

Term 1

Newsletter

Ms Biss' Best Bits!



What a wonderful start to the new academic year! It has been an absolute joy welcoming back all our children and seeing our new pupils settle in so quickly. Over the past term, I have been deeply impressed by the enthusiasm, kindness, and hard work shown across all year groups. From fantastic outdoor learning adventures, our successful new Zen Club to our heartwarming Harvest Festival performances, our school community has truly shone. When I have shown prospective parents around our school, there is a calm, busy atmosphere and the children are so polite and confident in telling guests all about our school and their learning- this makes me very proud indeed!

A huge thank you to our children, dedicated staff, supportive parents, and brilliant PTA (a very successful Monster Ball) for making Term 1 so memorable—I look forward to seeing all that our pupils accomplish in the coming term!

As always, thank you for your support, have a lovely half term holiday!

Heads Commendations

Congratulations to the following children who received the Heads Commendation Award for Term 1

Star - Laraya	Neptune - Hunter	Jupiter - Ralphie
Venus - Maeve	Comets - Chloe	Earth - Lexi
Mars - Zaanim	Saturn - Ada	Mercury - KNox



GOOD
WORK

Outdoor Learning

We are thrilled to see so many classes enjoying our fantastic outdoor environment this term! Mrs Edgell has been taking groups out to our incredible Woodland Workshop and forest for a variety of fun, practical learning activities. These outdoor sessions offer our pupils fantastic opportunities to build confidence, develop teamwork, and connect with nature. Thank you to Mrs Edgell for bringing learning to life in our beautiful woodland area!



Zen Club

Our lunchtime Zen Club, held daily in the peaceful setting of our Woodland Workshop, continues to be a wonderful sanctuary for our pupils. Generously run by Mrs Mann, this quiet space provides a calm, supportive environment for children who find busy playtimes overwhelming or experience feelings of anxiety. This term, the club has made a truly massive, positive impact on several of our students, offering them a grounding space to unwind, build confidence, and regulate their emotions before afternoon lessons.

Harvest Festival

Last week's Harvest Festival was a resounding success! The entire school came together and made us immensely proud, delivering fantastic performances filled with beautiful singing and wonderfully confident storytelling. It was heartening to see pupils of all ages perform with such enthusiasm and poise in front of the school community. A huge thank you to all the children for their hard work, and to our parents and staff for supporting another memorable event!



Trips

We have some wonderful trips lined up over the coming term that we know the children will love! Please be reminded that for these trips to go ahead, we need to receive voluntary contributions covering at least 95% of the total school fee. Unfortunately, if we are unable to reach this threshold, we will have no choice but to cancel the trip. We greatly appreciate your support and cooperation in helping us make these memorable learning experiences possible for our students.





PTA

A massive thank you goes out to our brilliant PTA for everything they do to enrich school life for our children! From hosting lively events like the Halloween Disco, Spring Ball, and Inflatable Fun Day, their hard work raises vital funds that directly benefit our pupils. Thanks to their efforts, the PTA has funded incredible experiences like the Science Dome, as well as contributing toward Year 6 leavers' jumpers, new play equipment, and so much more—experiences our school simply couldn't offer without them!

The PTA is always on the lookout for new volunteers, whether you can commit regularly or just lend a hand at the odd event. If you'd like to get involved, please scan the QR code to join the PTA WhatsApp group!



5th November 2026 – 9am
19th November 2026 – 5.30pm



Parents Evening – 10th & 12th November 2026

Children In Need – 13th November

Odd Socks Day – 16th November 2026

9th December 2026 – 1.45pm
10th December 2026 – 9.45am



16th December 2026 – 9.45am & 1.45pm

Careers Day – 11th February 2027

Year 4 Camp – May 2027

Art Morning – 19th May 2027

Sports Day – 2nd July 2027





In a School Year, If Your
Child is Late Every Day By...

Your Child Would Have Lost
Approximately...

or They Would Have
Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.