

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a brand new school year and an exciting new term. I am writing to extend a warm welcome to both our returning families and those who are joining our school community for the first time.

I want to express my sincere thanks for your continued support, partnership, and understanding as we navigate the transition into this new academic year. The relationship between home and school is vital to the success of our children, and your collaboration ensures a smooth and positive start for everyone. **Thank you in particular for supporting the new routine at the end of the day. I have received very positive feedback, and dismissal now looks and feels much calmer.**

As we begin the year, I am delighted to introduce two new members of our teaching team. Please join me in giving a very warm welcome to **Miss Piper**, who has joined **Puffin class**, and **Mrs Woolward**, who has joined **Chough class**. We are thrilled to have them with us and know they will be fantastic additions to our school. I am also pleased to share that all of our students have made an incredibly successful start in their new classes. The classrooms are already buzzing with energy, curiosity, and focus. The children have settled into their new routines quickly and are already deeply engaged in the wonderful learning experiences taking place. **We are working hard with the children to ensure that the positive behaviours we expect are embedded at all times.** It has been particularly wonderful to see our school values being observed across the school this week, especially the value of **respect**, which our students have demonstrated beautifully toward their peers and staff alike.



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To help support your child's learning, every child should have brought home their **curriculum overview**, which outlines what they will be studying this term. These overviews can also be found on the **school website** for your reference.

Additionally, **home learning information** has now been sent out to our **Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2** children. We invite you to join us in their classrooms on **Thursday 26th November at 2:45pm**, where we will be sharing home learning projects.

We have an exciting term ahead filled with opportunities for growth, discovery, and achievement. We look forward to working closely with you over the coming months to support your child's journey.

Thank you once again for your commitment to our school community.

Here are some important diary dates for this half term:

Friday 25th September - Flu Immunisations

Thursday 1st October - Census Day

Friday 9th October - Yr 1 Hearing Screening

Monday 12th October - Toscana Strings recital courtesy of South West Music

Monday 19th October - Key Stage 2 Football Tournament

Friday 23rd October - Harvest Festival Service

In our Celebration Worship, we have already seen pupils make a successful start to the year. It has been wonderful to celebrate children who have demonstrated our school values through their kindness, respect, effort and positive attitudes to learning. Last week, our **Star of the Week** awards were presented to:

Owls: Forrest, for showing super manners and respect.

Puffins: Halley, for being a fantastic role model and showing kindness.

Kingfishers: Olivia, for being helpful and kind to others.

Choughs: Winter, for being helpful and supportive in the classroom.

Kestrels: Jago, for his impressive focus and enthusiastic contributions to class discussions.

[Congratulations](#) to all of our Star of the Week winners.

Our **Reading Basket Award** was presented to **Astrid** in recognition of her enthusiasm for reading and commitment to developing her reading skills.

The **Golden Heart Award** was awarded to **Elijah** for showing kindness and compassion by supporting a friend when they needed help.

Finally, [congratulations](#) to **Kestrels**, who were the winners of our **Attendance Award** last week.

Well done to all of our award winners for making such a positive start to the school year. We are very proud of you all and look forward to celebrating more successes in the weeks ahead.



This week, our **Star of the Week** awards were presented to:

Owls: Ada, for showing great independence in school.

Puffins: Morrigan, for working hard in her phonics lessons.

Kingfishers: Lola, for her great listening and thoughtful contributions to class discussions.

Choughs: Lowenna, for always being ready to learn.

Kestrels: Finn, for continuing to be polite and helpful and for being a fantastic Year 6 role model.

Our **Reading Basket Award** was presented to **Jack** in Puffins class in recognition of his enthusiasm and engagement with reading.

The **Golden Heart Award** was awarded to **Alba** for looking after everyone and helping others to settle into their new class so thoughtfully.

Finally, [congratulations](#) to **Kestrels**, who were once again the winners of our **Attendance Award** this week.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Maudsley