

Monday 19th October 2026

Dear Families

Another month in school has flown by and here we are heading into our final week of Autumn Term 1. Although gone in a flash, the most of every day has certainly been made. Our new children have settled into school so well and our larger school family is something we are all enjoying, classrooms are busy with learning and we are already seeing such brilliant engagement and progress from your wonderful children. Look out this week for information about Parents Evenings we have booked in for after the half term break – we really hope you can attend as teachers cannot wait to share all the brilliant things with you about your children. If the arranged date is one you cannot make due to other commitments please do let your child's teacher know and they will be happy to arrange an alternative. Sending a big thank you to you all this week for an amazing first half term – for your ongoing support and helping us with all the events we have – coffee mornings, story time and assemblies – your attendance is always appreciated 😊 I hope you all have a great week and a wonderful half term break when it gets here. 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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Also look out for our Weekly Reminders we send every Monday for anything coming up in the week ahead.

Thursday 22nd October: FoB Spooky Disco after school

Friday 23rd October: 3pm – usual celebration assembly is replaced with Class 3 Family Assembly

Saturday 24th October: Eco Fest in school

Thursday 5th November: Parents Evening – please look out for further communication to get your appointment booked 😊

Friday 13th November: Children in Need Day

Subject Spotlight – Maths

It's October which means our subject focus is back to Mathematics this month! Always an important subject in school but one we will be putting more of a spotlight on in school this week as part of our Maths Enrichment week.

Two everyday things families can always help children with in their Maths progress is 'telling the time' and learning times tables. Important skills for everyday life but also key to aid learning and progress more broadly in the Maths curriculum. Times tables are vital to success in Maths and are the building blocks/ foundations for so many concepts in the subject.

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. Regular practise for fluency starting right from Numbots for our younger children and TT Rockstars for older pupils will go a long way in helping your child. We will be using a regular slot in our Friday celebration assemblies to celebrate and share certificates for effort and progress on both these platforms from now on – watch this space!

After School Clubs Next Half Term

Book your child's place via parentpay – payment is for a block session of 6 weeks commencing Monday 2nd November – Monday 7th December inclusive.

Monday – **LEGO** - weekly challengers given

Tuesday – **Arts & Craft** - Christmas themed

Wednesday – **Bushcraft**

Friday – **Cooking** – different recipes each week

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>

Attendance Counts

We know that regular attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's academic success, social development and emotional wellbeing. Every school day provides valuable learning opportunities and even short periods of absence can impact learning, confidence and progress. We therefore ask all parents and carers to support the school by ensuring their child attends every day, arrives on time and is only absent when absolutely necessary.

Current Whole School Attendance Year to Date: 93.98

Whole School Attendance Target: 97%