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Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy and exciting final week of term it has been!

Our children have enjoyed a wide range of learning opportunities this week. Kingsley Class took part in an informative oral health session, Franklin Class welcomed families for a parent workshop, and Raleigh Class enjoyed a parental engagement session. Blake Class received a visit from Bridgwater Carnival, while Brunel Class participated in a fascinating workshop with the South West Heritage Trust.

It has been wonderful to see so much learning, family involvement, and community engagement taking place across the school as we reach the end of another successful term.

Today, our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in an exciting Inter-House Netball Tournament. All of the children played exceptionally well, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination, and outstanding sportspersonship throughout the competition.

The tournament featured several closely contested matches, with every player showing enthusiasm, resilience, and respect for both teammates and opponents. It was fantastic to see such positive attitudes and encouragement on display throughout the afternoon.

Congratulations to all the children who took part, and a special well done to Sycamore House, who were crowned overall winners of the tournament. We are incredibly proud of all our players for representing their houses so well and helping to make the event such a success.

Congratulations also to our Pumpkin Competition winners! We received some fantastic entries and were incredibly impressed by the creativity, effort, and imagination shown in every design. Well done to everyone who took part. The children thoroughly enjoyed viewing all of the pumpkins and celebrating the wonderful creations on display.

We would also like to thank everyone who supported our recent fundraising events. Thanks to your generosity, the PTA raised £160.64 through the Pumpkin Trail and cake sale. Your continued support helps us provide additional opportunities and enriching experiences for our children, and it is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Multicultural Parade. It was a fantastic celebration of the diversity within our school community and a wonderful way to end the term together.

As we come to the end of another successful term, I would like to thank all our children, families, staff, governors, and volunteers for your continued support. Your contribution to our school community is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

I wish you all a happy, restful, and enjoyable half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs Katie Penny – Headteacher

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The Lunchtime



Is Max Y from Drake Class

The Lunchtime



Is Adventurers Class

Our Weekly Lunchtime Superstars

Blake – Fabian

Brunel – Harper

Raleigh – Cici

Kingsley – Aaron

Drake – Max Y

Franklin – Nataly

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

Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st October – Inset Days

Thursday 22nd to Friday 30th October - Autumn Half Term

Monday 2nd November – First day of Term

Wednesday 4th November – Year 4 Swimming

Thursday 5th November – School Photos

Thursday 5th November – Bonfire Night Disco

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November – Parents Evening

Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day – Supporting Anti-Bulling

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1st – Franklin – 96.6%

2nd – Raleigh – 96.2%

3rd – Brunel – 94.7%

4th – Kingsley – 94.0%

5th – Pioneers – 93.5%

6th – Blake – 93197

7th – Drake – 89.7%

8th – Explorers – 85.7%

Whole School 92.9%

Our School Attendance Target is 97%



The winners of the weekly Kindness Cup Is Max J Drake Class nominated by Jenson Drake 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:

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



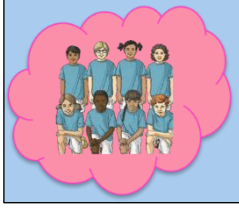
Nominations:



Y1: Amelia

Y3: Arthur F

Y6: Imogan & Phoebe





Winner: Arthur F

OUR CORE VALUES

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

SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD

Class Term Winner: Blake Class

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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.

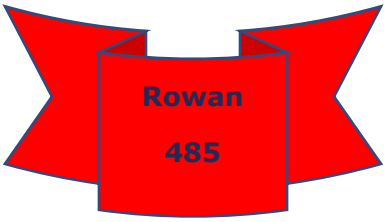


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TERMLY LEADERBOARD	
Sycamore	2 Leaves
Beech	1 Leaves
Rowan	1 Leaves
Oak	2 Leaves





