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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our second full week back has seen the children really settle in to the new school year. My personal highlight was seeing the children (and staff) of year 2 acting like the Wolf from the Three Little Pigs – Mrs Tomsett showing true dedication by wearing a wolf hat at the same time!

Our Year 6 children left us on Wednesday to go to Marchants Hill PGL on their residential trip, fortunately timed nicely with the fantastic weather we have had over the last few days. The children have had a brilliant time, ably supported by the Year 6 teaching team and Mr Tibbles. There are sure to be a few tired children returning at the end of the school day but I am certain that they have made memories to last a life time!



Reading Helpers

Thank you to those parents and grandparents who came along to meet with Miss Allison this week for a coffee morning, to discuss how to help pupils when volunteering in school. We are still in need of more volunteers so if you, or a family member or neighbour are interested, please speak to Morny in the office.

PTA AGM and Welcome Meeting

The PTFA AGM will be held on Thursday 10th October, in the school hall (join for drinks from 6pm onwards). All parents are invited to hear how the PTFA are seeking to enrich our children's education, by raising funds for school projects and arranging events to foster community spirit. During the AGM, there will be a vote on the committee members. Whilst the current chair, Charlie Turrell, and secretary Louise Malkin, are happy to continue in their roles, our treasurer, Layla Dayani, is looking to step down by the end of this academic year. We are looking for a new treasurer to act as vice treasurer for the year, working alongside Layla and then taking over when she steps down. We are also keen to expand the core team by adding in a vice-chair. If you are interested joining the committee, then please get in touch to ask more at bridgeschoolpta@gmail.com



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Parent Consultations

From 9.00 tomorrow morning (Saturday 21st September) you will be able to sign up for parent consultations later this term, through Arbor. The focus of this meeting will be to discuss with your class teacher(s) how well your children have settled into school and how the school and parents can work together to get the best out of your child.

	Morning Slot	Afternoon Slot	Evening Slot
Year R	Wednesday 2 nd October 9am to 11am	Wednesday 2 nd October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 9 th October 4pm to 7pm
Year 1	Thursday 10 th October 9am to 11am	Thursday 10 th October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 9 th October 4pm to 7pm
Year 2	Tuesday 8 th October 9am to 11am	Tuesday 8 th October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 9 th October 4pm to 7pm
Year 3	Monday 7 th October 9am to 11am	Monday 7 th October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 9 th October 4pm to 7pm
Year 4	Tuesday 1 st October 9am to 11am	Tuesday 1 st October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 9 th October 4pm to 7pm
Year 5	Monday 30 th September 9am to 11am	Monday 30 th September 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 9 th October 4pm to 7pm
Sycamore	Thursday 3 rd October 9am to 11am	Thursday 3 rd October 1.30pm to 4.30pm	Wednesday 9 th October 4pm to 7pm
Poplar	Thursday 3 rd October 9am to 11am	Thursday 3 rd October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 2 nd October 4pm to 7pm

Anaphylaxis Awareness Week

The week beginning the 30th September is Anaphylaxis Awareness Week. Children will be taught about allergies during a lesson in class and we will be fundraising with an 'allergy-friendly' cake sale after school, on Friday 4th October. We have kindly been given some allergy free baking kits through 'The Sadie Bristow Foundation'. If you are able to bake a cake, but are stuck for ideas, these can be collected from the school office.

Clubs

Now that parents have had the opportunity to sign up for clubs, parents are welcome to book an additional club for their child should they wish. At the time of writing we have the following places still available:

- Choir Y3 – Y6 – More always welcome
- Boards games – 8 places available (Yrs 1 and 2)
- Couch to 2k – 7 places available (Yrs 3 and 4)
- Radio & Podcast – 4 places available (Yr 6)
- Nature - 3 places available (Yrs 3 and 4)
- Drama – 2 places available (Yrs 5 and 6)
- Boys Football – 1 place available (Yrs 5 and 6)
- Orchestra – Children must be able to play a musical instrument. (Yrs 4-6)

Sign-ups are available until 09:00am on Monday 23rd September.

Dogs on the Recreation Ground

We have had reports this week that there have been dogs on the recreation ground. Please note that dogs are not permitted there, even if they are on the lead.

Forest School Plea – Again.

