



Welcome Back – Preparing for the New Academic Year

As we approach the end of the school summer holidays, I wanted to share a few updates to help you prepare for the start of the new academic year.

Firstly, I hope you and your family have enjoyed a relaxing summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead. School resumes on **Tuesday, 2nd September**, with staff returning on Monday, 1st September for a training day.

Over the summer, we've been busy improving our school facilities. A brand new heating system has been installed by G. R. Robinson, which will make a big difference as we head into the colder months.

We've also made exciting changes to our Early Years outdoor areas, including the creation of new play spaces for our pupils. The area is looking fantastic, and I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr Richard Stevenson for coordinating a group of volunteers to help with the transformation. Their work—ranging from weeding to painting—has truly revitalised the space.

A special thanks goes to Suez, Richard's employer, for generously supporting this initiative and sending volunteers to help make the area more engaging and fun for our youngest learners.

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back and starting the new academic year with fresh energy and enthusiasm.



Breakfast and Afterschool club

Breakfast club will start on the 2nd of September. As with last year, all pupils can attend the free breakfast club from 8:00am to 8:45am with doors closing at 8:40am.

If parents need to access the early breakfast club this can be booked on Arbor and costs £1.70 per session payable in advance. This club starts at 7:30am.

Our after school will also start on Tuesday the 2nd of September. The club runs from 3:15pm to 5:30pm and costs £8.00 per session payable in advance. Places can be booked on Arbor up to 24 hours before the session starts.

Key Dates for this year

Some headline dates for this year are:

PD Days

- 1st September 2025
- 28th November 2025
- 20th February 2026
- 20th July 2026
- 21st July 2026

Parents evenings

- 6th – 19th October 2025
- 9th -22nd February 2026

Assessment Periods

- KS2 SATS week – 11th 14th May 2026
- Year 1 Phonics – 8th - 12th June 2026

Nursery Timings 2025/2026



To help support parents when bringing nursery pupils into school, especially if an older sibling goes to breakfast club, the timings are changing for nursery entrance and pick up. The new times will be:

Session 1: 8:30am to 11:30am

Session 2: 12:15pm to 3:15pm

All Day Sessions (for eligible pupils): 8:30am – 3:15pm



School Meals



School meals cost £2.65 for pupils in Y3 to Y6 and £2.55 for pupils in nursery. Pupils in Reception to Year 2 receive a free meal through the Universal Free School Meal scheme. All pupils can now book their meals on Arbor in advance; this is available now by logging on to Arbor, select quick actions, meals and click on the lunch menu.

If selecting meals before the 1st of September, parents need to ensure they have changed the academic year to 2025/2026 to access the menu.

Click the following link for guidance: [How to make menu choices on the portal or app](#)