



RESPECT



RESILIENCE



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CREATIVITY

Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026

From the Principal

It has been another busy week and a pleasure as always on a Friday to award certificates to pupils demonstrating school values. Apologies for the length of the newsletter but there seems to be a number of matters to update you on this week so I have included items under the appropriate headings as follows:

Policies

On our website today, I have also updated the following policies approved by governors last night:

- child protection policy,
- Harmful Sexual Behaviours policy,
- Attendance policy
- Allergy policy; and
- Mobile Phone policy

The Allergy policy has been written in response to Benedict's Law which introduced new allergy safety requirements for schools in England from September 2026. It is named after 5-year-old Benedict Blythe, who died from anaphylaxis at school in 2021 after mistakenly being given cow's milk, to which he was known to be allergic. Benedict's Law will introduce a series of protective measures designed to improve allergy safety in schools. All staff have completed allergy awareness training this month and we are due to receive our stock of autoinjector pens soon.

Dates

There have been some changes to a few key dates - autumn 1 changes are highlighted below. See the website for details of other date changes.

CGP Books

I want to take the opportunity to apologise for any confusion caused over a recent ParentMail concerning CGP Books. We decided to use these to set homework in Upper Key Stage 2 (years 5 and 6) but the email requesting their purchase accidentally went to parents in all year groups. Hopefully the issue has since been resolved but please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any unresolved matters. If you are interested in supporting your child with maths, you can still use the CGP books. We will also be selling old textbooks and workbooks after school next Thursday, alongside some Octopus energy soft toys.

Parking

I have been contacted again regarding parking issues around the school with parents using the private residents' parking drive area whilst picking up their children. There has also been an increase in parking across the entrance to the parking area, which prevents access and exit. Please use the available parking at the community hall and playing fields, and remember not to park on pavements, leave engines running, or remain parked for excessive time.

Lunchtimes

Your children may have mentioned that we are working to improve our systems in the dining hall at lunchtime. They have been brilliant at trying out new systems and helping us work through the issues. Whilst we have reduced the queues and the busy-ness of the hall, it is taking a long time to get pupils through while offering a space to eat packed lunches in the dining hall. We have been listening to the pupils and we are going to further refine the process on Monday, with the introduction of a cafe style area in the small hall for Year 6 pupils.

Have a Happy Weekend.

Wishing you all the best,

S-J Pyne

Principal



Diary Dates

September 2026	October 2026
22 Sep — 9am - 10am KS1 Phonics parent cafe 25 – 30 Sep — Book Fair 25 Sep — 4.30pm Colour Run — FFG 28 Sep — Reception Disco — FFG 30 Sep - 01 Oct — School photos	30 Sep - 01 Oct — School photos 01 Oct — Black History Month (school activities across the month) 02 Oct — Back up date for Colour Run (if weather bad) 06 Oct — EYFS Tours for 27-28 9AM 06 Oct – 07 Oct – One Plan Meetings NEW DATE 09 Oct — Year 2 trip to Stansted Mountfitchet Castle 13 Oct — EYFS Tours for 27-28 1.30 PM REVISED DATE 15 Oct — Redwood Class assembly 9-9.30am 15 Oct — Year 6 SATs meeting 3.30pm 19–30 Oct — Half term holiday (inclusive)

Learning for Life Awards

Class	Pupil
Cherry	Rafe
Elm	Isla / Robie
Hazel	Rayden
Maple	Oscar
Oak	Asher
Poplar	Mason
Redwood	Phoebe
Spruce	Honor
Willow	Jim

★ CELEBRATION OF THE WEEK ★

The EYFS phonics cafe was really useful and we thank you for your support.

There has been amazing artwork across KS2! Watch this space.

Attendance

✓ OUR ATTENDANCE FOCUS

Every day in school matters. Regular attendance helps children build routines, maintain friendships and make steady progress in their learning.

Measure	This week	This term	Target
Whole-school attendance	95.4%	95.4%	96%+
Pupils attending 95%+	93.5%	93.5%	96%+
Persistent absence		21.1%	0%+