Mrs Pearman is creating a new music area in the Forest School. She would like cooking and baking equipment and wire racks (basically anything that would make a sound if you bang or bash it). In addition, she is hoping to attract some slow worms and would like a corrugated metal sheet, up to 1m square, and any unwanted shovels or spades.



Reception Parents – Dates this week

Church Service - **Wednesday 25th September at 2.30pm**
at St. Peter’s Church for a short service led by Rev. Estella and Rev. Miriam. We will be walking the children back to school to collect bags and water bottles for home-time.

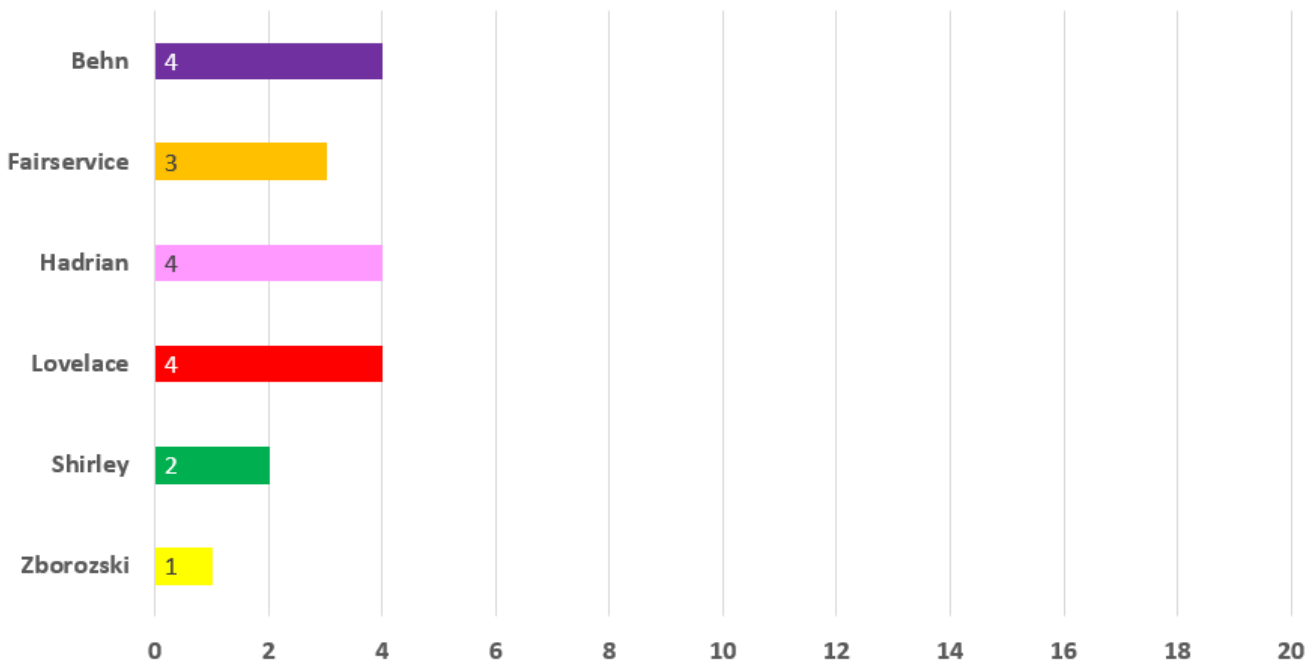
All parents of Year R children are welcome to join us

Phonics workshop – **Monday 23rd September at 2.15pm**

No need to sign up, just turn up on the day. 😊

House Points Competition

Children across the school have been working hard and have started to collect house points. The totals below were shared with the children at celebration worship today.



We also had our first six children coming to have Hot Chocolate after their raffle tickets were chosen. It was lovely to spend time with Wren, Thomas, Reuben and Henry from Year 2 and Aisling and Angus from Year 3 this afternoon.

