



17th October 2025

**Jesus told His disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.
Luke 18:1**

Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest Festival/Assembly will take place on Friday 24th October at 9.00 am in the main hall. All are welcome and lots of children across the school will be involved in some way, including the choir. A letter went out yesterday asking for donations of tinned and packaged foods and toiletries which can be sent into school from now on. There will also be a cake sale on Friday 24th October too.

Golden Ticket Reading Challenge

We are currently running a special reading challenge across school. If the children read five times a week and have their reading records signed by a parent, they will be awarded a special golden ticket and their name will be put forward for a raffle ticket draw for our reading vending machine. The children are also putting their requests in for new titles to be purchased!

Parent - Teacher contact

Many of you use the seesaw app to send messages directly to your child's class teachers on occasions when you don't see them face to face at drop off/pick up times. I have reminded staff that they are only to respond during working hours and if messages are sent after 5.30pm then they will be responded to the next day at the earliest. Thank you for your support on this matter.

School Uniform

It has been great to see all of the children looking smart in full school uniform. Thank you for this. Please do ensure that all uniform is labelled (especially jumpers which have a habit of getting lost!) and that children bring a coat to school, even if the weather is sunny- just in case. A polite reminder that school shoes must be worn for school and not black trainers (except in Nursery/Reception where black trainers are permitted)

Please make sure that your child has their full PE kit in school. PE consists of white T-shirt and black shorts. Pumps must be worn inside and trainers are allowed for outside only. Plain black jogging bottoms or plain black leggings can be worn for outside lessons.

Support and Help

It is really important to us at school to know that if any parents/families are struggling for whatever reason then we are here to help as much as we can. Please do speak to the class teachers or directly to me if you need any support in any way. Sometimes we can direct you to other professionals for support or we may be able to help ourselves. We are here to help.

Arbor App

An email has been sent out to all parents regarding downloading the Arbor App – there are still several parents who have not downloaded this app. Can we please ask you to do this as soon as possible as we will be moving over to this App fully hopefully from January 2026 and ParentHub will then no longer be used. Our Parents Evening booking system will be done through the Arbor App and emails will be sent out nearer the time through Arbor regarding this.

Attendance Matters

As a school, we have always had really good attendance compared to other schools in the local authority. Good attendance is everyone's responsibility and we must maintain this and continue to improve. There is currently a renewed drive from the Department of Education and schools must be seen to promote excellent attendance. Whilst we appreciate there are times that children cannot come into school and individual children that we know about have medical conditions that impact on their health, we still need to do everything as a school to promote and celebrate excellent attendance.

Class attendances for this week.

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	89.6%
Year One	83.3%
Year Two	90.7%
Year Three	91%
Year Four	97.9%
Year Five	95.8%
Year Six	97.9%

Well done to Year 4 and Year 6 for having the best attendance this week!

The class with the best attendance will receive an extra playtime each week.

Celebration Assembly

Our weekly celebration assemblies will take place at **2.30pm** on a Friday afternoon. Parents are welcome to attend, especially if your child has been awarded a certificate. If your child has been awarded a certificate, you will be sent a message the day before to invite you to the assembly, should you wish/be able to attend.

This week we congratulate the following children:

Nursery	Zahra Mahmood	For sharing excellent knowledge about our topic Autumn
Reception	-	-
Year 1	Charles Berry	For being an enthusiastic historian
Year 2	Rinesa Zogjani Archer Berry	For trying so hard with her learning For his resilience in his handwriting, letter formation and number formation
Year 3	-	-
Year 4	Adnan Muhammad Fatima Zahra	For trying so hard with Maths and writing! Keep up the hard work. We're so proud of you!
Year 5	Lilly Barton	For showing FABULOUS enthusiasm and eagerness during all of our writing lessons! Well done Lilly and keep it up!
Year 6	-	-
Mr McRae	Abdul Shakoor	For having a kind heart!

Where a child's name has not appeared on the table above, it is because permission has not been given to include names on newsletters etc. Please contact the school office to amend this if needed for the future

A Final Note

I have seen real acts of kindness around school this week. Older children naturally looking after younger children, many children helping one another, great sharing of equipment outside and even someone offering their dessert to their friend over lunchtime! Let's all be inspired by wonderful children in our school and make a big effort to show kindness this weekend and into next week.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

God bless,

Mr McRae
Head Teacher



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