

Friday Newsletter – 2nd October 2026



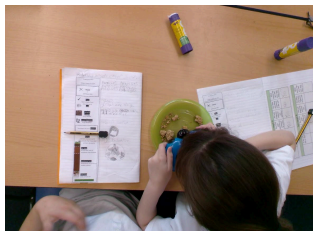
It has been wonderful seeing so many bright, smiling faces arriving at the gate each morning! As part of our ongoing commitment to the children's health, wellbeing, and focus, we wanted to share a quick reminder regarding snacks and packed lunches.

We've noticed a recent increase in early morning treats—such as lollipops and sweets—at the gate, as well as finding their way into lunchboxes. We completely understand how chaotic morning routines can be and how handy a quick treat can feel! However, high-sugar snacks during the school day can lead to energy spikes that make it much harder for children to settle calmly into their morning lessons, as well as impacting dental health.

To help every child feel focused and ready to learn, we kindly ask that sweets, lollipops, and chocolate bars stay at home as after-school or weekend treats.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership and support in giving our pupils the best possible start to their school day.

Soil scientists!



We have been looking at two different soil samples, and examining them to see what soil is made up of! We learnt that soil has layers called horizons, and that each layer is made up of different particles!

Commando Jess Challenge



This week, Swallows Class put their resilience and teamwork to the ultimate test during an exciting session with Commando Jess!

a complete team from one end of the hall to the other, scuttling together like turtles while holding tightly onto each other's shoulders. The twist? If anyone let go, the whole team had to return to the start line and begin again! It took incredible patience, communication, and grit, but the children showed brilliant determination, encouragement, and determination to overcome the challenge together.

The children were set a tough challenge: they had to move as

National Poetry Day on Thursday

As part of National Poetry Day on Thursday, each class performed a poem to each other. We had 4 amazing poems and each class demonstrated excellent oracy and performance skills. We even had actions and props for a couple of the poems. A big thank you to the teachers and well done to our wonderful pupils!



Wrap Up Warm!

As the weather turns colder and wetter, please ensure your child comes to school with a warm, waterproof coat each day so they can stay comfortable during outdoor play.

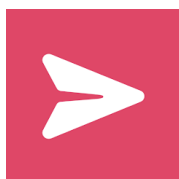
Goldcrest Class

It has been another busy and exciting week in Goldcrest Class! The children have made great progress with phonics, using their sounds to read and segment simple words, while developing their writing and pencil grip. Our Drawing Club story was. 'The Little Red Hen'. The children did a fantastic job using a story map and actions to retell the story. In Maths, we continued exploring comparing, mass and capacity, using vocabulary such as more and fewer. In PSED, we talked about being a kind friend and the importance of teamwork. The Goldcrests put their teamwork into practice by baking delicious bread and working hard to churn cream into butter. What a wonderful week!



National Poetry Day with Michael Rosen!

To celebrate National Poetry Day, Year 6 were treated to a brilliant live poetry workshop featuring the legend himself, **Michael Rosen**! Having had the pleasure of welcoming Michael to our school in person in the past, it was wonderful to see our pupils captivated by his incredible storytelling, rhythm, and humor once again.



NEW Parental Communication App

We have a brand new communication app - thank you to so many of you who have already downloaded the app. If you still haven't, please check your junk mail or spam in your e-mail for links to how to download the new app.

Arbor Pay Coming Soon!

We are excited to announce that we will soon be launching Arbor Pay, a new app designed to transform how parents pay for school dinners, trips, and other items. This convenient platform will allow you to make quick, secure payments directly from your smartphone at any time. It will also let you easily track your transaction history and manage accounts for all your children in one place.



Celebration assembly

Thank you to those parents who attended our celebration assembly.



Best wishes,

Mr Rose (Headteacher)