expectations and be an excellent role model for the other children. Application forms were given out this week but are still available from the class teachers. If your child is interested in applying for this term, please ensure they complete an application form and return it to school by Tuesday 16th September. The children in each class will vote for their representatives. The children who are chosen will remain in the group for one term and then there will be another opportunity to apply and a new vote in the following term..

Clubs

We have a selection of after school clubs available this term. Links for each are below, or you can contact the school office.

Monday

[Forest School](#) Year 1 - 4

[Gymnastics](#) Year 1 - 4

Spanish - Year 3 and 4

Tuesday

[Football](#) Year 1 - 4

Wednesday

[Tennis](#) Year 1 - 4

[Ukulele](#) Year 1 - 4

Thursday

[Football](#) Year 1 - 4

[Dance](#) Year 1 - 4

[Choir](#) Year 1 - 4



Punctuality

It is important that children arrive at school on time and ready to learn. Registration starts at 8:55am and closes at 9:05am. If children arrive after the register opens but before they close, they will be marked as 'late before registers close' (L). If a child arrives after registers close, they will be marked as 'late after registers close' (U). Both of these marks in the register will impact your child's attendance percentage.

Attendance



Well done Dolphins!

Dates for your diary

Monday 15th September

Year 2 Meet the Teacher 2:55pm

Vikki Slade MP visit to school

Tuesday 16th September

Year 3 Meet the Teacher 2:55pm

Wednesday 17th September

Year 1 Meet the Teacher 2:55pm

Thursday 18th September

Year 4 Meet the Teacher 2:55pm

Friday 19th September

Five Loaves Bakery

Wednesday 24th September

Year R Curriculum Meeting for parents/carers

Monday 29th September

Individual Photographs

Thursday 2nd October

Harvest Service in Church 9:00am

Friday 3rd October

Open Morning for prospective new parents

Friday 24th October

Five Loaves Bakery

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

Half Term Holiday

Monday 3rd November

INSET Day

Wednesday 19th November

Flu Immunisations

Monday 17th - Friday 21st November

Road Safety Week



Class Weekly Attendance

for Week beginning 08th - 12th 2025

Elephants	97.3%
Giraffes	99.3%
Dolphins	99.7%
Pandas	98.6%
Snow Leopards	96.5%
Whole School	98.4%

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