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Dear Parents and Carers

Although the new school year has only just begun, we know that many of our Year 6 children and their families will already be thinking about secondary school applications.

We encourage you to visit any schools you are considering before making your final choices. If your child needs to attend a school visit during the school day, please inform the school office of the reason for their absence. Their attendance record will not be adversely affected.

Thank you to all the parents who have attended our class curriculum meetings so far this term. Your support and engagement are greatly appreciated. For those classes whose meetings are taking place next week, we look forward to welcoming you then.

These meetings are such an important part of the start of the school year, providing valuable opportunities for you to learn more about your child's education, our curriculum expectations, and the ways in which we can work together to support their learning and development. We look forward to continuing this strong partnership throughout the year to help every child achieve their very best.

I hope you all have a great weekend and see you next week.

Mrs Katie Penny – Headteacher

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It is a friendly, private group and very useful for keeping up to date with school life!

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The Lunchtime



Is Harper-Leigh from Drake Class

The Lunchtime



Is Drake Class

Our Weekly Lunchtime Superstars

Blake – Kyro

Brunel – Noah

Raleigh – Ayana

Kingsley – Farahnaz

Drake – Harper-Leigh

Franklin – Levi

These children have been invited to sit at the Golden Table for their lunchtime as a reward for their excellent behaviour.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 18th September – Year 3 Cheddar Caves

Wednesday 30th September to Friday 2nd October – Year 4 Pinkery

Thursday 1st October -Census Day

Friday 2nd October – Flu Vaccination whole school

Tuesday 6th October - Open Morning for Reception Starters 2027

Thursday 8th October – Open Afternoon for Reception Starter 2027

Thursday 15th October – Harvest Festival

Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st October – Inset Days

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1st – Kingsley – 98.0%

2nd – Explorers – 97.3%

3rd – Raleigh – 97.0%

4th – Brunel & Blake – 95.5%

5th – Franklin – 93.0%

6th – Drake – 93.5%

7th – Pioneers – 87.8%

Whole School 95.2%

Our School Attendance Target is 97%



The winners of the weekly Kindness Cup Is Dennis Kingsley Class nominated by Matthew Kingsley Class

SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD

Each week, our Sports Leaders work with every class to collect nominations for the Spirit of Sport Award.

To receive this award, pupils will need to demonstrate one or more of the following qualities:

Sportsmanship, Teamwork, Kindness, Resilience and A positive attitude towards learning



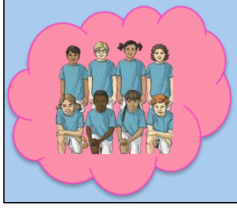
Nominations:



Y1: Jackson **Y4: Charlie**

Y2: Isabella **Y5: JJ**

Y3: Angus **Y6: Xintong**





Winner: Jackson

OUR CORE VALUES

Aim high
Speak truthfully and politely
Persevere
Include everyone
Respect each other
Encourage our friends and work together

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TEAM POINTS AT NORTHGATE

Each child belongs to a team and they can earn points throughout the week with hard work and good behaviour. The winning team put a golden leaf on their tree every Friday.



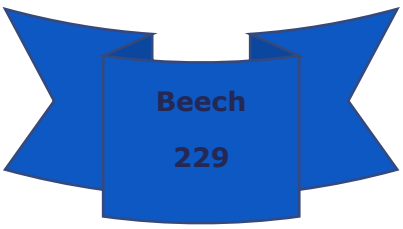
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TERMLY LEADERBOARD	
Sycamore	0 Leaves
Beech	0 Leaves
Rowan	0 Leaves
Oak	1 Leaves





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Autumn Term Activities

DATE	ACTIVITY
Thursday 1st October 	**Census Day** Census Day is on 1 October. Please encourage your child to have a school meal on this day, as funding is based on the number of meals taken. The special menu will be the Aspens Special Menu.
Friday 2rd October 	**Flu Immunisations** The nasal flu vaccine will be offered in school to all children from Reception to Year 6. Parental consent is required for children to receive the vaccine. Please note that the vaccination session for **Year 4 pupils is scheduled for Tuesday 10th November,** as they will be attending their trip to Pinkery on the main vaccination day.
Friday 9th October 	**World Mental Health Day** To mark World Mental Health Day and raise awareness of mental health issues, we are asking children to come to school wearing yellow.
Thursday 15th October 	**Harvest Festival Celebrations** We kindly ask for donations of food items to support the Salvation Army. We are also collecting contributions to help provide a special celebration for the children at school.
Thursday 15th October 	**PTA Pumpkin Carving Trail** Carve your pumpkin and bring it to school to win a prize for 1st, 2nd & 3rd. A display of pumpkins will be from 5pm. £1.50 to come along and have a hot chocolate. More information and rules to follow.
Thursday 15th October 	**Halloween Themed Cake Sale** We will be asking families to support our cake stall at the PTA Pumpkin Carving Trail to make/buy Halloween themed cakes.
Friday 16th October 	**Multicultural Parade** Multicultural Week will take place from Monday 12th to Friday 16th October. Pupils will enjoy a variety of activities throughout the week, culminating in a whole-school parade at 2:45pm on Friday.
Thursday 5th November 	**Bonfire Night Disco** **KS1** 3.30pm to 4.30pm with a drink and snack for £3.00. Please buy tickets from the school office. **KS2** 4.45pm to 5.45pm with a drink and snack for £3.00. Please buy tickets from the school office.

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Thursday 5th November 	**Tempest School Photos** Sibling and individual photos can be taken. If orders are placed by the deadline, photographs will be returned before the Christmas holidays.
Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th November 	**Parents Evening** This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss their progress and experiences at school. Appointments can be booked via MCAS and are available between 3:30 pm and 6:00 pm.
Monday 16th November 	**Odd Socks Day** To support Anti-Bullying Week, please send your child to school wearing odd socks.
Friday 4th December 	**Non-Uniform Day** Return Your Filled and Decorated Pint Pots Please note - Pint pots will be sent home on 20th November 2026 for children to decorate and fill.
Thursday 10th December 	**Christmas Fayre** We warmly welcome everyone to come along between 3:30 pm and 5:30 pm.
Tuesday 15th December 	**KS1 Nativity** Morning and afternoon performances will take place. Tickets will be available for purchase, with a charge per ticket.
Wednesday 16th December 	**Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day** Please remember to order a Christmas dinner for your child. Children are also welcome to wear Christmas jumpers or festive T-shirts to school.
Wednesday 16th December 	**KS2 Carol Service at Church** We do not charge an entry fee; however, refreshments will be available to purchase.
Thursday 17th December 	**Class Parties** Closer to Christmas, your child's class teacher will ask families to contribute food items for the children's Christmas class party.