



Wednesday 15th October 2025

Dear Families

Welcome to another newsletter! September gave us a great start to the school year and I thank you all for engaging with us so positively. We had a great Reading Week for our English Subject Spotlight and I know how much staff are appreciating reading being supported so positively. Remember, every reading session in school and home gives children a raffle ticket for our weekly draw in Friday assembly. This month our Subject Spotlight moves on to Mathematics – you will find some subject information from Miss Hutton as our Mathematics lead here about this and how you can engage with some Maths related activities next week. Sending you a big thank you, as always, for being the Birdsedge BEST families to work with.

Miss B ☺

Dates for the Diary

Remember, we have a parent planner on the website that we will keep updated of important dates for families to know.

[Parent Planner | Birdsedge First School](https://birdsedgefirst.org/parents/parent-planner)

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Thursday 16th Oct: 9am –

9:30am Class 1 Reading Info Session

Friday 17th Oct: Class 3 Family Assembly 3pm

Monday 20th Oct: 3pm –

3:30pm Class 1 Reading Info Session (option 2)

Friday 24th Oct: Dress as Rock Star Day for Times Table Rockstars

After School Clubs

We will be refreshing our After School Clubs for the next half term – look out for them on Arbor and don't forget Wake Up Shake for all (parents too!) from 8:40am on the school playground every Monday.

HD8 Network

Just a reminder of the HD8 Network

www.hd8network.co.uk

Communication

<https://twitter.com/birdsedgefirst>

<https://www.facebook.com/BirdsedgeFirstSchool>

<https://birdsedgefirst.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofbirdsedge>

Subject Spotlight – Mathematics

Maths can feel like a scary subject to many and I often hear people say that, "I was no good at Maths when I was at school." I understand how the subject has made many of us feel and we were all taught many different methods over the years. If I could give one bit of advice from being a Maths teacher is try to be positive, try and talk positively about the subject. When your child comes home with homework and you may never have seen that method before, get your child to teach you the method. This will help you understand and reinforces the method to your child. Many parents worry about showing them "their" method, don't be, however it is always best to check they can do it their teacher's way too.

Two areas as a parent and a teacher I have always focused on is 'telling the time' and learning times tables. These are vital for everyday life and makes the world a much easier place to be in. Times tables are vital to success in Maths, these are the building blocks/ foundations and will help in all areas of Maths. Did you know that by the end of Year 4 the government expects all pupils to know their times tables and children have to take part in an online assessment?

We would love to welcome you into school for our Maths event on Thursday 23rd October at 3pm where you can engage in some Maths activities with your children in class.

If anyone needs any advice on how to help their child in Maths please email me at khutton@themast.co.uk and I will be more than happy to help.

Parents Evening

We are setting up appointments for Parents Evening – please do look out for this. We can't wait to meet with you to share how children have started the school year and keep you informed with anything you need to be aware of or can support in the year ahead. Please do get in touch if you can not make the times shared and teachers will make sure they can meet you at a different mutually convenient time.

Word of Mouth

Thank you to anyone who came along to the open evening – your support is appreciated. As always, the biggest tool we have in getting the word out about our little school is Word of Mouth. This week I will be sharing flyers for Tree Tots and an Open Morning we are having in December in Class 1. Please can I ask that you share these with anyone you know or any avenues you have for advertising and sharing. Thank you!