30 October 2026

Parent & Carer Information Update - Half Term 2

Welcome Back

We hope you and your family had a restful half term break. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on **Monday 2 November**. A reminder that students should **arrive at school by 8:25am** so they can be in tutor time promptly for the **8:30am start**. Please also ensure that students return in **full school uniform and correct equipment**, ready to make a positive start to the new half term.

Attendance Matters

Thank you for your continued support with attendance. Regular attendance at school has a significant impact on student achievement, wellbeing and sense of belonging.

Our aim is for **all students to be in Band 1 attendance (above 95%)**. We ask parents and carers to continue reporting all absences promptly through the usual channels. Going forward, families will receive contact from the Attendance Team where attendance falls below 95% so that we can work together to support improved attendance and ensure students do not miss valuable learning opportunities.

Harvest Giving

Thank you to all students and families who have generously contributed to our Harvest Giving appeal. Your donations will make a real difference to people in our local community. Donations will be delivered to the foodbank on **Tuesday 3 November**. Any students who have not yet handed in their donation can still bring it into school on **Monday 2 November**.

Reading Focus

Reading continues to be an important part of our tutor programme. This half term, students are participating in **group reading activities** within their tutor groups.

Research shows that reading regularly helps to:

- Develop vocabulary and communication skills
- Improve comprehension across all subjects
- Build confidence and fluency in reading
- Support academic success and lifelong learning

Why not ask your son or daughter about the book their tutor group is currently reading and what they have enjoyed or learned from it?

Parent and Carer Voice

Your feedback is incredibly important to us as we continue to develop and improve our provision.

Please take a few minutes to complete our **Parent/Carer Survey Half-Term 2** Survey Link

We value all responses and appreciate your support. We will also be sharing details of our next **Parent/Carer Connect Meeting** soon.

Upcoming INSET Days

Please note the following INSET days this half term when school will be closed to students:

- **Monday 9 November**
- **Friday 20 November**

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another successful half term working in partnership with our students and families.

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