

Head's News - September 2026

Welcome to the start of the new school year! The children came into school wonderfully today - there weren't many tears after they had got into the classroom and got themselves settled. The classrooms were calm and happy places when I walked around earlier today and it was lovely to see the children playing with both new and old friends during dinner time.

For any new parents, I am Miss Liddle, Executive Head teacher across both Anthony Curton and Tilney All Saints Primary schools. I write a newsletter at the start of each month with updates about what's happening in school and anything that is going to happen in the coming months. At the bottom of each newsletter there are always "Dates for your diary" - please make a note of these so that you know any events that are pertinent to your child and their class. The class teachers will be writing a class newsletter to parents, which will be with you by the end of next week. This will detail specific information for your child's class and are sent to parents each half term.

Over the summer, the central team have been busy making alterations to how the Trust runs and communicates. The Trust is now officially called Grace Schools, so you will gradually see less of the "DEMAT" brand and more "Grace Schools".

We also have new logos for both of our schools. Please don't panic that you have just bought new uniform etc. as the old logos are going to be phased out over several years. We are going to be in communication with the uniform supplier later this term to organise uniforms displaying the new logo, but please don't rush out to buy new uniform if there is no need.

Along with the logo changes, all of the school emails have been changed. The new email addresses are going to be displayed on the websites (which are also going to be new and are currently under construction!) The office emails are now:

office@ant.graceschools.org.uk

office@til.graceschools.org.uk

All of the staff have email addresses which follow the pattern -

firstname.lastname@ant.graceschools.org.uk

firstname.lastname@til.graceschools.org.uk

(For example alice.williams@ant.graceschools.org.uk or emily.jordan@til.graceschools.org.uk)

If your child is new to key stage 2 (year 3) this year, they will be allowed to "buy" snack for the first time! If you would like your child to do this, please put some money on their snack account on the app and we will



take care of the rest. There are a variety of items available every day during break, such as brioche, croissants, fruit or chocolate chip muffins, biscuits, apple juice or a piece of fruit.

A quick update on the progress of wraparound care in both schools:

Tilney wraparound care is up and running! All children are welcome before and after school from 7.30am - 5.30pm. If you would like your child to attend, please book and pay on the app and your child will be very welcome. Please drop off and pick up from the new building which has a door directly from the car park for you. We hope you enjoy using this service - I know quite a few children will be eager to see what the inside of the new building looks like.

**AFTER
SCHOOL
CLUB**

The wraparound care at Anthony Curton is still under construction. We were hoping to have it completed and ready for the new school year, but with the weather being as dry and as hot as it has been recently, it wasn't possible to start the ground works on time. Until the new building is ready (which we hope is going to be in the near future!) please continue to use the school hall for both breakfast and after school club. Please book and pay for this on the app in the usual way.



Please can we ask parents to support us with children not bringing mobile phones to school. We understand that if families are separated, there may be times when a phone is needed for reasons after school, and where this is the case please can parents bring the phones to the office, where they can be kept safe. If your child comes to school without an adult, they must give their phone to the teacher as they enter into the classroom. The phones will be kept safe by the teacher for the day, ready for your child to collect again at the end of the day. We need to keep phones in school to a minimum for the safety and protection of everyone. As a general rule, there isn't a need for phones to be brought into school by children and we would very much appreciate your support with this.

I will list the days for P.E. below so that you know which day to send your child to school in their P.E. kits.

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Reception -

Y1 - Monday

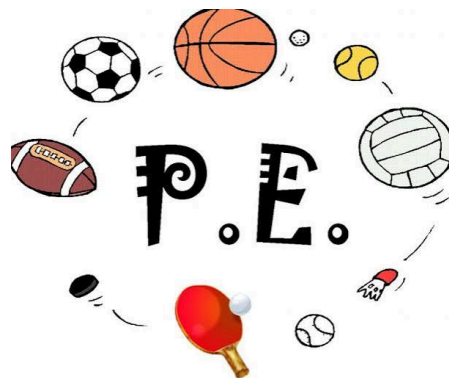
Y2 - Wednesday and Thursday

Y3 - Monday and Tuesday

Y4 - Friday and swimming Tuesday

Y5 - Wednesday and Friday

Y6 - Tuesday and Thursday



Tilney

Dolphin - Friday

Penguin - Tuesday and Wednesday (Wednesday Y3 swimming)

Otter - Wednesday and Thursday

Please ensure that your child is wearing a plain t-shirt/jumper and bottoms for P.E. days. Also please make sure that your child's clothing is suitable for the weather as some P.E. lessons will take place outside throughout the year. Please can we also ask you to make sure that earrings are removed before school where possible on P.E. days.



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We understand that continuously buying school shoes can get expensive, and it is tempting to send the children to school wearing trainers. Trainers aren't great for small feet that are still growing as they don't give the correct support, and due to this, we recommend children wearing proper shoes. With this in mind, we do know that some children, for various reasons, won't wear anything other than trainers, so if a child wears trainers as part of their school uniform please ensure they are black.

Dates for your Diary:

Anthony Curton

Tuesday 8th September Year 4 Swimming start back date
Tuesday 22nd September Parents Evening (more info to follow)
Wednesday 23rd September Parents Evening (more info to follow)
Friday 25th September Tempest Individual Class Photos

Tilney All Saints

Wednesday 9th September Year 3 Swimming start back date
Tuesday 22nd September Parents Evening (more info to follow)
Wednesday 23rd September Parents Evening (more info to follow)

Early Warning Dates

Friday 16th October Year 1 Cluster Sporting Event (tbc)
Monday 19th October Cross Country Event at Emneth Primary School Year 3/4/5/6
Friday 22nd October - Harvest Festival (TAS 10am) (AC 1:30pm)

As always, if there is something that you are worrying about or not sure of, please just contact the school office or your child's class teacher. We are here and keen to help if there is anything that you are worried about.

Kind Regards,

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