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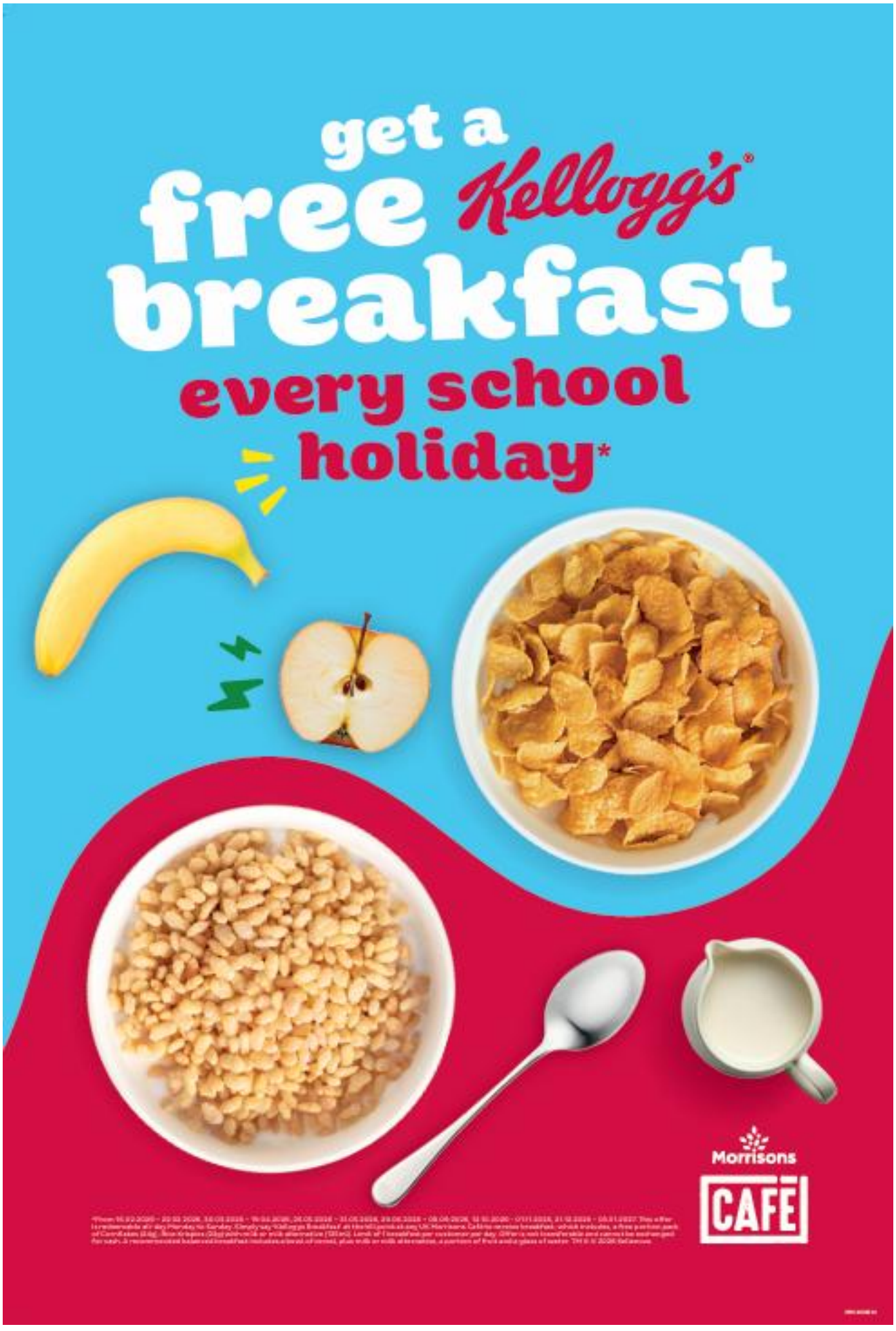
Gardening Club



This year at Gardening Club we had 7 Pumpkins that grew in the garden. They were picked and put in the hall for all the children to guess the weight. Congratulations to all our winners!

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Parent Padlet

WHAT IS A PADLET?

A Parent Padlet is an online noticeboard or bulletin board created just for you – the parents and carers of our school community! It's a simple, visual, and easy-to-use space where you can find useful information, resources, and local updates all in one place.

Think of it as a digital pinboard that you can visit anytime, from your phone, tablet, or computer.

WHAT CAN YOU FIND?

Information on the following -

Bereavement support

Helpful books and video clips

Internet safety

Parenting support

Domestic abuse

Financial support

Emotional and wellbeing support for adults and children

and many more

Add reactions to posts you like

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Bridgwater Methodist Church invite families with children to join us at

Breakfast Plus

Saturday 17th October 9.30am - 11.00am

Bacon and sausage sandwiches /rolls, cereal and toast. Followed by crafts, games and stories on a biblical theme

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Free to join, All children to be accompanied by an adult





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Want to better understand ADHD and how it affects those who have it?
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Follow the QR code below for details

- Behaviours and characteristics
- Brain differences in ADHD
- ADHD and mental health
- Recognising differences, strengths and misconceptions
- Strategies for supporting yourself and others with ADHD

Starter: Thursday 29th October – 19th November 2026
Developer: Thursday 26th November – 17th December 2026
Online: Enrol for login info

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