Best wishes

Michael Taylor

Celebration

Star Pupils

Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ Ruben E (Willow) for excellent effort in his phonics lessons. <i>Mrs Cork & Miss M Smith</i> | ☆ Effie C (Beech) for a fantastic start to the term. She has taken great pride in completing all of her work and is always keen to answer questions. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> |
| ☆ Maja B (Rowan) for working very hard on writing her numbers correctly in maths. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Freddie J (Hazel) for his great participation in maths this week and consistent use of mathematical vocabulary when giving an explanation. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Felix A (Pine) for always working hard and developing confidence in the class. <i>Mrs Perfect & Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ Lily W (Birch) for her excellent independent work in maths this week. Well done. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Harry R (Oak) for always contributing to class discussions and consistently doing his best. <i>Miss J Smith</i> | ☆ Albie C (Holly) for making positive behaviour choices this week and putting his all into every lesson. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Sadie (Chestnut) for consistently demonstrating creativity, excellence and resilience! Well done! <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Oscar D (Maple) for your excellent attitude in class and the fun and energy you bring to class. <i>Miss Allison</i> |

Upcoming Dates

Monday 23rd Sept	Year 4 Creed Trip (Hazel)	2.15pm: Phonics for Year R Parents
Tuesday 24th Sept	Year 4 Creed Trip (Birch)	Sports Crew Training
Wednesday 25th Sept		Year R Welcome Service
Thursday 26th Sept	Rugby Active in School (Year 3, 4 and 5)	Year 6 Forest School Trip
Friday 27th Sept	Arts Award Trip to UCA	

Monday 30th Sept	<i>Allergen Awareness Week</i>	Year 5 Parent Consultations	
Tuesday 1st Oct	Handball Competition (Year 6)	Year 4 Parent Consultations	
Wednesday 2nd Oct	Year R Parent Consultations	Poplar Evening Parent Consultations	
Thursday 3rd Oct	Year 6 Parent Consultations	Willow Class Forest School Trip	6pm: Welcome Event and AGM
Friday 4th Oct	Arts Award Trip to UCA	Rowan Class Forest School Trip	Bake Sale After School

Monday 7th Oct	Year 3 Parent Consultations	
Tuesday 8th Oct	Year 2 Parent Consultations	Tag Rugby Competition Year 4 and Year 6
Wednesday 9th Oct		Late Night Parent Consultations
Thursday 10th Oct	Year 1 Parent Consultations	
Friday 11th Oct		

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

Term 1 (Autumn)	
Year 6 Residential	Wednesday 18 th September to Friday 20 th September
Year R Welcome Service	Wednesday 25 th September, 2.30pm
Anaphylaxis Awareness Week (charity fundraiser)	Monday 30 th September
PTFA AGM	Thursday 10 th October, 6pm
Harvest Services	Thursday 17 th October (morning)
Year 5 Residential	Monday 21 st October to Wednesday 23 rd October
Staff Training Day	Thursday 24 th October
Staff Training Day	Friday 25 th October
Term 2 (Autumn)	
Bridge Fireworks	Saturday 9 th November
Advent Services	Thursday 28 th November (morning)
Salvation Army Carol Concert	Thursday 28 th November, 7.30pm
Year 2 Nativity Performances	Tuesday 10 th December (afternoon)
	Wednesday 11 th December (morning)
Christmas Jumper Day (charity fundraiser)	Thursday 12 th December
Senior Citizen's Tea Party	Thursday 12 th December, 1.30pm
Year R Nativity Performances	Tuesday 17 th December (afternoon)
	Wednesday 17 th December (morning)
Christmas Dinner	Friday 20 th December
Term 3 (Spring)	
Ski Trip to Italy	Sunday 19 th January to Friday 24 th January
Young Voices	Thursday 23 rd January
Term 4 (Spring)	
PTFA Quiz Night	TBC
World Book Day	Thursday 6 th March
World Down Syndrome Day (charity fundraiser)	Friday 21 st March
French Exchange (hosting)	Monday 31 st March to Friday 4 th April
Term 5 (Summer)	
Easter Services	Thursday 24 th April (morning)
Christian Aid Week (charity fundraiser)	Monday 12 th May
Year 6 SATS	Monday 12 th May to Thursday 15 th May
French Exchange (to Montpellier)	Monday 19 th May to Friday 23 rd May
Dare to be Different	Friday 23 rd May
Term 6 (Summer)	
Staff Training Day	Monday 2 nd June
Wear Yellow for Cystic Fibrosis (charity fundraiser)	Friday 20 th June
Sports Afternoon (Year R to 2)	Monday 23 rd June
Sports Afternoon (Year 3 to 6)	Thursday 26 th June
Moving Up Day	Thursday 3 rd July
Bridge Village Fete	Saturday 5 th /12 th July (TBC)
Year 6 Production	Tuesday 15 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
Year 6 Production	Wednesday 16 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
End-of-Year Church Services	Thursday 17 th July (morning)
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	Tuesday 22 nd July, 2pm