

GCA NEWS

6th September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great first week back for our children. They have enjoyed our whole school text 'The Journey' and completed various activities in their classrooms. I have been so impressed with the learning behaviours I have seen as I have walked round school and the quality of work the children have produced already.

Important attendance update

There is a new updated government guidance for unauthorised absence/holiday. All schools must use a single consistent national threshold for when a Fixed Penalty notice must be considered. This is

- 10 sessions (Usually 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a ten week period. (This ten week school period can span different terms or school years.)
- Holidays of 5 days or more will be unauthorised and will likely lead to a fine.
- Lateness after registers close also contributes to the unauthorised absence.

Dates for your diary.

9th September – Meet the teacher Year 1 – 3:30.
9th September Meet the teacher Year 6 – 3:30

10th September – Meet the teacher Year 2 – 3:30

11th September – Meet the teacher Year 3 – 3:30

12th September – Meet the teacher Year 5 – 3:30

13th September – Meet the teacher Year 4 – 3:30

16th–18th September – Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Gilwell Park

23rd September – Year 5 swimming starts

WB 30th September – Collection for our Harvest celebration

9th October – Author visiting school – More information to follow

22nd October – PTA Halloween Disco

28th October – 1st November – Half term

11th November – Flu Vaccination – first session

15th November – Children in Need – More information to follow

29th November – Flu Vaccination – second session

29th November – Non uniform for chocolate tombola donations

6th December – Christmas Fair

8th December (Sunday) – St Pauls community celebration

12th December – Christingle service

17th December – Imajica Christmas Panto

20th December – Last day of term 2pm finish.

Uniform

We have a school-colour based uniform. The school colours are Jade and black.

It helps the younger children to settle into school more quickly and to acquire independence if they wear clothes that they can easily manage for themselves. Suitable clothing could be chosen from:

Sweatshirt or Cardigan, preferably with the school logo
Black skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts
White shirt/polo shirt
Checked or striped dresses in green and white
White socks

Please note: Joggers and leggings are not permitted as part of the school uniform.

P.E.

(PE days will be communicated to you by the end of next week)

School PE T-shirt and black shorts and trainers. Plain black, non-branded tracksuits can be worn in the colder weather. Alternatively your child can wear plain black jogging bottoms and their normal jade school cardigan/ jumper over their PE kit. We ask that children come into school wearing their PE kit on PE days.

Footwear

Black school shoes only please. Trainers are only to be worn for PE.

NEW – Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school every day

GCA way.

I have been so impressed with how smart the children have looked this week. They have also remembered and shown me that they can follow the GCA way – what a brilliant start to the term.

Please can I remind you to name all clothing – We have already found some unnamed jumpers on the playground.

Birthdays this week



Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Ruck

Menu Changes

Thursday 12th September will be changed slightly, please see below:

Beef Burger in a bun (Red)
Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Green)
Cheese spread sandwich (Yellow)
Jacket Potato

Friday 13, September to support Roald Dahl Day:

Mrs. Twitt's Bird Pie (Chicken pie) & Mash (Red)
Wormy Spaghetti (vegetable Bolognese) (Green)

There will also be jacket potato option but no yellow option.