



Wednesday 9th September 2026

Dear Families

We really are delighted to say welcome back to you all. It has been a wonderful first few days back in school and we thank you for being so positive and so supportive in helping children settle into the new school year. The warmest of welcomes to our new families joining us for the first time too – welcome to the Birdsedge family! There are some updates in the newsletter here to help us start the school year as we mean to go on and keep you well informed. As always though, please do get in touch if you have any questions or something doesn't seem clear. To help with our communication and relationships with you all as parents and carers we will be hosting a 'Meet the Teacher' event at the end of the month alongside our MacMillan Coffee fundraiser – school will be open from 2:30pm for refreshments to purchase to raise money but we will also be opening classrooms where children can show you around and share some of the things about their class team that they have been working on. During this time teachers and support adults in class will be available for a chat or any questions. We will look forward to seeing you then. Miss Barker

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)
(<https://birdsedgefirst.org/parents/parent-planner>)

Also look out for our Weekly Reminders we send every Monday for anything coming up in

After School Clubs this Half Term

**6-week term on parentpay
3.30pm – 4.30pm**

Monday – Lego
Tuesday – Art
Wednesday – Bushcraft
Start date to be confirmed
Friday – Cooking

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 – English

As part of our 'Subject Spotlight' this month on English, week beginning 21st September will be Reading Week in school. Where we put reading on a pedestal and plan in some additional activities to build a love of books and reading.

Meet the Teacher: Books and stories will be available to share during this event on the Friday at 2:30pm.

Weekly Family Reading Sessions: Continuing after Reading Week we will be opening our doors in school at 2:50pm every Friday. All parents or carers are invited to come along at this time where 15 minutes will be given for you to read with your children in class, we will then finish the day together with Celebration Assembly as usual.

Reading Workshop: To coincide with our Open Evening, on **Wednesday 30th September at 5pm** there will be a Reading Parent Workshop where you can find out how we teach reading in school and the things you can do to support.

Kirkwood Cuppa

Leanne is running her annual Kirkwood Cuppa to support the Kirkwood. Saturday 26th September 10am – 2pm at The Kirkwood, 21 Albany Road, Dalton, HD5 9UY. I know she would love any families who could join them for drinks, cakes and tombola fun! They are also in need of raffle prizes if anyone has anything they can donate these would be gratefully received at the school office. Thank you 😊

Home School Communication and Support

If you ever have a question, concern or information to share regarding your child – homework, updates or questions relating to school events or activities, your first contact is your child's class teacher. This is sometimes possible at the door at either side of the day or an email can be sent to the office email birdsedgeoffice@themast.co.uk please mark the subject as FAO and your child's teachers name and this will be forwarded straight on.

Class 1 Miss Laycock. Class 2 Mrs Cotton. Class 3 Mr Rothery
However, please note an instant response may not always be possible and will not happen out of school hours – anything that needs passing on or an answer sooner should be done via a phone call to the school office.

If you have a wider concern, please contact Katie Hutton who is the key leadership contact day to day khutton@themast.co.uk or myself dbarker@themast.co.uk and we'll endeavour to get back to you as soon as we possibly can.