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WB 28th September

Autumn Term: edition 5

PE DAYS AUTUMN TERM:	Class 1: Thursday, Friday Class 2: Thursday, Friday Class 3: Monday Tuesday Class 4: Tuesday, Wednesday Class 5: Monday, Friday	
TOMORROW	Friday	Outdoor learning for all children in classes 1 and 2
	Friday	Class 1 Forest School or Outdoor Learning Class 2 group A Forest School Class 1 and 2 Parents are invited to Assembly for collective worship at the end of the day for our Harvest Festival. We will collect food the Foodbank again this year and we will put out a box for donations.
WB 5th Oct	Monday	Reception 2027 tours 9:30/ 11:00 (please book via school office) **Y6 Forest School cancelled, PE as usual** **Bookings for Parent Consultations open on ScoPay**
	Tuesday	**GYM CLUB CAN NOW GO AHEAD AS Y6 TRIP IN CANCELLED**
	Wednesday	KS1 and KS2 Parent Forum 5:30 pm Please come back to school and sign in at the hall door.
	Thursday	
	Friday	Class 1 Forest School or Outdoor Learning Class 2 group B Forest School
WB 12th Oct **Y5 and 6 maths tuition starts for selected group**	Monday	Individual Photos for all – classes 3 and 5 please BRING IN PE KITS TO CHANGE INTO AND WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM
	Tuesday	**School Nurses weights and Measures Y6 and Reception. Parents have been sent an email from the School Nurse team so please respond directly to them**
	Wednesday	Y6 residential trip to Bawdsey Manor
	Thursday	
	Friday	Y6's return from Bawdsey Manor (usual time) Outdoor learning
WB 19th Oct	Monday	NSPCC Speak Out/ Stay Safe assemblies
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	Y3 Forest School Science Lecture for KS2: Birch Quarry
	Thursday	Reception 2027 tours 9:30/ 11:00 **Bookings for Parent Consultation Close on ScoPay**
	Friday	Class 1 Forest School or Outdoor Learning Class 2 group A Forest School PAFA movie night – details to follow
HALF TERM		
WB 2nd Nov	Monday	Late night parent consultation evening (all classes)
	Tuesday	Afternoon parent consultations for Class 2 and Class 5 ACL 'Separation Anxiety' course afternoon school hall – details will follow
	Wednesday	Afternoon parent consultation for class 3 and class 1
	Thursday	Afternoon parent consultations for class 4
	Friday	Class 1 Forest School or Outdoor Learning Class 2 group B Forest School
WB 9th Nov	Monday	**Y6 Forest School**

	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	
	Friday	**Key Stage 2 (Y3,4,5 and 6) History off the Page event** **Class 1 Outdoor Learning** **Class 2 Group A Forest School**
WB 16th Nov	Monday	
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	**Times Tables Rock Star 'Come as a Rock Star' day! Donate £2:00 and come to school dressed as you finest Rock Star self! Please donate via ScoPay**
	Friday	Class 1 Outdoor Learning/ Forest School Class 2 ALL Outdoor Learning
Key dates to note for Autumn 2026		Dates for school tours for Reception 27: Monday 5th October 9:30 and 11:00, Tuesday 20th October 9:30 Thursday 22nd October 9:30 and 11:00, Monday 9th November 9:30, Tuesday 8th December 9:30, 11th January 9:30 3rd November: Class 3 and 4 Parent Assembly 27th November 9:10 SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER PAFA CHRSITMAS FAIR –volunteers to help run this will be welcomed. KS1 Nativity Performances: Tuesday 8th December and Wednesday 9th December- usually around 2:00 pm but precise times can only be determined as we near the event. Details about tickets will follow nearer the time

Dear All,

I am, again, a little early with our Friday Newsletter so that I can remind families that we have our Harvest Festival tomorrow in school.

Please bring in donations and leave them either in the box by the gate or, alternatively, children are welcome to bring them into the hall, ready for our assembly later. Class 1 and 2 parents are invited to our Collective Worship assembly at 2:45 pm. For this event, please can you sign in at the office.

This Week in School

This week, Class 1 have explored the story *The Penguin and the Fine-Looking Fish* in their Drawing Club and investigated how blubber (in this case, lard!) helps to insulate Arctic animals.

Class 2 have been reading the brilliant book *The Leaf*, which has a polar bear as its central character and explores the themes of difference and loneliness beautifully. They have used this to inspire their descriptive writing.

In Classes 3, 4 and 5, I have seen some amazing drawings of Viking longships. In Classes 3 and 4, the children have also been learning to write sentences that add drama to their stories. In Science, they carried out a pattern-seeking investigation, looking at whether there was a link between height and hand size.

Class 5 have also been investigating, using historical evidence, who they believe is buried at the famous Sutton Hoo site. They have come to the conclusion that it is the grave of the Anglo-Saxon leader Raedwald.

PARENT FORUM – 7th OCTOBER

As you know, we are holding a Parents' Forum regarding the plan to join Canonium Learning Trust. This will be held in the school hall.

- Parents can sign in at the hall door from 5:15 pm.
- There will be tea and coffee available at the back of the hall for parents to help themselves to. We are aware that many people may be coming straight from work.
- Governors and representatives from the Trust will talk/present to parents and answer questions.

We all look forward to seeing you next week.

OTHER BITS NEXT WEEK

Monday: Tours for Reception places for September 2026/27

Tuesday: Y5 Bawdsey deposits due for Bawdsey 2027

Wednesday: 5:30 pm – Parent Forum in the hall (sign in at the hall door from 5:15 pm)

Thursday: Y5/6 Archery Competition (chosen group)

Friday: Forest School – Classes 1 and 2

Finally, as we move into a more autumnal feel, can parents please remember that all children will need coats on days when rain is forecast. We aim to take the children outside for playtimes unless the weather is very wet.

Many thanks!

I look forward to seeing Class 1 and 2 parents at the assembly tomorrow for our Harvest Festival.

Have a great weekend when we get there!

Best wishes,

Rebekah May

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