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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW RECEPTION FAMILIES

School Values: Make a Difference Be Passionate about Learning Be Kind Be Respectful



It was a real joy to meet our new Reception children and parents yesterday. We are very much looking forward to September and getting to know our new children as they begin their exciting journey with us. We can't wait to see the children grow, learn, and thrive in the months and years ahead.

Meanwhile, children from Reception to Year 6 enjoyed their *Moving Up* session yesterday. It was wonderful to see them exploring their new classrooms and meeting their new teachers and teaching assistants. The atmosphere was full of excitement and positivity, and the children left their new classrooms with big smiles, having already made a great impression on their new teachers. It was a lovely way to help prepare the children for their transition to their next class on their school journey.

SCREEN-FREE DAY SUCCESS

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On Tuesday 1st July, our school took part in a whole-school *Screen-Free Day* as part of our PSHE and Wellbeing work. Throughout the day, we switched off from all screens, including interactive whiteboards, Chromebooks, iPads, and other digital devices, and focused on connecting with each other through creative, hands-on, mindful activities.

We began the day with a discussion about the importance of taking regular breaks from screens and how this can benefit our mental health, relationships, and focus. Children enjoyed a variety of screen-free lessons, including



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oracy games, outdoor learning, storytelling, and collaborative projects. It was a successful day that reminded us of the value of being present and unplugged.

As part of our wider commitment to digital wellbeing, our school is proud to support the *Smartphone-Free Childhood* movement. We believe in giving children the space to grow, play and develop without the pressures and distractions that smartphones can bring. We encourage families to consider delaying smartphone use and to explore healthy digital habits together. By working in partnership with parents, we aim to create a supportive environment where children can thrive both online and offline. If you would like to learn more about the smartphone free movement, please follow the link. [Smartphone Free Childhood](#)

PARENT WEBINARS

School Values: **Make a Difference** **Be Passionate about Learning** **Be Kind** **Be Respectful**



This autumn Parentkind have a range of exciting and informative expert-led webinars for parents. These interactive and informative sessions are designed to help support your child's education, wellbeing and family life. Parentkind have included additional SEND webinars as well as webinars covering wellbeing and helping your child to become an independent learner.

[Browse webinar themes](#)

Joining our autumn webinar series is a simple, free way to feel more confident and supported as the new school year begins. Each expert-led session offers practical advice on everything from learning and wellbeing to daily routines. Whether you're looking to help your child thrive or connect with other parents, these webinars offer valuable insights in a relaxed, accessible format.

WHATS INCLUDED IN THE AUTUMN LINE – UP

- 10th September An Introduction to Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)
- 17th September Helping your child achieve in school
- 23rd September How to choose a secondary school for your child
- 30th September Autism and transitions into secondary school



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- 3rd October Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA): Supporting autistic parents and their families
- 8th October Supporting an anxious child
- 10th October A nutritionist's guide to dealing with fussy eaters
- 15th October Helping your child become an independent learner
- 16th October Socialising in reception: Finding friends, falling out and everything inbetween
- 20th October Neurodiversity in children matters – managing behaviour for SEN children
- 6th November Helping your child achieve in primary school maths
- 12th November Setting boundaries: more than just behaviour management
- 18th November Managing your child's smartphone life

[Sign up now](#)

Starting the term off on the right foot has never been easier, or more empowering. These webinars are a wonderful chance to meet the year ahead fully prepared, both emotionally and practically. We're here to support you and your child every step of the way.

PUPIL LEADERSHIP ROLES

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CELEBRATING PUPIL VOICE AND LEADERSHIP

Our Pupil Voice groups will soon be delivering a special assembly to showcase the fantastic work they've carried out this year. From eco initiatives to wellbeing projects, it's been inspiring to see the positive impact our pupil leaders have made across the school. This assembly will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their achievements and the difference they've made through teamwork, creativity, and commitment.



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During the assembly, we'll also be encouraging children to consider putting themselves forward for next year's Pupil Voice groups. Being part of a leadership group helps children develop confidence, communication skills, and a sense of responsibility. It gives them a platform to share their ideas, influence school life, and work collaboratively to make meaningful changes. We are proud to nurture a culture where every child's voice is heard and valued.

Please see below the attendance percentages for **last week**.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RKH	99.29	2AB	99.67	4LD	95.67
RLT	96.67	2OW/CR	95.67	5ML	98.71
RLD	99.31	3DM	100.00	5LM	97.00
1AM	99.00	3LH	99.67	5JK	97.10
1MH	99.33	3CN/JJ	99.68	6NS	97.00
1CR	97.33	4CG/SK	97.74	6HC/EL	95.17
2ES	99.00	4CL/HB	98.33	6DH	97.24
Overall percentage: 98.02%					

SUMMER 2

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	10 July	Reception Class Assembly 9:05am: Reception Miss Turnbull's class	Infant department hall
Monday	14 July	Y2 Dress Rehearsal 9:30am	Infant department hall
Monday	14 July	Y6 Dress Rehearsal 1:30pm	Junior department hall
Tuesday	15 July	Y2 Performance 9:30am	Junior department hall
Tuesday	15 July	Y6 Performance 1:30pm	Infant department hall
Wednesday	16 July	Y2 Performance 1:30pm	Infant department hall
Wednesday	16 July	Y6 Performance 6:30pm	Junior Department



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Thursday	17 July	Y6 Performance 6:30pm	Junior department
Thursday	17 July	Reception Class Assembly 9:05am. Miss Howkins Class	Infant Department
Friday	18 July	Y6 Leavers' Disco	Holy Angels Parish Centre
Tuesday	22 July	Y6 Leavers' Mass 6:30pm	St Vincent's Church
Wednesday	23 July	Whole School End of Year Mass 9:15am	Field/playground
Thursday	24 July	3:30PM SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR END OF YEAR	

We offer an open door to parents. If you have any questions about school life, please liaise with your class teacher. Mrs Farrell (infant deputy, Mrs Sutton (junior deputy, and I are also available to work in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

